

Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish

*A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust and Roman Catholic Parish celebrating the Mass in the Extraordinary Form
Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest*

**Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday
December 12, A.D. 2021**

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.
For Baptisms, Marriages, Visitation of the sick, Funerals, or Registration
as a parishioner, please contact the Parish Office.*

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Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 12, 2021

Third Sunday of Advent "Gaudete", 1st Class—Violet/Rose
8AM +Betty & Glenn Ludwick (Diane & Jim Mousseau)
11AM *Pro populo*

Monday, December 13, 2021

St. Lucy, 3rd Class—Red

Commemoration of the Advent FERIA

12PM + John G. Redic (Bill & Gerry Redic)

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Advent FERIA, 3rd Class—Violet/Rose

12PM Ryan Duclos (Aaron Durocher)

7PM For the growth & spread of the Traditional Mass
(Dr. Ammie Maravelli)

Wednesday, December 15, 2021

Ember Wednesday, 2nd Class—Violet

Commemoration of the Advent FERIA

12PM Arlene & Edward Falvo (Dave & Mandy Capan)

Thursday, December 16, 2021

Rorate Mass—White

Commemoration of the Advent FERIA

6:30AM + Monsignor Joseph Lamonde (MPBOJ)

St. Eusebius, 3rd Class—Red

Commemoration of the Advent FERIA

12PM Ryan Duclos (Aaron Durocher)

Friday, December 17, 2021 *Christmas Novena*

Ember Friday, 2nd Class—Violet

12PM + Dr. & Mrs. Robert Blume

(Jack & Mary Lou Aul & Family)

Saturday, December 18, 2021

Ember Saturday, 2nd Class—Violet

9AM The protection of Latin Mass in Pittsburgh
Diocese & World (Connie & Andy Szafraniec)

Sunday, December 19, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Advent, 1st Class—Violet

8AM +Elizabeth Bachtel (Diane & Jim Mousseau)

11AM *Pro populo*

Our Weekly Offerings

Sunday, December 5, 2021

Offertory (Sunday)	\$10,485.00
Parish Share	\$6,236.00
ICRSS Shrine Restoration.....	\$1,125.00
Religious Retirement Fund	\$230.00
Christmas Flower Donation	\$20.00

The parish is extremely grateful for your continued generosity.

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, please visit www.faithdirect.net or call 866-507-8757. Our parish code is PA678.

Christmas Candy Fundraiser

Thank you for supporting the very successful Betsy Ann Chocolates Christmas candy fundraiser! The parish proceeds totaled an impressive \$943.87. Our deepest appreciation to Jim and Karen Paras, owners of Betsy Ann Chocolates, for making the fundraiser a possibility and to Peggy Wrabley, who graciously coordinates this project for the benefit of the parish.

Parish Notices

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS—Requests for proposed **bulletin announcements** must be submitted in writing to the Parish office by 9:00 a.m. on Monday.

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.

WEEKLY GET TOGETHER—Join your fellow parishioners for **coffee and doughnuts** (75¢ each) in the school building on Sundays from 9:00 - 10:30am. If you'd like to volunteer to help with setup, service, or cleanup, please contact Tom Smith:tomsmithpittsburgh@gmail.com or call (412) 606-9866.

MASS INTENTIONS—The **Parish Mass Intention Registry** is currently closed. Mass intentions are backlogged and must be scheduled before the Parish can accept any new intentions. A bulletin announcement about a new scheduling process will be made at the time the book reopens. Thank you for your patience as we strive to better the process for all.

PARISHIONER MATERIALS—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 the narthex. If you are involved in an event that you would like to publicize, please provide a copy of the poster/notice to Canon Avis for permission to post.

Group News

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS—meets every first Saturday of the month, beginning with the 9a.m. Mass. Please contact JillianLKaufman@gmail.com for more information.

MILITIA IMMACULATA—meets weekly on Tuesday evenings following the 7pm Mass at Sacred Heart church in Emsworth. For more information, there are posters in the Church or contact militiaimmaculatanorthside@protonmail.com.

Food Bank Thank You

The Food Bank Stewards from Christ Our Savior parish, Pete and Joan Bellisario, sent a most gracious note to our parish family, thanking you for the recent contributions to their 'Feed the Poor' mission. Your generosity is most gratefully appreciated!

Thank You from Women's Choice Network

Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish raised \$6,630 through the Baby Bottle fundraiser for the Women's Choice Network. A very heartfelt thank you from the non-profit for your generous donations.

Holy Hour of Adoration

In the spirit of being with Our Lord during His Agony in the Garden, there will be a Holy Hour of Adoration in reparation for sins committed against the Most Blessed Sacrament at 8 pm on Thursday, December 16th.

Requiescat in Pace

Father Reginald DeFour, CSSp

Long-time members of the "Latin Mass Group" fondly remember Father Reginald DeFour, CSSp, one of the eight priests who offered the Latin Mass at St. Agnes Church in Oakland. Beginning there in 1992, Father DeFour continued to serve the faithful at St. Boniface until 1997, at which time he was reassigned to his native Trinidad. In Trinidad, Fr. DeFour taught for many years at St. Mary's College and Fatima College, where he built the computer lab and introduced Computer Science into the curriculum. Father DeFour died in San Diego, CA on Monday, November 15, 2021, at age 87.

Requiem aeternam dona ei Domine,

et lux perpetua luceat ei.

Requiescat in pace. Amen.

Catechism Corner

From The Catechism of St. Pius X—first issued in 1908 by Pope St. Pius X to fulfill this holy pope's desire to have a plain, simple and brief catechism for laypeople.

The Sacrament of Penance

Satisfaction or Penance

105 Q: What is satisfaction? A: Satisfaction, which is also called sacramental penance, is one of the acts of the penitent by which he makes a certain reparation to the justice of God for his sins, by performing the works the confessor imposes on him.

106 Q: Is the penitent bound to accept the penance imposed on him by the confessor? A: Yes, the penitent is bound to accept the penance imposed on him by the confessor if he can perform it; and if he cannot, he should humbly say so, and ask some other penance.

107 Q: When should the penance be performed? A: If the confessor has fixed no time, the penance should be performed as soon as convenient, and as far as possible while in the state of grace.

108 Q: How should the penance be performed? A: The penance should be performed entirely and devoutly.

109 Q: Why is a penance imposed in confession?

A: A penance is imposed because, after sacramental absolution which remits sin and its eternal punishment, there generally remains a temporal punishment to be undergone, either in this world or in Purgatory.

110 Q: Why has our Lord willed to remit all the punishment due to sin in the sacrament of Baptism, and not in the sacrament of Penance? A: Our Lord has willed to remit all the punishment due to sin in the sacrament of Baptism, and not in the sacrament of Penance, 'because the sins after Baptism are much more grievous, being committed with fuller knowledge and greater ingratitude for God's benefits, and also in order that the obligation of satisfying for them may restrain us from falling into sin again.

111 Q: Can we of ourselves make satisfaction to God?

A: Of ourselves we cannot make satisfaction to God, but we certainly can do so by uniting ourselves to Jesus Christ, who gives value to our actions by the merits of His passion and death.

112 Q: Does the penance which the confessor imposes always suffice to discharge the punishment which remains due to our sins? A: The penance which the confessor imposes does not ordinarily suffice to discharge the punishment remaining due to our sins; and hence we must try to supply it by other voluntary penances.

113 Q: Which are the works of penance? A: The works of penance may be reduced to three kinds: Prayer, Fasting, and Alms-deeds.

114 Q: What is meant by prayer?

A: By prayer is meant every kind of pious exercise.

115 Q: What is meant by fasting?

A: By fasting is meant every kind of mortification.

116 Q: What is meant by almsgiving? A: By almsgiving is meant every spiritual or corporal work of mercy.

117 Q: Which penance is the more meritorious, that which the confessor gives, or that which we do of our own choice? A: The penance which the confessor imposes is the most meritorious, because being part of the sacrament it receives greater virtue from the merits of the passion of Jesus Christ.

118 Q: Do those who die after having received absolution

but before they have fully satisfied the justice of God, go straight to Heaven? A: No, they go to Purgatory there to satisfy the justice of God & be perfectly purified.

119 Q: Can the souls in Purgatory be relieved of their pains by us? A: Yes, the souls in Purgatory can be relieved by our prayers, alms-deeds, all our other good works, and by indulgences, but above all by the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

120 Q: Besides his penance, what else must the penitent do after confession? A: Besides performing his penance after confession, the penitent, if he has justly injured another in his goods or reputation, or if he has given him scandal, must as soon as possible, and as far as he is able, restore him his goods, repair his honor, and remedy the scandal.

121 Q: How can the scandal given be remedied?

A: The scandal given can be remedied by removing the occasion of it and by edifying by word and example those whom we have scandalized.

122 Q: How should we make satisfaction to one whom we have offended? A: We should make satisfaction to one whom we have offended, by asking his pardon, or by some other suitable reparation.

123 Q: What fruits does a good confession produce in us?

A: A good confession: (1) Remits the sins we have committed & gives us the grace of God; (2) Restores us peace & quiet of conscience; (3) Reopens the gates of Heaven & changes the eternal punishment of hell into a temporal punishment; (4) Preserves us from falling again, & renders us capable of partaking of the treasury of Indulgences.

ICRSS Christmas Cards

The Institute's beautiful Christmas cards, featuring Fra Angelico's "*Angeli*", are still available for sale after the Sunday Masses. All those who receive one of these beautiful cards will be remembered at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass offered on Christmas Day. The cost is \$20 for a pack of 10 cards/envelopes.

ICRSS Calendars

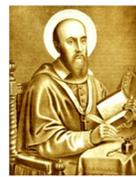
ICRSS 2022 calendars are available at the side entrance and in the narthex. The calendar includes many photos depicting life at the seminary and apostolates. Please feel free to take one home.

Parish Directory

Our first Most Precious Blood of Jesus directory won't be complete without you! Please plan to participate in this exciting project, which will ensure your place in parish history. Each household photographed will receive a complimentary 8"x10" portrait and a free parish directory. Given the popularity of this project, additional slots have been added on January 13th and 14th, so sign-up now. You can login to schedule your appointment at: <https://www.ucdir.com/>. The login info is as follows: user name: pa916; password: photos. Additional information is available from the insert in today's bulletin.

Wisdom of St. Francis de Sales

Tranquility of spirit is one of the most pleasing virtues in the spiritual life; every Christian must try his or her hardest to acquire it. How sweet and pleasant is the consideration of the life of our Savior! In it we see marvelously resplendent this perfect tranquility amid the multiplicity of events that succeeded one another.



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