

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

The Lord, your God,
shall you worship and him
alone shall you serve.

Matthew 4:10

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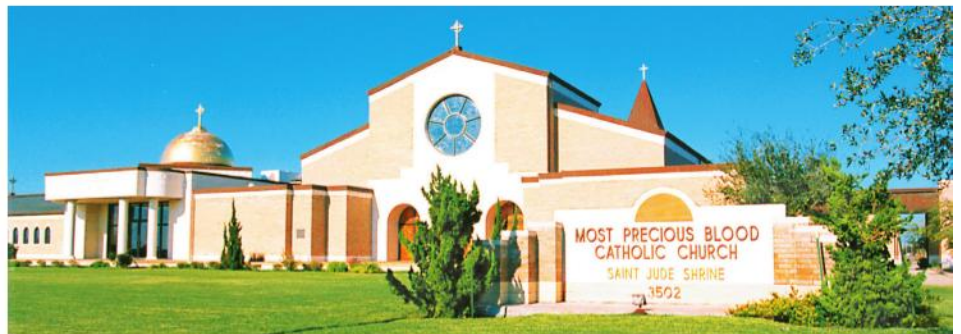
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*"Glory
to the
Father,
the Son,
and the
Holy
Spirit:
To God
who is,
who was
and
who is
to come."*



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:	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. Ramiro "RJ" Regalado
In Residence:	Rev. Peter G. Martinez
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Parish Operations:	Dcn. John Pierce
Bookkeeper:	Dora Garcia
Bulletin Editor/Receptionist:	Marty Gloria, email: mpbulletin@gmail.com
Facility Maintenance:	Eloy Ozuna

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Baptism:	Contact the Church Office 3 weeks before Baptism
Confessions:	Daily, 30 minutes prior to each Mass
Marriages:	Call the Church at least 6 months before marriage.

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Organists:	
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	6th - 8th Grades Monday 6:00 pm
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Young Adult/Youth Ministry:	Carlos Ramirez
Youth Ministry:	Fr. RJ Regalado
Quinceañeras:	Tina Villegas
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Part-Time Counselor:	Jenny Allen
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Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 25

8:30AM ✚Adrian Alaniz, Jr. by Family
4:30PM ✚Ron Flores by Mrs. Lamarr Graves

Sunday, February 26

8:00AM MPB Parishioners
10:30AM ✚Joe D. Lopez by Family
12:30PM ✚Maria R. Perez by Valdez Family
7:30PM ✚Rolando Saenz by Family

Monday, February 27

8:30AM Mariano Villarruel by Friend
✚Ronald D. Flores by Evelyn Yearry
Powell Families by John Powell
✚Tinh Nguyen by L. Nguyen
✚Rose Zuniga by Family
Glenn Ermis, Birthday by Lynn Dornbusch
6:00PM ✚Raphael Nguyen by L. Nguyen

Tuesday, February 28

8:30AM ✚Judy Woerner by Randy & Sophie Farrare
6:00PM ✚Sharon Bearden by Jerry Pocza

Wednesday, March 1

8:30AM ✚David Alvarez by Alvarez Family
6:00PM ✚Jesse Nesmith by Family



Thursday, March 2

8:30AM Thanksgiving to St. Jude by Adela Salazar
6:00PM ✚Duong Nguyen by L. Nguyen

Friday, March 3

8:30AM ✚Maria Luisa Morales by Liliana Leal
✚James Sanchez by L. Nguyen
✚Fr. Francis McGlaughlin by Yen Khang Van
✚Andres Olivarez by Robert & Evelyn Flores
✚Joe Benavides by Judy Aguirre
Meg Straiton, Birthday by Lynn Dornbusch
6:00PM Powell Families by John Powell

Saturday, March 4

8:30AM ✚Adrian Alaniz, Jr. by Family
4:30PM ✚Ron Flores by Mrs. Lamarr Graves



Religious Education Classes

Feb 26 - Lifeteen, 6:00pm
Feb 27 - Edge, 6:00pm
Mar 1 - Purpose, 6:30pm

MPB Youth Ministry Staff:

Fr. R.J. Regalado - Director of Youth Ministry
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The Young Adult Ministry study on **Divine Mercy** continues on **February 28** with Episode 4. Starting with Holy Mass at 6pm, Dinner at 7pm, Divine Mercy, Episode 2 at 7:15pm, Small Group Discussions at 8pm, and Reflection at 8:30pm. All Young Adults are encouraged to attend.

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 February 19, 2023 - March 4, 2023

The Church Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in gratitude for Birthday by Anonymous.

The St. Jude Chapel Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in loving memory of Adrian Alaniz, Jr. by Family.

The Adoration Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in loving memory of Lucila Varela by Eduardo Spencer.

Scripture Readings for the Week

Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19 or Rom 5:12, 17-19; Mt 4:1-11

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9



First Sunday of Lent

Meditations on the 7 Last Words of Christ

Everyone is welcome to join in on the **Meditations on the 7 Last Words of Christ** presented by Fr. RJ Regalado. These presentations will be guided meditations, reflections and commentary. If anyone is still in search of how to spiritually enhance this year's Lenten season, this will be a good opportunity.

Saturday, **March 4, 11, 18, 25** in the St. Juliana Family Center from 10am - 12pm.

'One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.'

Divine Mercy Holy Hour will be held on **March 5, 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

The second collection will be taken up on **March 4 & 5, 2023** for the building fund. Thank you for your generosity.

First Friday Adoration



Our next First Friday Adoration will be on **March 3, 2023** in the St. Jude Chapel. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will follow the 8:30am Mass and continue until 5:45pm, ending with Benediction. Daily Mass follows at 6pm.

CMSE Training

In person **CMSE** training for adults will be held on February 28 at 6:45pm in the St. Juliana Family Center.

Twenty minutes before every Sunday mass the deacon will lead us in praying the rosary. Please join us in praying for your special intentions as well as those of the whole world.



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Our Parish Activities

Sunday, February 26

8:30AM RCIA **C1**

8:30AM CGS **SMG**

6:00PM HS Young Group **GH**

Monday, February 27

6:00PM Edge **GH**

Tuesday, February 28

6:45PM CMSE **GH**

7:00PM Young Adults **SMG**

Wednesday, March 1

6:30PM Purpose **GH**

6:30PM OLGS **C1**

Thursday, March 2

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

8:00PM AA **C2**

Friday, March 3

9:00AM 1st Friday Adoration **SJC**

6:30PM Stations **C**

Saturday, March 4

10:00AM Lenten Meditations **GH**

Sunday, March 5

8:30AM RCIA **C1**

8:30AM CGS **SMG**

3:00AM Divine Mercy **SJC**

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:

Ramirez Family, Kimberly Nicole, Diego Contreras, Louis Hoelscher 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.



February is Dedicated to the Holy Family

Holy Family of Nazareth, make our family one with you.

Help us to be instruments of peace. Grant that love, strengthened by grace, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometime pass.

May we always have God at the center of our hearts and homes until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with you. Amen.

Do something GREAT for God and His Church. Join our Teen Confirmation Retreat Team! Adult Volunteers needed for the Teen Confirmation Retreat on March 10-12 as Small Group Leaders, Daytime angels, Weekend angels, Overnight Hall Monitors, Nurse/First Aid.

Volunteer meeting on March 1, 8:00pm, St. Juliana Family Center.

Point of Contact: Tina Villegas, 361-854-3800 or:
mpbreled@yahoo.com

Quinceanera Retreat

The Quinceanera Retreat dates for 2023 have been scheduled for March 4, 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***.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

MPB is in need of volunteers to operate the screens during the Saturday and Sunday masses. Training will be available for anyone interested. Familiarity with the iOS ProPresenter would be a plus!

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Stations of the Cross



Stations of the Cross continue to be held every Friday during the Lenten Season at 6:30pm in the Church.

Lenten Observances

Abstinence. The law of abstinence requires a Catholic 14 years of age until death to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays in honor of the Passion of Jesus on Good Friday. Salt and freshwater species of fish are permitted.

Fasting. The law of fasting requires a Catholic from the 18th birthday to the 59th birthday to reduce the amount of food eaten from normal. The Church defines this as one meal a day and two smaller meals which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting.

Those who are excused from fast or abstinence. Besides those outside the age limits; those of unsound mind, the sick, the frail, pregnant or nursing women according to need for meat or nourishment, manual laborers according to need, and other situations of moral or physical impossibility to observe the penitential discipline.

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February 2023

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Where we strive to be Christ for each other and to lead others to Christ.

One Minute Meditations

Flee temptation

Christians are meant for Heaven. Yet, the world can work against our efforts for holiness. St. Peter tells us to "escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires" (2 Peter 1:4). Ask God often to protect you from sin, to give you the wisdom and courage to make good choices and, become sensitive to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. God will reveal when you've messed up, and rejoice with you when you get it right.

Serve without complaint

Every job has aspects about it that are tedious, messy, and unrewarding, yet they are necessary. However, they can be opportunities to grow in virtue: humility, patience, self-discipline, etc. When you dread doing your work, smile and say a prayer, "and your Father, who sees in secret, will repay you" (Matthew 6:4).

"The works of God are all of them good; in its own time every need is supplied" (Sirach 39:16).



Take steps to share your faith during Lent

Jesus didn't intend for the Great Commission – "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19) – to be a heavy burden.

He meant witnessing to His love to come through the natural course of living a Christ-inspired life. Consider making more disciples this Lent:

Live a Catholic life. Non-believers may hear what we say about Jesus, but they are persuaded by seeing how our love for Him shapes our lives. It is critical that worship – Sunday Mass, Confession, Scripture – informs our life choices. When we spend time in Jesus' presence, His character rubs off on us.

Bring Christ out into the world. Jesus asked that we care for the poor and needy, thus acting as

His hands and feet in the world. We may not be able to solve all of their problems, but we can show them the reality of Christ's love in their lives.

Talk about God's plan. God wants us each to experience the peace He offers.

Help others know that

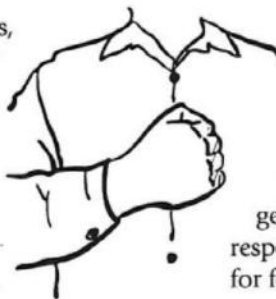
God's love is personal and He has a specific plan for each of us.

Invite. Some people will be ready to "come and see," so consider inviting seekers to Mass. Others might be ready to "take up and read." Share your favorite inspirational reading. If you need other suggestions, ask your pastor or favorite religious.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

When we use our voices, our minds, and even our bodies during prayer, we pray with deeper meaning and enthusiasm. During the Confiteor at Mass, for example, we strike our chest three times, saying,



Why do Catholics strike their chests?

"through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault." It's an ancient symbol of sorrow and repentance for having offended God or hurting our neighbor. Such a gesture reminds us to take responsibility for our actions and pray for forgiveness and grace to change.

MEDITATIONS

ON THE 7 LAST WORDS OF CHRIST

PRESENTED BY FATHER RJ REGALADO



MEDITATION - REFLECTION - COMMENTARY

Saturdays @ St. Julianna Family Center

Feb. 25th

March 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th

10am - 12pm



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