



MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

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

Lætare Sunday

March 10, 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

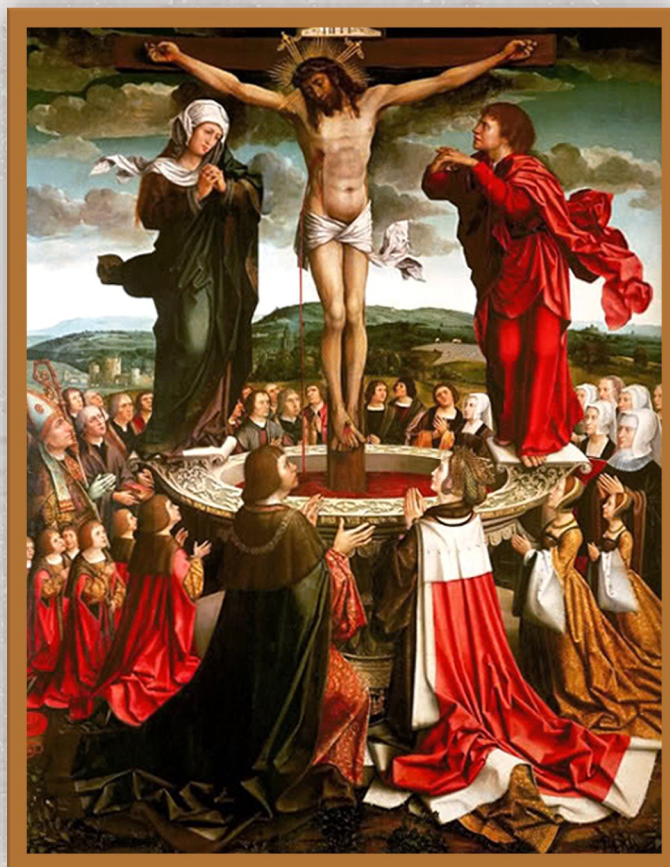
Confession Schedule

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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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 10, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Lent, 1st Class—Violet/Rose “Laetare”

8AM LM *Pro populo*
 11AM HM + Edith Cokley (Mary Eileen Cokley)
 Processional: Lord Who Throughout These 40 Days (pg. 79)
 Recessional: Soul of My Savior (pg. 92)

Monday, March 11, 2024

Lenten Feria, 3rd Class—Violet

12PM LM + Mark Livolsi (Pam Livolsi)

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

Lenten Feria, 3rd Class—Violet

Commemoration of St. Gregory the Great

12PM LM Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of Daniel,
 Lauren & Kayla Turcsanyi (Donna Turcsanyi)
 7PM LM Living & Deceased members of the Creamer
 Family (Matthew & Kelly Creamer)

Wednesday, March 13, 2024

Lenten Feria, 3rd Class—Violet

12PM LM Our Godchildren (Patrizio Family)

Thursday, March 14, 2024

Lenten Feria, 3rd Class—Violet

12PM LM + Martin & Anne Walz (Laurie Walz)
 8PM Holy Hour of Adoration
 9PM Compline

Friday, March 15, 2024 *Abstinence*

Lenten Feria, 3rd Class—Violet

12PM LM + Frank Otuyce (Bill & Gerry Redic)
 6:30PM Stations of the Cross

Votive Mass of the Most Precious Blood—Red

7:15PM LM Paras Family (Family)

Saturday, March 16, 2024

Lenten Feria, 3rd Class—Violet

9AM LM + Carolyn Mozlack (Robin Mauser)

Sunday, March 17, 2024

Passion Sunday, 1st Class—Violet

8AM LM *Pro populo*
 11AM HM Repose of the Souls in Purgatory
 (Glenn & Judith Wilson)
 Processional: Anima Christi (chant)
 Recessional: Soul of My Savior
 * Commemoration of the Feria

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

Our Weekly Offerings

Sunday, March 3, 2024

Offertory	\$10,199.00
Parish Appeal 2024.....	\$2,274.00
Flower Donation.....	\$440.00
Food Pantry.....	\$15.00
Parish Improvement.....	\$10.00
Good Friday/Holy Land.....	\$15.00
St. Anthony School.....	\$10.00
Campaign for Human Development.....	\$10.00
<i>Faith Direct Report (February 1 – 15, 2024)</i>	
Offertory	\$8,917.10
Parish Appeal 2024.....	\$5,180.00
Parish Improvement.....	\$1,130.00

Sunday Mass Attendance: 8AM 559; 11AM 364; Total 923

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 new group. RLG promotes a culture of life through three working subcommittees of Legislation, Education, Advocacy. Contact Brenda Briola at 724-650-5767 or respectlife@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. 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.

Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life Event Mar. 16

FREE Pro-Life Event sponsored by Susan B Anthony (SBA) will occur this Saturday, March 16 in Wexford from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. You are invited to meet other pro-life people, faculty sponsor, Students for Life & learn about local pro-life organizations.

Stations of the Cross

A venerable devotion during Lent is the *Via Crucis* or Way of the Cross. Stations are held at **6:30 p.m. on the Fridays of Lent** and followed by Holy Mass. 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.



Upcoming Events

Saturday, March 16th—Lenten Day of Recollection (see pg. 3)
Tuesday, March 19th—Feast of St. Joseph: 12pm Low Mass; 7pm High Mass
Thursday, March 21st—Feast of St. Benedict*: 12pm Low Mass with Organ
Sunday, March 24th—Palm Sunday: 8am Low Mass; 10am Blessing of Palms, Procession & Solemn Mass
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
 *On feastdays of the patron saints of the Institute, the faithful may gain a plenary indulgence under the usual conditions by assisting at Holy Mass at the parish.

Diocesan Second Collection Today

The second collection today benefits the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, Catholic Home Missions Appeal, and National Collection for Black and Indian Missions.

Parish Landscaping - Easter Cleanup

Julie Roytas of our parish Landscape Team is calling for volunteers to help on **Saturday March 23, after the 9 a.m. Mass**, to sweep and pick up any debris around the Church, school and priory in preparation for Easter. You can contact Julie by email at julier.LOM@hotmail.com.

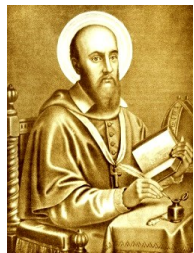
Introduction to the Devout Life

By St. Francis de Sales

Humility Makes Us Rejoice in Our Own Abjection

(Book 3, Chapter 6—Part 2)

A young man or a girl who refuses to join in the excesses of dress, amusement, or gossip of their circle, is laughed at and criticized, and their self-restraint is called affectation or bigotry. Well, to rejoice in that is to rejoice in abjection. Or, to take another shape of the same thing. We are employed in visiting the sick—if I am sent to the most wretched cases, it is an abjection in the world's sight, and consequently I like it. If I am sent to those of a better class, it is an interior abjection, for there is less grace and merit in the work, and so I can accept that abjection. If one has a fall in the street, there is the ridiculous part of it to be borne, as well as the possible pain; and this is an abjection we must accept. There are even some faults, in which there is no harm beyond their abjection, and although humility does not require us to commit them intentionally, it does require of us not to be disturbed at having committed them. I mean certain foolish acts, incivilities, and inadvertencies, which we ought to avoid as far as may be out of civility and decorum, but of which, if accidentally committed, we ought to accept the abjection heartily, out of humility. To go further still—if in anger or excitement I have been led to use unseemly words, offending God and my neighbor thereby, I will repent heartily, and be very grieved for the offence, which I must try to repair to the utmost; but meanwhile I will accept the abjection and disgrace which will ensue, and were it possible to separate the two things, I ought earnestly to reject the sin, while I retained the abjection readily. But while we rejoice in the abjection, we must nevertheless use all due and lawful means to remedy the evil whence it springs, especially when that evil is serious. Thus, if I have an abject disease in my face, I should endeavor to get it cured, although I do not wish to obliterate the abjection it has caused me. If I have done something awkward which hurts no one, I will not make excuses, because, although it was a failing, my own abjection is the only result; but if I have given offence or scandal through my carelessness or folly, I am bound to try and remedy it by a sincere apology. There are occasions when charity requires us not to acquiesce in abjection, but in such a case one ought the more to take it inwardly to heart for one's private edification. Perhaps you will ask what are the most profitable forms of abjection. Unquestionably, those most helpful to our own souls, and most acceptable to God, are such as come accidentally, or in the natural course of events, because we have not chosen them ourselves, but simply accepted God's choice, which is always to be preferred to ours. But if we are constrained to choose, the greatest abjections are best; and the greatest is whatever is most contrary to one's individual inclination, so long as it is in conformity with one's vocation; for of a truth our self-will and self-pleasing mars many graces. Who can teach any of us truly to say with David, "I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness"? None, dear child, save He Who lived and died the scorn of men, and the outcast of the people, in order that we might be raised up. I have said things here which must seem very hard to contemplate, but, believe me, they will become sweet as honey when you try to put them in practice.



February 14-March 24
40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Until March 24th, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. **TODAY, March 10th from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish will provide the prayer coverage at Planned Parenthood! Sign-up sheets in Narthex.

Nine Month Novena to Our Lady

His Eminence Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke has announced a **nine-month Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe, beginning on March 12** and lasting until December 12, feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The purpose of this novena is to gain the protection of Our Blessed Mother in this time of disease, war, and deep spiritual confusion. Let us join His Eminence in reciting the special novena prayer during this period! More information is available here: novena.cardinalburke.com.

Novena Prayer

O Virgin Mother of God, we fly to your protection and beg your intercession against the darkness and sin which ever more envelop the world and menace the Church. Your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, gave you to us as our mother as He died on the Cross for our salvation. So too, in 1531, when darkness and sin beset us, He sent you, as Our Lady of Guadalupe, on Tepayac to lead us to Him Who alone is our light and our salvation.

Through your apparitions on Tepayac and your abiding presence with us on the miraculous mantle of your messenger, Saint Juan Diego, millions of souls converted to faith in your Divine Son. Through this novena and our consecration to you, we humbly implore your intercession for our daily conversion of life to Him and the conversion of millions more who do not yet believe in Him. In our homes and in our nation, lead us to Him Who alone wins the victory over sin and darkness in us and in the world.

Unite our hearts to your Immaculate Heart so that they may find their true and lasting home in the Most Sacred Heart of

Jesus. Ever guide us along the pilgrimage of life to our eternal home with Him. So may our hearts, one with yours, always trust in God's promise of salvation, in His never failing mercy toward all who turn to Him with a humble and contrite heart. Through this novena and our consecration to you, O Virgin of Guadalupe, lead all souls in America and throughout the world to your Divine Son
in Whose name we pray. Amen.

Lenten Parish Day of Recollection Schedule for Saturday, March 16th

- 7:30 a.m. - Lauds
- 8:00 a.m. - Confessions
- 8:30 a.m. - Rosary
- 9:00 a.m. - Low Mass
- 10:00 a.m. - Coffee Break (in parish center)
- 10:30 a.m. - 1st Conference (in church)
- 11:30 a.m. - Holy Hour of Adoration
- 12:30 p.m. - Lunch Break (in parish center)
- 1:30 p.m. - 2nd Conference (in church)
- 2:30 p.m. - Stations of the Cross

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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