



With your fatherly blessing, Lord, strengthen these servants of
ours in their resolve to dedicate themselves as catechists. Grant
that they may so faithfully teach that they themselves
derive from pondering your word and studying the church's
teaching. And let them gladly join those they teach in honoring
and serving your name, We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Andy, Book of Blessings

Parents
are truly
the primary
catechists
of their
children.

They prepare the
soil and plant the
first seeds of
faith. On
Catechetical
Sunday, we not
only highlight the
work of catechists
in parishes and
schools, but we
also commend
parents and
guardians and
encourage them
to take seriously
their role of
making their
Catholic
households a
place where faith
is passed on to
the next
generation.

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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-3:00 pm & 30 min. before & after Sunday Masses

STAFF

Pastor:	Very Rev. Joseph A. Lopez, J.C.L.
Parochial Vicar:	Rev. Arularasu Mathias
Parochial Vicar:	Rev. Carlos De La Rosa
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Parish Operations:	Dcn. John Pierce
Bookkeeper:	Dora Garcia
Bulletin Editor/Receptionist:	Mari Doney, email: bulletin@mpbchurch.org
Facility Manager:	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
Director of Sacred Music:	Dr. Meaghan King
Head Cantor:	Lisa Gonzalez-Saenz
Associate Cantor:	Sarah Garcia
Devotions to St. Jude:	Monday-Thursday 5:00pm
Eucharistic Adoration:	Alice Polansky
Extra Ordinary Ministers:	Deacon Mark Cazalas
Lector:	Derrick Seidenberg
Organists:	Marty Wind
Ushers:	Sonny Gamez

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Principal: Theresa Mendez

FAITH FORMATION & DISCIPLESHIP

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. 5:30 pm
H.S. Youth Ministry:	Justin De Los Santos	
M.S. Youth Ministry:	StacieBunting	
Young Adults:	Fr. Carlos De La Rosa	
Quinceañeras:	Tina Villegas	
Saturday Study:	Joseph Hernandez	
Real Men:	Jim Bunting	
W.I.N.E.:	Tina Villegas	
OCIA:	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:	

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Catholic Daughters:	Maria Escobar
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Knights-4th Degree:	Daniel Solis
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Vocations Awareness:	Joseph Hernandez
Women's Council:	Cyndi Munoz Hernandez
Companions in Christ:	Adriana Livas

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 20, 2025

8:30AM ✚Craig Martin Anniversary by Lynn Dornbusch

4:30PM ✚Nacho Garcia by Ninfa and Liz

Sunday, September 21, 2025

8:00AM ✚Yolanda Garcia Birthday by Family

10:30AM Joy Villa Birthday by Family

12:30PM MPB Parishioners

7:30PM ✚Nacho Garcia by Fernando & Josie Gomez

Monday, September 22, 2025

8:30AM ✚Lupita Beste by Jim Beste

✚Edward Montez by Alicia Montez

Souls in Purgatory by Dcn John Pierce

✚Rey Garcia by Irma Williams

✚Benita Reyes/Gilbert Rodriguez by Family

Mercedes Nuncio Almanza by Family

6:00PM Sarah Garcia by Dora Garcia

Tuesday, September 23, 2025

8:30AM Souls in Purgatory by Dcn John Pierce

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

Wednesday, September 24, 2025

8:30AM Kate Pocza Birthday by Lynn Dornbusch

6:00PM Amanda Lizette Rodriguez by Family

Thursday, September 25, 2025

8:30AM ✚Juan Reyna by Lydia Gonzalez

6:00PM ✚Irma & Salvador Alvarez by Family

Friday, September 26, 2025

8:30AM Samuel Straiton Birthday by Lynn Dornbusch

✚Joe D. Lopez by Family

✚Augustine C. Perez by Family

Special Intention by Family

✚Sylvia Hinojosa by Corpus Christi Cousins

✚Reynaldo Garcia & Fam. by Arnoldo/Olga Carrillo

6:00PM ✚Agustin Maldonado, Sr. by Family

Saturday, September 27, 2025

8:30AM ✚Jonathan Flores by Grandparents

4:30PM ✚Esther Z. Aguilo by Adolfo Aguilo, Jr.



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)

MPB Youth Ministry Staff:

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Tina Villegas - Director of Religious Education

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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.

September 21, 2025-October 4, 2025

The Church Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in memory of Guadalupe Flores by Family

The Adoration Chapel Sanctuary Candle will burn this week for the intentions of Mike & Antoinette Yost

The St. Jude Chapel Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in memory of Emilia M. Gomez by Rosie San Miguel



Scripture Readings for the Week

Sunday: Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Lk 8:19-21

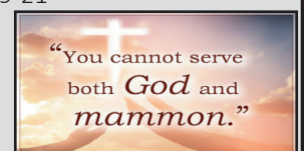
Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9; Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4; Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Memorial of Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday: Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Am 6:1a, 4-7; Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31



Twenty- Fifth 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.

Join us in wishing a Happy Birthday to
Reverend Arularasu Mathias
September 26



May God's love and peace
be with you always.



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Praise the
Lord
who lifts up
the poor.

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.



Feast of St Francis of Assisi
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Our Parish Activities

Sunday, September 21, 2025

8:30AM OCIA **Sch**
8:30AM K3-6th CGS **SMG**
5:00PM HR RE Y1 **SMG**

Monday, September 22, 2025

6:00PM MS RE **SMG**

Tuesday, September 23, 2025

8:00PM AA **C2**

Wednesday, September 24, 2025

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

Thursday, September 25, 2025

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

Friday, September 26, 2025

Saturday, September 27, 2025

9:00AM Quince Retreat **GH**

Sunday September 28, 2025

8:30AM OCIA **Sch**
8:30AM K3-6th CGS **SMG**
5:00PM HS RE 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:

Janie Solis, Serenity Solis, Elodia Villarreal, Celestino, Edwin, and Edna Soto, Maria Cantu, Elsa and Monica Chavez, Ernestina Gonzales, Patricia Gonzalez, Andrew Espinoza, Mathew Espinoza, James Flores, Amanda Gonzalez, Joe L. Lara, Brenda Espinoza, Emma Garza, Theresa Gilbert, 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.



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Most Precious Blood Catholic School Saints News

Most Precious Blood Catholic School is now enrolling students in grades K3-5 for the upcoming 2025-2026 school year! We offer a Christ-centered education rooted in academic excellence, service, and faith formation.

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- Safe, supportive environment where every child is known and loved
- Committed, caring teachers who help students grow in faith and knowledge
- Service and leadership opportunities that build character and compassion

If you or someone you know is looking for a vibrant, faith-filled school community, we invite you to come see what it means to be a Saint! Schedule a tour or request more information at 361-852-4800 or mpbc.net.

Let's grow future Saints together!



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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.



Grand Knight Message: Grace and peace from our Lord Jesus Christ to you all. Council 11238 has many events this month. Your support and attendance are greatly appreciated and makes for a successful event. The Council welcomes men, 18 and over, who are practicing Catholics to discern if the Knights of Columbus is your calling. Our Council meets on the 2nd Wednesday of every month, 7pm in the Juliana Hall, room C1.

Vivat Jesus,
Yuma Martinez,
GK, St. Jude Council No. 11238

Upcoming Events

9-20-2025: Blue Mass

9-28-2025: Silver Rose Mass

Announcing the 105th Anniversary of Fatima

2025 PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE

America is at a historic crossroad. God is more offended than ever as people ignore Our Lady's maternal request to "stop offending God." As a result, America is suffering from a pandemic, rioting, looting, and murder, as well as moral and societal collapse. It is urgent that we heed Our Lady's request and stop sinning if we hope to enjoy God's blessings and to avert His wrath. He will hear us, if we pray through the intercession of His Blessed Mother. That's why we're doing the 2022 Public Square Rosary Crusade.

In *The Secret of the Rosary*, Saint Louis de Montfort said: "Public prayer is far more powerful than private prayer to appease the anger of God and call down His mercy, and Holy Mother Church, guided by the Holy Ghost, has always advocated public prayer in times of public tragedy and suffering."

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September 2025

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One Minute Meditations

St. Lawrence Justinian

Born into a noble Venetian family, St. Lawrence Justinian desired sanctity from an early age. He entered the Order of the Augustinian Canons Regular of St. George, where he became known for his zeal, penitential lifestyle, and deep charity—especially toward the poor. He eventually became the general of the order. Recognized for his holiness, he was appointed Bishop, and later Patriarch, of Venice by the pope. He served faithfully until his death at the age of seventy-five.

Jesus turns sorrow into joy

Each September, the Church celebrates the Exaltation of the Holy Cross—not because we glorify suffering, but because the Cross reveals a Love that is total, faithful, and fearless. Christ embraced suffering, rejection, and death—and triumphed over them. His Cross is the ultimate sign that love is stronger than pain. When we bring our trials and sorrows to Jesus, He transforms them—through a kind of divine alchemy—into strength, healing, joy, and even glory. In Him, suffering is never the end of the story.

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light" (Matthew 11:28-30).

Holiness in everyday life

Pier Giorgio Frassati — to be canonized on September 7 — was known for blending intense spirituality with fun—he loved mountain climbing, practical jokes, and friendship. He taught that holiness can be simple, joyful, and practical, woven into daily life. In a 1923 address to young people, he summed up the Christian life: "Our religion is based on charity, which is nothing other than the most perfect Love." He proposed three ways to live that love: by example, through compassion, and by joyful invitation.

By example: Blessed Pier believed that our lives should reflect our faith without needing words. "We Catholics must strive to have our whole life guided by Christian moral law," he said. That includes building our schedules around the Eucharist, practicing reverence, treating others with dignity, and living generously. These everyday choices silently proclaim who we are—and whose we are.

With compassion: Blessed Pier encouraged personal, thoughtful acts of

love: visiting the lonely, offering a kind word, or putting others first. He reminded us that holiness begins with small, intentional acts of compassion.

By joyful invitation: Blessed Pier's faith was magnetic, marked by laughter,

"Jesus is with me. I have nothing to fear."

Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati

adventure, and prayer. He urged others to draw people to Christ with warmth and sincerity: "Persuade [those who are far from the Church] to follow the ways of God." A quiet chapel visit or simple prayer can be a powerful invitation to grace.

He urged Catholics to stay rooted in the Eucharist: "Approach the Eucharistic Table as often as possible... from which you will draw strength." His life reminds us that sainthood is not about perfection, but about choosing love—daily, faithfully, and joyfully.

Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics believe in angels?

In the Nicene Creed, professed at every Sunday Mass and solemnity, we affirm belief in "all things visible and invisible"—a direct reference to spiritual beings, including angels. Throughout Scripture, angels appear as messengers, protectors, and servants of God's will. Jesus' words in Matthew 18:10,

referencing angels who "behold the face of [His] Father"—form the basis for the Church's belief in guardian angels. These faithful spirits, who remained loyal to God, continue to watch over and guide us. Belief in angels is not optional but a vital part of Catholic teaching and tradition.

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