



MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

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

**Sunday within the
Christmas Octave**

December 28, 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

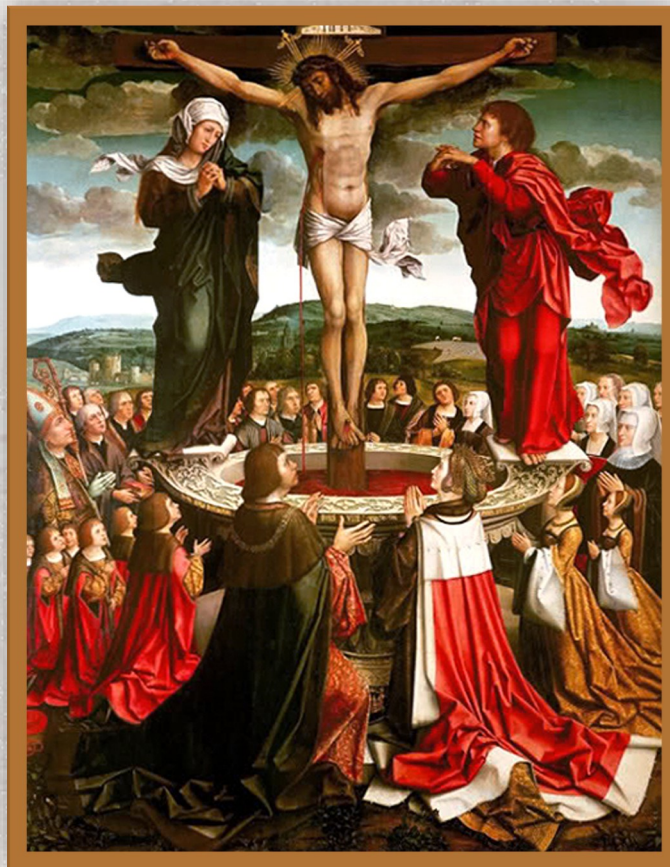
Confession Schedule

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 28, 2025

Sunday within the Octave of Christmas, 2nd Class—White

Commemoration of the Holy Innocents

8AM LMO +Anna Manz (MPBOJ)

11AM HM *Pro populo*

Processional: The First Nowell (pg.88)

Recessional: Hark the Herald Angels Sing (pg. 70)

Monday, December 29, 2025

Christmas Octave, 2nd Class—White

Commemoration of St. Thomas à Becket

12PM LM +Ward Guelich (Alex Hilton)

Tuesday, December 30, 2025

Christmas Octave, 2nd Class—White

12PM LM +Carol Ann Staud

7PM LM Luke Ziegler (Michelle Ziegler)

Wednesday, December 31, 2025

Christmas Octave, 2nd Class—White

Commemoration of St. Sylvester

12PM LM Tom Ross (Eva Zigarovich)

5 PM Holy Hour and Benediction with Te Deum

Thursday, January 1, 2026 *Holy Day of Obligation*

Circumcision of the Lord, 1st Class—White *Happy New Year!*

8AM LMO *Pro populo*

11AM HM +Poor Souls in Purgatory (Chris & Lottie DelSignore)

Processional: Hark the Herald Angels Sing (pg. 70)

Recessional: Joy to the World (pg. 76)

Friday, January 2, 2026 *First Friday*

Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart, 3rd Class—White

12PM LM John D. Fischer, Jr. Family (John & Susan Fischer)

7PM LM +Holy Souls in Purgatory (Steve & Allison Girone)

Saturday, January 3, 2026 *First Saturday*

Votive Mass of the Immaculate Heart, 3rd Class—White

9AM LM +Robert D. German (Joseph Wilson)

Sunday, January 4, 2026

Holy Name of Jesus, 2nd Class—White

8AM LMO Our Great-Grandson (Jerry and Peggy Wrabley)

11AM HM *Pro populo*

Processional: At the Name of Jesus (pg.54)

Recessional: Adeste Fidelis (pg. 52)

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

Our Weekly Offerings

Sunday, December 21, 2025

Offertory\$18,284.01

Offertory (Christmas).....\$245.00

Offertory (Octave of Christmas).....\$25.00

Initial Offering\$10.00

Parish Appeal 2025\$310.00

Poor Box\$200.00

Christmas Flowers\$491.00

ICRSS/Province\$30.00

Christmas Charities\$15.00

St. Anthony's School\$10.00

Attendance: 8AM 425; 11AM 336; Total 761 - Rorate: 161

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.

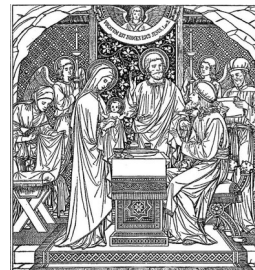
RESPECT LIFE GROUP (RLG) The Gospel of Life is at the heart of this group. RLG provides support to promote a culture of life through three working subcommittees: Legislation, Education,

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.

Feast of the Circumcision

Thursday, January 1st, is the Feast of the Circumcision of Our Lord, and a Holyday of Obligation. Masses are at **8 a.m. and 11 a.m.** There will not be a Holy Hour of Adoration that evening; it will instead be on Wednesday at 5 p.m.



Parish Office Closures

The parish office will be closed on Wednesday & Thursday, Dec. 31st & Jan. 1st, 2026, for the New Year holiday.

Catechism Christmas Break

The Catechism program is taking a two-week Christmas break. *Coffee & donuts are likewise on hiatus.* Classes, coffee, and donuts will all resume next Sunday, January 4, 2026.

Christmas Blessings

Canon Matheus and I thank you for all of your gifts, cards, and prayerful intercessions during this joyous season of the Nativity of Our Lord. May the Christ Child bless you for your thoughtfulness and please be assured of our continued prayers for all of you.

*In Christo Rege et Maria,
Canon William Avis*



One More Thank You

Thank you to the generosity of our anonymous donors for the Giant Eagle gift cards, which provided several of our parish families with a very special Christmas dinner! God bless your kindness.

Te Deum & Veni Creator

On Wednesday, December 31st, in thanksgiving for all the blessings that God has granted us this year, the *Te Deum* (the great hymn of thanksgiving) will be sung during Benediction at the conclusion of the 5 p.m. Holy Hour. Thursday, Jan. 1st is the beginning of the new year. The *Veni Creator* (the hymn to the Holy Ghost) will be sung before the High Mass to invoke God's protection and guidance in the new year. The faithful may gain a plenary indulgence under the usual conditions by assisting at the *Te Deum* and the *Veni Creator*.

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.

Quas Primas (Part 10)

ON THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

30. We would now, Venerable Brethren, in closing this letter, briefly enumerate the blessings which We hope and pray may accrue to the Church, to society, and to each one of the faithful, as a result of the public veneration of the Kingship of Christ.



31. When we pay honor to the princely dignity of Christ, men will doubtless be reminded that the Church, founded by Christ as a perfect society, has a natural and inalienable right to perfect freedom and immunity from the power of the state; and that in fulfilling the task committed to her by God of teaching, ruling, and guiding to eternal bliss those who belong to the kingdom of Christ, she cannot be subject to any external power. The State is bound to extend similar freedom to the orders and communities of religious of either sex, who give most valuable help to the Bishops of the Church by laboring for the extension and the establishment of the kingdom of Christ. By their sacred vows they fight against the threefold concupiscence of the world; by making profession of a more perfect life they render the holiness which her divine Founder willed should be a mark and characteristic of his Church more striking and more conspicuous in the eyes of all.

32. Nations will be reminded by the annual celebration of this feast that not only private individuals but also rulers and princes are bound to give public honor and obedience to Christ. It will call to their minds the thought of the last judgment, wherein Christ, who has been cast out of public life, despised, neglected and ignored, will most severely avenge these insults; for his kingly dignity demands that the State should take account of the commandments of God and of Christian principles, both in making laws and in administering justice, and also in providing for the young a sound moral education.

33. The faithful, moreover, by meditating upon these truths, will gain much strength and courage, enabling them to form their lives after the true Christian ideal. If to Christ our Lord is given all power in heaven and on earth; if all men, purchased by his precious blood, are by a new right subjected to his dominion; if this power embraces all men, it must be clear that not one of our faculties is exempt from his empire. He must reign in our minds, which should assent with perfect submission and firm belief to revealed truths and to the doctrines of Christ. He must reign in our wills, which should obey the laws and precepts of God. He must reign in our hearts, which should spurn natural desires and love God above all things, and cleave to him alone. He must reign in our bodies and in our members, which should serve as instruments for the interior sanctification of our souls, or to use the words of the Apostle Paul, as instruments of justice unto God.[35] If all these truths are presented to the faithful for their consideration, they will prove a powerful incentive to perfection. It is Our fervent desire, Venerable Brethren, that those who are without the fold may seek after and accept the sweet yoke of Christ, and that we, who by the mercy of God are of the household of the faith, may bear that yoke, not as a burden but with joy, with love, with devotion; that having lived our lives

in accordance with the laws of God's kingdom, we may receive full measure of good fruit, and counted by Christ good and faithful servants, we may be rendered partakers of eternal bliss and glory with him in his heavenly kingdom.

34. Let this letter, Venerable Brethren, be a token to you of Our fatherly love as the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ draws near; and receive the Apostolic Benediction as a pledge of divine blessings, which with loving heart, We impart to you, Venerable Brethren, to your clergy, and to your people.

Given at St. Peter's Rome, on the eleventh day of the month of December, in the Holy Year 1925, the fourth of Our Pontificate.

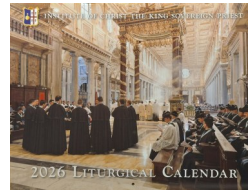
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35: Rom. vi, 13.

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.

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.

Holy Land Pilgrimage with Canon Matheus Don't wait! The deadline to register is Jan. 13th!

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.

Wisdom of St. Francis de Sales

The sacred gift of prayer is held in the Savior's right hand; if you empty yourself, that is, if you are very humble, the Lord will communicate it to your heart. Be patient and walk with small steps, until you have legs for running or wings for flying. For the present, be satisfied to be simply a young bee in the hive, and soon you will become a bee producing honey. Humble yourself before God and neighbor, because God speaks to those who have their ears turned to Him.

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 may not 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
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General Information

Bulletin Announcements: Requests for proposed bulletin announcements must be submitted **ten days in advance** of the publication date. Submit to bulletin@mpboj.com.

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.

Parish Materials/Events: At both 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 any materials without explicit permission from the Pastor. Parish events publicized on the bulletin boards at both entrances. 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 office@mpboj.com for approval.

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.

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.

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

Rosary: The Rosary is publicly recited one-half hour before most parish Masses.

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.

First Holy Communion and Confirmation: School age students receive First Holy Communion and the sacrament of Confirmation as part of our Catechism Program. Please see the parish website for registration 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 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.

Safety Awareness

In an effort to make Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish a safe place for all parishioners and visitors alike, please be mindful of our urban neighborhood and the constant traffic. If visiting the parish for Mass or a social event, parents should ensure their children's safety by maintaining prudent watch and supervision of their children at all times. When children are registered and/or involved in a parish related activity overseen by a parish program manager (e.g., Children's Choir; Catechism; altar server practice), at least one parent/guardian must remain on site for the duration of the program.

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