THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

The water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.



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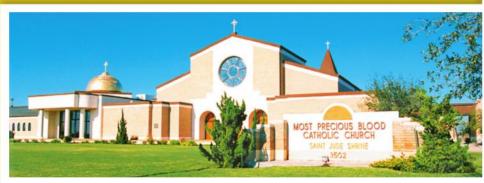
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to the
Father,
the Son,
and the
Holy
Spirit:
To God
who is,
who was
and
who is

to come."



LITURGY

 Sunday Masses:
 Sat. Vigil
 4:30 pm

 Sunday
 8:00 am

 10:30 am
 12:30 pm

 7:30 pm
 7:30 pm

 Weekday Masses:
 Mon. – Fri.
 8:30 am & 6

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 Mon. – Fri. Sat.
 8:30 am & 6:00 pm

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 8:30 am

 Holy Day Masses:
 Vigil
 6:00 pm

St. Jude Gift Shop: Holy Day 8:30 am, 12:30 & 6:00 pm
Thurs & Fri. 10:00 am-5:00 pm & 30 min. before & after Sunday Masses

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 6th – 8th Grades
 Monday 6:00 pm

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 11

8:30AM &Ortiz, Avalos, Vasquez Families by Family

4:30PM ⊕Ron Flores by Mrs. Lamarr Graves

Sunday, March 12

10:30AM MPB Parishioners

12:30PM ⊕Rolando Saenz by Family

Monday, March 13

⊕Maria J. Rivera by Lydia Garcia
 Powell Families by John Powell
 ⊕Am Nguyen by L. Nguyen

Gloria Montalvo by Family

Lynn Dornbusch by Nathan Bomba

6:00PM ⊕Maria Montez by Family

Tuesday, March 14

6:00PM ⊕Son Nguyen by L. Nguyen

Wednesday, March 15

8:30AM ⊕Fr. Peter O'Rourke, OFM by Yen Khang Van

6:00PM ⊕Andrew Miles by L. Nguyen

Thursday, March 16

Friday, March 17

⊕Juan Martinez by Hortencia Martinez

⊕Bang Nguyen by L, Nguyen ⊕Joe Benavides by Judy Aguirre ⊕Inez Trujillo by Alfred & Fela Silva

6:00PM Powell Families by John Powell

Saturday, March 18

4:30PM ⊕Ron Flores by Mrs. Lamarr Graves



Religious Education Classes

Mar 12 - NO Lifeteen, 6:00pm

Mar 13 - NO Edge, 6:00pm

Mar 15 - NO 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 **March 14** with Episode
6. 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 March 5, 2023 - March 18, 2023

The Church Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in loving memory of Amy DeLeon Medina by Children.

The St. Jude Chapel Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for the Powell Families by John Powell.

The Adoration Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in loving memory of Albert Ramones by Family.

Scripture Readings for the Week

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 & 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35 **Wednesday**: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-8a 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 & 17; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41



Third 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 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 18, 25 in the St. Juliana Family Center from 10am - 12pm.



The Parish Office will be closed on

March 17 and 20, in observance of St. Patrick and St. Joseph.

Regular hours will resume Tuesday, 8am -5pm and Saturday, 9am - 2pm.

Stations of the Cross



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



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le extend our sympathy and prayers to the family of our deceased brother and sister:

Oralia Estringel Ernesto Portales

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



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Our Parish Activities

Sunday, March 12

8:30AM RCIA C1

8:30AM NO CGS SMG 2:00PM Baptism Class C

6:00PM NO HS Young Group GH

Monday, March 13

6:00PM NO Edge GH

Tuesday, March 14

7:00PM Young Adults **SMG**

Wednesday, March 15

6:30PM NO Purpose GH

7:00PM CDA **C2**

7:00PM KC Assembly C1

Thursday, March 16

7:00PM Real Men's Group SMG

8:00PM AA C2

Friday, March 17

6:30PM Stations C

Saturday, March 18 10:00AM Lenten Meditations GH

Sunday, March 19

8:30AM RCIA **C1**

8:30AM NO CGS SMG

2:00AM Baptism 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:

Oscar Alcocer, Richard Alcocer, Jorge Alcocer, Elena Alcocer, Steven Hemmings, Kimberly Nicole, Ramirez Family, Olga Pena, Nancy Liteofsky, Michael Vargas, Jr., Domingo Reyna, Sr., Anna Martinez, Manuel Dominguez, James Flores, Amanda Bazan, Mary Rios, Lorenzo Meave 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.



We Extend a Warm Welcome to Our New Parishioners:

Marc & Sara Martinez
Joe & Monica Rios
Carmen Sanchez
Dylan & Micaela Tiemann

God bless you as you join our community of faith at Most Precious Blood Catholic Church.

CMSE Training

In person **CMSE** training for adults will be held on March 30 at 6:45pm in the St. Juliana Family Center.

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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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.

MPB School Registration is NOW OPEN!

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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.



SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

(MARCH 19)

In the Catholic Church, we have been celebrating the Solemnity of St. Joseph since the 10th century. However, it wasn't until the Middle Ages that the St. Joseph Altar was introduced to our tradition.

In Sicily, where Saint Joseph is regarded by many as their patron saint, and in many Italian-American communities, thanks are given to Saint Joseph (*San Giuseppe* in Italian) for preventing a famine in Sicily during the Middle Ages.

There was a severe drought at the time, and the people prayed for their patron saint to bring them rain. They promised that if God answered their prayers through St. Joseph's intercession, they would prepare a large feast to honor him. The rain did come, and the people of Sicily prepared a large banquet for their patron saint. The fava bean was the crop which saved the population from starvation because it was the only food that survived the drought.

Therefore, the fava bean is a traditional part of Saint Joseph's Day altars and traditions. It is a well-known practice that St. Joseph devotees will place a blessed fava bean in their pantry to ensure that they will always have food and place a fava bean in their wallet or purse to ensure that they will always have money 'in their pocket' to provide for their family's needs.

In some communities it is traditional to wear red clothing and eat a Neapolitan pastry known as a *zeppola* (created in 1840 by Don Pasquale Pinatauro in Napoli) on Saint Joseph's Day.

Upon a typical Saint Joseph's Day altar, people place flowers, limes, candles, wine, fava beans, specially prepared cakes, breads, and cookies. Traditionally, the altar will have three tiers, to represent the Holy Trinity.

The first St. Joseph Altar set up on the Island of Sicily was a small one, of course. But as time went on and the tradition took hold, the flamboyant nature and creative spirit of the Italians caused the altars to grow larger and more ornate.

Though Sicilian immigrants introduced the custom to America, the celebration is not confined to any nationality.

Rather, it has become a public event which its devoted participants embrace for a host of private and personal reasons. The feast is alternately a source of petition and thanksgiving.

Many families believe that having a St. Joseph Altar can bring many blessings. And it is common to hear stories about favors received (a loved one's recovery from an illness, for example), which are in turn attributed to the family's dedication to St. Joseph.

St. Joseph's Feast Day is a tradition that centers on the entire family.

Whether a St. Joseph Altar is an elaborate display at an elegant church or a humble table in a modest home, it is a reflection of deep devotion to St. Joseph, the patron of husbands, fathers, carpenters, labor workers, and for a happy death.

After many centuries, the St. Joseph Altar still serves as a reminder that those who have enjoyed some measure of God's blessings must share it with those who have less.

This year, because March 19th falls on a Sunday, the solemnity of St. Joseph will be celebrated on Monday, March 20th.

Schedule of events at Most Precious Blood for the Solemnity of St. Joseph:

March 12 - 20: 9 day Novena of St. Joseph March 20: Confessions 8am

> 8:30am MASS & Blessing of St. Joseph Altar 9am – 6pm Personal visits to the St. Joseph Altar

> > This will be an opportunity for people to come to the church, visit the decorated St. Joseph Altar, write down personal petitions that will be

offered

Confessions 5pm

6pm **MASS**

ST. JOSEPH NOVENA PRAYER



I greet you, St. Joseph. You are the faithful protector and intercessor of all who love and venerate you. You know that I have special confidence in you and that, after Jesus and Mary; I place all my hope of salvation in you, for you are especially powerful with God and will never abandon your faithful servants.

Therefore, I humbly invoke you and commend myself, with all who are dear to me and all that belongs to me, to your intercession. I beg of you, by your love for Jesus and Mary, not to abandon me during life and to assist me at the hour of my death.

O glorious Saint Joseph, spouse of the Immaculate Virgin, obtain for me a pure, humble, and charitable mind and perfect resignation to the divine Will. Be my guide and my model through life that I may merit to die as you did in the arms of Jesus and Mary.

Loving Saint Joseph, I raise my heart to you and implore your powerful intercession in obtaining from the Divine Heart of Jesus all the graces necessary for my spiritual and temporal welfare, particularly the grace of a happy death, and the special favor I now ask: (Mention your request silently)

Guardian of the Word Incarnate, I am confident that your prayers on my behalf will be graciously heard before the throne of God. Amen.

The recitation of this novena prayer begins on March 12th (for nine consecutive days) ending on March 20th (the Solemnity of St. Joseph, husband of Mary) Those that participate in this novena prayer receive a plenary indulgence.



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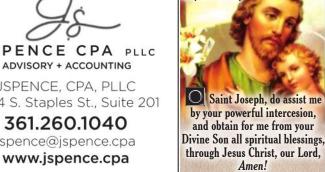
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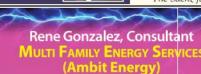


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