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to come."

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

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Hands of Jesus:



Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 15

8:00PM ⊕Rosabel Hewitt by Family

Sunday, April 16

8:00AM ⊕Armando Vasquez by Aurora Garza

7:30PM MPB Parishioners

Monday, April 17

⊕Richard Miles by L. Nguyen Powell Families by John Powell

⊕William Kassner by Caedyn Blake Kassner

⊕Jovita Saenz by Fierova Family
⊕Ester D. Moreno by Saenz Family

6:00PM ⊕James Sanchez by L. Nguyen

Tuesday, April 18

6:00PM †Tomasa Dominguez by Cherrie Gerstner

Wednesday, April 19

6:00PM Kim Charba, Birthday by Lynn Dornbusch

Thursday, April 20

Friday, April 21

⊕Anita Barrera by Ben BarreraPowell Families by John PowellKaren Forte by L. Nguyen

⊕Fr. Patrick Lynch by Yen Khang Van

Hernando Garcia Pina by Brenda Sendejo Family

Saturday, April 22

8:30AM Michael Diejomaoh by Family **4:30PM** ⊕Diamond Itobore by Family



Religious Education Classes

Apr 16 - Lifeteen, 6:00pm Apr 17 - Edge, 6:00pm Apr 19 - Purpose, 6:30pm

MPB Youth Ministry Staff:

Fr. R.J. Regalado - Director of Youth Ministry
For more information please
email: mpbccym@gmail.com



High School Confirmation May 12, 2023 6:30p.m.



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 April 16, 2023 - April 29, 2023

The Church Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in loving memory of Jesse Guinn by GiGi Guinn.

The St. Jude Chapel Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in loving memory of Antonia San Miguel by Rosie San Miguel.

The Adoration Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in loving memory of Jesse Guinn by GiGi Guinn.

Scripture Readings for the Week

Sunday: Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

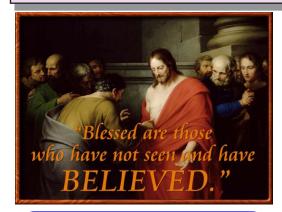
Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9; Jn 3:1-8 Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Jn: 3:7b-15 Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 3:16-21 Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20; Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15 **Saturday:** Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21

Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35



Second Sunday of Easter



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

Carlos Vasquez, Sr. Veronica M. Villarreal Roman Ortiz Mary Louise Vera

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

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for grades PK3 - 5th

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Mother's Day Novena

Mother's Day is **May 14th!!**Would you like to have your mother included in the Mother's Day Novena? Mother's Day Novena Cards are available at all entrances of the church and at the Parish Office.

Easter Blessings
from
Fr. Joseph, Fr. R.J.
and Office Staff
of
Most Precious Blood Church

Save the Date Astros Bus Trip

June 3, 2023
Astros vs Angels
104 tickets will be sold

September 3, 2023 Astros vs Yankees 52 tickets will be sold

More info to follow soon!!

"Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song." - Pope John Paul II



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Our Parish Activities

Sunday, April 16

8:30AM RCIA **C1**

8:30AM CGS SMG

2:00PM Baptism Class C

6:00PM HS Young Group GH

Monday, April 17

6:00PM Edge GH

Tuesday, April 18

Wednesday, April 19

6:30PM Purpose GH

6:30PM CDA **C2**

7:00PM KC Assembly C1

Thursday, April 20

7:00PM Real Men's Group SMG

8:00PM AA **C2**

Friday, April 21

Saturday, April 22

Sunday, April 23

8:30AM RCIA **C1**

8:30AM CGS SMG

2:00PM Bapism C

6:00PM HS Youth Group GH

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:

Kimberly Nicole, Ramirez Family, Diego Contreras, Brenda Uhlarik 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.



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BBQ Thank you! to all Sponsors, Donors, Volunteers, BBQ Committee, Ministries. Organizations, Musicians and Parish Family for their help in making our annual Easter Family Fest a success!

We thank God for giving us the great joy of His Risen Son, Jesus!!



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY April 16, 2023



A special Holy Hour will be held on April 16 at 3:00p.m. in the church honoring the Feast of Divine Mercy Sunday. All are invited to come and pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

CMSE Training

In person CMSE training for adults will be held at 6:45pm in the St. Juliana Family Center on the following dates:

May 16, 2023

June 20, 2023

July 25, 2023

Aug 10, 2023

Aug 22, 2023



Divine Mercy April 16, 2023

Divine Mercy Sunday is a very special Sunday when the Divine Floodgates from Heaven are wide-opened and Jesus offers us the total forgiveness of all sins and punishment to any soul, who goes to Confession and receives Him in Holy Communion, on that day.

Rummage Sale



If you are spring cleaning or plan to soon, we are collecting items for our Rummage Sale (men/women/children clothes, household items, furniture and appliances).

Please contact Krystle Martinez for drop off location and information at 361-562-1142.

Quinceanera Retreat

The Quinceanera Retreat dates for 2023 have been scheduled for June 3, August 12 and 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.



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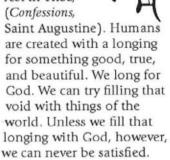
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The God-shaped hole

St. Augustine wrote,
"You have made us
for yourself and
our hearts are
restless until
they find their
rest in Thee,"
(Confessions,



Grow in love

Having received the gift of divine life, we must give it to others. "Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another" (1 John 4:11). When we share God's life and love, we grow in that very life and love.

"But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here;

for he has risen, as he said.

Come, see the place where he lay'"

(Matthew 28:5-6).



As the "the source and summit of our faith," the Eucharist is the greatest of God's gifts. During the Easter season, resolve to look at the Eucharist with new eyes of gratitude and strengthened devotion:

Return love for Love:
The Eucharist is not a
symbol; it is Jesus
Christ. He loves us
beyond imagining —
personally, closely,
sacrificially, and
tenderly. In adoring,
receiving, and loving
the Blessed Sacrament,
we're returning love for
Love.

Fuel for the fight: The Eucharist nourishes and strengthens our souls. "How can we last...without hearing Jesus say, 'I love you' – impossible..." (Mother Teresa). The Eucharist strengthens against temptation and

protects from mortal sins.

Source of joy: The Eucharist is a glimpse of Heaven, a foretaste of the heavenly banquet, and a pledge of future glory. St. John Vianney commented, "If we really understood the Mass.

really understood the Mass,
we would die of joy."
Wisdom and guidance:
As Chancellor of
England, St. Thomas
More received

Communion daily for "light and wisdom" in his administrative decisions. We can turn to the Blessed Sacrament for guidance whenever we have

weighty decisions, questions, or doubts.

Communion empowers us to love: "Even as I have loved you...you also love one another" (John 13:34). Jesus specifically told his followers to love others as we've been loved. Receiving the Eucharist worthily empowers us to love like Him.

Why Do Catholics Do That

Why do Catholics celebrate Holy Week?

Holy Week is a sacred time, specially devoted to celebrating the work of our redemption – the suffering and Death of Jesus on the Cross. The events honored during Holy Week, especially on Holy Thursday and Good Friday, remind us of

an amazing truth: God loved us first, even when that love cost Him everything. On Easter, He rose gloriously from the dead, offering redemption. This event is so tremendous we need a week to prepare our hearts to receive it.

Choose new life at Easter

"... I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse; therefore choose life, that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying his voice, and cleaving to him; for that means life to you and length of days ... "(Deuteronomy 30:19-20).

When the Israelites were poised to enter the land God had promised them, Moses wanted all to understand what was at stake. He didn't want them to just enter the Promised Land, Moses wanted them to remain there with God's



blessing. So Moses put the choice facing all of God's people in the clearest possible terms. When we choose to follow God, we choose life over death.

The choice is still ours. We can say "yes" or "no" to God's love. While our choices lead to consequences, it is still up to us.

When we live within God's laws, we choose life. Honesty over lies and deceit, self-control over sinful pleasure, generosity over selfishness. This is how we choose new life with God.

from Scripture

John 10:1-10; Trusting the Good Shepherd

In this Scripture passage, Jesus used the image of a shepherd to reveal who He is,

how He cares for us, and more importantly, how He wants us to relate to Him. The image of a shepherd was a powerful choice.

A good shepherd knew each sheep in his care individually. He never left his flock. Many sheep-pens didn't have doors, so the shepherd would sleep in the entry way to prevent enemies from getting to his flock. Predators would have to go through him first. If a sheep got lost, hurt, or was attacked, the

life for the sheep.

Jesus' illustration is clear.
Without the constant care,
guidance, and protecting
presence of the shepherd
(God), the sheep (us)
wouldn't survive. That's
uncomfortable because it
means we're dependent
and vulnerable. But the
deeper truth is that Jesus,
our Shepherd, knows us
each personally,

individually. Our Shepherd heals us, provides for us, and protects us, even to offering up His own life. He asks us to trust Him and ultimately, lead us

Home.



shepherd took care of it, even risking his

April 2 – Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion (1st Century). On Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, we recall Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, when He was greeted by crowds waving palms and cheering. This Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week.

April 9 – The Resurrection of the Lord (1st Century). Easter, the celebration of Jesus' Resurrection of the dead, is the holiest day of the year. The Season of Easter lasts for 50 days from Easter Sunday until Pentecost.

April 13 - Pope St. Martin I (665).

St. Martin was elected to succeed Theodore I as pope. He was arrested and dragged to Constantinople after censuring the Byzantine Emperor Constans II for heresy. He died in

April 16 – Divine Mercy Sunday (1931). Jesus asked St. Faustina to ensure that the Sunday after Easter become the "Feast of Mercy."
He promised that anyone who honors Him as the King of Mercy and prays The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will receive special graces and great mercy.



Am I wrong to have doubts?

There is good doubt and bad doubt. Bad doubt that says, "I won't believe this unless you prove it," can become sinful and should be avoided. Good doubt ("I'm struggling to understand this") is a sign you're ready to go deeper into the faith.



Sometimes doubts arise from genuine or incomplete understanding of Church teaching. Archbishop Fulton Sheen famously said, "There are not one hundred people in

the United States who hate The Catholic Church, but there are millions who hate what they wrongly perceive the Catholic Church to be." With questions, turn to the Catechism, reference the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (usccb.org), ask your priest.

If, after all that, something still doesn't make sense, then it really is a mystery and that's the point at which we humbly allow Christ to conform our ways of thinking to His (not the other way around). Entrust everything to God, and He will resolve it, in His own way, in His own time. "Lord, I believe, help my unbelief!" (Mark 9:24).

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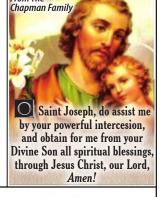




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