



MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

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

**Third Sunday
of Advent**

“Gaudete”

December 14, 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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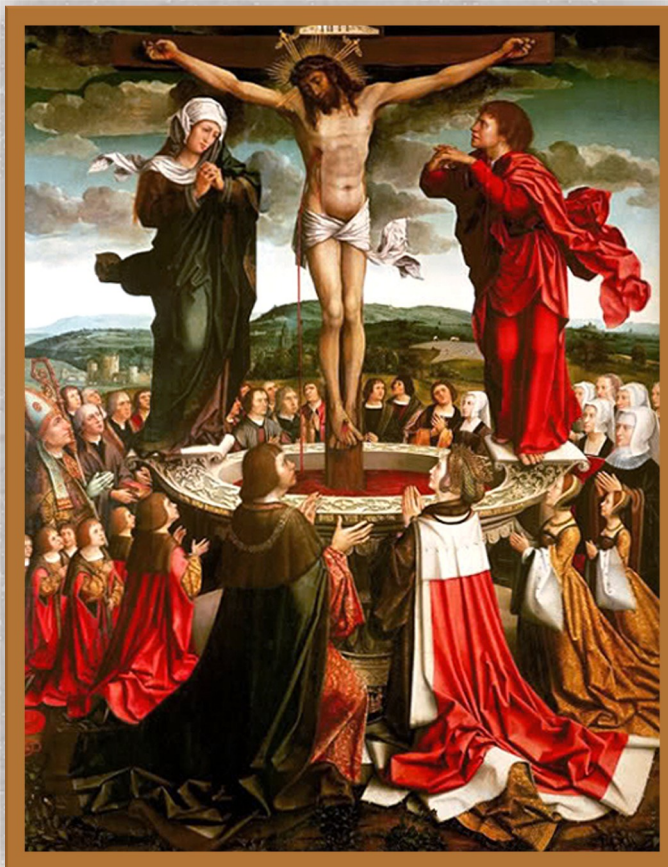
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1-800-932-0313
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Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest

Veritatem Facientes In Caritate—Furthering the Truth in Charity

Liturgical Schedule

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)

Monday, December 15, 2025

Advent Feria, 3rd Class—Violet

12PM LM Dudash & Merkosky Families (Claire Lucas)

Tuesday, December 16, 2025

St. Eusebius, 3rd Class—Red*

12PM LM +Gary Price (Tim & Pat Rowlands)

7PM LM Conversion of Family Members (Matthew Vincenzi)

Wednesday, December 17, 2025

Ember Wednesday, 2nd Class—Violet

12PM LM +John Zigarovich (David Zigarovich)

Thursday, December 18, 2025

Rorate Mass—White*

6AM HM *Private intention*

Advent Feria, 2nd Class—Violet/Rose

12PM LM Girone Family (Steve & Allison Girone)

5:30 PM Vespers

6 PM Holy Hour of Adoration

Friday, December 19, 2025

Ember Friday, 2nd Class—Violet

12PM LM +Christopher Galie (Mark Galie Family)

Saturday, December 20, 2025

Ember Saturday, 2nd Class—Violet

9AM LM +Michael Hilton (Alex Hilton)

Sunday, December 21, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Advent, 1st Class—Violet

8AM LM *Pro populo*

11AM HM +Gino Pochapsky (Mom & Dad)

Processional: Veni Emmanuel, vs. 3-4 (Women Chant) (pg.101)

Recessional: Savior of the Nations, Come (pg. 90)

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

*Commemoration of the Advent Feria

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

Our Weekly Offerings

Sunday, December 7, 2025

Offertory\$11,805.00

Offertory (Immaculate Conception).....\$5,301.00

Offertory (Octave of Christmas).....\$40.00

Offertory (Christmas).....\$50.00

Parish Appeal 2025\$982.00

Poor Box\$130.00

Christmas Flowers\$65.00

ICRSS/Missionary Appeal.....\$500.00

ICRSS/Sister Adorers\$5.00

100 Years of Worship\$972.00

ParishSOFT Report (November 11 – 26, 2025)

Offertory (incl. All Saints & Thanksgiving)....\$12,505.12

Parish Appeal 2025\$166.36

Parish Improvement\$946.38

Retirement Fund for Religious.....\$59.20

Archdiocese for Military Services\$23.91

Attendance: 8AM 554; 11AM 372; Total 926

Parish Group News

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS will next meet on **Saturday, January 3rd, beginning with the 9AM Mass. The topic: "The Works of Mercy: To feed the hungry and give drink to the thirsty".** 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. For more info contact Brenda Briola at 724-650-5767 or respectlife@mpboj.com.

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.

Upcoming Events

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

Confirmation Information Packets

Confirmation information packets are available for pickup from upper grade catechism teachers. 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. Don't wait! The deadline to register is Jan. 13th!

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

Thanks to the Novena Preachers

The Immaculate Conception Novena that concluded last Sunday benefitted from the clergy who came to our parish to preach. Thank you to Fathers Cizik and Gruber, Canons Sequeira, Hoogerwerf, and Silvey, and Bishop Walterscheid.

Saturday is Church Decorating Day

December 20th 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. This is terrific opportunity to have fun while helping the parish.

Quas Primas (Part 8)

ON THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

25. Moreover, the annual and universal celebration of the feast of the Kingship of Christ will draw attention to the evils which anticlericalism has brought upon society in drawing



men away from Christ, and will also do much to remedy them. While nations insult the beloved name of our Redeemer by suppressing all mention of it in their conferences and parliaments, we must all the more loudly proclaim his kingly dignity and power, all the more universally affirm his rights.

26. The way has been happily and providentially prepared for the celebration of this feast ever since the end of the last century. It is well known that this cult has been the subject of learned disquisitions in many books published in every part of the world, written in many different languages. The kingship and empire of Christ have been

recognized in the pious custom, practiced by many families, of dedicating themselves to the Sacred Heart of Jesus; not only families have performed this act of dedication, but nations, too, and kingdoms. In fact, the whole of the human race was at the instance of Pope Leo XIII, in the Holy Year 1900, consecrated to the Divine Heart. It should be remarked also that much has been done for the recognition of Christ's authority over society by the frequent Eucharistic Congresses which are held in our age. These give an opportunity to the people of each diocese, district or nation, and to the whole world of coming together to venerate and adore Christ the King hidden under the Sacramental species. Thus by sermons preached at meetings and in churches, by public adoration of the Blessed Sacrament exposed and by solemn processions, men unite in paying homage to Christ, whom God has given them for their King. It is by a divine inspiration that the people of Christ bring forth Jesus from his silent hiding-place in the church, and carry him in triumph through the streets of the city, so that he whom men refused to receive when he came unto his own, may now receive in full his kingly rights.

27. For the fulfillment of the plan of which We have spoken, the Holy Year, which is now speeding to its close, offers the best possible opportunity. For during this year the God of mercy has raised the minds and hearts of the faithful to the consideration of heavenly blessings which are above all understanding, has either restored them once more to his grace, or inciting them anew to strive for higher gifts, has set their feet more firmly in the path of righteousness. Whether, therefore, We consider the many prayers that have been addressed to Us, or look to the events of the Jubilee Year, just past, We have every reason to think that the desired moment has at length arrived for enjoining that Christ be venerated by a special feast as King of all mankind. In this year, as We said at the beginning of this Letter, the Divine King, truly wonderful in all his works, has been gloriously magnified, for another company of his soldiers has been added to the list of saints. In this year men have looked upon strange things and strange labors,

from which they have understood and admired the victories won by missionaries in the work of spreading his kingdom. In this year, by solemnly celebrating the centenary of the Council of Nicaea, we have commemorated the definition of the divinity of the Word Incarnate, the foundation of Christ's empire over all men. *(To be continued.)*

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.

2026 Mass Intention Schedule

Our parish is blessed to have an abundance of Mass intention requests. All Mass intentions for 2026 have now been scheduled. Parishioners may check when their Masses will be offered by accessing the spreadsheet on the MPBOJ website, or by reviewing the hard copies posted on the church bulletin boards. The spreadsheet is in alphabetical order, by last name, for your ease in locating your Mass intentions.

Catechism Christmas Break

Today's Catechism classes are the last of 2025. The program will take a two-week Christmas break on Dec. 21 & 28. *Coffee & donuts will also take a break those days.* Classes, coffee, and donuts will all resume on January 4, 2026.

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. The 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.

Sweet Success!

Thank you to all who participated in the parish Betsy Ann Christmas Candy Fundraiser—with over \$1,800 raised for parish programs! Much gratitude to Jim and Karen Paras, the owners of Betsy Ann, and to Peggy Wrabley, who works so hard to ensure the success of this yearly fundraiser.

Rorate Mass—Thursday, December 18th

Join us for an Advent tradition! On Thursday, December 18th, there will be a sung 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 desirous of following Mass with a missal, please bring your own candle.



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.