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To God
who is,
who was
and
who is

to come.

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 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

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Associate Cantor:

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Eucharistic Adoration:

Alice Polansky

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Monday-Thursday

Monday-Thur

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ir: Tina Villegas

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7th – 8th Grades Sun. 1:45 pm 9th - 12th Grades Sun. 5:00 pm

JrCDA: Julia Alaniz Young Adult/Youth Ministry:

Youth Ministry:

Quinceañeras: Tina Villegas Scouts: George Archiga

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Real Men: Jim Bunting
RCIA: Javier Salazar

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Annulments: Deacon Ken Bockholt

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Deacon David Castillo
Alan & Deb Morgan
Elsa Canales
Palms Nursing Home:
Mother Teresa Shelter:
Maria Escobar
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Jenny Allen

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 7

8:30AM ⊕Ronnie L. Varnado, Jr. by Family

Sunday, Octonber 8

8:00AM MPB Parishioners

Monday, October 9

8:30AM

Victoria Harris by M/M Juan De la Garza

⊕Rolando Saenz by Family⊕Joel Garcia by Family

⊕Jimmy Rodriguez by Wife Powell Families by John Powell

6:00PM ⊕Filiberto Garcia, Jr. by Sylvia Garcia

Tuesday, October 10

8:30AM Marciano Villarreal by Friend

6:00PM Thanksgiving to St. Jude by Lupe Guerrero

Wednesday, October 11

8:30AM Christopher Cobb by Friend

6:00PM Ed Bomba, Birthday by Lynn Dornbusch

Thursday, October 12

8:30AM ⊕Pedro Vega, Sr. by Adame Family **6:00PM** ⊕Rosalba Gonzalez by Family

Friday, October 13

8:30AM Thanksgiving to Our Lady by Rick McCabe

Maria Stitt, Birthday by Family
⊕Eric Longoria by Longoria Family
⊕Oscar Perez by Mauro & Imelda Perez
⊕Elisandro Cadena by Olivia Bayarena
Powell Families by John Powell

Saturday, October 14





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 1, 2023 - October 14, 2023

The Church Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in loving memory of Bobby Connor by Rosie Connor.

The St. Jude Chapel Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for the Powell Families by John Powell.

The Adoration Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for Special Intentions by Anonymous.

Scripture Readings for the Week

Sunday: Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

Monday: Jon 1:1-2:1-2, 11; Jonah 2:3, 4, 5, 8; Lk 10:25-37 Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8; Lk 10:28-42 Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10; Lk 11:1-4 Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 &6; Lk 11:5-13 Friday: Jl 1:13-15. 2:1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6 & 16; 8-9; Lk 11:15-26 Saturday: Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Lk 11:27-28

Sunnday: 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



Twenty-Seventh 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 is the custom of giving a place of honor to a book in which the beloved dead of community members and visitors inscribed. The Book of the Names of the Dead is inspired by the ancient practice of recording the dates of the deaths of loved ones in a necrology, a public record or registry of death. This practice provides the living with an opportunity for healing and consolation in the face of grief. 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.

THE STONE THAT THE BUILDERS REJECTED HAS BECOME THE CORNERSTONE.

2022 Public Square Rosary Crusade

A public rosary will be recited at Most Precious Blood Church on Saturday, **October 14** at 12 noon by the side of MPB School. Everyone is welcome to participate in this annual event for the intercession of our Blessed Mother for the reparation of offenses against God.

For more information please contact Natalie Olsson @ 361-739-4602.

Divine Mercy

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

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.

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Our Parish Activities

Sunday, October 88:30AM RCIA **FC**8:45 / 11:45AM CGS **SMG**

8:45AM 6th Grade CGS **SMG** 1:45PM MS RE **SMG**

2:00PM Baptism Class **C** 5:00PM HS RE **SMG**

Monday, October 9 Tuesday, October 10 Wednesday, October 11

3:00PM Divine Mercy SJC 6:30PM Women's Council C2

7:00PM KC Council **C1 Thursday, October 12**

6:30PM Prayer & Spirituality C1 6:30PM JCDA SMG

7:00PM Real Men's Group **SMG**

8:00PM AA **C2**

Friday, October 13 Saturday, October 14

9:00AM Day of Reflection **SMG** 12:00PM Rosary Crusade **Sch**

Sunday, October 15

8:30AM RCIA FC

8:45AM / 11:45AM CGS **SMG** 8:45AM 6th Grade CSG **SMG**

1:45PM MS RE Classes SMG

2:00PM Baptism **C** 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:

Rene Anthony, Kimberly Nicole, Ramirez Family, Frances DeLosSantos, Diane Hellmann, Josephine Alvarado, Robert Serna, On'Ly Espinoza, James Flores, Samantha Garza Rosine Thompson, Nancy Liteofsky, Johnathan Torres, Maria Reyna, Janie Martinez, Hernando Pinon, Anna Martinez, Jesse Avalos, Caesar Avalos, Joe Lara, Michael Vargas, Robert Garza, Narcedalia Dominguez, Juan Dominguez and all those who have asked us to pray for healing and their special needs.

Adult Confirmation

Adults who have not been **confirmed** but have already been baptized and received first holy communion are invited to participate in our Day of Reflection on October 14. Those who meet requirements and attend the Day of Reflection will be eligible to participate in the Adult Confirmation Mass at the Corpus Christi Cathedral on November 4 at 11am. For more information contact Tina Villegas at *mpbreled@yahoo.com* or 361-854-3800.

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

Most Precious Blood Church

Registration: Diocese of Corpus Christi

(faithformationcc.com)

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

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 yur 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 Euchristic 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.





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.

Congratulations to our Recently Baptized Children and their Families.

Aryss Arriaga
Stephan Conway II
Ezrael Murillo
Reina Recio
Ricardo Recio III
Alayne Villarreal
Alejandro Villarreal

We celebrate your baptism into the Kingdom of God and the Catholic Church! Let us continue to pray for the new members of our faith.

RESPECT LIFE MONTH STATEMENT

Living Radical Solidarity

OCTOBER 2023

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge Chairman, USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities

Since 1973, the year the Supreme Court legalized abortion nationwide in *Roe v. Wade*, the month of October has been set aside by the U.S. bishops as a time to focus on protecting God's precious gift of human life. While we thank God that the terrible reign of *Roe* has ended, we also recognize that abortion still continues in most states and is aggressively promoted at the federal level. A great many prayers, sacrifices, and good works are still desperately needed to transform a culture of death into a culture of life. Our public witness, our marching, and our advocacy must continue, yet laws alone will not end the tragedy of abortion.

While ending legalized abortion remains our preeminent priority, the most immediate way to save babies and mothers from abortion is to thoroughly surround mothers in need with lifegiving support and personal accompaniment. This is radical solidarity.

St. John Paul II first defined "radical solidarity" in this way: "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."

Being in radical solidarity with women who are pregnant or raising children in difficult circumstances means putting our love for them into action and putting their needs before our own. Pope Francis reminds us that solidarity "refers to something more than a few sporadic acts

of generosity. It presumes the creation of a *new mindset*," a transformation within our own hearts.²

This new mindset requires that we come alongside vulnerable mothers in profound friendship, compassion, and support for both them and their preborn children. It means addressing the fundamental challenges that lead an expectant mother to believe she is unable to welcome the child God has entrusted to her.

This includes collective efforts within our dioceses, parishes, schools and local communities, engagement in the public square, and pursuit of policies that help support both women and their preborn babies. It all the more so requires our individual, personal commitment to helping mothers in our own communities secure material, emotional, and spiritual support for embracing the gift of life. Radical solidarity means moving beyond the status quo and out of our comfort zones.

Our parish-based and nationwide initiative, *Walking with Moms in Need*, for example, provides easy-to-follow, step-by-step instructions to help transform our parishes into places of welcome, support, and assistance for pregnant and parenting mothers facing difficulties. Melissa, a North Carolina mom³ with young children and a busy

job, attended a parish informational session for *Walking with Moms in Need*, thinking she might help out here and there. But she felt the Lord's call and "by the end of the session she had volunteered to be the ministry's coordinator." Her parish now holds "Hand Up Days" once a month during which families can "shop" free of charge for baby and toddler items they need that have been donated by parishioners.

Melissa shared some powerful words of encouragement: "I think for too long we have been comfortable leaving the work of accompanying women in crisis situations – pregnant or parenting – to others in the nonprofit and government sectors. It is very clear in the Gospel that this is our job — all of us! A woman in a pregnancy center once told me that most women considering abortion are wrestling with a financial matter less than \$250 and that has really stuck with me. If we can lighten the burden just a little, what a difference we can make — it is literally life or death."

God has given each of us particular gifts, and with those gifts He entrusts us with a role and duty within the Body of Christ. Embracing an attitude of radical solidarity calls us to honestly reflect on some challenging questions and to consider specific actions we can take to foster an authentic culture of life. Some questions we might ask ourselves could include: Do I know what efforts are happening in my area to help women who are pregnant or parenting in difficult circumstances? What are the needs? What are my gifts and talents? How can I adjust my schedule or budget to assist efforts to help moms in need and their children? Radical solidarity can be lived out in countless ways, including volunteering at your local pregnancy center;



helping an expectant mother find stable housing; babysitting so a mom can work or take classes; providing encouragement and a listening ear to a mom without a support system; or speaking to your pastor about beginning *Walking with Moms in Need* at your parish.

In addition to enshrining pro-life laws and policies, the transformation of our culture also requires continual conversion of our *own* hearts, so that we can recognize in every person the face of Christ and place their needs before our own.

And so, this October, I invite all Catholics to think about building a culture of life in terms of radical solidarity. We are the Church. Our prayers, witness, sacrifices, advocacy, and good works are needed now, more than ever. We are the hands and feet of Christ in the world today and we each have a personal responsibility to care for one another.

For more information on how to celebrate Respect Life Month and stand in radical solidarity with moms in need, please visit <u>respectlife.org/celebrate</u>.

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¹ Pope John Paul II, Crossing the Threshold of Hope, p. 207.

² Pope Francis, Evangelii gaudium (The Joy of the Gospel), no. 188.

³ Elizabeth Ascik, "One of the Best Ways to Walk with Moms in Need," *Aleteia*, March 23, 2023, https://aleteia.org/2023/03/22/one-of-the-best-ways-to-walk-with-moms-in-need/.





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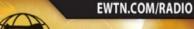


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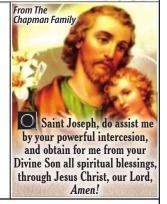
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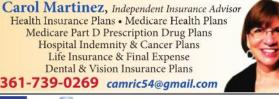
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