



## MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

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

**Last Sunday after  
Pentecost  
November 23, A.D. 2025**

### **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

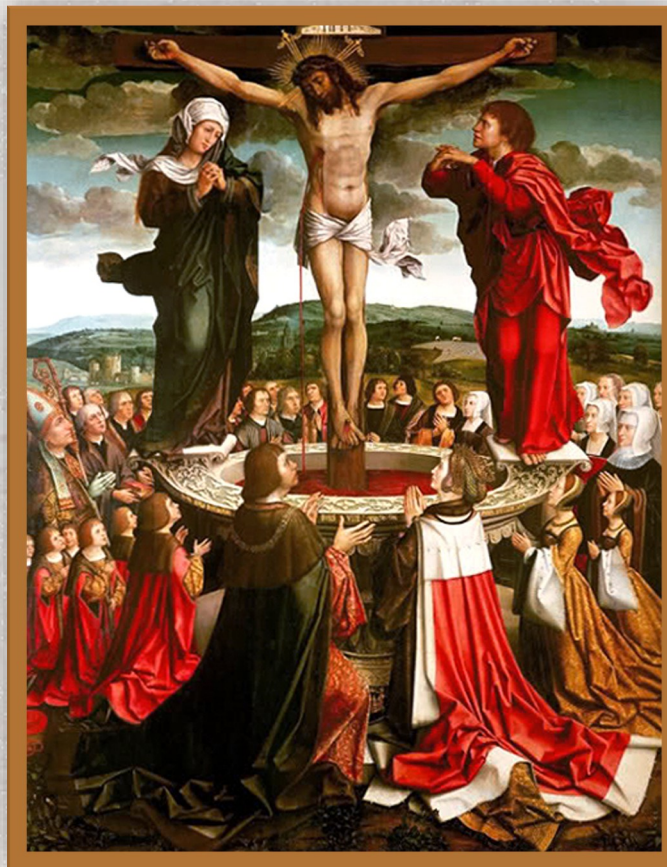
### **Confession Schedule**

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

*Please consult the Liturgical Schedule on page 2 for particular modifications to this standard 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



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## Liturgical Schedule

### **Sunday, November 23, 2025**

Last Sunday after Pentecost, 2nd Class—Green

8AM LMO In Thanksgiving

11AM HM *Pro populo*

Processional: Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (pg. 77)

Recessional: To Jesus Christ Our Sovereign King (pg.89)

### **Monday, November 24, 2025**

St. John of the Cross, 3rd Class—White

Commemoration of St. Chrysogonus

12PM LM Personal Intentions (Nicole Kelly)

### **Tuesday, November 25, 2025**

St. Catherine of Alexandria, 3rd Class—Red

12PM LM Theodore Soloman (Sean & April Monger)

7PM LM +Stuart & Eleanor Haggerty (Haggerty Family)

### **Wednesday, November 26, 2025**

St. Sylvester the Abbot, 3rd Class—White

Commemoration of St. Peter of Alexandria

12PM LM Conversion of Robbins Family (Timothy & Alaina Robbins)

### **Thursday, November 27, 2025 Thanksgiving**

Votive Mass of the Blessed Sacrament, 4th Class—White

\*8 AM LM +Sandra Cardellini (Jim & Kathy Cardellini)

\*\*No Holy Hour this week.

### **Friday, November 28, 2025**

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

12PM LM +Patricia A. Luteran (Lori Cunningham)

### **Saturday, November 29, 2025 IC Novena Begins**

Our Lady on Saturday, 4th Class—White

Commemoration of St. Saturninus

9AM LMO +John & Patricia Redic (Bill & Gerry Redic)

6PM Vespers

### **Sunday, November 30, 2025**

First Sunday of Advent, 1st Class—Violet

8AM LM Ray & Judy Rotuna, 56th Wedding Anniversary  
(Mike & Sharon Burchill)

11AM HM *Pro populo*

Processional: Veni, Emmanuel, vs.1-2 (Men Chant) (pg.101)

Recessional: Come Thou Long Expected Jesus (pg.57)

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

## Our Weekly Offerings

*Sunday, November 16, 2025*

Offertory .....\$12,050.00

Immaculate Conception .....\$210.00

Parish Appeal 2025 .....\$910.00

Parish Improvement .....\$50.00

ICRSS/Seminary .....\$100.00

Retirement Fund for Religious.....\$50.00

Mission Co-op.....\$10.00

*ParishSOFT Deposits (October 23 – 31, 2025)*

Offertory .....\$6,225.35

Parish Improvement .....\$50.00

World Mission Sunday .....\$20.00

*ParishSOFT Deposits (November 1 – 10, 2025)*

Offertory (incl. All Saints & Thanksgiving)....\$15,364.81

Parish Appeal 2025 .....\$445.00

Parish Improvement .....\$708.00

Retirement Fund for Religious.....\$227.00

Archdiocese for Military Services .....\$37.00

*Attendance: 8AM 622; 11AM 322; Total 944*

## **Parish Group News**

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS will next meet on **Saturday, December 6th, beginning with the 9AM Mass.**

### **The topic: "On Scruples & Anxiety".**

Contact [christianmothers@mpboj.com](mailto:christianmothers@mpboj.com) for more information. All adult women are welcome to attend.

RESPECT LIFE GROUP (RLG) The Gospel of Life is at the heart of this group. RLG provides support to promote a culture of life through three working subcommittees: Legislation, Education, and Advocacy. *Thank you to all who participated in the talk with Dr. Jeff Starre at last week's RLG meeting. And a special thank you to Dr. Starre for the informative talk on Advanced Directives & Organ Transplantation.*

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 José Piñero at 863.450.5143 or [sursumcorda@mpboj.com](mailto:sursumcorda@mpboj.com).

### **Retirement Fund for Religious**

The second collection at today's Masses is for the benefit of the Retirement Fund for Religious.

### **Betsy Ann Candy Pickup Today**

Candy ordered in our annual Betsy Ann Christmas Candy Fundraiser must be picked up today in the Parish Center.

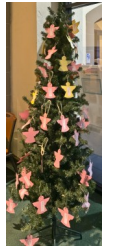
### **Thanksgiving Mass at 8 a.m.**

This Thursday, November 27th, is Thanksgiving Day. The **Mass will be at 8 a.m.**; there is no Mass at noon. The Thursday evening Holy Hour is also cancelled.

The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday and Friday.

### **Christmas Giving Tree**

In the spirit of the Christmas Season, please consider participating in our Christmas Giving Tree program, by donating a Christmas gift to someone in need. The Giving Tree is located near the side entrance. Please take one of the ornaments and return the requested item under the tree by December 1st. Thank you for sharing this special season with those less fortunate.



### **Pilgrimage Informational Meeting This Morning**

There will be an informational meeting this morning for the April 2026 Holy Land Pilgrimage, which is to be led by Canon Matheus. The meeting is at 9:30 a.m. in the Parish Center gym. Come and learn more details about this epic trip.

### **FNE—Local Honey for Sale**

The St. Francis Xavier Group of the Federation of North American Explorers (FNE) will be selling local, organic honey and honey products after the Masses **next Sunday, Dec. 7th**. Thank you for your support of our FNE group as we strive to provide an authentically Catholic scouting experience for our youth in Pittsburgh.

### **Blessing of Religious Articles**

The Canons regularly bless religious articles for parishioners. If you have religious articles that you would like to have blessed, please place the items on the table in the room next to the sacristy (door next to Blessed Mother altar). *Make sure each item is labeled with your name* and a brief description of what is to be blessed. After Canon blesses the item(s), he will place a removable blue dot on the item to indicate that it has been blessed. Please check the table each week and remove your blessed items, to allow adequate space for others. Thank you for your consideration.

## Quas Primas (Part 5)

### ON THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

16. Christ as our Redeemer purchased the Church at the price of his own blood; as priest he offered himself, and continues to offer himself as a victim for our sins. Is it not evident, then, that his kingly dignity partakes in a manner of both these offices?



17. It would be a grave error, on the other hand, to say that Christ has no authority whatever in civil affairs, since, by virtue of the absolute empire over all creatures committed to him by the Father, all things are in his power. Nevertheless, during his life on earth he refrained from the exercise of such authority, and although he himself disdained to possess or to care for earthly goods, he did not, nor does he today, interfere with those who possess them. *Non eripit mortalia qui regna dat caelestia.*[27]

18. Thus the empire of our Redeemer embraces all men. To use the words of Our immortal predecessor, Pope Leo XIII: "His empire includes not only Catholic nations, not only baptized persons who, though of right belonging to the Church, have been led astray by error, or have been cut off from her by schism, but also all those who are outside the Christian faith; so that truly the whole of mankind is subject to the power of Jesus Christ." [28] Nor is there any difference in this matter between the individual and the family or the State; for all men, whether collectively or individually, are under the dominion of Christ. In him is the salvation of the individual, in him is the salvation of society. "Neither is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given to men whereby we must be saved." [29] He is the author of happiness and true prosperity for every man and for every nation. "For a nation is happy when its citizens are happy. What else is a nation but a number of men living in concord?" [30] If, therefore, the rulers of nations wish to preserve their authority, to promote and increase the prosperity of their countries, they will not neglect the public duty of reverence and obedience to the rule of Christ. What We said at the beginning of Our Pontificate concerning the decline of public authority, and the lack of respect for the same, is equally true at the present day. "With God and Jesus Christ," we said, "excluded from political life, with authority derived not from God but from man, the very basis of that authority has been taken away, because the chief reason of the distinction between ruler and subject has been eliminated. The result is that human society is tottering to its fall, because it has no longer a secure and solid foundation." [31]

19. When once men recognize, both in private and in public life, that Christ is King, society will at last receive the great blessings of real liberty, well-ordered discipline, peace and harmony. Our Lord's regal office invests the human authority of princes and rulers with a religious significance; it ennobles the citizen's duty of obedience. It is for this reason that St. Paul, while bidding wives revere Christ in their husbands, and slaves respect Christ in their masters, warns them to give obedience to them not as men, but as the vicegerents of Christ; for it is not meet that men redeemed by Christ should serve their fellow-men. "You are bought with a price; be not made the bond-slaves of men." [32] If princes and magistrates duly elected are filled with the persuasion

that they rule, not by their own right, but by the mandate and in the place of the Divine King, they will exercise their authority piously and wisely, and they will make laws and administer them, having in view the common good and also the human dignity of their subjects. The result will be a stable peace and tranquility, for there will be no longer any cause of discontent. Men will see in their king or in their rulers men like themselves, perhaps unworthy or open to criticism, but they will not on that account refuse obedience if they see reflected in them the authority of Christ God and Man. Peace and harmony, too, will result; for with the spread and the universal extent of the kingdom of Christ, men will become more and more conscious of the link that binds them together, and thus many conflicts will be either prevented entirely or at least their bitterness will be diminished.

#### REFERENCES:

27: Hymn for the Epiphany; 28: Enc. Annum Sacrum, May 25, 1899  
29: Acts iv, 12; 30. S. Aug. Ep. ad Macedonium, c. iii.  
31: Enc. Ubi Arcano; 32: I Cor. vii, 23  
(To be continued.)

### Upcoming Events

**Nov. 29 to Dec. 7:** Immaculate Conception Novena

**Sat., Nov. 29, 6 p.m.:** Advent Vespers

**Sun., Nov. 30:** First Sunday of Advent

**Thurs., Dec. 4:** No Holy Hour (due to novena)

**Mon., Dec. 8:** Feast of the Immaculate Conception

**Sat., Dec. 13:** Saint Nicholas Party in the gym (after Mass)

**Thurs. Dec. 18, 6 a.m.:** Rorate Sung Mass

**Sat., Dec. 20, 1 p.m.:** Decorating the church for Christmas

**Thurs. Dec. 25:** Christmas—Midnight High Mass, 8 a.m. Low Mass, 10 a.m. High Mass

**Sat., Dec. 27, 9 a.m.:** St. John—Low Mass with organ, followed by blessing of wine

**Mon., Jan. 5, 6 p.m.:** Epiphany Water Blessing

### Taxes Into Tuition

The Diocese of Pittsburgh has announced a wonderful way to support their Pittsburgh Catholic Schools Scholarship Program through the "Turn Your Taxes Into Tuition" program. If you are interested in more information, please take a copy of the informational handout available at both Church entrances, or read the posters on the bulletin boards.

### Christmas Card Sale

The Institute's beautiful 2025 Christmas cards are available for sale at both church entrances each Sunday through Dec. 21st. This year's boxes of 10 cards contain two cards each of five different paintings of the Madonna and Child. The cost is \$20/box, with a portion of the proceeds directly benefitting our parish. *Note that checks should be made payable to the parish (Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish).* Each card recipient will be remembered by the U.S. Provincial Superior at Holy Mass on Christmas Day. *See pictures of the card designs on page 4.*

### An Act of Faith

O MY GOD, I firmly believe that Thou art one God in three divine Persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit; I believe that Thy divine Son became man and died for our sins, and that He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe these and all the truths which the holy Catholic Church teaches, because Thou hast revealed them, Who canst neither deceive nor be deceived. Amen.

## To All of Our Guests...

The Canons and faithful of Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish welcome you to our parish and to the Traditional Mass, celebrated in accordance with the classical Roman Liturgy. This personal parish was established by Bishop David Zubik on July 1, 2019, the feast of *The Most Precious Blood of Jesus*. Our parishioners come from all over the diocese for the prayerful tranquility of the Traditional Mass.

According to liturgical tradition, Holy Communion is received on the tongue, kneeling at the communion rail. Reception of Holy Communion is the sign of Divine and Ecclesial unity, so only practicing Catholics, free from mortal sin and who have observed the Eucharistic fast, may present themselves for Holy Communion. Visitors who are not of the Catholic Faith are welcome to join in prayer, but are requested not to receive Holy Communion. Those who need a low gluten Host should inform the usher as they approach the Communion rail, at the end of the distribution line for Holy Communion.

For more information about the parish, contact the Parish Office 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.

**Mass Intentions:** The Parish Mass Intention Registry is currently CLOSED. Mass intentions are accepted at specific periods in the year and announced in the bulletin. Instructions and forms are available during those periods.

**Parish News:** The parish uses **Flocknote** to circulate news and information. Please text **MPBOJ** to **84576** from your cell phone and follow the instructions, or check the parish website ([MPBOJ.com](http://MPBOJ.com)) for more information.

**On Line Contributions:** Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish greatly appreciates all donations and contributions. If interested in donating on-line via ParishSOFT (formerly Faith Direct), visit: [giving.parishsoft.com/App/Giving/FD-678](http://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Giving/FD-678) or call 866-507-8757.

**Safe Environment:** Parish volunteers must complete the diocesan and parish Safe Environment Compliance process before they can participate in parish-related activities. Please contact [safeenvironment@mpboj.com](mailto:safeenvironment@mpboj.com) for instructions and assistance.

### Sacramental Information

**Penance:** The parish offers the sacrament of penance forty-five minutes prior to each Mass. Confessionals are located on the Epistle (right-hand) side of the church, with a sign indicating where to stand for the line. There is an accessible confessional located on the right side of the double confessional, where the kneeler can be lifted for easy access. Both sides of the double confessional may be occupied at the same time. Start your confession when you hear the priest's blessing.

**Infant Baptism:** Baptism should be administered within two weeks of birth. Please call the Parish Office prior to the baby's birth, to begin arrangements.

**Holy Matrimony:** Couples planning to marry at the parish must

contact the Parish Office at least six months in advance, to schedule an appointment to begin marriage preparation instructions.

**Extreme Unction/Anointing of the Sick:** If you need the assistance of a priest for someone who is dying, please contact the Parish Office at 412-761-1508. If calling after hours, listen to the prompts and select option #1.

**Funerals:** The funeral home should directly contact the Parish Office to make Mass and burial arrangements.

**Sacramental Records/Letters of Good Standing:** To obtain sacramental records or a letter in good standing, please contact the Parish Office at 412-761-1508 for instructions.

**Catholic Faith Formation and Spiritual needs:** For those seeking to join the Catholic faith, or who wish spiritual direction, please call the Parish Office for information.



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