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## Newcomers

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

Come, let us adore Him.

> "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 Deacons:

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## SACRAMENTS

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**

Carlos Ramirez

**Head Cantor:** Lisa Gonzalez-Saenz Associate Cantor: Sarah Garcia Devotions to St. Jude: Monday-Thursday 5:00pm **Eucharistic Adoration:** Alice Polansky 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:

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

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

Special Events: Rick & Esther Rodriguez Jim Bunting Real Men: RCIA: John & Debbie White

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Deacon Ken Bockholt

Deacon Frank Newchurch Deacon David Castillo Alan & Deb Morgan Homebound Ministry: Hospital Ministry: Palms Nursing Home: Flsa Canales Alan & Deb Morgan Spiritual Direction:

Mother Teresa Shelter: Part-Time Counselor: Maria Escobar Jenny Allen Hands of Jesus:

## **ORGANIZATIONS PARISH**

Catholic Daughters: Maria Escobar Knights of Columbus: Daniel Solis Knights-4th Degree: Daniel Solis Our Lady of Guadalupe: Mary Esther Garza Parish Council: Rev. Joseph Lopez Plant Improvement Board: Eloy Ozuna Sewing Angels: Irma Garcia Vocations Awareness: Rev. Joseph Lopez Women's Council: Carrie Bryson Companions in Christ: Adriana Livas



## Mass Intentions

## Saturday, January 7

4:30PM ⊕Ron Flores by Lamarr Graves

## Sunday, January 8

8:00AM Rick Elizondo by Fierova Family

10:30AM MPB Parishioners

7:30PM Petra A. Rivera by Lydia Garcia

## Monday, January 9

8:30AM Patricia Aguilo Iby Adolfo Aguilo

Erich Kerr by Corey Kerr \$\Psi\$Jesse Vasquez by Family

⊕Ronald D. Flores by Jose & Fela Silva

⊕Raphael Nguyen by L. Nguyen

## Tuesday, January 10

## Wednesday, January 11

6:00PM ⊕Duong Nguyen by L. Nguyen

## Thursday, January 12

8:30AM †Norma Fritsch by Elvin Fritsch, Sr.

6:00PM Powell Families by John Powell

## Friday, January 13

Vince Villa, Birthday by Family 50th Anniversary by Anonymous

⊕Eloy Rodriguez, Jr. by Anita Castillo

Abranita (Brine) Elizarraraz by Maria Aguirre Thanksgiving to St. Anthony by Lydia Garcia

6:00PM ⊕Mau Nguyen by L. Nguyen

## Saturday, January 14

8:30AM & Jesse Vasquez by Family

4:30PM ⊕Ron Flores by Lamarr Graves





## **Religious Education Classes**

Jan 8 - NO Lifeteen, 6:00pm

Jan 9 - NO Edge, 6:00pm

Jan 11 - 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

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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 8, 2023 - January 21, 2023

The Church Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in for 50th Anniversary by Annoymous.

The St. Jude Chapel Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in loving memory of Amy DeLeon Medina by Ida DeLeon.

The Adoration Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for Healing of Matthew Carvalheira by Family.

## Scripture Readings for the Week

**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 **Monday:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10; Mt 3:13-17

**Tuesday**: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab & 5, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 1:21-28 **Wednesday**: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 1:29-39 **Thursday**: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11; Mk 1:40-45 **Friday**: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3 & 4bc, 6c-7, 8; Mk 2:1-12

**Saturday:** Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mk 2:13-17

**Sunday:** Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34



## The Epiphany of the Lord



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

Trinidad Infante Guadalupe Cantu Tomasa Dominguez Irma Rodriguez

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

The Coastal Bend Blood Bank will be here with their Bloodmobile on **January 15**, **2023** from 9:00am - 2:00pm. The Bloodmobile will be located in front of the St. Juliana Family Center.



## 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.

## Epiphany Sunday

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## Our Parish Activities

Sunday, January 8

8:30AM NO RCIA C1 8:30AM NO CGS SMG

2:00PM Baptism Class C

6:00PM NO HS Young Group GH

Monday, January 9

6:00PM NO Edge **GH Tuesday, January 10** 

Wednesday, January 11

6:30PM NO Purpose **GH** 6:30PM Women's Council **C2** 

7:00PM KC Council C1

Thursday, January 12

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

Friday, January 13

Saturday, January 14

Sunday, January 15

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

2:00PM Baptism 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:

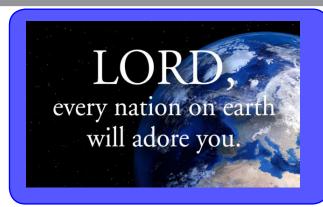
Ricardo Hernandez, Ramirez Family, Diego Contreras, Norma Villarreal and for the intentions of all those who have asked us to pray for healing and their special needs.



## **Eucharistic Adoration**

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

Jan 17, 2023 at 6:30pm in the Hall Jan 19, 2023 at 6:30pm in the Hall

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.



## Epiphany of the Lord January 8, 2023

The word "epiphany" comes from the Greek epiphainen, a verb that means "to shine upon," "to manifest," or "to make known." Thus, the feast of the Epiphany celebrates the many ways that Christ has made Himself known to the world, mainly the three events that manifested the mission and divinity of Christ: the visit of the Magi (Matthew 2:1-12), the baptism of Jesus (Mark 1:9-11), and the miracle at Cana (John 2:1-11).

## **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! Coiurse 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. Teresa of Avila & St. Thomas Aguinas

## Saint Teresa of Avila (March 28, 1515 - October 4, 1582) Feast Day Oct. 15

Teresa Sanchez Cepeda Davila y Ahumada was born in the Castilian city of Avila on March 28. 1515. As a child, Teresa felt captivated by the thought of eternity and the vision of God granted to the saints in heaven. When Teresa was 14, her mother died, causing a profound grief that prompted her to embrace a deeper devotion to the Virgin Mary as her spiritual mother. She joined the Carmelite Order but soon developed a serious illness that forced her to return home. She insisted on returning to the Carmelite monastery even though she remained in a painful and debilitated state. As her health returned, Teresa lapsed into a more routine prayer life. At nearly 40, Teresa found herself dramatically called back to the practice of contemplative mental prayer. She experienced profound changes within her own soul, and remarkable visions that seemed to come from God. Teresa had always been accustomed to contemplate Christ's presence within her after receiving him in the sacrament of Holy Communion. Teresa played a significant role in the renewal of the Church that followed the Council of Trent. She proposed a return of the Carmelites to their original rule of life, founded on silence and solitude. Together with the priest and writer later canonized as Saint John of the Cross, she founded what is known today as the Order of Discalced Carmelites – "discalced," meaning barefoot, symbolizing the simplicity to which they chose Teresa's health failed her for the last time while she was traveling through Salamanca in 1582. She was canonized on March 22, 1622, along with three of her greatest contemporaries: St. Ignatius Loyola, St. Francis Xavier, and St. Philip Neri. Her writings, especially the Way of Perfection and The Interior Castle, have helped generations of believers. In 1970, the Church gave her the title she had long held in the popular mind: Doctor of the Church along with 14th century Dominican St. Catherine of Siena. She is the patron saint of relief from headaches.

## St. Thomas Aquinas (1225 – March 7, 1274) Feast Day Jan. 28

He is one of the great teachers of the medieval Catholic Church, honored with the titles Doctor of the Church and Angelic Doctor. At five he was given to the Benedictine monastery at Monte Cassino. In 1239, he was sent to Naples to complete his studies. It was here that he was first attracted to Aristotle's philosophy. By 1243, Thomas joined the Dominicans, he went to Paris and then to Cologne, where he finished his studies with Albert the Great. He held two professorships at Paris, lived at the court of Pope Urban IV, directed the Dominican schools at Rome and Viterbo. His greatest contribution to the Catholic Church is his writings. He was broad enough, deep enough, to see the whole natural order as coming from God the Creator, and to see reason as a divine gift to be highly cherished. The *Summa Theologiae*, his last and, unfortunately, uncompleted work, deals with the whole of Catholic theology. He stopped work on it after celebrating Mass on December 6, 1273. When asked why he stopped writing, he replied, "I cannot go on.... All that I have written seems to me like so much straw compared to what I have seen and what has been revealed to me." He died March 7, 1274. He is patron saint of Catholic Colleges and Universities, Educators/Teachers, Philosophers/Theologians and students.



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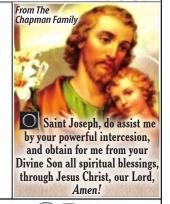
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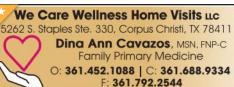
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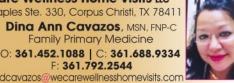
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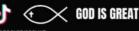
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