



MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

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

Palm Sunday

March 24, A.D. 2024

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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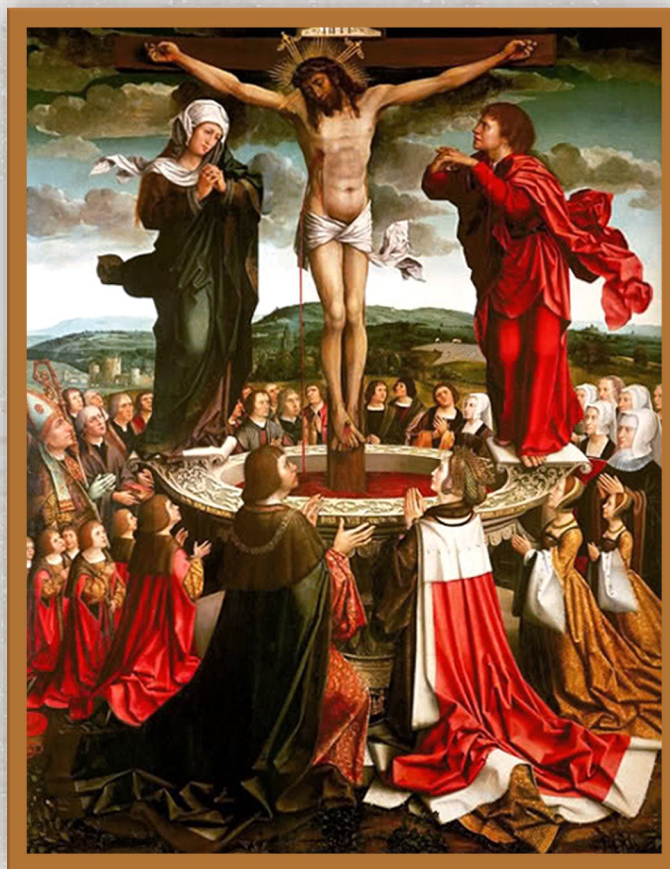
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Pennsylvania Childline (report suspected child abuse)

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 24, 2024

Palm Sunday, 1st Class—Violet

8AM LM *Private Intention*

10AM HM *Pro populo*

Processional: Palm Sunday Booklet

Recessional: Palm Sunday Booklet

Monday, March 25, 2024

Holy Monday, 1st Class—Violet

12PM LM + Al Brunn Jr. (Angela Tomak)

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

Holy Tuesday, 1st Class—Violet

12PM LM Spiritual needs of Parish Friends (Dave & Mandy Capan)

7PM LM + Paul J. Hlavak-birthday (Anthony Hlavac)

Wednesday, March 27, 2024

Spy Wednesday, 1st Class—Violet

12PM LM + Helen Zanoni-1 yr. anniv. (Robert Kish Family)

7PM Tenebrae

Thursday, March 28, 2024

Holy Thursday, 1st Class—White

7PM HM Intentions of Prior General of the ICRSS

Friday, March 29, 2024 *Fast & Abstinence*

Good Friday, 1st Class—Black

11AM Stations of the Cross

12PM Mass of the Presanctified

Saturday, March 30, 2024

Holy Saturday, 1st Class—Violet/White

7PM HM For the Spiritual Welfare of Our Parish Volunteers

Sunday, March 31, 2024

Easter Sunday, 1st Class—White

8AM LMO *Pro populo*

11AM HM *Private Intention*

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

Our Weekly Offerings

Sunday, March 17, 2024

Offertory \$10,737.00

Parish Appeal 2024..... \$130.00

Flower Donation..... \$170.00

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

Campaign for Human Development, *et al.* \$45.00

Sunday Mass Attendance: 8AM 513; 11AM 356; Total 869

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:

membership.faithdirect.net/PA678 or call 866-507-8757.

Parish Group News

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS usually meets every First Saturday of the month, beginning with the 9AM Mass. All adult women are welcome. Please contact christianmothers@mpboj.com for more information.

RESPECT LIFE GROUP (RLG) The Gospel of Life is at the heart of this group. RLG promotes a culture of life through three working subcommittees of Legislation, Education, and Advocacy. Contact Brenda Briola at 724-650-5767 or respectlife@mpboj.com for more information.

The RLG is seeking volunteers to connect with elderly parishioners @ MPBOJ who haven't been attending Mass, to assess if they require a ride to Mass on Sundays or have other needs.

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 Jose Piñero at 863.450.5143 or sursumcorda@mpboj.com.

Catholic Homeschoolers of East Pittsburgh

The Catholic Homeschoolers of East Pittsburgh (CHEP) group was formed to offer free informal social & exercise opportunities for K-12 traditional catholic homeschooling families and co-ops alike but is open to all people of good faith. We meet every week in the region between Pittsburgh and Greensburg at an indoor facility during inclement weather and at local parks when weather's permitting. For more information, please contact us at:

catholichomeschoolers@protonmail.com

2024 Holy Week & Easter Schedule

Wednesday, March 27th—Spy Wednesday: 7pm Tenebrae

Thursday, March 28th—Holy Thursday: 6pm Confessions; 7pm Solemn Mass followed by Procession and Adoration until midnight

Friday, March 29th—Good Friday: 10am Confessions; 11am Stations of the Cross; 12pm Mass of the Presanctified

Saturday, March 30th—Holy Saturday: 7pm Easter Vigil

Sunday, March 31st—Easter Sunday: 8am Low Mass; 11am Solemn Mass followed by the Blessing of Lambs

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

Stations of the Cross

A venerable devotion during Lent is the *Via Crucis* or Way of the Cross. On Good Friday, March 29th, Stations will be at 11 a.m. The faithful may gain a plenary indulgence under the usual conditions by praying the *Via Crucis*. This may be done privately or during public devotions.



No Classes, Coffee, or Donuts Today

There are no Catechism classes, or their attendant refreshments, today or on Easter Sunday. All will return on April 7th.

Office Closed March 28 – April 1

The Parish Office will be closed on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Monday. Wishing all a very Joyous Easter!

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

February 14-March 24

The 40 Days for Life campaign concludes **today**, with a Eucharistic Procession from Planned Parenthood to Epiphany Church beginning at 4 p.m. After arriving at Epiphany, there will be a closing Mass celebrated by Bishop William Waltersheid.

Easter Tea Party



Please join us for the Confraternity of Christian Mother's annual Easter Tea Party on April 20th, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Enjoy tea, lunch, dessert, raffle basket drawings, music by the *Schola Cantorum*, plus kid activities. Tickets are \$20 (\$10 for 4th ticket or more per family). This annual event is not only a delightful social event—it is also a fundraiser for our parish.

Questions? Contact Dominique Patrick at niquewilson99@gmail.com.

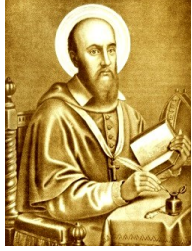
Introduction to the Devout Life

By St. Francis de Sales

How to Combine due Care for a Good Reputation with Humility

(Book 3, Chapter 7—Part 2)

An excessive fear of losing reputation indicates mistrust as to its foundations, which are to be found in a good and true life. Those towns where the bridges are built of wood are very uneasy whenever a sign of flood appears, but they who possess stone bridges are not anxious unless some very unusual storm appears. And so a soul built up on solid Christian foundations can afford to despise the outpour of slanderous tongues, but those who know themselves to be weak are for ever disturbed and uneasy. Be sure, my child, that he who seeks to be well thought of by everybody will be esteemed by nobody, and those people deserve to be despised who are anxious to be highly esteemed by ungodly, unworthy men.

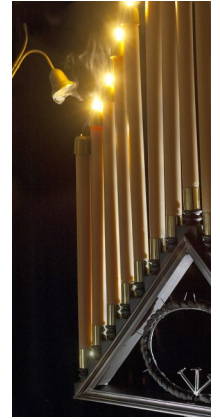


Reputation, after all, is but a signboard giving notice where virtue dwells, and virtue itself is always and everywhere preferable. Therefore, if it is said that you are a hypocrite because you are professedly devout, or if you are called a coward because you have forgiven an insult, despise all such accusations. Such judgments are the utterances of foolish men, and you must not give up what is right, even though your reputation suffer, for fruit is better than foliage, that is to say, an inward and spiritual gain is worth all external gains. We may take a jealous care of our reputation, but not idolize it; and while we desire not to displease good men, neither should we seek to please those that are evil. A man's natural adornment is his beard, and a woman's her hair; if either be torn out they may never grow again, but if only shaven or shorn, they will grow all the thicker; and in like manner, if our reputation be shorn or even shaven by slanderous tongues (of which David says, that "with lies they cut like a sharp razor"), there is no need to be disturbed, it will soon spring again, if not brighter, at all events more substantial. But if it be lost through our own vices or meanness or evil living, it will not be easily restored, because its roots are plucked up. And the root of a good name is to be found in virtue and honesty, which will always cause it to spring up afresh, however it may be assaulted. If your good name suffers from some empty pursuit, some useless habit, some unworthy friendship, they must be renounced, for a good name is worth more than any such idle indulgence; but if you are blamed or slandered for pious practices, earnestness in devotion, or whatever tends to win eternal life, then let your slanderers have their way, like dogs that bay at the moon! Be sure that, if they should succeed in rousing any evil impression against you (clipping the beard of your reputation, as it were), your good name will soon revive, and the razor of slander will strengthen your honor, just as the pruning-knife strengthens the vine and causes it to bring forth more abundant fruit. Let us keep Jesus Christ Crucified always before our eyes; let us go on trustfully and simply, but with discretion and wisdom, in His Service, and He will take care of our reputation; if He permits us to lose it, it will only be to give us better things, and to train us in a holy humility, one ounce of which is worth more than a thousand pounds of honor. If we are unjustly blamed, let us quietly meet calumny with truth; if calumny perseveres, let us persevere in humility; there is no surer shelter for our reputation or our soul than the Hand of God. Let us serve Him in good

report or evil report alike, with Saint Paul; so that we may cry out with David, "For Thy Sake have I suffered reproof, shame hath covered my face." Of course certain crimes, so grievous that no one who can justify himself should remain silent, must be excepted; as, too, certain persons whose reputation closely affects the edification of others. In this case all theologians say that it is right quietly to seek reparation.

What is Tenebrae?

Tenebrae (Latin for darkness) is one of the most ancient services in the Catholic Church; a special chanted form of the "hours" of Matins and Lauds (the first two hours of the Divine Office). Those hours consist of Psalms, Antiphons, and readings that highlight the sacred mysteries of Holy Week. The mood of the celebration focuses on the death of Jesus and is consequently very somber. A special candelabra, called a *Tenebrae hearse*, is employed, holding 15 candles. During the liturgy, the candles are extinguished one at a time after the chanting of the Psalms. The final candle, representing Christ, is not extinguished but hidden behind the altar after the last of the Scripture readings. A final prayer is said in the darkness, and a loud noise, the *strepitus*, ends the service. The last candle is then brought back into view. The faithful leave in silence and the mood is again very mournful, reflecting on the death of Christ and the darkness that covered the world on Good Friday.



Our Wednesday evening service anticipates the hours of Matins and Lauds from Maundy Thursday's office. The psalms will be chanted by The St. Joseph Schola, under the direction of Ian Brown. They will sing works by Giovanni Croce, Lucovico da Vidiana, Orlando di Lasso, and Tomas Luis di Victoria, in addition to Gregorian chant.

The Tenebrae service will last over an hour.

Welcome Abbé Guillaume de Penguern



Our parish welcomes seventh-year seminarian, Abbé Guillaume de Penguern, who arrives tomorrow (March 25). Abbé de Penguern, a Frenchman and a subdeacon, will be with us for Holy Week. He then returns to the Institute's worldwide seminary in Gricigliano, Italy to resume his studies.

Celebration of the Annunciation Transferred

The Feast of the Annunciation is on March 25th, nine months before the Nativity of the Lord. The Annunciation recalls the day when the Archangel Gabriel appeared to Mary and revealed God's will that she become the Mother of the Son of God. In 2024, because March 25th falls on Monday of Holy Week, the Annunciation will be celebrated instead on Monday, April 8th.

Pontifical Good Friday Collection

As is customary, 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 but a few. This collection is necessary to maintain a Christian presence where the Church was born. By contributing, you join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

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 businessmanager@mpboj.com for approval.

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.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS—Requests for proposed bulletin announcements must be submitted **ten days in advance** of publication via email to bulletin@mpboj.com

MASS INTENTIONS—*The Parish Mass Intention Registry* is currently CLOSED. 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, or check the parish website (MPBOJ.com) for more information.



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General Safety & Indemnity

In an effort to make Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish a welcoming, safe place for all parishioners and visitors alike, the parish follows a general Safety and Indemnity Policy. When visiting the parish, whether for Mass or any social events in or on parish property, parents accept full responsibility for their children’s safety, by maintaining prudent watch and supervision of their children at all times. When children are registered and involved in parish related activities where a parish program manager oversees the children (e.g., Children’s Choir; Catechism; altar server practice), at least one parent/guardian must remain on campus for the duration of the program and until the parent has regained custody at the conclusion of the parish activity/program.

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