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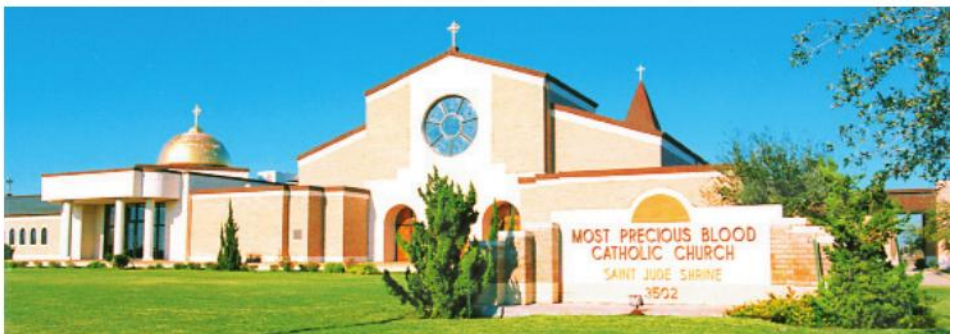


*"Glory  
to the  
Father,  
the Son,  
and the  
Holy  
Spirit:  
To God  
who is,  
who was  
and  
who is  
to come."*

### Newcomers

Welcome to Most Precious Blood Parish!

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



### 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

Dir:	Tina Villegas
RE Classes:	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
JrCDA:	Julia Alaniz
Young Adult/Youth Ministry:	
Youth Ministry:	
Quinceañeras:	Tina Villegas
Scouts:	George Archiga
Special Events:	Rick & Esther Rodriguez
Real Men:	Jim Bunting
RCIA:	Javier Salazar

### PASTORAL CARE MINISTERS

Annulments:	Deacon Ken Bockholt Deacon Frank Newchurch Deacon David Castillo Alan & Deb Morgan Elsa Canales
Homebound Ministry:	Alan & Deb Morgan
Hospital Ministry:	Maria Escobar
Palms Nursing Home:	Jenny Allen
Mother Teresa Shelter:	
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, September 2

8:30AM Florence Itobore by Family

4:30PM †Romeo Isidro by Family

#### Sunday, September 3

8:00AM †Adrian Alaniz, Jr. by Family

10:30AM †Rose Zuniga by Alice Gonzalez

12:30PM Andres & Martha Parra, Ann. by Parra Family

7:30PM MPB Parishioners

#### Monday, September 4

8:30AM †Isidro Zamora, Jr. by Wife & Daughters

†Juan Jose Aguilo by Adolfo Aguilo

†Victoria Cadena by Cadena Family

†Mauricio R. Leal by Liliana Leal

†Clint Perez by Family

†Jesse Guinn by GiGi Guinn

6:00PM †Andrew Miles by L. Nguyen

#### Tuesday, September 5

8:30AM †Michael Ornelas by M/M Mike Ornelas

6:00PM †Margaret Stillman by ESC2 Family

#### Wednesday, September 6

8:30AM †Pedro Ramirez, Jr. by Gloria Perales

6:00PM †Dr. Adolfo Aguilo by Adolfo Aguilo

#### Thursday, September 7

8:30AM †Aurora (Cuata) Vega by Adame Family

6:00PM †Hubert Garza by Mary Esther Garza

#### Friday, September 8

8:30AM Powell Families by John Powell

†Karen Forte by L.. Nguyen

†Felix Tinoco by Janie Lopez

†Jim Pocza by Lynn Dornbusch

Isidro Carbajal Spiritual by Joann Carbajal

†Virginia Munoz by Rocio Gutierrez

6:00PM Julian Isidro, Birthday by Family

#### Saturday, September 9

8:30AM Pete Luera, Birthday by Luera Family

4:30PM †Jesse Nesmith by Family



### Religious Education Classes September 10, 2023

PK3 - 5th Grades Sun 8:45 or 11:45am

6th Grade Sun 8:45am

7 - 8th Grade Sun 1:45pm

9 -12th Grade Sun 5:00pm

### MPB Youth Ministry Staff:

Director of Youth Ministry

For more information please

email: mpbccym@gmail.com

Tina Villegas - Director of Religious Education

email: mpbreled@yahoo.com

### Month of Our Lady of Sorrows



*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 September 3, 2023 - September 16, 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 Special Intentions of Anonymous.

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

### Scripture Readings for the Week

**Sunday:** Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

**Monday:** 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1 & 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13; Lk 4:16-30

**Tuesday:** 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37

**Wednesday:** Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10, 11; Lk 4:38-44

**Thursday:** Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11

**Friday:** Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6ab, 6c; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or Mt 1:18-23

**Saturday:** Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6 & 8; Lk 6:1-5

**Sunday:** Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20





## Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

**D**ivine Mercy Holy Hour will be held on **September 3, 2023** at 3:00pm in the St. Jude Chapel.



Devotion to the Divine Mercy will continue to meet every first Sunday of the month.

### 2nd Collection

**T**he second collection will be taken up on September 2 & 3, 2023 for the building fund. Thank you for your generosity.

The Parish Office will be closed **September 4** in observance of Labor Day. Regular hours will resume Tuesday from 8am - 5pm and Saturday, 9am - 2pm.

### CMSE Training

In person **CMSE** training for adults will be held at 6:45pm in the St. Juliana Family Center on September 5, 2023.



**Children's Liturgy of the Word** returns to the 10:30am & 12:30pm Sunday Masses starting September 10, 2023. Volunteers are needed. If you would like to help please contact Tina Villegas at mpbreled@yahoo.com or 361-854-3800.



Lectors are needed for the weekday masses at 8:30am and 6:00pm.

- ♦ Training will be provided
- ♦ Flexible schedule will be set up to allow lectors to prepare for the readings and insure coverage for each weekday mass.

Please call the parish office at 361-854-3800 or email mpb@mpbchurch.org to sign up.

**W**e extend our sympathy and prayers to the family of our deceased and brother and sisters:

**Georgia Martinez**  
**Angelita Saldana**  
**Cody Perez**

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

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### Our Parish Activities

#### Sunday, September 3

3:00PM Divine Mercy **SJC**

#### Monday, September 4

Labor Day - Parish Office Closed

#### Tuesday, September 5

6:45PM CMSE **FC**

#### Wednesday, September 6

6:30PM OLGs **C1**

#### Thursday, September 7

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

8:00PM AA **C2**

#### Friday, September 8

#### Saturday, September 9

5:45PM Parent Make-Up Mtg **FC**

#### Sunday, September 10

8:30AM RCIA **FC**

8:45AM K3-5 CGS Classes **SMG**

11:45AM K3-5 CGS Classes **SMG**

1:45PM MS RE Classes **SMG**

2:00PM Baptism Class **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:

Saragoza Ochoa, Arnold & Cynthia Villagran, Jeanell Pena, Alie Villarreal, Adrianna Cantu, Cynthia Ramirez, Diego Contreras, Bill Middleton and for the intentions of 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.



Congratulations to our Recently Baptized Children and their Families.

**McKenzie Gonzales**  
**Olivia Ortegon**  
**Joaquin Quijano**  
**Cannon Soto**  
**Elliott Tiemann**  
**Xander Zarate**

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.

## THE MEMORARE

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly to you, O Virgin of virgins, my mother. To you I come; before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful.

O Mother of the word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy, hear and answer me. Amen

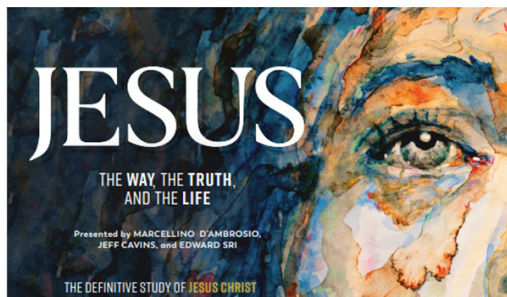


RCIA classes start September 10 at 8:30am in the St. Juliana Family Center. These classes are for anyone 18 years or older who is missing sacraments, or anyone who just wants to learn more about the Catholic faith.

For information contact Javier Salazar at 361-633-0416, or [trkdrv70@outlook.com](mailto:trkdrv70@outlook.com).



**"WHOEVER WISHES TO COME  
 AFTER ME MUST DENY HIMSELF, TAKE  
 UP HIS CROSS, AND FOLLOW ME."**



The Real Men's Group of MPB would like to invite all men to join us for our next study, "*Jesus - the Way, the Truth and the Life*." Jesus is more than a historical or theological figure; He is our Savior, our Redeemer, our Lord and our God. Come encounter Christ and be inspired to center your life on Him as you come to know and love Him in an ever deeper and more intimate way. Begins Thursday, September 14 at 7pm in the St. Maria Goretti Youth Center.

## SAVE THE DATE

**Most Precious Blood  
 Fall Festival 2023  
 September 23, 2023  
 Featuring**

**Mariachi Nuevo Viajero,  
 Shevi Love, Sesi Lopez  
 and Gary Hobbs**

More info to follow soon..



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## Upcoming Event Parish Family Directory

You may have noticed in the bulletin boards as you enter the church, a flyer regarding the new family directory. We urge all parishioners to set up an appointment for a September 25 or 26 sitting. You can scan the QR code or visit [www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com). You will need the Church Code: **TX355** and Password: **photos**.

## September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows (*Mater Dolorosa*)

“Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

Luke 2:34-35

The Seven Sorrows of the Virgin is the earliest known altarpiece by Albrecht Dürer (on the backside of this page). The central panel depicts the sorrowful Mother after the Crucifixion. Around her are seven panels with detailing the scenes from the life of the Christ that make up the Seven Sorrows of Mary (from top left): The Circumcision and Prophecy of Simeon; the Flight into Egypt; Loss of Child Jesus for Three Days, Jesus on his Way to Calvary; the Crucifixion, Body of Christ and Lamentations; the Burial of Christ.

Dürer highlights Our Lady of Sorrows intense sufferings in his astonishing altarpiece. As foretold by Simeon, she was pierced by the sword of sorrow as she stood at the foot of the Cross.

Each month of the liturgical year is devoted to a particular Catholic tradition, usually centered on a Feast during that month. As August is the Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, September follows as the Month of Our Lady of Sorrows.

We see this theme of joy followed by affliction mirrored in the liturgical calendar in two September Feasts – the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on September 14 and the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows on September 15.

Happy the heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary! She, without dying, earned the treasure of martyrdom beneath the Cross of our Lord for her anguish. Dürer has forever memorialized this event.

The name of Our Lady of Sorrows centers on the extraordinary and bittersweet suffering the Blessed Mother experienced during Christ's Passion. As seen in the artwork, her agony is composed of “The Seven Dolors,” that pierced the Heart of Mary. Dürer's portrayal of each event encompasses the central figure of Christ's sorrowful Mother.

During this month of September, we are drawn into the spiritual martyrdom that the Blessed Mother experienced during the physical martyrdom of Jesus. The evils of sin are manifest but conquered through intense suffering. The Blessed Mother's tears of anguish reflect God's washing away of sin.

If you haven't ever prayed the Seven Sorrows chaplet, you might want to consider exploring this devotion. *Our Lady of Sorrows, pray for us!*







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