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Welcome to Most Precious Blood Parish! To register, please go to http://mpbchurch.org or come to the Church office.



3rd Sunday Ordinary Time

He said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed him. Matthew 4:19-20

"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 8:00 am 10:30 am 12:30 pm 7:30 pm

8:30 am & 6:00 pm Weekday Masses: Mon. - Fri. Sat. 8:30 am Holy Day Masses: 6:00 pm

8:30 am, 12:30 & 6:00 pm Holy Day 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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Contact the Church Office 3 weeks before Baptism Baptism: Confessions: Daily, 30 minutes prior to each Mass Call the Church at least 6 months before marriage. Marriages:

### LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Altar Server Coordinator: **Head Cantor:** Associate Cantor: Devotions to St. Jude:

Carlos Ramirez Lisa Gonzalez-Saenz Sarah Garcia Monday-Thursday 5:00pm Alice Polansky

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Extra Ordinary Eucharistic Ministers:

Deacon Mark Cazalas Derrick Seidenberg Organists: Marty Wind Ushers: Sonny Gamez

### CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Principal: Nelda Bazan

### **FAITH FORMATION** & DISCIPLESHIP

Tina Villegas Dir:

Sunday 8:30 am RE Classes: K - 5th Grades 6th - 8th Grades Monday 6:00 pm

JrCDA: Julia Alaniz Young Adult/Youth Ministry: Carlos Ramirez Youth Ministry: Fr. RJ Regalado Quinceañeras Tina Villegas Bill Pittaway Scouts:

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dwhite1518@mygrande.net

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Daniel Solis Daniel Solis Mary Esther Garza Rev. Joseph Lopez Irma Garcia Rev. Joseph Lopez Carrie Bryson

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### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday, January 21

### Sunday, January 22

12:30PM ⊕Rolando Saenz by Family

7:30PM MPB Parishioners

### Monday, January 23

8:30AM & Carlos A. Flores by Robert & Evelyn Flores

⊕Mary Adame by Cookie Adame & Family

PRonald D. Flores by Josie Castillo

⊕Mai Nguyen by L. Nguyen

⊕Judy Woerner by Randy & Sophie Farrar

⊕Pat & Fernando Montez by Family

6:00PM Alma Caso by Joel Dominguez

### Tuesday, January 24

8:30AM ⊕Aaron Adame by Cookie Adame & Family 6:00PM Mary West by Robert & Evelyn Flores

### Wednesday, January 25

8:30AM Emanuel Moreno, Birthday by M/M Ernest Moreno

### Thursday, January 26

8:30AM Powell Families by John Powell

#### Friday, January 27

**†Emilia M. Gomez by Rosie San Miguel** 

⊕Son Nguyen by L. Nguyen

**†Sylvia Garcia by Mike & Alma Ornelas** 

⊕Walter Stahl by Lynn Dornbusch

Thanksgiving to St. Jude by Adela Salazar

6:00PM & Marco A. Aguiirre by Sylvia Perez

#### Saturday, January 28

8:30AM & Jose T. Gomez by Rosie San Miguel

4:30PM ⊕Ron Flores by Lamarr Graves





### **Religious Education Classes**

Jan 22 - Lifeteen, 6:00pm

Jan 23 - Edge, 6:00pm

Jan 25 - Purpose, 6:30pm

### **MPB Youth Ministry Staff:**

Fr. R.J. Regalado - Director of Youth Ministry
Carlos Roberto Ramirez - Young Adult / Youth Ministry
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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 January 22, 2023 - February 4, 2023

The Church Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in loving memory of Bertha Del Toro by Hansen Family.

The St. Jude Chapel Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in loving memory of Sabas & Guadalupe Hernandez by Family.

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

### Scripture Readings for the Week

**Sunday:** Is 8:23—9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17: Mt 4:12-23 **Monday:** Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Mk 3:22-30 **Tuesday:** Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2 & 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mk 3:31-35 **Wednesday:** Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18 **Thursday:** 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 4:21-25

**Friday:** Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34 **Saturday:** Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75; Mk 4:35-41

Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a



### **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**



### **Blessing of Candles**

On Thursday, February 2, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, the *Blessing of Candles*, will takes place. We invite you to bring your candles from home to have them blessed during Mass.

### **Blessing of Throats**

On Friday, February 3, in honor of St. Blaise, Patron of Those with Throat Diseases, we will be blessing throats during Mass.

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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## 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.



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### Our Parish Activities

Sunday, January 22 8:30AM RCIA C1

8:30AM CGS SMG

6:00PM HS Young Group **GH Monday, January 23** 

6:00PM Edge **GH Tuesday, January 24** 

Wednesday, January 25

6:30PM Purpose **GH** 7:00PM KC Officers **C1** 

Thursday, January 26 7:00PM Real Men's Group SMG

8:00PM AA **C2** 

Friday, January 27

Saturday, January 28

Sunday, January 29

8:30AM RCIA **C1** 8:30AM CGS **SMG** 

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:

Ricardo Hernandez, Ramirez Family, Diego Contreras, Norma Villarreal, Nelda Reyes, Kimberly Nicole 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.

### Texas Rally for Life

The Office of Youth Ministry is hosting a pilgrimage to the Texas Rally for Life scheduled for Saturday, January 28, 2023, in Austin, Texas. This will be the first Texas Rally for Life since the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade on June 24, 2022, returning the power to legislate abortion to the state. Online registration is available for individuals and families. For more information, please contact Heath Garcia at HGarcia@diocesecc.org or 361-882-6191 ext. 687.

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



Raquel Figueroa Rosie Viveros Clotilde Arispe Indalecio Vela, Jr. Amelia Rangel Guillermo Gonzalez John Henry Cardiel Amethyst Silva

Eternal rest grant unto them, Oh Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in Peace.

Amen.



## Silver & Gold Wedding Anniversary Mass

Those blessed by celebrating 25 or 50 years of Sacramental Marriage in 2023 are invited to attend a special Mass celebrated by Bishop Mulvey

Sunday, February 12, 2023 at 9:30am Corpus Christi Cathedral 505 N. Upper Broadway

A light reception will follow in St. Joseph's Hall. Please submit registration by February 3, 2023 at diocesecc.org/anniversarymassregistration or RSP to Heath Garcia at 361.882.6191 ext. 687.

### **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! Cojurse workbook is \$40. Contact Jim Bunting for more details, or email MPBRealMen@yahoo.com



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### Glad you can join us!

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

### **One Minute Meditations**

### A kinder, gentler you

Kindness is contagious. A recent study found that witnessing an act of kindness produces good feelings and inspires imitation. In the new year, make efforts to be kinder – more friendly, generous, and considerate – and inspire others to do the same.

### Choose not to be offended

In the news or on social media, it can appear that there is more polarization around issues now than in the past. Each side wants to persuade the other. Being right is no compensation for broken friendships, however. If there is someone in your life who deliberately pursues you to argue, don't take the bait. Rather than let arguments create a rift, look the other way when feeling slighted. Being kind is more rewarding than being right.

"I have told you this that you might have peace in me. In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world" (John 16:33).

### Fall deeper in love with Christ in the New Year

At the center of all we do as Catholics must be a close and personal relationship with Jesus. He offers to each of us a deep, intimate, "I love you forever" kind of relationship. Make time to fall deeper in love with Christ:

T-Talk: Prayer is an amazing privilege.
Through it, we have an open invitation: "Call

open invitation: "Call to me, and I will answer you" (Jeremiah 33:3). We have a promise that He hears us: "When you call me, and come and pray to me, I will

listen to you" (Jeremiah 29:12). The God of the universe wants to hear from you.

I-Intimacy: To love Christ, we must know Him. In Scripture, God tells us who He is (Exodus 34:6), how He feels about us (Isaiah 43:4), what He desires for us (Luke 12:32), and how being His will make us happy (Matthew 5-7). Make Scripture a part of every day.

M-Meet Him: Relationships grow through shared experiences. We meet Jesus in prayer, Scripture, the Sacraments, and

Mass.

E-Everything for love: St.

Thérèse of
Lisieux
discovered that she could

above all, during the

delight God by simply picking up a pin out of love. He wants to hear us, His beloveds, say, "I love you, too," in words and actions. Essential to falling in love with God is making time for Him.

### Why Do Catholics Do That

# Why do Catholics believe things that aren't in the Bible?

Catholics recognize the Bible as the inspired, inerrant Word of God, and we reject beliefs that contradict Scripture.
Long before the Gospels were written down, the Apostles passed on to their disciples all that Jesus taught and did. This

is what we call, "Tradition," or what was "handed on." Not everything that was handed on could be written down. It was impossible to include everything Jesus did (John 21:25).

Catholic beliefs don't depart from Scripture, but delve deeper into it.

### Make one change for God this year

When making New Year's resolutions this year, consider one change that will bring you closer to God. Here are some ideas other Catholics have used to strengthen prayer, serve the poor, and evangelize our

Laura felt her prayer life growing stale, so when her parish asked for adorers for the perpetual adoration chapel, she jumped at the chance. Now, Mondays at midnight, Laura can be found in the presence of the Eucharist. She said, "I really look forward to my peaceful hour each week. It's just me and Him."

Peter's law practice is incredibly busy, but he takes an afternoon off every month to work at the local soup kitchen serving hot meals to the homeless and working poor. When asked why, he said, "Jesus said, 'When I was hungry, you gave me to eat." JoAnn's children are grown, yet she teaches a

religious education class at her parish. "What better way to spread our faith than to children? That's where I can do the most good," she said.

### from cripture

### Matthew 5:1-12a, Jesus' blueprint for holiness

This passage contains the Sermon on the Mount during which Jesus detailed the Beatitudes - the attitudes we need to be truly holy, and therefore happy. In fact, "beatitude" is translated from the Greek word for happiness. Jesus was saying, "Happy are you!" or "Congratulations!" if you live by these attitudes.

When Jesus said, "blessed are the poor in spirit ... blessed are they who mourn ... the persecuted" He promised that when we turn to God in times of trial, we will be comforted and cared for. When He said, "Blessed are the pure in heart ... those who hunger and thirst for righteousness," He was showing us that a holy heart will receive what it

desires. When He described "the meek ... the merciful ... the peacemakers," He gave us a blueprint for how to act.

We can measure our behavior against these standards. When we are faithful to God in tempting moments, and translate holy inner attitudes

into outward actions, we'll know we're on the right path to holiness. When we live by the Beatitudes, we'll be truly happy.

(1918). St. Marianne began religious

life as an educator in New York schools,

and later became a nurse. In 1883, she

helped St. Damien de Veuster serve the

he persecuted the Christians until Jesus

leper colonies of Hawaii, continuing

### What qualities can I pursue to make me a better follower of Jesus?

Actually, when you were baptized, made your First Communion, or got Confirmed, the Holy Spirit conferred gifts to help you grow in strength and holiness. Recognizing these gifts and

nurturing them will certainly make you a better Christian.

Wisdom: This gift helps us stay focused on God's will and His plan for us.

Understanding: Lets us grasp truths. It means seeing with the heart and the mind.

Counsel: Also called "right judgment," counsel enables us to weigh alternatives to make the right choice.

Fortitude: The ability to remain firm against pressure. (Also called courage.)

Knowledge: A person with knowledge sees more than one dimension of an issue to determine the right path.

Piety: Helps us think of ourselves as children of God and be eager to serve Him.

Fear of the Lord: The wonder and awe God inspires encourages us to respect Him and all his creations.

The more you use these gifts, the more you will grow in faith and holiness. Then you will certainly become a better Christian.

### his work after his death. January 25 - Conversion of St. Paul (1st Century). Formally called "Saul",

appeared to him on the road to Damascus, saying, "I am Jesus,

(Acts 9:5). After that, Saul became Paul and traveled around the known world, preaching the

whom you are persecuting" Faith.



January 2 - St. Gregory Nazianzen (389). Known as "The Theologian" for his faithfulness and eloquence, St. Gregory was unwillingly made Bishop of Sasima. He worked to clarify the Church's teachings about the Holy Trinity.

January 16 - St. Berard and Companions (1220). St. Francis of Assisi sent St. Berard and his companions to evangelize in the Muslim territories. After being arrested in Morocco, they were martyred after refusing to stop preaching and renounce their Faith.

January 23 - St. Marianne Cope

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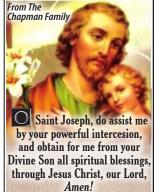
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