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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.
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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 6 months before marriage.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Altar Server Coordinator:	Carlos Ramirez
Head Cantor:	Lisa Gonzalez-Saenz
Associate Cantor:	Sarah Garcia
Devotions to St. Jude:	Monday-Thursday 5:00pm
Eucharistic Adoration:	Alice Polansky
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Lector:	
Organists:	
Ushers:	

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Principal: Nelda Bazan

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Dir:	Tina Villegas
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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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Spiritual Direction:	
Mother Teresa Shelter:	Maria Escobar
Part-Time Counselor:	Jenny Allen
Hands of Jesus:	

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Our Lady of Guadalupe:	Mary Esther Garza
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Sewing Angels:	Irma Garcia
Vocations Awareness:	Rev. Joseph Lopez
Women's Council:	Carrie Bryson
Companions in Christ:	Adriana Livas



Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 31

8:30AM Powell Families by John Powell

4:30PM †Agustin Maldonado by Family

Sunday, January 1

8:00AM MPB Parishioners

10:30AM Brenda Uhlarik by Family

12:30PM †Johnathon Flores by Grandma & Grandpa Flores

7:30PM †Ronald D. Flores by Jose & Fela Silva

Monday, January 2

8:30AM †Ashley McMahon by John & Denise McMahon

†Amy DeLeon Medina by Pete & Ida DeLeon

†Sr. Theresa Thi Thanh by Yen Khang Van

†Betty Sanchez by M/M Eppy Gonzalez

†Graciela E. Alanis by M/M Eppy Gonzalez

Jill Bomba, Birthday by Lynn Dornbusch

6:00PM †Andrew Miles by L. Nguyen

Tuesday, January 3

8:30AM †Henry Gutierrez by Graciela Garcia

6:00PM Sylvia Barrera by Stephanie Story

Wednesday, January 4

8:30AM Dr. Christine Rivera, Birthday by Cherrie Gerstner

6:00PM †Noble Anderson by Family

Thursday, January 5

8:30AM †Rodrigo "Rod" Gutierrez by M/M Eppy Gonzalez

6:00PM Powell Families by John Powell

Friday, January 6

8:30AM †Patricia Aguilo by Adolfo Aguilo

Ernest & Dorothy Moreno, 50th Ann. by Family

†Noble Anderson by Family

†Lionel Garza by M/M Eppy Gonzalez

†Bang Nguyen by L. Nguyen

†Jerry Ermis by Lynn Dornbusch

6:00PM †Seferina Aguero by Roel & Olivia Bayarena

Saturday, January 7

8:30AM †Zenaida Isidro by Cherrie Gerstner

4:30PM †Ron Flores by Lamarr Graves



Religious Education Classes

Jan 1 - NO Lifeteen, 6:00pm

Jan 2 - NO Edge, 6:00pm

Jan 4 - NO Purpose, 6:30pm

MPB Youth Ministry Staff:

Fr. R.J. Regalado - Director of Youth Ministry

Carlos Roberto Ramirez - Young Adult / Youth Ministry

crramirezmpb@gmail.com

For more information please

email: mpbccym@gmail.com



Every Monday @ 7:30pm

Young Adults, Ages 18-39 years old

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 December 25, 2022 - January 7, 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 in loving memory of Esther Aguilo by Adolfo Aguilo.

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

Scripture Readings for the Week

Sunday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Monday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, cd-4; Jn 1:19-28

Tuesday: 1Jn 2:29-3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6; Jn 1:29-34

Wednesday: 1Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Jn 1:35-42

Thursday: 1Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Jn 1:43-51

Friday: 1Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b; Jn 2:1-11

Sunday: ; Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12



Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

First Friday Adoration



Our next First Friday Adoration will be on **January 6, 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.

Divine Mercy Holy Hour will be held on **January 1, 2023** at 3:00pm in the St. Jude Chapel.



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



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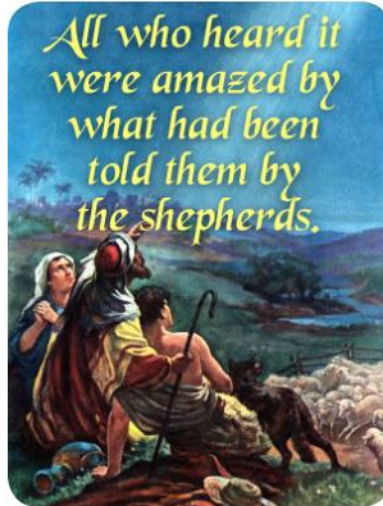
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2nd Collection

The second collection will be taken up on **December 31 & January 1, 2022** for the building fund. Thank you for your generosity.



CMSE Clases

In person Safe Environment training classes for adults (18+ years) will be held on the following dates:

Tues. Jan 17 - 6:30pm in the Hall
Thurs. Jan 19 - 6:30pm in the Hall



Children's Liturgy of the Word -

returns to the 10:30am & 12:30pm Sunday Masses starting January 15, 2023. Volunteers are needed. If you would like to help please contact Tina Villegas at mpbreled@yahoo.com or 361-854-3800.

Our Parish Activities

Sunday, January 1

8:30AM NO RCIA **C1**
8:30AM NO CGS **SMG**
3:00PM Divine Mercy **SJC**
6:00PM NO HS Young Group **GH**

Monday, January 2

6:00PM NO Edge **GH**

Tuesday, January 3

Wednesday, January 4

6:30PM NO Purpose **GH**
7:00PM OLGS **C1**

Thursday, January 5

7:00PM Real Men's Group **SMG**
8:00PM AA **C2**

Friday, January 6

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

Saturday, January 7

Sunday, January 8

8:30AM NO RCIA **C1**
8:30AM NO CGS **SMG**
2:00PM Baptism Class **C**
6:00PM NO 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:

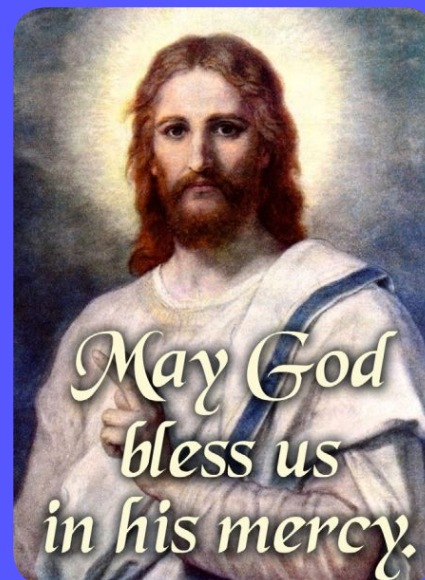
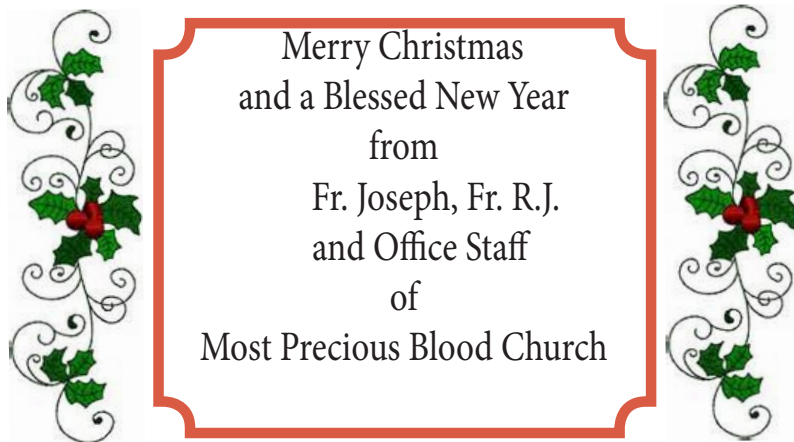
Ricardo Hernandez, Ramirez Family, Diego Conreras and for the intentions of all those who have asked us to pray for healing and their special needs.



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.





Mary, Holy Mother of God January 1, 2023

Let us strive to be pure and holy like our Heavenly Mother. All mothers want their children to inherit or acquire their good qualities. Our Heavenly Mother is no exception. With Joseph, she succeeded in training the Child Jesus, so that He grew in holiness and in "favor before God and man." Hence, our best way of celebrating this feast and honoring our Heavenly Mother would be to promise her that we will practice her virtues of Faith, obedience, purity and humble service. In this way, we will be trying to become the saintly sons and daughters of our Heavenly Mother, the Holy Mother of God.

Congratulations to our Recently Baptized Children and their Families:

Christopher Cantu
Elizabeth Flores
Ruth Flores
Cora LaPointe
Grace Valdez

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.

REAL MEN'S GROUP



The Bible Timeline is a 24 week survey of the narrative books of the Bible and will be the next course of study of the Real Men's Group. Beginning Thursday, January 19 from 7:00 to 8:30pm, we invite the men of our parish to join us as we take a trip through Salvation History as told in the entire Bible. If you have ever found the Bible to be difficult, or intimidating, but have a desire to actually understand the Scriptures, this is definitely the course for you! Course workbook is \$40. Contact Jim Bunting for more details, or email MPBRealMen@yahoo.com

On the Liturgy of the Hours: The Breviary

Christmas Greetings to all of you! As we embark into this new year, we will be adding a new devotional practice to our daily schedule here at Most Precious Blood, as we begin to pray Morning Prayer together before each daily morning Mass, beginning at 8:10am on Monday, 16 January, 2023. Father Joseph asked me to offer a brief explanation of this ancient practice, what the Breviary is, and why the Church has prayed in this way since the very beginning.

The Liturgy of the Hours, also known as the Breviary, is a series of prayers centered around the Old Testament Psalms, and prayed five times every day by all priests, nuns, monks, and religious brothers and sisters throughout the world. While lay people are not bound by vows to pray the Breviary daily, it is part of the official prayer of the Church, and thus encouraged for all the faithful. As the Breviary points out, praying in this way “fulfills the Lord’s precept to pray without ceasing, at once offering... praise to God the Father and interceding for the salvation of the world.” This practice of praying several times a day finds its roots in Ancient Judaism, where faithful Jews to this day stop what they are doing to pray throughout the day. Our Lord Himself and all the Apostles would have also carried out this religious practice, so the Church sees the Liturgy of the Hours as yet another way we can imitate Christ, in His prayer to the Father.

Finally, the tradition of the Church has given us the Breviary as a way of sanctifying each day and making it holy, as we take a moment to invite God into the picture, into whatever we might be doing at that moment, to praise Him for His goodness and to ask for His continued help. The Liturgy of the Hours is a beautiful way in which the members of the Church are able to be united in prayer throughout the world, so we invite you all to join us in the days and weeks to come, praying Morning Prayer together before each of our daily morning Masses.

Seminarian Jim Craig

St. Albert the Great & St. Maria Faustina Kowalska

St. Albert the Great (1206 – November 15, 1280) Feast Day Nov. 15

Albert the Great was a 13th-century German Dominican who decisively influenced the Church's stance toward Aristotelian philosophy brought to Europe by the spread of Islam. Students of philosophy know him as the master of Thomas Aquinas. Albert deserves recognition on his own merits as a curious, honest, and diligent scholar. He was educated in the liberal arts. His boundless interests prompted him to write a compendium of all knowledge: natural science, logic, rhetoric, mathematics, astronomy, ethics, economics, politics, and metaphysics. His explanation of learning took 20 years to complete. "Our intention," he said, "is to make all the aforesaid parts of knowledge intelligible to the Latins." He achieved his goal while serving as an educator at Paris and Cologne, as Dominican provincial, and even as bishop of Regensburg for a short time. He defended the mendicant orders and preached the Crusade in Germany and Bohemia. St. Albert, a Doctor of the Church, is the patron saint of scientists and philosophers.

St. Maria Faustina Kowalska (August 25, 1905 – October 5, 1938) Feast Day Oct. 5

Saint Faustina's name is forever linked to the annual feast of the Divine Mercy, the Divine Mercy chaplet, and the Divine Mercy prayer recited each day at 3 p.m. by many people. Born in what is now west-central Poland, Helena Kowalska was the third of 10 children. She worked as a housekeeper in three cities before joining the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in 1925. She worked as a cook, gardener and porter generously serving the needs of the sisters and the local people, Sister Faustina also had a deep interior life. This included receiving revelations from the Lord Jesus, messages that she recorded in her diary at the request of Christ and of her confessors. At a time when some Catholics had an image of God as such a strict judge that they might be tempted to despair about the possibility of being forgiven, Jesus chose to emphasize his mercy and forgiveness for sins acknowledged and confessed. *"I do not want to punish aching mankind,"* he once told Saint Faustina, *"but I desire to heal it, pressing it to my merciful heart."* The two rays emanating from Christ's heart, she said, represent the blood and water poured out after Jesus' death. Because Sister Maria Faustina knew that the revelations she had already received did not constitute holiness itself, she wrote in her diary: *"Neither graces, nor revelations, nor raptures, nor gifts granted to a soul make it perfect, but rather the intimate union of the soul with God. These gifts are merely ornaments of the soul, but constitute neither its essence nor its perfection. My sanctity and perfection consist in the close union of my will with the will of God."* Sister Maria Faustina died of tuberculosis in Krakow, Poland, on October 5, 1938. Pope John Paul II beatified her in 1993, and canonized her seven years later.



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