



MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

*A Roman Catholic Personal Parish
for the Extraordinary Form
in the Diocese of Pittsburgh.*

Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 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

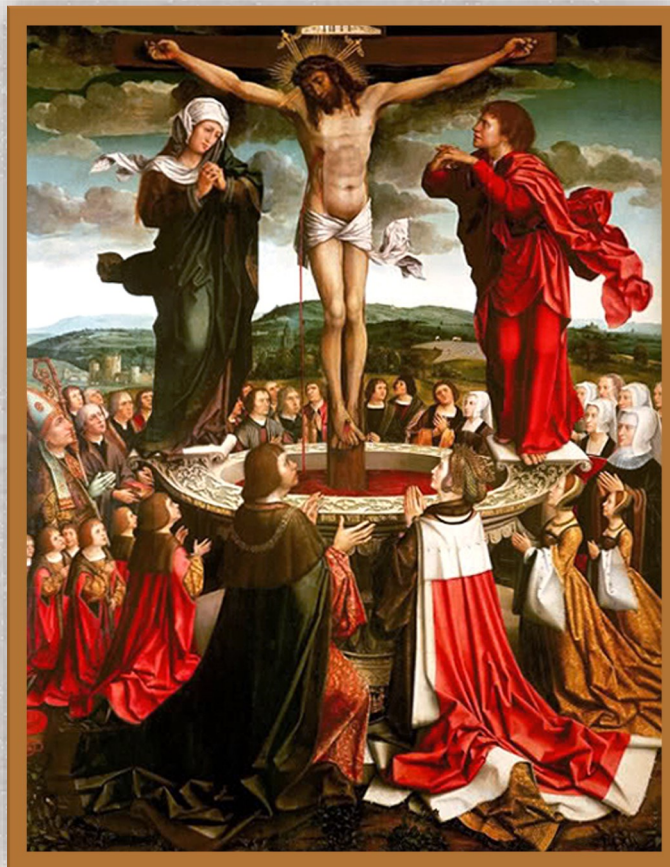
Confession Schedule

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.

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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



Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest

Veritatem Facientes In Caritate—Furthering the Truth in Charity

Liturgical Schedule

Sunday, December 10, 2023

Second Sunday of Advent, 1st Class—Violet

8AM LM *Pro populo*
11AM HM Jack & Mary Lou Aul-37th Wedding Anniversary (Family)

Processional: O Break Ye Clouds (*pg. 80*)

Recessional: The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns (*94*)

Monday, December 11, 2023

St. Damasus, 3rd Class—White*

12 PM LM + Carol O'Rourke (The O'Rourke Family)

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

Our Lady of Guadalupe, White*

12PM LM In Thanksgiving (Jill & George Wright & Family)
7PM LM Rikk Family (Maria Rikk)

Wednesday, December 13, 2023

St. Lucy, 3rd Class—Red*

12PM LM + John G. Redic (Bill & Gerry Redic)

Thursday, December 14, 2023

Rorate Mass—White*

6AM HM For All Our Volunteers at MPBOJ Parish
Advent Feria, 3rd Class—Violet
12PM LM Conversion of Our Families (Dave & Mandy Capan)
8PM Holy Hour of Adoration
9PM Compline

Friday, December 15, 2023

Advent Feria, 3rd Class—Violet

12PM LM + Deceased members of Rattay Family (M/M Joseph Rattay)

Saturday, December 16, 2023

St. Eusebius, 3rd Class—Red*

9AM LM + Betty & Glenn Ludwick (Diane & Jim Mousseau)

Sunday, December 17, 2023 *Gaudete Sunday*

Third Sunday of Advent, 1st Class—Violet/Rose

8AM LM + Alex J. Olshanski (Judy Callaghan)
11AM HM *Pro populo*

Processional: Rejoice, Rejoice Believers

Recessional: On Jordan's Bank

LM = Low Mass; LMO = Low Mass with Organ; HM = High/Solemn Mass

*Commemoration of the Advent Feria

(Collect, Secret & Post-Communion of the 1st Sunday of Advent)

Our Weekly Offerings

Sunday, December 3, 2023

Offertory	\$13,500.00
Parish Appeal 2023	\$1,720.00
Parish Improvement	\$30.00
Retirement for Religious	\$15.00
Food Pantry	\$50.00
Christmas Charities	\$10.00
Christmas Flowers	\$110.00
World Mission Sunday	\$30.00

Faith Direct Report (November 1 – 15, 2023)

Offertory	\$9,414.60
Parish Appeal	\$3,220.00
Parish Improvement	\$1,130.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$60.00

Sunday Mass Attendance: 8AM 500; 11AM 404; Total 904

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:

membership.faithdirect.net/PA678 or call 866-507-8757.

Parish Group News

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS usually meets every First Saturday of the month, beginning with the 9AM Mass. All adult women are welcome. Please contact christianmothers@mpboj.com for more information. The next meeting will be on the second Saturday: **January 13, 2024**. Topic to be announced.

SURSUM CORDA-YOUNG ADULTS GROUP is a nationwide initiative to foster the spiritual lives of Catholic adults, AGES 18–35, at Institute apostolates. To sign up for the mailing list and receive notice of future events, text **Corda** to 84576 and choose "SC Pittsburgh." For more information, contact Jose Piñero at 863.450.5143 or sursumcorda@mpboj.com.

RESPECT LIFE GROUP (RLG) The Gospel of Life is at the heart of this new group. RLG promotes a culture of life through three working subcommittees of Legislation, Education, Advocacy. RLG's Nov.-Dec. newsletter may be found at both entrances of the church. Please contact Brenda Briola at 724-650-5767 or respectlife@mpboj.com for more information.

Rorate Mass—December 14th



Join us for an Advent tradition! On Thursday, December 14th, there will be a Rorate Mass at 6 a.m. It is called "Rorate" from the opening words of the Introit from the Mass of Our Lady in Advent, and is celebrated before day-break with the church illuminated only by candlelight. For those wishing additional light in order to follow with a missal, please bring your own candle.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve—Sunday, December 24

- Normal Sunday schedule at 8 and 11 a.m.
- 11:30 p.m. Carols

Christmas—Monday, December 25

- **12 Midnight High Mass** "in media nocte"
- **8 a.m. Low Mass** with organ "in aurora"
- **11 a.m. High Mass** "in die"

St. Nicholas Party Today

Please join fellow parishioners for the St. Nicholas party in the school gym today following the High Mass. The event will begin with a pot-luck, St. Nicholas themed treat bags, craft table to make Christmas cards for those in need and a visit with St. Nicholas! All ages welcome—so we hope to see you there! Please RSVP and sign up for the potluck at: mostpreciousbloodofjesus.flocknote.com/signup/145633

Confraternity of St. Nicholas

Our Catechism students received a little gift from St. Nicholas last Sunday in class, as his feast day was December 6th. We encourage those in our parish who have not already done so to enroll in the Confraternity of St. Nicholas—confraternityofstnicholas.org—to simply pledge to pray for all children. There is no fee. Thank you.

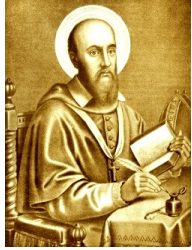
Introduction to the Devout Life

By St. Francis de Sales

Confession

(Book 2, Chapter 19—Part 2)

Again, do not be satisfied with mentioning the bare fact of your venial sins, but accuse yourself of the motive cause which led to them. For instance, do not be content with saying that you told an untruth which injured no one; but say whether it was out of



vanity, in order to win praise or avoid blame, out of heedlessness, or from obstinacy. If you have exceeded in society, say whether it was from the love of talking, or gambling for the sake of money, and so on. Say whether you continued long to commit the fault in question, as the importance of a fault depends greatly upon its continuance: e.g., there is a wide difference between a passing act of vanity which is over in a quarter of an

hour, and one which fills the heart for one or more days. So you must mention the fact, the motive and the duration of your faults. It is true that we are not bound to be so precise in confessing venial sins, or even, technically speaking, to confess them at all; but all who aim at purifying their souls in order to attain a really devout life, will be careful to show all their spiritual maladies, however slight, to their spiritual physician, in order to be healed. Do not spare yourself in telling whatever is necessary to explain the nature of your fault, as, for instance, the reason why you lost your temper, or why you encouraged another in wrong-doing. Thus, some one whom I dislike says a chance word in joke, I take it ill, and put myself in a passion. If one I like had said a stronger thing I should not have taken it amiss; so in confession, I ought to say that I lost my temper with a person, not because of the words spoken so much as because I disliked the speaker; and if in order to explain yourself clearly it is necessary to particularize the words, it is well to do so; because accusing one's self thus simply one discovers not merely one's actual sins, but one's bad habits, inclinations and ways, and the other roots of sin, by which means one's spiritual Father acquires a fuller knowledge of the heart he is dealing with, and knows better what remedies to apply. But you must always avoid exposing any one who has borne any part in your sin as far as possible. Keep watch over a variety of sins, which are apt to spring up and flourish, often insensibly, in the conscience, so that you may confess them and put them away; and with this view read Chapters 6, 27, 28, 29, 35 and 36 of Part 3, and Chapter 7 of Part 4, attentively. Do not lightly change your Confessor, but having chosen him, be regular in giving account of your conscience to him at the appointed seasons, telling him your faults simply and frankly, and from time to time--say every month or every two months, show him the general state of your inclinations, although there be nothing wrong in them; as, for instance, whether you are depressed and anxious, or cheerful, desirous of advancement, or money, and the like.

FNE: Local Honey for Sale Today

After both Masses today, the Federation of North American Explorer group will be selling local, organic honey. All proceeds will go to the group whose mission is authentically Catholic scouting in Pittsburgh. Cash, check and PayPal accepted.

Votive Candle Increase

As with all costs nowadays, the price for votive candle inserts has gone up dramatically since the parish started in July 2019. There have been three increases by our supplier during the past three years, and while most parishes in the diocese raised their donation to \$5/candle long ago, Most Precious Blood of Jesus

Parish continued with the original donation request of \$3/candle. With rising prices, however, the parish can no longer offer candles at that amount. **Thus, the votive candle donation has increased to \$5/candle.** The parish regrets the need to make this adjustment, but hopes you understand the decision.

Church Christmas Decorating Day

Saturday, December 16th beginning at 1:00 p.m.

until we finish, or you need to leave.

'Tis the season to work together! Make memories and new friends while helping to decorate the church for Christmas! If you have a talent for holiday decorating, assembling trees, hanging lights or garland, assembling the creche, or making the church spotless in anticipation of the Christ Child's birth, please take time to help. Any adult, or anyone in high school, with their parent, is welcome to come to help! This is terrific opportunity to have fun while helping the parish.

Christmas Card Fundraiser

You can send a special Christmas greeting to family and friends again this year, with the use of the Institute of Christ the King's unique Christmas cards. This year's card features a drawing (pen and brown ink, brush and brown wash) by Bartolomé Estebán Murillo, ca. 1665. Each card recipient will be remembered by the U.S. Provincial Superior at Holy Mass on Christmas Day. **Cards will be available for purchase after today's Masses until all are sold.** The cost for a packet of 10 cards and envelopes is \$20 where a portion of the proceeds directly benefits the parish. A limited number of previous years' cards are also available. (Please note that although the older cards do not indicate inside that "*the recipient of the card will be remembered by the U.S. Provincial Superior on Christmas Day*", he will remember them also.)

Business Manager's Corner

All Catholics are obligated to support the church financially, "so that the Church has what is necessary for divine worship, for the works of the apostolate and of charity, and for the decent support of ministers" (Canon 222.1).

In practice, most people meet this obligation via the Offertory envelope collection during Mass; these days, others donate electronically via online giving. That is the area where I'd like to clarify some misunderstanding. Only by utilizing "Faith Direct" do your donations come directly to our parish. Most parishioners who give electronically set up an account with "Faith Direct" which automatically charges their credit card or transfers money from their bank account to the parish every week or month. The parish website also displays buttons, marked "Donate to the parish", which provide for one-time donations through Faith Direct without the need for setting up an account.

**DONATE
TO THE PARISH**

The "Donate" link in the red ribbon at the top of each webpage is where confusion lies. It should be used *only* to make donations to the Institute of Christ the King's three accounts: their "MPBOJ" Fund, the Operating Fund for the Province, or the Restoration Fund for the Chicago HQ and Shrine. Funds donated to the Institute's "MPBOJ" Fund *are* used on behalf of our parish (examples: vehicle expenses, or purchasing of vestments owned by the Institute), but *are not transferred to our parish* to help with paying our ongoing, routine expenses such as utilities.

This explanation is certainly not meant to discourage donations to the Institute, but to clarify that *only* those online donations that go through Faith Direct come directly back to our parish's bank account to pay our bills.

Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish - Pittsburgh:	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
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Institute of Christ the King Restoration Fund:	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
Help build our U.S. Provincial Headquarters & Shrine of Christ the King.	
Institute of Christ the King Operations Fund:	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
Help support our work and mission in the USA.	

To All Our Guests...

The Canons and Faithful of Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish welcome you and hope that your time in “The ‘Burgh” may be an opportunity to share in the tradition of the Roman Catholic Faith. Please enjoy the beauty of this Personal Parish, established by Bishop David Zubik on July 1, 2019 on the *Feast of The Most Precious Blood of Jesus*.

According to liturgical tradition and the Traditional Latin Mass of the Roman Rite, Holy Communion is received kneeling and on the tongue. All visitors who are not of the Catholic Faith are welcome to join us in prayer but are requested not to receive Holy Communion. Because reception of Holy Communion is the sign of Divine and Ecclesial unity, only practicing Catholics who are free of mortal sin, and have observed the Eucharistic Fast, should present themselves for Holy Communion. For those who need a low gluten Host, let an usher know as you approach the Communion rail toward the end of Communion.

To receive more information about the parish or if you desire to become a member of the Catholic Church, contact the Priory at 412-761-1508. The pastoral care of Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish is provided by THE INSTITUTE OF CHRIST THE KING SOVEREIGN PRIEST.

Any and all contributions to the parish are warmly appreciated and tax deductible.

PARISHIONER MATERIALS/REQUESTS—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 in the narthex. If you are involved in an event that you would like to publicize or schedule, please provide a copy of the notice or request to businessmanager@mpboj.com for approval.

Sacramental Information

Infant Baptism:

Baptism should be administered within two weeks of birth. Please call the office prior to the baby’s birth to make arrangements.

Holy Matrimony:

Couples planning to marry at the parish must call the office to schedule proper instruction at least six months in advance.

Catholic Faith Formation and Spiritual needs:

For those seeking *Catechism*, preparing for *1st Holy Communion*, *Confirmation*, needs of the sick or funeral information, please call the parish office.

Anointing of the Sick:

If you need the assistance of a priest for the dying, please contact the office at 412-761-1508. If after hours, please call and listen to the prompts and select option #1.

Certificates:

Certificates for Sacraments administered prior to July 1, 2019 are maintained by the Diocese of Pittsburgh Archives. You may reach the Diocese Archive office at 412-456-3158, or archives@diopitt.org.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS—Requests for proposed bulletin announcements must be submitted **ten days in advance** of publication via email to bulletin@mpboj.com

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.

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, or check the parish website (MPBOJ.com) for more information.



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General Safety & Indemnity

In an effort to make Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish a welcoming, safe place for all parishioners and visitors alike, the parish follows a general Safety and Indemnity Policy. When visiting the parish, whether for Mass or any social events in or on parish property, parents accept full responsibility for their children’s safety, by maintaining prudent watch and supervision of their children at all times. When children are registered and involved in parish related activities where a parish program manager oversees the children (e.g., Children’s Choir; Catechism; altar server practice), at least one parent/guardian must remain on campus for the duration of the program and until the parent has regained custody at the conclusion of the parish activity/program.

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