



## MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

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

**Passion Sunday  
March 26, A.D. 2023**

### **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**

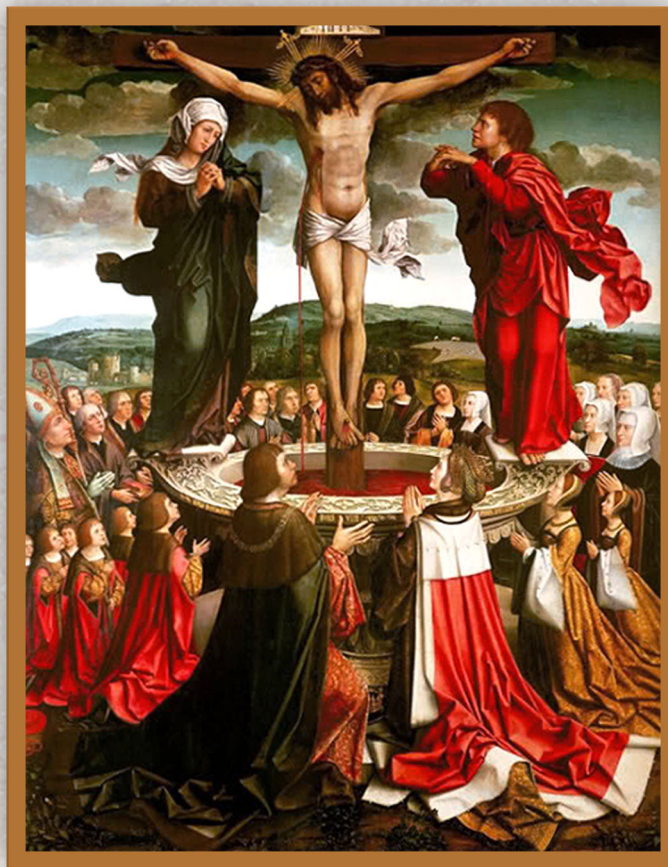
### **Confession Schedule**

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

*Please consult the weekly bulletin for modifications to the 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, March 26, 2023

#### Passion Sunday, 1st Class—Violet

8AM LM + Edward Check (Melinda Check)

11AM HM *Pro populo*

*Music at High Mass (found in the black Missal & Hymnal)*

Processional: *Anima Christi* pg. 89

Kyriale: *Mass XVII, Credo I*

Recessional: *Soul Of My Savior* pg. 92

### Monday, March 27, 2023

#### Lenten Feria, 3rd Class—Violet

12PM LM + Edward Jendrasak (Warner Family)

### Tuesday, March 28, 2023

#### Lenten Feria, 3rd Class—Violet

12PM LM The Capan Posse (Dave & Mandy Capan)

7PM LM Johanna Yoho (MPBOJ Staff)

### Wednesday, March 29, 2023

#### Lenten Feria, 3rd Class—Violet

12PM LM + Jacob A. Dvorak (O'Connell Family)

### Thursday, March 30, 2023

#### Lenten Feria, 3rd Class—Violet

12PM LM Paul Allen-birthday (Hannah Allen)

8PM Holy Hour of Adoration

9PM Compline

### Friday, March 31, 2023 *Abstinence*

#### Our Lady of Sorrows, 3rd Class—White

*Commemoration of the Feria*

12PM LM DeFilippo Family (McLeod Family)

6:30PM Stations of the Cross

7:20PM LM Living & Deceased Members of The  
Confraternity of Christian Mothers

### Saturday, April 1, 2023

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

*Commemoration of the Feria*

9AM LM All Souls in Purgatory (Matthew Camm)

### Sunday, April 2, 2023

#### Palm Sunday, 1st Class—Violet

8AM LM *Pro populo*

\*10AM HM James & Karen Paras-37th Wedding Anniversary  
(Family)

Processional: *Palm Sunday Booklet*

Kyriale: *Mass XVII, Credo I*

Recessional: *Palm Sunday Booklet*

LM = Low Mass; HM = High/Solemn Mass

## Our Weekly Offerings

*Sunday, March 19, 2023*

Offertory ..... \$9,303.00

Parish Appeal ..... \$720.00

Bulletin Underwriting ..... \$1,000.00

Flowers..... \$779.00

Catholic Campaign for Human Development ..... \$615.00

Food Pantry..... \$100.00

Good Friday Holy Land..... \$10.00

*Sunday Mass Attendance: 8AM 508; 11AM 394; Total 902*

### On Line Contributions

The parish utilizes Faith Direct for on-line donations, which can be made directly from your bank account or credit card. If interested in making donations in this manner, please visit <https://membership.faithdirect.net/PA678> or call 866-507-8757.

## Remember the Survey!

Don't forget to share your feedback on the parish-wide survey, which is available until March 31<sup>st</sup> for your input. Please take 10-15 minutes of your time, if you haven't already done so. It is important that our parishioners participate, to help us better understand our parish, to better prepare for future planning. You can access the survey directly from the home page of the parish website: [www.MPBOJ.com](http://www.MPBOJ.com). If you prefer a paper version, copies are available at the side entrance of the church. You can complete and submit your responses in the designated COMPLETED SURVEYS box, also located at the side entrance of the church. If you would prefer that a paper copy be mailed to you, please contact the parish office at 412-761-1508. Stay tuned for additional information on the survey results and next steps in the planning process. Thank you for your time and effort in completing the survey.

## Parish Group News

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS meets every First Saturday of the month, beginning with the 9 am Mass. The next meeting is Saturday, April 1, 2023 and the topic will be *Spiritual Dryness and Discouragement*. All adult women are welcome. Also, mark your calendars for CCM Special Events including *The Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows* on Friday, March 31, 2023. Please contact [christianmothers@mpboj.com](mailto:christianmothers@mpboj.com) for more information.

SURSUM CORDA-YOUNG ADULTS GROUP is a nationwide initiative to foster the spiritual lives of Catholic adults, AGES 18-35, at Institute apostolates. Our parish group meets 1-2 times a month for faith discussions guided by the Canons, food, and various fun activities. To sign up for the mailing list and receive notice of future events, simply text Corda to 84576 and choose "SC Pittsburgh" as the group. Contact [sursumcorda@mpboj.com](mailto:sursumcorda@mpboj.com) with any questions!

RESPECT LIFE GROUP is forming at MPBOJ to advance pro-life positions including: Prayer, Education, Advocacy/Witness, Care/Service, and Legislation. More details on positions will be discussed at our first meeting, **Thursday, March 30th at 6:00pm** in Room 101 in the Parish Center (School). All are welcome to attend! RSVP to: [respectlife@mpboj.com](mailto:respectlife@mpboj.com) so that we may be prepared with refreshments at this meeting.

## Little Sisters of the Poor

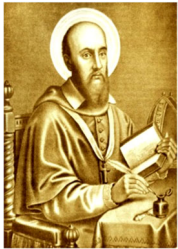
The Little Sisters of the Poor and their volunteers will be with us after each mass on **April 30th** to collect for their mission. Your contributions enable them to continue caring for the elderly poor at their Home in Brighton Heights. Donations may also be made online at [www.littlesistersofthepoor.org](http://www.littlesistersofthepoor.org). If you or anyone you know is looking for a new job opportunity, the Little Sisters of the Poor have several CNA and RN positions open.

## Mass Intentions

The Parish is currently accepting Mass intention requests for the remainder of calendar year 2023, beginning **May 1<sup>st</sup>**. Each family may request three Masses during this period, but please be advised that there are a limited number of Sunday Masses available. Revised Mass Intention Request Forms are available at the Church entrances for your use. Please know that the parish will only contact you if there is a conflict for a particular date. If you do not receive a call, then your Mass request is scheduled for the date requested.

## **Introduction to the Devout Life**

*By St. Francis de Sales*  
**How to Effect This Second Purification**  
*(Part I, Chap. 8)*



The first inducement to attain this second purification is a keen and lively apprehension of the great evils resulting from sin, by means of which we acquire a deep, hearty contrition. For just as contrition, (so far as it is real,) however slight, when joined to the virtue of the Sacraments, purges away sin; so, when it becomes strong and urgent, it purges away all the affections which cling around habits of sin. A moderate, slight hatred makes men dislike its object and avoid his society; but when a violent, mortal hatred exists, they not only abhor and shun the person who excites it, but they loathe him, they cannot endure the approach of his relations or those connected to him, nor even his likeness or anything that concerns him. Just so when a penitent only hates sin through a weakly although real contrition, he will resolve to avoid overt acts of sin; but when his contrition is strong and hearty, he will not merely abhor sin, but every affection, every link and tendency to sin. Therefore, my child, it behooves us to kindle our contrition and repentance as much as we possibly can, so that it may reach even to the very smallest appearance of sin. Thus it was that the Magdalen, when converted, so entirely lost all taste for her past sin and its pleasures, that she never again cast back one thought upon them; and David declared that he hated not only sin itself, but every path and way which led thereto. This it is which is that “renewing of the soul” which the same Prophet compares to the eagle’s strength.

Now, in order to attain this fear and this contrition, you must use the following meditations carefully; for if you practice them steadfastly, they (by God’s Grace) will root out both sin and its affections from your heart. It is to that end that I have prepared them: do you use them one after another, in the order in which they come, only taking one each day, and using that as early as possible, for the morning is the best time for all spiritual exercises;—and then you will ponder and ruminare it through the day. If you have not as yet been taught how to meditate, you will find instructions to that purpose in the Second Part [of the *Introduction to the Devout Life*].

### **LENTEN REGULATIONS**

1. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence in the United States.
2. The obligation of abstinence (refraining from eating meat) begins at the age of 14. The law of fasting (limiting oneself to one full meal and two collations) obliges all between the ages of 18-59. No one should consider this obligation lightly.
3. Those individuals who have a medical condition in which fasting may be considered harmful are not obliged to fast, but should perform some other act of penance or charity.
4. Pastors and parents are to see to it that minors, though not bound by the law of fast and abstinence, are educated in the authentic sense of penance and encouraged to do acts of penance suitable to their age.
5. All members of the Christian Faithful are encouraged to do acts of penance and charity during the Lenten season beyond what is prescribed by the law.
7. As a general rule, a request for a dispensation from the obli-

gation of abstinence on Fridays of Lent will not be considered unless some serious reason is present. The attendance at social events, banquets, wedding rehearsals or receptions, or funeral wakes are not considered sufficient reason to request a dispensation.

### **Pontifical Good Friday Collection**

As in previous years, our parish has been asked to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land, where they are now less than 2% of the population. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including in Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, to name only a few. The pandemic hit Christians in the Holy Land particularly hard. Most of them depend on pilgrimages for work. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is necessary to meet basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land and to maintain a Christian presence where the Church was born. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. PLEASE BE GENEROUS! For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit [www.myfranciscan.org](http://www.myfranciscan.org) or [www.custodia.org](http://www.custodia.org).



### **2023 Holy Week & Easter Schedule**

#### **Palm Sunday, April 2**

8AM Low Mass

10:00AM Solemn Blessing of Palms & Procession followed by High Mass (Blessed Palms will be available in the side entrance after the High Mass as well as at the 8AM Mass Easter Sunday)

#### **Holy Thursday, April 6**

6-6:50PM Confessions

7PM High Mass

followed by the Procession to the Repository (with Adoration until Midnight), Vespers and Stripping of the Altar.

#### **Good Friday, April 7**

10AM-11:45AM Confessions

10:30 AM Stations of the Cross

12 PM Mass of the Presanctified & Vespers

#### **Holy Saturday, April 8**

*(No Confessions)*

6PM Easter Vigil

#### **Easter Sunday, April 9**

Normal Sunday Schedule

*Blessing of the lambs following Solemn Mass*

*N.B. Confessions will not be heard during the Liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday*

## To All Our Guests...

The Canons and Faithful of Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish welcome you and hope that your time in “The ‘Burgh” may be an opportunity to share in the tradition of the Roman Catholic Faith. Please enjoy the beauty of this Personal Parish, established by Bishop David Zubik on July 1, 2019 on the *Feast of The Most Precious Blood of Jesus*.

According to liturgical tradition and the Traditional Latin Mass of the Roman Rite, Holy Communion is received kneeling and on the tongue. All visitors who are not of the Catholic Faith are welcome to join us in prayer but are requested not to receive Holy Communion. Because reception of Holy Communion is the sign of Divine and Ecclesial unity, only practicing Catholics who are free of mortal sin, and have observed the Eucharistic Fast, should present themselves for Holy Communion. For those who need a low gluten Host, let an usher know as you approach the Communion rail toward the end of Communion.

To receive more information about the parish or if you desire to become a member of the Catholic Church, contact the Priory 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.

Any and all contributions to the parish are warmly appreciated and tax deductible.

**PARISHIONER MATERIALS/REQUESTS**—At the 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 your own materials without permission from Canon Avis. Parish events are also publicized on the bulletin boards in the side entrance and in the narthex. 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 [temporalaffairs@mpboj.com](mailto:temporalaffairs@mpboj.com) for approval.

**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS**—Requests for proposed **bulletin announcements** must be submitted in writing to the Parish office ten days in advance of publication.

**MASS INTENTIONS**—*The Parish Mass Intention Registry* is currently **OPEN**. Mass intentions are accepted during specific periods throughout the calendar year, with each period announced in the bulletin, in advance of the request period. Instructions and forms are made available at that time.

**PARISH NEWS**—The parish uses **Flocknote** to circulate news and information. If you’d like to sign up, please text MPBOJ to 84576 from your cell phone and follow the instructions.

### Sacramental Information

#### Infant Baptism:

Baptism should be administered within two weeks of birth. Please call the office prior to the baby’s birth to make arrangements.

#### Holy Matrimony:

Couples planning to marry at the parish must call the office to schedule proper instruction at least six months in advance.

#### Catholic Faith Formation and Spiritual needs:

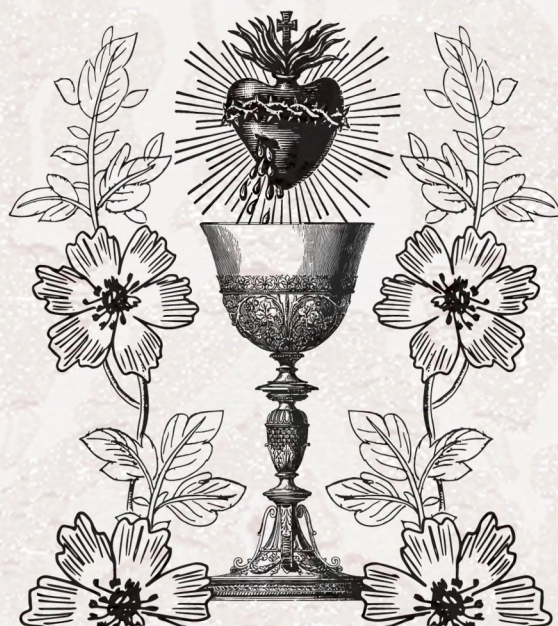
For those seeking *Catechism*, preparing for *1st Holy Communion*, *Confirmation*, needs of the sick or funeral information, please call the parish office.

#### Anointing of the Sick:

If you need the assistance of a priest for the dying, please contact the office at 412-761-1508. If after hours, please call and listen to the prompts and select option #1.

#### Certificates:

Certificates for Sacraments administered prior to July 1, 2019 are maintained by the Diocese of Pittsburgh Archives. You may reach the Diocese Archive office at 412-456-3158, or [archives@diopitt.org](mailto:archives@diopitt.org).



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