

# Respect Life

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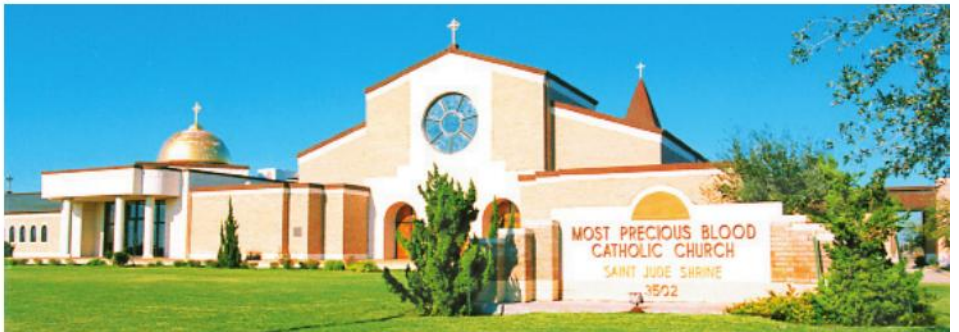
### Newcomers

Welcome to Most Precious Blood Parish!

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-5:00 pm & 30 min. before & after Sunday Masses

### STAFF

Pastor:	Rev. Joseph A. Lopez, J.C.L.
Parochial Vicar:	Rev. Arularasu Mathias
Deacons:	Bockholt, Newchurch, Castillo, Cazalas
Parish Operations:	Dcn. John Pierce
Bookkeeper:	Dora Garcia
Bulletin Editor/Receptionist:	Marty Gloria, email: <a href="mailto:mpbulletin@gmail.com">mpbulletin@gmail.com</a>
Facility Maintenance:	Eloy Ozuna

### SACRAMENTS

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
Head Cantor:	Lisa Gonzalez-Saenz
Associate Cantor:	Sarah Garcia
Devotions to St. Jude:	Monday-Thursday 5:00pm
Eucharistic Adoration:	Alice Polansky
Extra Ordinary Eucharistic Ministers:	Deacon Mark Cazalas
Lector:	Derrick Seidenberg
Organists:	Marty Wind
Ushers:	Sonny Gamez

### CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Principal: Nelda Bazan

### FAITH FORMATION & DISCIPLESHIP

<b>Dir:</b>	Tina Villegas	
<b>RE Classes:</b>	PK3 – 5th Grades	Sun. 8:45 or 11:45am
	6th Grade	Sun. 8:45 am
	7th – 8th Grades	Sun. 1:45 pm
	9th - 12th Grades	Sun. 5:00 pm
<b>JrCDA:</b>	Julia Alaniz	
<b>Young Adult/Youth Ministry:</b>		
<b>Youth Ministry:</b>		
<b>Quinceañeras:</b>	Tina Villegas	
<b>Scouts:</b>	George Archiga	
<b>Special Events:</b>	Rick & Esther Rodriguez	
<b>Real Men:</b>	Jim Bunting	
<b>RCIA:</b>	Javier Salazar	

### PASTORAL CARE MINISTERS

Annulments:	Deacon Ken Bockholt
	Deacon Frank Newchurch
	Deacon David Castillo
	Alan & Deb Morgan
Homebound Ministry:	Elsa Canales
Hospital Ministry:	Alan & Deb Morgan
Palms Nursing Home:	Maria Escobar
Mother Teresa Shelter:	Jenny Allen
Part-Time Counselor:	Hands of Jesus:

### PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Catholic Daughters:	Maria Escobar
Knights of Columbus:	Daniel Solis
Knights-4th Degree:	Daniel Solis
Our Lady of Guadalupe:	Mary Esther Garza
Parish Council:	Rev. Joseph Lopez
Plant Improvement Board:	Eloy Ozuna
Sewing Angels:	Irma Garcia
Vocations Awareness:	Joseph Hernandez
Women's Council:	Carrie Bryson
Companions in Christ:	Adriana Livas



### Mass Intentions

#### **Saturday, October 14**

**8:30AM** †Gloria Alvarez by Family  
**4:30PM** †Jose P. Contreras by Contreras Family

#### **Sunday, October 15**

**8:00AM** †Adrian Alaniz, Jr. by Family  
**10:30AM** MPB Parishioners  
**12:30PM** †Steve M. Reyes, Sr. by Reyes Family  
**7:30PM** †Rose Zuniga by Alice Gonzalez

#### **Monday, October 16**

**8:30AM** †Lillian Flanagan by Lynn Dornbusch  
†Filiberto Garcia, Jr. by Sylvia Garcia  
†Antonia San Miguel by Rosie San Miguel  
†Rolando Saenz by Family  
†Joel Garcia by Family  
Powell Families by John Powell  
**6:00PM** Alfred Alvarez, Jr. by Gene Pasahow

#### **Tuesday, October 17**

**8:30AM** Andrew Pierce, Birthday by Parents  
**6:00PM** †Gerardo Garza by Gerardo Garza, Jr.

#### **Wednesday, October 18**

**8:30AM** †Mary Louise Limon Vera by Family  
**6:00PM** †Sister Patrice Floyd by Gene & Joyce Godwin

#### **Thursday, October 19**

**8:30AM** †Cruz Mendez by Sons  
**6:00PM** †William Kassner by Dorothy Kassner

#### **Friday, October 20**

**8:30AM** †Rudy Livas by Livas Family  
†Juan & Maria Martinez by Daughter  
†Jimmy Rodriguez by Wife  
†Mary Salas by Rick McCabe  
†Catalina C. Pena by Lydia Garcia  
Powell Families by John Powell  
**6:00PM** Thanksgiving to St. Jude by Lupe Guerrero

#### **Saturday, October 21**

**8:30AM** †Alda & David Munoz, Jr. by Munoz Family  
**4:30PM** †Pauline Guinn by GiGi Guinn



### Religious Education Classes Sundays - St. Maria Goretti Youth Center

PK3 - 5th Grades	8:45 or 11:45am
6th Grade	8:45am
7 - 8th Grade	1:45pm
9 - 12th Grade	5:00pm

#### **MPB Youth Ministry Staff:**

Alexis Martinez - Director of Youth Ministry  
email: mpbccym@gmail.com  
Tina Villegas - Director of Religious Education  
email: mpbreled@yahoo.com

### October 2023 Respect Life Month



*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.*

#### **Week of October 15, 2023 - October 28, 2023**

**The Church Sanctuary Lamp** will burn this week in loving memory of Indalecio Vela, Jr. by Annie Broadwater.

**The St. Jude Chapel Sanctuary Lamp** will burn this week in loving memory of Steve M. Reyes, Sr. by Reyes Family.

**The Adoration Sanctuary Lamp** will burn this week in loving memory of Lourdes Villa by Family.

### Scripture Readings for the Week

**Sunday:** Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5-6; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14 or Mt 22:1-10  
**Monday:** Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1bcde, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Lk 11:29-32  
**Tuesday:** Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Lk 11:37-41  
**Wednesday:** 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9  
**Thursday:** Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab; Lk 11:47-54 Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab; Lk 11:47-54  
**Friday:** Rom 4:1-8; Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11; Lk 12:1-7  
**Saturday:** Rom 4:13, 16-18; Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43; Lk 12:8-12  
**Sunday:** Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21



## Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### All Souls Novena & the Book of the Names of the Dead



All Souls Novena envelopes are available at all entrances of the church. Please return the envelopes in the collection basket or the parish office by the end of the day on **Monday, October 16**. Even though All Souls Day is November 2, we ask for the names earlier so they can be entered in the Book of the Names of the Dead.

The Book of the Names of the Dead will be displayed from the solemnity of All Saints until the beginning of Advent. It is left open for everyone to read the names, remember and pray for the repose of their souls. Remembering all of these men and women who have gone before us, "Marked with the sign of faith", helps us better understand and appreciate our faith in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord, who conquers sin and death and brings new life to all.

Singing is like praying twice. The MPB liturgical chorale, which sings at 10:30am on Sunday mornings and other major liturgical celebrations is seeking new members as they prepare for the Christmas season. If you love to sing, come join us for our rehearsals on Thursday evenings at 6:30pm. Experience is not required, but a joyful spirit goes a long way. Come sing unto the Lord.

### All Saints Day

**November 1** is All Saints Day. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times are as follows:

Oct 31 - Vigil Mass at 6pm  
Nov 1 - Mass at 8:30am,  
12:30pm & 6pm

The Parish Office will be closed on November 1 in observance of All Saints Day.

### All Soul's Day Sale

Our Lady of Guadalupe Society will be selling floral cemetery crosses and homemade baked goods on Saturday, October 28 after the 4:30pm mass and Sunday, October 29 after the 8:00am, 10:30am, 12:30pm and 7:30pm masses.

Proceeds go towards Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Day. Your support is greatly appreciated.

### Divine Mercy

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

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### Our Parish Activities

#### Sunday, October 15

8:30AM RCIA **FC**  
8:45 / 11:45AM CGS **SMG**  
8:45AM 6th Grade CGS **SMG**  
1:45PM MS RE **SMG**  
2:00PM Baptism **C**  
5:00PM HS RE **SMG**

#### Monday, October 16

#### Tuesday, October 17

#### Wednesday, October 18

3:00PM Divine Mercy **SJC**  
7:00PM CDA **C2**  
7:00PM KC Assembly **C1**

#### Thursday, October 19

6:30PM Prayer & Spirituality **C1**  
7:00PM Real Men's Group **SMG**  
8:00PM AA **C2**

#### Friday, October 20

#### Saturday, October 21

9:30AM Quinceanera Retreat **SMG**  
10:00AM KC's BBQ Cook-Off **FC**

#### Sunday, October 22

8:30AM RCIA **FC**  
8:45AM / 11:45AM CGS **SMG**  
8:45AM 6th Grade CSG **SMG**  
1:45PM MS RE Classes **SMG**  
5:00PM HS RE Classes **FC**

#### 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:

Bill Middleton, Diego Contreras and 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.





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 and sign up.

The Institute for Parish Leadership and Ministry Formation is resuming in person courses for **catechist certification**. Prayer and Spirituality will be held over 3 sessions on Thursday evenings. There will be a light dinner and beverages provided.

Course: Prayer and Spirituality (Level 1)

Date: October 12, 19 & 26, 2023

Time: 6:30 - 8:30pm

Location: St. Juliana Family Center

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Registration: Diocese of Corpus Christi (faithformationcc.com)

For questions please contact Julie Stark at 361-815-3282.

### Quinceanera Retreat

Our next Quinceanera Retreat is scheduled for October 21. A Quinceanera retreat is a requirement for a Quinceanera Mass. Retreat Fee is \$100.

For more information and to register please contact Tina at [mpbreled@yahoo.com](mailto:mpbreled@yahoo.com).



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### Trunk - O - Treat

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#### FREE EVENT

Tuesday

October 31, 2023

6:30 - 9:00 pm

#### Fun and Games!

\* Dunking Booth

\* Live Music

\* Cake Walk

\* Live Halloween Movie

\$100 - Best Decorated Vehicle

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#### Contact

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### BBQ Cook-Off

#### Most Precious Blood Catholic Church

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Brisket • Chicken • Ribs • Jackpots

October 21, 2023

11:00 am - 6:00 pm

Entry Fee: \$150<sup>00</sup> per team • \$25<sup>00</sup> per Jackpot entry

(Beans, Burnt Ends, Jalapeño Poppers)

Live DJ!

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Grand Champion, 1st / 2nd / 3rd Place for each category

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Judging: 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

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Contact: Daniel Solis • 361.658.1295

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Come join the fun and support our council!

### Prayer for Radical Solidarity

O Blessed Mother, at the angel's word you went in haste to the aid of your cousin Elizabeth. Although pregnant yourself, you placed her needs before your own.

By your example of radical solidarity, teach us to reverence and protect those in need; without conditions or expectations. Ask your Son to give us unfailing determination to witness to the profound dignity of every person, at every stage and in every circumstance.

In that first Eucharistic procession, you carried Jesus to Elizabeth in her time of need. Obtain for us the grace to bring Christ to any expectant mother who is alone and afraid.

May our support help them to find hope and strength in the Lord. Amen.

# radical solidarity

In the Gospel of John, shortly before he is to suffer his Passion, Jesus proclaims to his disciples: *“I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another”* (Jn 13:34). And it is love for one another that Jesus says will be the identifying characteristic of his disciples.

The Church’s entire social doctrine is guided by the fundamental principle that every human life has innate dignity and incomparable value: “Every human being is the object of God’s infinite tenderness, and he himself is present in their lives.”<sup>1</sup> As disciples of Christ, we are called to make a sacrificial gift of ourselves for the sake of our neighbor, for “to love someone is to desire that person’s good and to take effective steps to secure it.”<sup>2</sup>

Fulfilling Christ’s command to love one another takes shape in our practice of solidarity. Solidarity is the means by which we put our love for others into action, making the good of others our own. Solidarity “is not a feeling of vague compassion or shallow distress at the misfortunes of so many people... On the contrary, it is a firm and

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John 13:34

persevering determination to commit oneself to the common good...to the good of all and of each individual, because we are all really responsible for all.”<sup>3</sup>

In reaction to the overturning of *Roe v. Wade*, some areas of the country now protect the child in the womb, while others are doing all they can to increase access to abortion. At this critical moment, we have been entrusted with new *opportunities* and new *responsibilities* to build a civilization of authentic love. Our culture claims to offer women so-called “choice,” but ultimately abandons mothers to make tragic and painful decisions alone. We must lead the way in showing the alternative: “*In firmly rejecting ‘pro-choice’ it is necessary to become courageously ‘pro woman,’ promoting a choice that is truly in favor of women. ... The only honest stance,*



in these cases, *is that of radical solidarity with the woman*. It is not right to leave her alone.”<sup>4</sup>

Experience shows that when a mother is supported, “she is even capable of heroism.”<sup>5</sup> Radical solidarity compels us to come alongside vulnerable mothers in profound friendship, compassion, and support for both them and their

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preborn children. It requires us to address the fundamental challenges that lead an expectant mother to believe she is unable to welcome the child God has entrusted to her. We must do all we can to provide mothers, children, and families with the support they need to flourish. This cannot be accomplished by laws or policy alone, but requires the continual transformation of our own hearts, recognizing in every person the face of Christ, and placing their needs before our own.

Radical solidarity “refers to something more than a few sporadic acts of generosity. It presumes the creation of a *new mindset*.”<sup>6</sup> A culture of radical solidarity “gets involved by word and deed in people’s daily lives... and it embraces human life, touching the suffering flesh of Christ in others.”<sup>7</sup> We each have our particular gifts, role, and obligation within the Body of Christ to help build a culture of life. We must honestly ask ourselves, “What radical, out-of-the-ordinary, actions have I taken to help a pregnant or parenting mother in need, or to proactively contribute to a culture of life in some other way?”

Inspired by Christ’s own example of love, may we “enter fully into the fabric of society, sharing the lives of all, listening to their concerns, helping them materially and spiritually in their needs, rejoicing with those who rejoice, weeping with those who weep.”<sup>8</sup> May we work together to bring about a culture of life through radical, sacrificial, Christ-like love.

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To learn more about the call to radical solidarity—including ways that you can help support pregnant and parenting women in your community—visit [respectlife.org/radical-solidarity](https://respectlife.org/radical-solidarity).

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