

Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish

*A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust and Roman Catholic Parish celebrating the Mass in the Extraordinary Form
Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest*

**Octave of Christmas
January 1, A.D. 2023**

Mass Schedule

Sundays: 8am, 11am
Monday: 12 Noon
Tuesday: 12 Noon & 7pm
Wednesday through Friday: 12 Noon
1st Friday of Month: 12 Noon & 7pm
Saturday: 9am

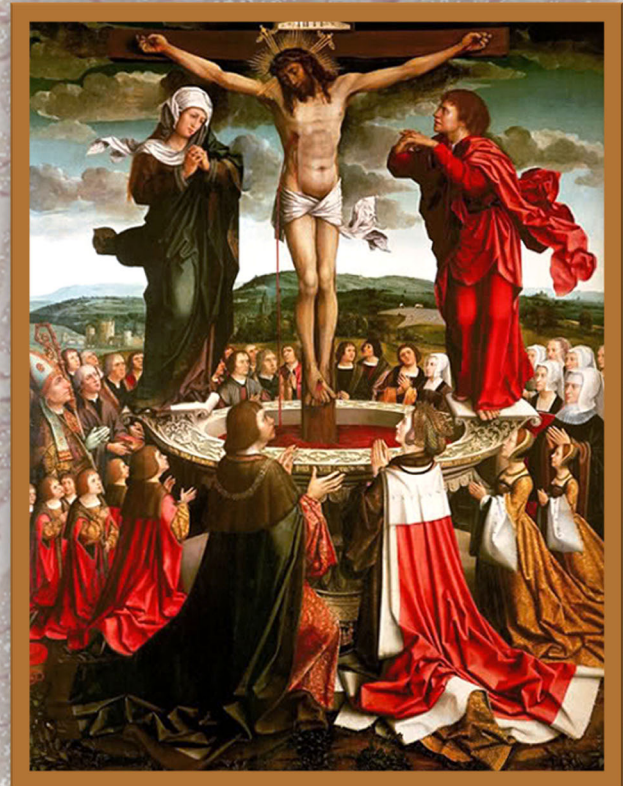
Confession Schedule

Sundays: 7-8am; 10-11am
Monday-Friday: 11:15-11:45am
Tuesdays: also 6:15-6:45pm
Saturday: 8-8:45am

*Please consult the weekly bulletin for modifications to the schedule.
For Baptisms, Marriages, Visitation of the sick, Funerals, or Registration
as a parishioner, please contact the Parish Office.*

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Pennsylvania Childline (report suspected child abuse)
1-800-932-0313
Protection of Children and Youth (diocesan office)
1-888-808-1235



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Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 1, 2023 *Happy New Year!*

Christmas Octave, 1st Class—White

8AM *Pro populo*
 11AM + Francis & Mary Josephine Pavlick
 (Anthony T. Gionta)

Monday, January 2, 2023

Holy Name of Jesus, 2nd Class—White

12PM Our Children & Godchildren (D'Souza Family)

Tuesday, January 3, 2023

Votive Mass of St. John, 4th Class—White

12PM + Ivan & Maria Kukovica (M. Warner)
 7PM + Mary Beth Probst (Bob Pacacha)

Wednesday, January 4, 2023

Votive Mass of the Holy Innocents, 4th Class—Red

12PM + William Ferraro (Zigarovich Family)

Thursday, January 5, 2023 *First Thursday*

V. M. of Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest, 3rd Class—White

Commemoration of St. Telephorus

12PM Eleanor Zorich (Piper Kotwica)

Friday, January 6, 2023 *First Friday*

Epiphany of the Lord, 1st Class—White

12PM Charles & Geraldine Amrhein (daughter, Donna)
 7PM Living & Deceased members of the Kotwica Family
 (Piper Kotwica)

Saturday, January 7, 2023 *First Saturday*

Votive Mass of the Immaculate Heart, 3rd Class—White

9AM Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of the Farah Children
 (Anthony & Heather Farah)

Sunday, January 8, 2023

Holy Family, 2nd Class—White

8AM *Pro populo*
 11AM + George "Skip" Bradburn (Michael Bradburn)

Our Weekly Offerings

Due to the early submission of this bulletin, the donations for Sunday, December 25, 2022, will be reported in the next bulletin.

Sunday, December 18, 2022

Offertory	\$13,490.29
Parish Share	\$390.00
Parish Improvements	\$600.00
ICRSS—Shrine	\$320.00
Christmas Flowers	\$439.00

Faith Direct Report (November 15—30, 2022)

Offertory	\$13,549.00
Parish Share	\$1,035.00
Parish Improvement	\$753.00
Food Pantry	\$240.00
Christmas Charities for Children & Youth	\$107.00
Christmas Flowers	\$184.00

On Line Contributions

The parish utilizes Faith Direct for on-line donations, which can be made directly from your bank account or credit card. If interested in making donations in this manner, please visit <https://membership.faithdirect.net/PA678> or call 866-507-8757.

Parish Office Closed

The parish office will be closed on Monday, January 2nd, for the New Year holiday.

Please Patronize the Advertisers in our Bulletin. Their support allows us to provide this service. Interested in Advertising in our Bulletin? Call 1-800-945-6629.

Parish Notices

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS—Requests for proposed **bulletin announcements** must be submitted in writing to the Parish office ten days in advance of publication.

PARISH NEWS—The parish uses **Flocknote** to circulate news and information. If you'd like to sign up, please text MPBOJ to 84576 from your cell phone and follow the instructions.

MASS INTENTIONS—The **Parish Mass Intention Registry** is currently closed. Mass intentions are accepted during specific periods throughout the calendar year, with each period announced in the bulletin, in advance of the request period. Instructions and forms are made available at that time.

PARISHIONER MATERIALS—At the Church entrances, there are racks containing church forms, reading materials, and prayer cards. Please feel free to take what you need, but do not leave your own materials without permission from Canon Avis. Parish events are also publicized on the bulletin boards in the side entrance and the narthex. If you are involved in an event that you would like to publicize, please provide a copy of the poster/notice to Canon Avis for permission to post.

Group News

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS—meets every first Saturday of the month, beginning with the 9 am Mass. The next meeting is Saturday, January 7, 2023. All adult women are welcome. Please contact christianmothers@mpboj.com for more information.

SURSUM CORDA (Young Adult Group)—Open to all young adults ages 18 to 35. Sursum Corda meets monthly, as announced in the bulletin. To sign up for event emails, text the word Corda to 84576. For more information please email sursumcorda@mpboj.com.

Institute Calendars

The 2023 Institute of Christ the King calendars are available at both entrances of the church. Please feel free to take a copy home with you. Although the calendars are free, if you wish to make a donation, you may utilize the Benedictus donation box at the side entrance.

Champagne Toast

We're celebrating the New Year with a champagne toast! Please plan to join us today after the 11 am High Mass in the school building gym. Felix Annus Novus!



Christmas Blessings

Canon Bourgeois and I thank you for all of your gifts, cards, and prayerful intercessions during this joyous season of the Nativity of Our Lord. May the Christ Child bless you for your thoughtfulness and please be assured of our continued prayers for all of you.

In Christo Rege et Maria,
Canon Avis



Holy Hour of Adoration

In the spirit of being with Our Lord during His Agony in the Garden, there will be a Holy Hour of Adoration in reparation for sins committed against the Most Blessed Sacrament on **Thursday, January 12th, at 8pm.**



Feast of the Epiphany

From *The Liturgical Year* of Dom Guéranger

The Feast of the Epiphany is the continuation of the mystery of Christmas; but it appears on the Calendar of the Church with its own special character. Its very name, which signifies *Manifestation*, implies that it celebrates the apparition of God to His creatures.



The Epiphany shares with the Feasts of Christmas, Easter, Ascension, and Pentecost, the honor of being called, in the Canon of the Mass, *a Day most holy*. It is also one of the *cardinal Feasts*, that is, one of those on which the arrangement of the Christian Year is based; for, as we have *Sundays after Easter*, and *Sundays after Pentecost*, so also we count six *Sundays after the Epiphany*.

The Epiphany is indeed great Feast, and the joy caused us by the Birth of our Jesus must be renewed on it, for, as though it were a second Christmas Day, it shows us our Incarnate God in a new light. It leaves us all the sweetness of the dear Babe of Bethlehem, who hath *appeared* to us already in love; but to this it adds its own grand *manifestation* of the divinity of our Jesus. At Christmas, it was a few Shepherds that were invited by the Angels to go and recognize THE WORD MADE FLESH; but now, at the Epiphany, the voice of God Himself calls the whole world to *adore* this Jesus, and *hear Him*.

Let us, then, open our hearts to the Joy of this grand Day; and on this Feast of the *Theophany*, of the *Holy Lights*, of the *Three Kings*, let us look with love at the dazzling beauty of our Divine Sun, who, as the Psalmist expresses it [Ps. xviii. 6], runs his course as a Giant, and pours out upon us floods of a welcome and yet most vivid light. The Shepherds, who were called by the Angels to be the first worshippers, have been joined by the Prince of Martyrs, the Beloved Disciple, the dear troop of Innocents, our glorious Thomas of Canterbury, and Sylvester the Patriarch of Peace; and now, to-day, these Saints open their ranks to let the Kings of the East come to the Babe in His crib, bearing with them the prayers and adorations of the whole human race. The humble Stable is too little for such a gathering as this, and Bethlehem seems to be worth all the world besides. Mary, the Throne of the divine Wisdom, welcomes all the members of this court with her gracious smile of Mother and Queen; she offers her Son to man, for his adoration, and to God, that He may be well pleased. God *manifests* Himself to men, because He is great: but He *manifests* Himself by Mary, because He is full of mercy.

If we now come to consider these three mysteries of our Feast separately, we shall find, that the Church of Rome, in her Office and Mass of to-day, is more intent on the Adoration of the Magi than on the Other two. The two great Doctors of the Apostolic See, St. Leo and St. Gregory, in their Homilies for this Feast, take it as the almost exclusive object of their preaching. That the mystery of the Vocation of the Gentiles should be made thus prominent by the Church of Rome, is not to be wondered at; for, by that heavenly vocation which, in the three Magi, called all nations to the admirable light of Faith, Rome, which till then had been the head of the Gentile world, was made the head of the Christian Church and of the whole human race.

The Greek Church makes no special mention, in her Office of

to-day, of the Adoration of the Magi, for she unites it with the mystery of our Savior's Birth in her celebration of Christmas Day. The Baptism of Christ absorbs all her thoughts and praises on the solemnity of the Epiphany.

In the Latin Church, this second mystery of our Feast is celebrated, unitedly with the other two, on the sixth of January, and mention is made of it several times in the Office. But, as the coming of the Magi to the crib of our new-born King absorbs the attention of Christian Rome on this day, the mystery of the sanctification of the waters was to be commemorated on a day apart. The day chosen by the Western Church for paying special honor to the Baptism of our Savior is the Octave of the Epiphany.

The third mystery of the Epiphany being also somewhat kept in the shade by the prominence given to the first, (though allusion is several times made to it in the Office of the Feast,) a special day has been appointed for its due celebration; and that day is the second Sunday after the Epiphany.

Epiphany Water Blessing

On the Vigil of Epiphany (Thursday, January 5th), the Epiphany Water Blessing will take place at 7pm. The water will be provided by the parish, so please bring empty holy water bottles to take Epiphany Water home. The Blessed Water will be available as supplies last.

Blessed Chalk and House Blessings

On the Feast of Epiphany and the following Sunday, blessed chalk will be available in the church entrances along with instructions on how to bless your home with the chalk. If you have blessed chalk from previous years, you can still use it for this year.

New Year Resolution— Register with the Parish

Attending Mass at Most Precious Blood of Jesus parish is certainly a wonderful way to spend your Sunday, but if you want to belong to the parish family, you should consider officially registering as a member. Enrollment in the parish allows you to participate fully with parish life and includes important benefits, such as the ability to receive your sacraments at the parish, obtain a 'letter of good standing' if needed, or requesting an annual itemized statement of your offertory donations. Registration is especially important for children of registered parishioners who turn eighteen, since once you are an adult, you should independently become a member of the parish. Newly married members should also register as a couple with the parish, even if individually registered prior to the wedding. If you are interested in joining the parish family, registration forms can be found in the top shelf of the racks at the entrances to the church. Please consider this important step of commitment to our parish family.

Wisdom of St. Francis de Sales

Let us come close to the crib. If you love riches, you will find the gold that the kings brought; if you are looking for the smoke of honors, you will find that in the incense; and if you take delight in the delicacies of the senses, you will find the delicate perfume of myrrh that pervades the stable. Be rich in love for this adorable Savior, respectful in the familiarity with which you relate to Him, and delight in the joy of experiencing in your soul so many inspirations and affections because you belong exclusively to Him.

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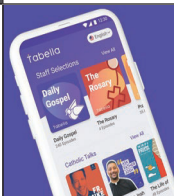


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