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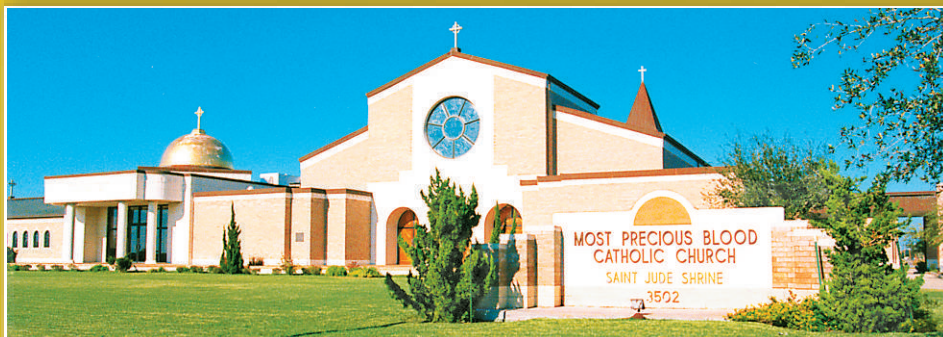
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To register, please go to <http://mpbchurch.org> or come to the Church office.



*"Glory
to the
Father,
the Son,
and the
Holy
Spirit:
To God
who is,
who was
and
who is
to come."*



LITURGY

Sunday Masses:	Sat. Vigil	4:30 pm
	Sunday	8:00 am 10:30 am 12:30 pm 7:30 pm
Weekday Masses:	Mon. - Fri.	8:30 am & 6:00 pm
	Sat.	8:30 am
Holy Day Masses:	Vigil	6:00 pm
	Holy Day	8:30 am, 12:30 & 6:00 pm
St. Jude Gift Shop:	Martha Parra	
	Thurs & Fri.	10:00 am-3:00 pm & 30 min. before & after Sunday Masses

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Parochial Vicar:	Rev. Carlos De La Rosa
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Facility Manager:	Eloy Ozuna

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Baptism:	Contact the Church Office 3 weeks before Baptism
Confessions:	Daily, 30 minutes prior to each Mass
Marriages:	Call the Church at least 1 year before marriage.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Altar Server Coordinator:	Joseph Hernandez
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Principal: Theresa Mendez

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Director:	Tina Villegas	
RE Classes:	PK3 – 6th Grades	Sun. 8:30am
	K3-K5 Grades	Wed. 4:30pm
	1st-6th Grades	Wed. 6:15pm
	7th – 8th Grades	Mon. 6:00pm
	9th – 12th Grades	Sun. 5:30pm
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M.S. Youth Ministry:	Stacie Bunting	
Young Adults:	Fr. Carlos De La Rosa	
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W.I.N.E.:	Tina Villegas	
OCIA:	Javier Salazar	

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Women's Council:	Cyndi Munoz Hernandez
Companions in Christ:	Adriana Livas



Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 15, 2025

8:30AM ✚ Graciana de Pena by Family
4:30PM ✚ Reynaldo Fuentes by Madrid Family

Sunday, November 16, 2025

8:00AM ✚ Beto Montalvo, Jr. by Family
10:30AM ✚ Nacho Garcia by Adela & Eddie Riojas
12:30PM MPB Parishioners
7:30PM ✚ Johnny Villarreal by Family



Monday, November 17, 2025

8:30AM ✚ Lillian Stahl Birthday by Lynn Dornbusch
✚ Peter Saenz by Fierova Family
Isabella Rodriguez by Family
✚ Adine Barnett by Family
Dale Pittman Birthday by Ana Abarca
All Souls by Rick McCabe
6:00PM ✚ Elena Cervantes by Vela Family

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

8:30AM ✚ Melissa Kraus by Valdez Family
6:00PM ✚ Juan Manuel Nuncio by Family

Wednesday, November 19, 2025

8:30AM Gillian Marie Stitt Birthday by Family
6:00PM ✚ Nacho Garcia by Rena & Jimmy Denham

Thursday, November 20, 2025

8:30AM Pancho Flores by Family
6:00PM ✚ Bill & Ruby Fischer by Cecile Martin

Friday, November 21, 2025

8:30AM ✚ M/M Jose M. Garcia by Lydia Garcia
Bode Tsai Birthday by Lynn Dornbusch
Antonio & Hilda Sanchez Anniversary by Family
Ashley Rodriguez by Family
Diocesan Bishops, Priests, Deacons and Religious
Customers, Coworkers, Friends and Neighbors
6:00PM ✚ Dcn. John & Soraia Pierce Anniversary by Family

Saturday, November 22, 2025

8:30AM ✚ Pauline Guinn by Family
4:30PM Ramon & Dora Garcia by Dora Garcia



All Religious Education Classes St. Maria Goretti Youth Center

Sun. 8:30am-10:00am PK3-6th Grades (CGS)
Sun. 5:00pm-7:00pm 9th-12th Grades
Mon. 6:00pm-7:15pm 7th-8th Grades
Wed. 4:30pm-6:00pm K3-K5 Grades (CGS)
Wed. 6:15pm-7:45pm 1st-6th Grades (CGS)

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Altar Servers

The Altar Server Program is looking for young men; ages 7+ who are in good standing and have received the Sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion, and who are interested in deepening their faith and serving the Lord at Mass. As an altar server, they will have the unique opportunity to assist the priest during the liturgy and take an important role in our parish community.

No prior experience is necessary--training will be provided! This is a wonderful way to grow spiritually, build friendships, and contribute to the beauty of our sacred celebrations. If your son is interested, please contact Joseph Hernandez at 361-854-3800 for more details. We encourage all families to consider this special ministry!

The Sanctuary Candles are lit in the Church, St. Jude Chapel, and Adoration Chapel. These candles are perpetually lit for two weeks for your special intention in a high place of honor which lets us know that Jesus is physically present in the Eucharist. They can be in memory of a loved one, for a special intention, in thanksgiving, or any intention. The cost is \$15.00.

November 16, 2025-November 29, 2025

The Church Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in memory of Cynthia Bernal by Family
The St. Jude Chapel Sanctuary Candle will burn this week in memory of Cynthia Bernal by Bernal Family
The Adoration Chapel Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in memory of Pauline Guinn by Family



Scripture Readings for the Week

Sunday: Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Mal 3:19-20a; Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9; 2 Thes 3:7-12; Lk 21:5-19

Monday: Memorial of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Lk 19:1-10 **Wednesday:** 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15; Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Lk 19:41-44 **Friday: Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary** 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd; Lk 19:45-48 **Saturday: Memorial of Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr** 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19; Lk 20:27-40 **Sunday: Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe** 2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Divine Mercy

Please join us in reciting the Divine Mercy chaplet every Wednesday at 3:00 pm in the St. Jude Chapel.



Each week, a Traveling Vocations Crucifix will be presented to a different Parishioner. The Family / Individual presented with the Crucifix, will pray for an increase in vocations within our diocese and particularly within our Parish. To participate, please visit the Parish Website mpbchurch.org under **ministries-vocation-program selection-traveling vocation crucifix** and sign up.



Pray for the Poor Souls in Purgatory

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

Our Parish Activities

Sunday, November 16, 2025

8:30AM OCIA **GH**
8:30AM PK3-6th CGS **SMG**
2:00PM Baptisms **C**
5:00PM HS RE Y2 **SMG**

Monday, November 17, 2025

6:00PM MS RE **SMG**

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

8:00PM AA **C2**

Wednesday, November 19, 2025

9:45AM WINE **C1**
3:00PM Divine Mercy **SJC**
4:30PM K3-K5 CGS **SMG**
6:15PM 1st-6th CGS **SMG**
6:30PM CDA **C1**
6:45PM WINE **SMG**
7:00PM KC Assembly **C2**

Thursday, November 20, 2025

7:00PM Real Mens Group **SMG**
8:00PM AA **C2**

Friday, November 21, 2025

Saturday, November 22, 2025

Sunday, November 23, 2025

8:30AM OCIA **GH**
8:30AM PK3-6th CGS **SMG**
3:00PM Divine Mercy **SJC**
5:00PM HS RE Y1 & Y2 **SMG**

Legend:

C - Church
C1-C2 - Classrooms in Family Center
FC - Family Center
GH - The Great Hall in Family Center
BR - Brides Room
RG - Rose Garden
Sch - MPB School Building
SJC - Saint Jude Chapel
SMG - St. Maria Goretti

Please Pray For:

Maria Gonzales, Nevaeh Avalos, Andrew Espinoza, Mia Salinas, Joe Lara, Jesse Avalos, Jeremy Flores, James Flores, Fernando Pinon, Sr., Gacie Alonzo, Serenity Solis, Janie Solis, Theresa Gilbert, Elsa & Monica Chavez, Celestino/ Edna/ Edwin Soto, and for all those who have asked us to pray for healing and their special needs.



Eucharistic Adoration



Come to me all of you who are weary and find life burdensome and I will refresh you..." You are greatly needed! Hours for adoration are available, contact Alice Polansky at 361-737-6360.

Are you looking to deepen your faith, engage in meaningful service, and form lasting friendships within our Catholic community? The Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court #2380 at Most Precious Blood Church warmly invites you to join our vibrant organization dedicated to unity and charity.

Join Us for Our Next Meeting:

Date: Wednesday, November 19, 2025

Time: 6:30 PM Recite Rosary - 7:00 PM Meeting

Location: Parish Hall, Room C-1, Most Precious Blood Church

For more information, please contact Maria Escobar 361-813-8247

We look forward to welcoming you to our sisterhood of faith and service.



We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family of our deceased brothers:

Raul Amador
Dr. Jose Cavazos, Jr.
Steven Ray McMorris
Carlos Quinones
Dr. Arnoldo Villarreal

Eternal rest grant unto them, Oh Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in Peace. Amen.

Twenty minutes before every Sunday mass the deacon will lead us in praying the rosary. Please join us in praying for your special intentions as well as those of the whole world.

Children's Liturgy of the Word is available at the 10:30am & 12:30pm Sunday Masses.

Volunteers are needed. If you would like to help please contact Tina Villegas at tvillegas@mpbchurch.org or 361-854-3800.

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The Office of Catholic Schools invites you to the final Town Hall Gathering on the Texas Education Freedom Accounts—our state's new Education Savings Account (ESA) program. Join Dr. Rebecca Hammel, Superintendent of Catholic Schools, on **Nov. 18** at St. Anthony School Gym in Robstown at 6:30 p.m.

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November Events
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One Minute Meditations

St. Albert the Great

Possibly one of the Church's greatest intellectuals, St. Albert was the eldest son of a powerful German military official. Despite opposition from his family, he joined the Dominican Order. Being well educated, St. Albert desired to make all the learning of the East available to the Latin-speaking West. He earned his doctorate at the University of Paris in 1245 and taught at Paris and Cologne. He is best known as the master of St. Thomas Aquinas.

Praying for the dead

Catholics see Purgatory as an expression of God's mercy — a place where souls who die in His grace, but need further purification, are prepared for Heaven. This month, we pray for our departed loved ones, asking God to bring them quickly into His presence.

One tradition is to request a Mass on the anniversary of a loved one's death. If that soul is already in Heaven, the graces benefit others still in need. In God's mercy, nothing is ever wasted.

"Forgiveness comes...through the soul's desire to be united to me [i.e., to God], the infinite Good, according to the measure of love attained by the recipient's desire and prayer. A person receives as much of my goodness as he gives to me." St. Catherine of Siena, *The Dialogue*

Christ as King of our hearts

When we proclaim, "Christ is King," we're not making a poetic or symbolic statement. We're declaring a truth that shapes every part of our lives. To live under Christ's rule is to give Him authority over what we believe, how we worship, how we act, and how we spend our time.

What we believe: At the center of our faith is a relationship. Knowing Jesus personally — through the Gospels, through prayer, through the lives of the saints — transforms abstract belief into living faith. When someone asks, "Why are you Catholic?" our answer should come from experience, not just theology.

How we worship: Imagine a king hosting a free, lavish banquet every week for all his subjects. Every Sunday, we're invited to a banquet — not of food, but of grace. To say, "Christ is King" is to obey His words: "*Do this in remembrance of me*" (Luke 22:19). The

Mass is not just a weekly routine; it's a divine encounter.

How we act: Our actions, especially the small ones, speak volumes. Reverence, patience, honesty, integrity,

"You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth."
John 18:37

and generosity are everyday ways of making Christ visible through us. These aren't just virtues — they're signs of loyalty to our true King.

How we spend our time: Daily prayer proclaims that Christ reigns not only over Sunday, but over our entire lives. Whether prayer feels powerful or dry, it anchors us in Him. No time given to Christ is ever wasted.

To say "Christ is King" is to surrender everything to Him. It's a declaration that He reigns not just in Heaven, but here, now, in us.

Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why does the Church offer indulgences?

An indulgence is "the remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*). This "temporal punishment" refers to the purification the soul undergoes before entering Heaven.

The power of indulgences flows from Christ's sacrifice and is applied through

the merits of the saints and prayers of the Church. Indulgences are not shortcuts to Heaven or "free passes"; they require repentance and conversion of heart.

To obtain an indulgence, conditions must be met: sacramental Confession, reception of Holy Communion, prayer for the Holy Father's intentions, and performance of the indulgenced act.

"Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Matthew 6:21)

There's a common lesson in driver's education: "Your vehicle goes where your eyes go." Spiritually, the same is true — our lives follow what we focus on. What we treasure most lays claim to our hearts. The challenge is to set our hearts on what truly lasts.

"You cannot serve two masters" (Matthew 6:24). What treasure do you set your heart on? A desire for holiness requires us to examine how we live day to day. Are we cultivating trust in God, or grasping for control? Realignment often begins with small, intentional acts: spending time in prayer instead of mindless scrolling; reading the Gospel before the news; choosing simplicity over indulgence and

giving generously to those in need. These are daily decisions that reflect where our heart truly lies.

Trust instead of worrying. Jesus does not condemn wealth, hard work, or responsible planning. Instead, He calls us to live as sons and daughters of God. That means trusting His love, accepting His timing, and offering our lives in service to His Kingdom. Ask yourself: Do I invite God into my decisions, or do I act alone? Am I content to wait on His timing, or do I insist on my own?

When we prioritize the things of God, we invest in a treasure that does not fade — one that shapes who we are now, and endures into eternity.

from Scripture

Matthew 24:37-44, Preparing hearts for Christ's coming

In this Gospel reading, Jesus reminds us that we do not know the day or the hour when He will come for us. "*At an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.*" His message is clear: live each day prepared to meet Him.

Next month, we celebrate His first coming at Christmas. But Christ will come again — at our death, and at the end of time. Advent invites us to ask: "What must I do to be ready?"

Begin by striving to remain in a state of grace. If you are aware of having committed mortal sin, seek God's mercy without delay through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Even if you are not conscious of serious sin,

aim to go to Confession regularly — every four to six weeks, if possible. Examine your conscience honestly, and choose one or two areas of sin to actively work on.

Attend Sunday Mass faithfully, make more time for prayer, and look for opportunities to serve others with love and humility. These practices not only prepare us to welcome Christ when we finally meet Him face-to-face, but they also draw us closer to Him now.

When Christmas arrives, may you greet the Lord not with fear, but with joy — knowing your heart is open, your hands are ready, and your soul is at peace.

Feasts & Celebrations

November 2 – All Souls Day. On this day we pray for the dead, especially our loved ones and the souls in Purgatory. Our prayers and sacrifices can help them get to Heaven faster.

November 4 – St. Charles Borromeo (1584). Born into a wealthy family in 1538 in Lombardy, Italy, St. Charles was chosen for the priesthood to follow in the footsteps of his uncle, Giovanni Angelo de Medici, the future Pope Pius IV. After earning doctorates in civil and canon law by the age of 21, Charles was named cardinal and bishop of Milan. He worked to reform his diocese of

corruption and cared for the poor and sick when a plague struck Milan.

November 23 – Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King. God promised his people a king who would be triumphant over their enemies. Jesus is our King, who triumphed over the enemies of sin and death. In Baptism and Confirmation, we are brought under His kingship.

November 30 – 1st Sunday of Advent. During this four-week season, we anticipate the Messiah's birth, remembering the time when He was awaited. During Advent we also look forward to Christ's reign and His coming on the Last Day. We light candles in an Advent wreath each night of the season to signal the coming of the true light of Christ.

Q & A Do Catholics practice tithing?

Tithing is the practice of giving ten percent of your income to the Church. In fact, the word itself comes from an Old English word meaning, "one-tenth." It was based on Jewish tradition in the Old Testament and its first recorded practice was Abraham's offering of a tenth of all he had as a "thank offering" to God for his victory in battle (Genesis 14:18-20). It's still practiced by the Mormon Church.

The Catholic Church does not require tithing; there is no "fixed sum" that God requires of us. Catholics are, however, required to support the material needs of the Church (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #2043). How much — or little — is between you and God and in light of the needs of your state in life.

Money isn't the only way to support your parish, diocese, or the Church. Giving of your time to volunteer in your parish, donating some of what you don't need to the poor, and even devoting prayers specifically for the needs of your parish priests are all praiseworthy ways to give back.

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