



MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

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

**Palm Sunday
April 2, 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

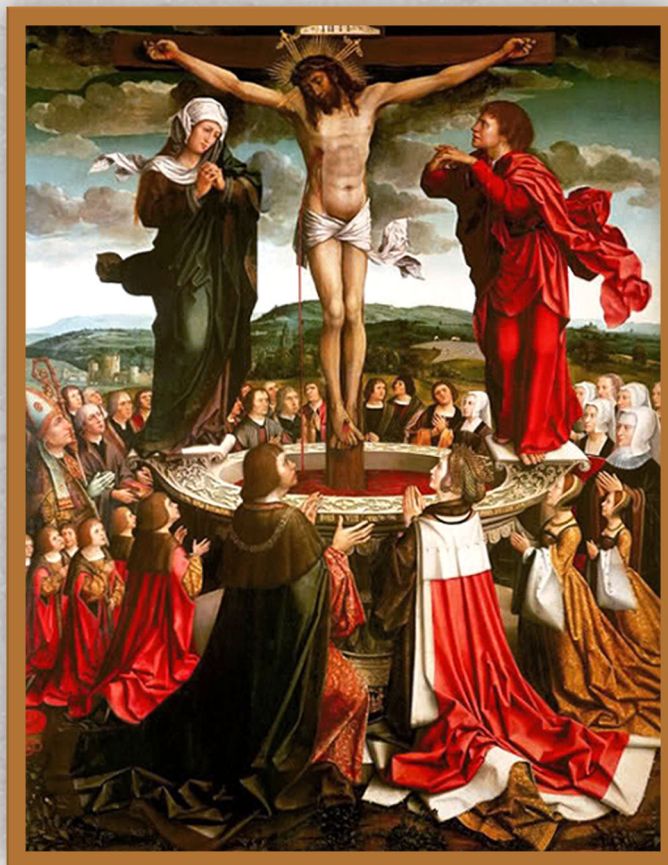
Confession Schedule

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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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, April 2, 2023

Palm Sunday, 1st Class—Violet

8AM LM *Pro populo*

*10AM HM James & Karen Paras-37th Wedding Anniversary
(Family)

Music at High Mass (found in the black Missal & Hymnal)

Processional: *Palm Sunday Booklet*

Kyriale: *Mass XVII, Credo I*

Recessional: *Palm Sunday Booklet*

Monday, April 3, 2023

Holy Monday, 1st Class—Violet

12PM LM Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of Our Grand-children (Jerry & Peggy Wrabley)

Tuesday, April 4, 2023

Holy Tuesday, 1st Class—Violet

12PM LM + Robert & Gloria Mosberg
(Michael & Cristina Eyer)

7PM LM + Jack & Anna Marie Killian
(David & Rebecca Killian)

Wednesday, April 5, 2023

Spy Wednesday, 1st Class—Violet

12PM LM + Robert P. Blume (Liz & Charles Blume)

Thursday, April 6, 2023

Holy Thursday, 1st Class—White

7PM HM Intentions of the Prior General of the ICRSS

Friday, April 7, 2023 *Fast & Abstinence*

Good Friday, 1st Class—Black

10:30AM Stations of the Cross

12PM Mass of the Presanctified

Saturday, April 8, 2023

Holy Saturday, 1st Class—Violet/White

6PM HM For the Spiritual Welfare of Our Parish Volunteers

Sunday, April 9, 2023

Easter Sunday, 1st Class—White

8AM LM *Pro populo*

11AM HM + Repose of the Soul of Msgr. Joseph Lamonde

Processional: *Easter Sunday Booklet*

Kyriale: *Mass I, Credo IV*

Recessional: *Easter Sunday Booklet*

LM = Low Mass; HM = High/Solemn Mass

Our Weekly Offerings

Sunday, March 26, 2023

Offertory	\$11,323.00
Parish Appeal	\$1,080.00
Baptismal Offering.....	\$1,000.00
Parish Improvements.....	\$1,000.00
Catholic Campaign for Human Development	\$200.00
Flowers.....	\$70.00
Good Friday Holy Land	\$10.00
<i>Sunday Mass Attendance: 8AM 564; 11AM 340; Total 904</i>	

Faith Direct Report (March 1-15, 2023)

Offertory	\$28,092.23
Parish Appeal.....	\$3,450.00
Parish Improvement.....	\$1,015.00
Food Pantry.....	\$185.00
ICK - Province.....	\$80.00

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.

Thank You for Participating!

Thank you for participating in the diocesan Survey conducted over the past weeks. Since the Survey closed on March 31st, parishes will now begin the important task of assessing the results. This spring, parishes will receive survey question compilations, along with assistance in interpreting the results and analyzing the data. Over the course of the next three to four years, all parishes in the diocese will be involved in pastoral planning and the Survey will help parishes create a pastoral plan for the future. Look for updates in the bulletin!

Parish Group News

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS meets every First Saturday of the month, beginning with the 9 am Mass. The next meeting is Saturday, May 6, 2023 and the topic will be *The Domestic Church*. All adult women are welcome. Please contact christianmothers@mpboj.com for more information.

SURSUM CORDA-YOUNG ADULTS GROUP is a nationwide initiative to foster the spiritual lives of Catholic adults, AGES 18-35, at Institute apostolates. Our parish group meets 1-2 times a month for faith discussions guided by the Canons, food, and various fun activities. To sign up for the mailing list and receive notice of future events, simply text Corda to 84576 and choose "SC Pittsburgh" as the group. Contact sursumcorda@mpboj.com with any questions!

RESPECT LIFE GROUP at MPBOJ meets regularly to advance pro-life positions including: Prayer, Education, Advocacy/Witness, Care/Service, and Legislation. Please watch for updates in the bulletin each week. For more information, please contact respectlife@mpboj.com.

Little Sisters of the Poor

The Little Sisters of the Poor and their volunteers will be with us after each mass on **April 30th** to collect for their mission. Your contributions enable them to continue caring for the elderly poor at their Home in Brighton Heights. Donations may also be made online at www.littlesistersofthepoor.org. If you or anyone you know is looking for a new job opportunity, the Little Sisters of the Poor have several CNA and RN positions open.

Mass Intentions

The Parish is currently accepting Mass intention requests for the remainder of calendar year 2023, beginning **May 1st**. Each family may request three Masses during this period, but please be advised that there are a limited number of Sunday Masses available. Revised Mass Intention Request Forms are available at the Church entrances for your use. Please know that the parish will only contact you if there is a conflict for a particular date. If you do not receive a call, then your Mass request is scheduled for the date requested.

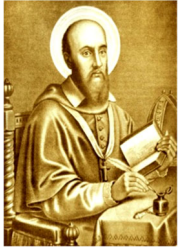
Introduction to the Devout Life

By St. Francis de Sales

First Meditation - On Creation (Part I, Chap. 9)

The Preparation

1. Place yourself in the Presence of God. 2. Ask Him to inspire your heart.



Considerations

1. Consider that but a few years since you were not born into the world, and your soul was as yet non-existent. Where wert thou then, O my soul? the world was already old, and yet of thee there was no sign.
2. God brought you out of this nothingness, in order to make you what you are, not because He had any need of you, but solely out of His Goodness.
3. Consider the being which God has given you; for it is the foremost being of this visible world, adapted to live eternally, and to be perfectly united to God's Divine Majesty.

Affections and Resolutions

1. Humble yourself utterly before God, saying with the Psalmist, O Lord, I am nothing in respect of Thee—what am I, that Thou shouldst remember me? O my soul, thou wert yet lost in that abyss of nothingness, if God had not called thee forth, and what of thee in such a case?
2. Give God thanks. O Great and Good Creator, what do I not owe Thee, Who didst take me from out that nothingness, by Thy Mercy to make me what I am? How can I ever do enough worthily to praise Thy Holy Name, and render due thanks to Thy Goodness?
3. Confess your own shame. But alas, O my Creator, so far from uniting myself to Thee by a loving service, I have rebelled against Thee through my unruly affections, departing from Thee, and giving myself up to sin, and ignoring Thy Goodness, as though Thou hadst not created me.
4. Prostrate thyself before God. O my soul, know that the Lord He is thy God, it is He that hath made thee, and not thou thyself. O God, I am the work of Thy Hands; henceforth I will not seek to rest in myself, who am nought. Wherein hast thou to glory, who art but dust and ashes? how canst thou, a very nothing, exalt thyself? In order to my own humiliation, I will do such and such a thing,—I will endure such contempt:—I will alter my ways and henceforth follow my Creator, and realize that I am honored by His calling me to the being He has given; I will employ it solely to obey His Will, by means of the teaching He has given me, of which I will inquire more through my spiritual Father.

Conclusion

1. Thank God. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and praise His Holy Name with all thy being, because His Goodness called me forth from nothingness, and His Mercy created me.
 2. Offer. O my God, I offer Thee with all my heart the being Thou hast given me, I dedicate and consecrate it to Thee.
 3. Pray. O God, strengthen me in these affections and resolutions. Dear Lord, I commend me, and all those I love, to Thy neverfailing Mercy. OUR FATHER, etc.
- At the end of your meditation linger a while, and gather, so to say, a little spiritual bouquet from the thoughts you have dwelt upon, the sweet perfume whereof may refresh you through the day.

We adore, O Christ, and praise Thee, because by Thy holy Cross Thou hast redeemed the world!



Pontifical Good Friday Collection

As in previous years, our parish has been asked to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land, where they are now less than 2% of the population. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including in Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, to name only a few. The pandemic hit Christians in the Holy Land particularly hard. Most of them depend on pilgrimages for work. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is necessary to meet basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land and to maintain a Christian presence where the Church was born. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. PLEASE BE GENEROUS! For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org or www.custodia.org.



2023 Holy Week & Easter Schedule

Palm Sunday, April 2

8AM Low Mass

10:00AM Solemn Blessing of Palms & Procession followed by High Mass (Blessed Palms will be available in the side entrance after the High Mass as well as at the 8AM Mass Easter Sunday)

Holy Thursday, April 6

6-6:50PM Confessions

7PM High Mass

followed by the Procession to the Repository (with Adoration until Midnight), Vespers and Stripping of the Altar.

Good Friday, April 7

10AM-11:45AM Confessions

10:30 AM Stations of the Cross

12 PM Mass of the Presanctified & Vespers

Holy Saturday, April 8

(No Confessions)

6PM Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, April 9

Normal Sunday Schedule

Blessing of the lambs following Solemn Mass

N.B. Confessions will not be heard during the Liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday

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 temporalaffairs@mpboj.com for approval.

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

MASS INTENTIONS—*The Parish Mass Intention Registry* is currently **OPEN**. 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.

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:

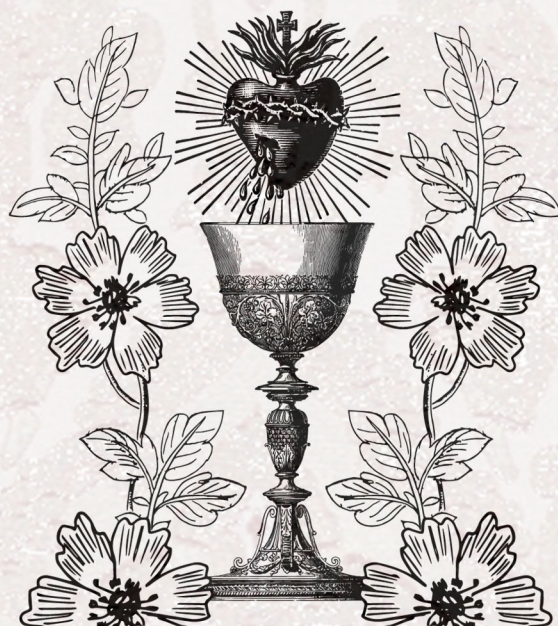
For those seeking *Catechism*, preparing for *1st Holy Communion*, *Confirmation*, needs of the sick or funeral information, please call the parish office.

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.



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