



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 7, 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

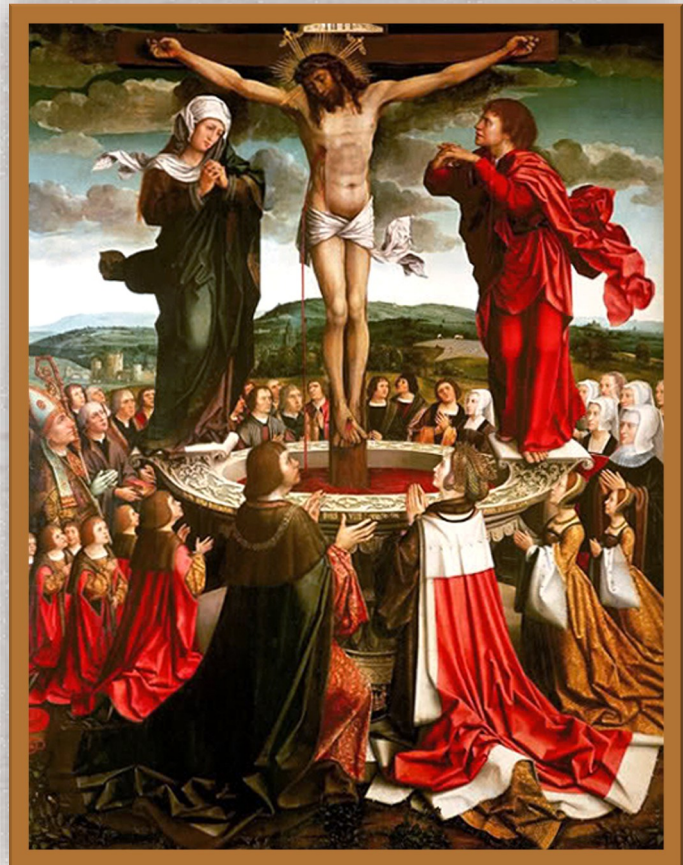
Confession Schedule

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



Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest

Veritatem Facientes In Caritate—Furthering the Truth in Charity

Liturgical Schedule

Sunday, December 7, 2025

Second Sunday of Advent, 1st Class—Violet

8AM LM *Pro populo*

11AM HM Our Children (Thomas & Lori Evans)

Processional: Alma Redemptoris Mater, (Women Chant)

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

Monday, December 8, 2025 *Holy Day of Obligation*

Immaculate Conception, 1st Class—White*

12PM LMO Our Children (Ed & Fabiola Gergerich)

7PM HM *Pro populo*

Processional: Organ

Recessional: Immaculate Mary (pg.74)

Tuesday, December 9, 2025

Advent Feria, 3rd Class—Violet

12PM LM +Rex & Wanda Alspaugh (Haggerty Family)

7PM LM Emma Zigarovich & Sam Barnes (David Zigarovich)

Wednesday, December 10, 2025

Advent Feria, 3rd Class—Violet

Commemoration of St. Melchisedech

12PM LM Wife, Emily (Matthew Vincenzi)

Thursday, December 11, 2025

St. Damasus I, 3rd Class—White*

12PM LM Fabio Arevalo (Mylott Family)

6 PM Holy Hour of Adoration

Friday, December 12, 2025

Our Lady of Guadalupe—White*

12PM LM +Sandra Paclawski (MPBOJ)

Saturday, December 13, 2025

St. Lucy, 3rd Class—Red*

9AM LM Pancurak Family (Jane & Barbara Pancurak)

Sunday, December 14, 2025 *Gaudete Sunday*

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

8AM LMO Kathy Cardellini (Mylott Family)

11AM HM *Pro populo*

Processional: Rejoice, Rejoice Believers (pg. 86)

Recessional: On Jordan's Bank (pg. 82)

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

*Commemoration of the Advent Feria

(Collect, Secret & Post-Communion of the Second Sunday in Advent)

Our Weekly Offerings

Sunday, November 30, 2025

Offertory	\$7,801.00
Thanksgiving	\$465.00
Parish Appeal 2025	\$320.00
Poor Box	\$1,341.00
Christmas Flowers	\$100.00
ICRSS/Provincial Appeal	\$5.00
ICRSS/Seminary	\$100.00
Retirement Fund for Religious.....	\$20.00
Good Friday/Holy Land	\$20.00

Attendance: 8AM 445; 11AM 383; Total 828

Parish Group News

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS will next meet on **Saturday, January 3rd, beginning with the 9AM Mass.** Contact 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.

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 re-

ceive 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.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Tomorrow, Dec. 8th, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a Holyday of Obligation. Masses are at **noon and 7 p.m.** The parish office will be closed for the feast day.

St. Nicholas Party Dec. 13th

Please plan to join fellow parishioners for the St. Nicholas party in the school gym this **Saturday, Dec. 13th,** following the 9 AM Mass. The event will begin with a brunch potluck, St. Nicholas themed treat bags, craft table to make Christmas cards for nursing home residents and a visit with St. Nicholas! We hope to see you there! Please sign up for potluck/volunteering here: <https://bit.ly/StNickSignup>

Second Collection Today

There is a diocesan second collection today for the "100th Anniversary of First Mass celebrated inside National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception."

Confirmation Information Packets

Confirmation information packets will be available for pickup from upper grade catechism teachers starting today, Dec. 7th. Questions, please email the catechism administrator at catechism@mpboj.com. (Confirmations will be on May 2nd, 2026.)

Holy Land Pilgrimage with Canon Matheus

Join Canon Matheus on a 12-day ICKSP Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, April 13-24, 2026.



The Sacred Scriptures will come to life as you walk in Christ's footsteps—to re-live His birth, childhood, public ministry, Passion, Death, and Resurrection.

The pilgrimage tour follows the life of Christ and allows you to pause in prayer at the holy sites. See the cave where Christ was born in Bethlehem. Pray on Mount Calvary in Jerusalem. Be amazed when you see the empty tomb and know that He is truly risen.

Visit the parish website (MPBOJ.com) to view the brochure with full details about this Holy Land Pilgrimage being led by Canon Matheus.

Rosary Rally December 13th

Saint Padre Pio said: "Some people are so foolish that they think they can go through life without the help of the Blessed Mother. Love the Madonna and pray the Rosary, for her Rosary is the weapon against the evils of the world today." Join in a Rosary Rally 'To Keep "CHRIST" in CHRISTMAS' on Saturday, 13 Dec. at 11:45 am at Most Precious Blood of Jesus Church parking lot. Contact Mary Brodka at 724 816-5573 for further information.

Quas Primas (Part 7)

ON THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

23. The festivals that have been introduced into the liturgy in more recent years have had a similar origin, and have been attended with similar results. When reverence and devotion to the Blessed Sacrament had grown cold, the feast of Corpus Christi was instituted, so that by means of solemn processions and prayer of eight days' duration, men might be brought once more to render public homage to Christ. So, too, the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus was instituted at a time when men were oppressed by the sad and gloomy severity of Jansenism, which had made their hearts grow cold, and shut them out from the love of God and the hope of salvation.



24. If We ordain that the whole Catholic world shall revere Christ as King, We shall minister to the need of the present day, and at the same time provide an excellent remedy for the plague which now infects society. We refer to the plague of anti-clericalism, its errors and impious activities. This evil spirit, as you are well aware, Venerable Brethren, has not come into being in one day; it has long lurked beneath the surface. The empire of Christ over all nations was rejected. The right which the Church has from Christ himself, to teach mankind, to make laws, to govern peoples in all that pertains to their eternal salvation, that right was denied. Then gradually the religion of Christ came to be likened to false religions and to be placed ignominiously on the same level with them. It was then put under the power of the state and tolerated more or less at the whim of princes and rulers. Some men went even further, and wished to set up in the place of God's religion a natural religion consisting in some instinctive affection of the heart. There were even some nations who thought they could dispense with God, and that their religion should consist in impiety and the neglect of God. The rebellion of individuals and states against the authority of Christ has produced deplorable consequences. We lamented these in the Encyclical *Ubi arcano*; we lament them today: the seeds of discord sown far and wide; those bitter enmities and rivalries between nations, which still hinder so much the cause of peace; that insatiable greed which is so often hidden under a pretense of public spirit and patriotism, and gives rise to so many private quarrels; a blind and immoderate selfishness, making men seek nothing but their own comfort and advantage, and measure everything by these; no peace in the home, because men have forgotten or neglect their duty; the unity and stability of the family undermined; society in a word, shaken to its foundations and on the way to ruin. We firmly hope, however, that the feast of the Kingship of Christ, which in future will be yearly observed, may hasten the return of society to our loving Savior. It would be the duty of Catholics to do all they can to bring about this happy result. Many of these, however, have neither the station in society nor the authority



how important and precious every life is. **We'll meet at 9 AM on Saturday, December 13th in front of Planned Parenthood at 933 Liberty Avenue in Pittsburgh.** Randy K. will provide musical accompaniment to enhance our singing. At 10 AM, we'll head to the Little Lamb Resale shop just up the street for cookies and fellowship. We hope you can join us in celebrating life with song. **No need to sign up. For more information, please contact Tim at timbarr5480@gmail.com.**

which should belong to those who bear the torch of truth. This state of things may perhaps be attributed to a certain slowness and timidity in good people, who are reluctant to engage in conflict or oppose but a weak resistance; thus the enemies of the Church become bolder in their attacks. But if the faithful were generally to understand that it behooves them ever to fight courageously under the banner of Christ their King, then, fired with apostolic zeal, they would strive to win over to their Lord those hearts that are bitter and estranged from him, and would valiantly defend his rights.

Upcoming Events

Mon., Dec. 8: Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Holy Day)
Sat., Dec. 13, after Mass: Saint Nicholas Party in the gym
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

FNE—Local Honey for Sale

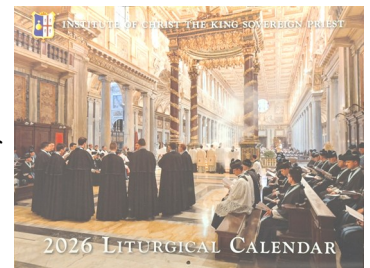
The St. Francis Xavier Group of the Federation of North American Explorers (FNE) will be selling local, organic honey and honey products after both Masses today. Thank you for your support of our FNE group as we strive to provide an authentically Catholic scouting experience for our youth in Pittsburgh.

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.

2026 Institute Calendars

The 2026 Institute of Christ the King calendars are available at both entrances of the church. Please take a copy home with you. These calendars are provided free of charge, but if you wish to make a donation, you may utilize the *Benedictus* donation box at the side entrance.



Let our Lady bless your home!

Sign up for a turn to honor the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of our Lady of Fatima in your home for a month. (Given by Father Fred Gruber to the Christian Mothers.) Contact Bethany for more information: bethanymarygianna@gmail.com.

Christmas Caroling on Liberty Avenue, Dec. 13!

Come all ye faithful and join Pittsburgh's pro-life community in caroling to bring the light of Christ to the darkness of downtown. Help us to share the true peace and joy of Christmas and celebrate the birth of a Baby while reminding everyone

how important and precious every life is. **We'll meet at 9 AM on Saturday, December 13th in front of Planned Parenthood at 933 Liberty Avenue in Pittsburgh.** Randy K. will provide musical accompaniment to enhance our singing. At 10 AM, we'll head to the Little Lamb Resale shop just up the street for cookies and fellowship. We hope you can join us in celebrating life with song. **No need to sign up. For more information, please contact Tim at timbarr5480@gmail.com.**

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) 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 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 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.



2025 Christmas Cards from the Institute

The Institute's beautiful Christmas cards for 2025 are available for purchase at both church entrances each Sunday, continuing through December 21st. This year's boxes of 10 cards contain two cards each of five 16th & 17th Century paintings of the Madonna and Child. The cost is \$20/ box, with a portion of the proceeds directly benefitting our parish. Each card recipient will be remembered by the U.S. Provincial Superior at Holy Mass on Christmas Day.