



# MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

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

## Septuagesima Sunday

February 1, A.D. 2026

### **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

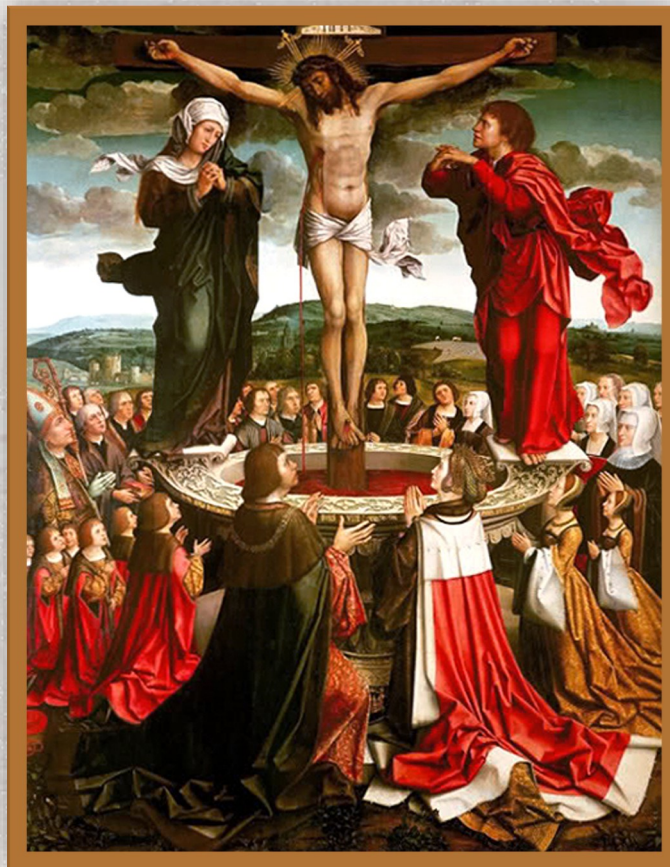
### **Confession Schedule**

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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*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, February 1, 2026**

Septuagesima Sunday, 2nd Class—Violet

8AM LMO *Pro populo*

11AM HM +Holy Souls in Purgatory (Mary Eileen Cokley)

Processional: Come Holy Ghost (pg.57)

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

### **Monday, February 2, 2026 *Candlemas***

Purification of Our Lady, 2nd Class—White

12PM LM Jacob Ziolkowski (Aja & Andrew Bencsics)

7PM HM Gey Smith (Anne-Marie King)

Recessional: O Sion Open Wide Thy Gates (pg. 83)

### **Tuesday, February 3, 2026 *St. Blaise Blessing***

St. Blaise, 4th Class—Red

12PM LM Conversion of Sinners (Ray Aul Family)

7PM LM +Blake Kantz (Brenda Briola)

### **Wednesday, February 4, 2026**

St. Andrew Corsini, 3rd Class—White

12PM LM Return of Family Members Back to the Church  
(Christopher & Bethann DeCree)

### **Thursday, February 5, 2026 *First Thursday***

St. Agatha, 3rd Class—Red

12PM LM Salvation of the Pacacha Family (Bob Pacacha)

5:30 PM Vespers

6:00 PM Holy Hour of Adoration

### **Friday, February 6, 2026 *First Friday***

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

*Commemoration of St. Titus*

12PM LM +Jack & Anna Marie Killian (David Killian)

7PM HM +Esther Spinneweber (Shawn Spinneweber)

### **Saturday, February 7, 2026 *First Saturday***

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

*Commemoration of St. Romuald*

9AM LM Our Sons & Their Families (Bob & Vicki Darkey)

### **Sunday, February 8, 2026 *St. Blaise Blessing***

Sexagesima Sunday, 2nd Class—Violet

8AM LMO *Pro populo*

11AM HM For All Married Couples

Processional: Lord Jesus Think On Me (pg.77)

Recessional: Faith of Our Fathers (pg. 59)

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

## Our Weekly Offerings

Figures for Sunday, January 18, will be reported next week

## **Parish Group News**

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS will next meet on **Saturday, February 7th, beginning with the 9AM Mass. The topic: "The Works of Mercy: To clothe the naked and harbor the harborless".** 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. For more info contact Brenda Briola at 724-650-5767 or [respectlife@mpboj.com](mailto: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](mailto:sursumcorda@mpboj.com).

**Sursum Corda February Luncheon** today, Feb. 1st following the High Mass, will be at the Texas Roadhouse in Robinson. Address is 130 Andrew Dr.

**Sursum Corda Game Night** — Join us for a fun night of food,

games, and conversation with fellow Catholic Young Adults Friday, Feb. 13th. Feel free to bring your own Board Games if you are so inclined!

## **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](mailto:bethanymarygianna@gmail.com).

## **St. Valentine Party and Pot-Luck**

Please plan to join fellow parishioners for the St. Valentine party in the school gym next **Sunday, Feb. 8th**, following the High Mass. The event will begin with a pot-luck lunch, Valentine/gift assembling for nursing home residents, heart shaped cookie decorating and some games/prizes. All ages welcome! Suggested \$5 donation per family. Please sign up for potluck/volunteering/cookie making here:

<https://mostpreciousbloodofjesus.flocknote.com/signup/240734>



## **Bring out your palms**



The parish is collecting your blessed palms to burn for use on Ash Wednesday (February 18th). Please place your old palms in the collection bins located in the church entrances **by February 15th.**

## **Holy Week & Easter Schedule**

Sunday, March 29—Palm Sunday: **10:30am High Mass** with blessing of palms and procession (*Blessed Palms will be available in the side entrance after the High Mass as well as at the 8AM Mass Easter Sunday*)

Wednesday, April 1—Tenebrae: **7pm Matins & Lauds**

Thursday, April 2—Holy Thursday: **7pm Solemn Mass, Vespers, Adoration (until midnight)**

Friday, April 3—Good Friday: **11am Stations of the Cross; 12pm Mass of the Presanctified & Vespers**

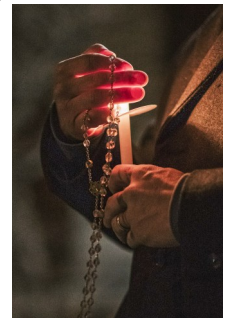
Saturday, April 4—Holy Saturday: **TBA Easter Vigil**

Sunday, April 5—Easter Sunday: **8am Low Mass with organ; 11am Solemn Mass followed by the Blessing of the Lambs**

## **Candlemas, St. Blaise This Week**

Tomorrow, February 2nd, is the Feast of the Purification of Our Lady, also known as Candlemas. There will be the blessing and procession of candles followed by a High Mass at 7 p.m. You may bring your own candles to be blessed at this liturgy. This feast is last of Christmas and closes this holy season.

Tuesday, February 3rd is the Feast of St. Blaise. The St. Blaise blessing of throats will be given at both Masses on the feastday Tuesday, and also at both Masses next Sunday.



## **An Act of Charity**

O my God, I love you above all things, with my whole heart and soul, because you are all-good and worthy of all love. I love my neighbor as myself for the love of you. I forgive all who have injured me and ask pardon of all whom I have injured.

## Septuagesima

**Introit: Psalm 17: 5, 6, 7.** The groans of death surround me, the sorrows of hell encompassed me: and in my affliction I called upon the Lord, and He heard my voice, from His holy temple. **Ps. 17, 2, 3.** I will love Thee, O Lord, my strength: the Lord is my firmament, and my refuge and my deliverer. Glory. The groans.

**Collect:** Do Thou, we beseech Thee, O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Thy people, that we, who are justly afflicted for our sins, may be mercifully delivered for the glory of Thy name. Through our Lord.

**Epistle: I Corinthians 9: 24-27; 10: 1-5.** Brethren, know you not that they that run in the race, all run indeed, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that you may obtain. And every one that striveth for the mastery, refraineth himself from all things: and they indeed that they may receive a corruptible crown, but we an incorruptible one. I therefore so run, not as at an uncertainty; I so fight, not as one beating the air: but I chastise my body, and bring it into subjection: lest perhaps, when I have preached to others, I myself should become a castaway. For I would not have you ignorant, brethren, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; and all in Moses were baptized, in the cloud and in the sea; and all did eat the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink; (and they drank of the spiritual rock that followed them; and the rock was Christ). But with the most of them God was not well pleased.

**Gradual: Psalm 9: 10, 11, 19, 20.** The helper in due time, in tribulation: let them trust in Thee, who know Thee: for Thou dost not forsake them that seek Thee, O Lord. V. For the poor man shall not be forgotten to the end: the patience of the poor shall not perish for ever: arise, O Lord, let not man be strengthened.

**Tract: Psalm 129: 1-4.** From the depths I have cried to Thee, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice. V. Let Thine ears be attentive to the prayer of Thy servant. V. If Thou shalt observe iniquities, O Lord, Lord, Who shall endure it? V. For with Thee is propitiation, and by reason of Thy law I have waited for Thee, O Lord.

**Gospel: St. Matthew 20: 1-16.** At that time, Jesus spoke to His disciples this parable: The kingdom of heaven is like to a householder, who went out early in the morning to hire laborers into his vineyard. And having agreed with the laborers for a penny a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And going out about the third hour, he saw others standing in the marketplace idle, and he said to them, Go you also into my vineyard, and I will give you what shall be just: and they went their way. And again he went out about the sixth and the ninth hour, and did in like manner. But about the eleventh hour, he went out, and found others standing; and he saith to them, Why stand you here all the day idle? They say to him, Because no man hath hired us. He saith to them, Go you also into my vineyard. And when evening was come, the lord of the vineyard saith to his steward, Call the laborers, and pay them their hire, beginning from the last even to the first. When therefore they were come that came about the eleventh hour, they received every man a penny. But when the first also came, they thought that they should receive more; and they also received every man a penny. And receiving it, they murmured against the master of the house, saying, These last have worked but one hour, and thou hast made them equal to us that have borne the burden of the day and the heat. But he answering, said to one of them, Friend, I do thee no wrong; didst thou not agree with me for a penny? Take what is thine, and go thy way: I will also give to this last even as to thee. Or, is it not lawful for me to do what I will? Is thy eye evil, because I am good? So shall the last be first, and the first last. For many are called, but few are chosen.

**Offertory: Psalm 91: 2.** It is good to give praise to the Lord,

and to sing to Thy name, O Most High.

**Secret:** With our gifts and prayers accepted, we beseech Thee, O Lord, both cleanse us by these heavenly mysteries and graciously hear us. Through our Lord.

**Communion: Psalm 30: 17, 18.** Make Thy face to shine upon Thy servant, and save me in Thy mercy: Let me not be confounded, O Lord, for I have called upon Thee.

**Postcommunion:** May Thy faithful, O God, be strengthened by Thy gifts, that receiving them they may still desire them and desiring them may constantly receive them. Through our Lord.



### **The Saint Valentine's Day Soirée is back!**

On Saturday, February 14, enjoy a night of live music from the Duquesne Jazz Band, heavy hors d'oeuvres, specialty cocktails, and more! Tickets are \$35 each and include 2 adult beverages.

Tickets are on sale today after both Masses in the back vestibule and in the gym during Catechism. Please contact [QSteph14@gmail.com](mailto:QSteph14@gmail.com) for more information or to volunteer. Age 21+ only.

### **Retake the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) Survey**

Almost three years ago, every parish in the Diocese of Pittsburgh participated in the initial Disciple Maker Index (DMI). The time has come to measure our growth and we need your voice once again! The survey opens on Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2026 and runs through March 29, 2026. This is the exact survey that parishioners took during Lent of 2023. Your honest feedback is essential for understanding where we have successfully grown and where we still need to focus our energies. The results of the DMI Retake will directly enable our parish leadership to review and revise our current plans in light of Bishop Eckman's vision, so please plan to participate.

### **Aquinas Academy Admissions Open House**

Parents and students are invited to the Aquinas Academy of Pittsburgh's Preschool - Grade 12 Admissions Open House on Saturday, February 7, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Come and see how Aquinas Academy's academic, athletic, extracurricular, and virtues programs can form your child to succeed in school and life. Tyler Deschamps, Head of School, will give a presentation and families will have an opportunity to tour campus and meet teachers, coaches, parents, and current students. You are also invited to stay for a light reception at the end of your tour. Register online at [aquinasacademy-pittsburgh.org](http://aquinasacademy-pittsburgh.org) or contact Joe Austin, Director of Admissions, at (724) 444-0722 ext. 15, [austin@aquinasacademy-pittsburgh.org](mailto:austin@aquinasacademy-pittsburgh.org).

## 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.

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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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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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