

# ***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*

**Fifth Sunday after Easter  
May 22, A.D. 2022**

## ***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**

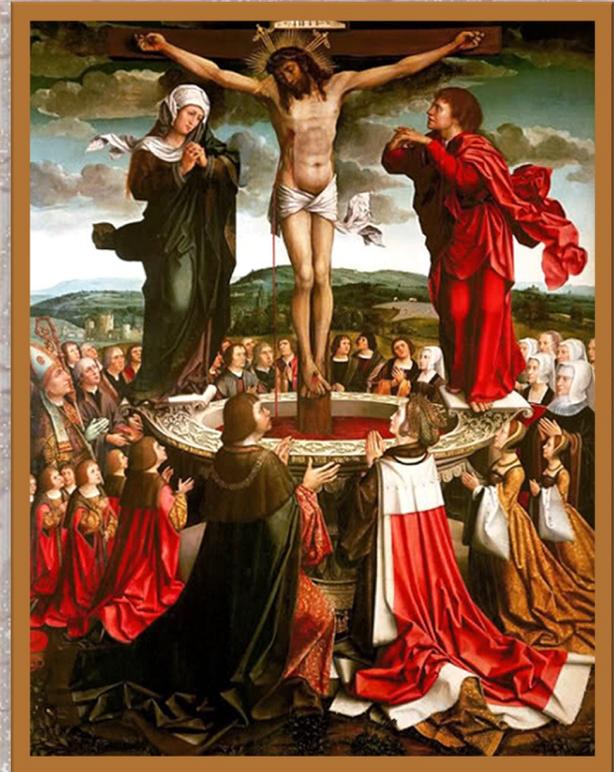
## ***Confession Schedule***

**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, May 22, 2022**

#### **5th Sunday after Easter, 2nd Class—White**

8AM Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of Erin Shirkey (Family)  
11AM *Pro populo*

### **Monday, May 23, 2022**

#### **Votive Mass of the Holy Trinity, 4th Class—White**

*Commemoration of the Rogations*

12PM + Patty Wood (From Mom)

### **Tuesday, May 24, 2022**

#### **Votive Mass of the Holy Angels, 4th Class—White**

*Commemoration of the Rogations*

12PM + Albert & Roseanna Henchar (Alice Steigerwald)

#### **Rogation Mass, 2nd Class—Violet (*Procession with Litanies*)**

7PM Private Intention

### **Wednesday, May 25, 2022**

#### **Vigil of the Ascension, 2nd Class—White**

*Commemoration of the Rogations*

12PM + Edward Daniher (Felix Daniher)

### **Thursday, May 26, 2022 *Holy Day of Obligation***

#### **Ascension of Our Lord, 1st Class—White**

12PM Anthony & Lorraine Piermani-50th Wedding Anniversary  
(Comas Family)

7PM *Pro Populo*

### **Friday, May 27, 2022**

#### **St. Bede the Venerable, 3rd Class—White**

12PM Our Godchildren (Steve & Adrienne Zink)

### **Saturday, May 28, 2022**

#### **St. Augustine of Canterbury, 3rd Class—White**

\*10AM Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of Cletus & Elizabeth Ansman Families (Mary Brodka)

### **Sunday, May 29, 2022**

#### **Sunday after the Ascension, 2nd Class—White**

8AM *Pro populo*

11AM Deceased Members of Allen Family (Christine Raizen)

## Our Weekly Offerings

*Sunday, May 15, 2022*

Offertry	\$11,081.00
Parish Share	\$2,155.00
ICRSS Seminary Collection	\$1,100.00
Easter Flowers	\$30.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$1,041.00

Thank you for your continued generous support of the parish.

### **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.

### **Upcoming Liturgical Events**

*Tuesday, May 24th*

7pm Rogation Procession & Mass

*Thursday, May 26th*

Ascension Thursday—Holy Day of Obligation

12pm Low Mass

7pm High Mass

*Saturday, June 4th*

Vigil of Pentecost

10am Vigil (Prophecies & Blessing of Baptismal Font) & Mass

*Sunday, June 5th*

Pentecost Sunday

8am Low Mass

11am Solemn Mass

## **Parish Notices**

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

**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.

### **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.

### **Special Visit**



Monsignor Gilles Wach, the prior general of the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest will visit Most Precious Blood Parish on Saturday, May 28, 2022. Monsignor Wach will celebrate a Solemn High Mass at 10:00 a.m. and will greet parishioners at a reception in the school building immediately following the Mass. Please plan to join us to welcome Monsignor to Pittsburgh!

### **June 5th—Missionary Cooperation Sunday**

One of the ways the Roman Catholic Church is deeply inspirational is through her missionary work. For millennia, the Church has sent forth innumerable Catholic missionaries to bring relief to the poor. We serve women, children, and men of all races and religions. The Church pursues the poor and serves them because poverty is painful. There is no other litmus test.

This year, Missionary Cooperation Sunday is the weekend of June 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. As with the past couple of years, because of restrictions we will not host a missionary but instead will hear a homily letter written by a missionary. Our parish this year is supporting the Diocese of Tanga in Tanzania. Most of the people in the diocese are poor. Many live in the rural areas where they get very little opportunities for public education and public health. Even those who are living in urban centers where they are close to the public services, little is provided to them because of the government inability to finance those services. Every resource which the diocese earns is directed towards training and educating good church personnel to preach the Good News to the hungry souls, erecting Catholic schools for thousands of children, conducting adult literacy classes where basic life skills are taught, opening dispensaries in villages for primary health care, erecting simple church buildings for worshipping, initiating clean water projects in rural areas, and helping to erect small food storages in villages to help peasants during the times of shortage. Their most urgent need right now is tuition for their seminarians to continue to fuel the good works their diocese does for the poor. Realizing that it has been a difficult few years for all of us, we can only imagine how difficult it has been for people who live in countries with no or very few safety nets. Please be as generous as possible through prayer and financial support in helping to offer the safety net that the Diocese of Tanga is providing for the people of Tanzania.

### **Closing Church after Daily Mass**

To ensure the Canons have adequate time to attend to their afternoon responsibilities, the Church will be locked and armed one-half hour after the Noon daily Mass concludes. If you remain beyond that time, you risk setting off the alarm. So please be courteous and exit the Church in a timely manner. Thank you for your gracious understanding of the situation.

## 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 Theological Virtues

#### *On Holy Scripture*

**19 Q: Where are the truths which God has revealed contained?** A: The truths which God has revealed are contained in Holy Scripture and in Tradition.

**20 Q: What is Holy Scripture?** A: Holy Scripture is the collection of books written under the inspiration of the Holy Ghost, by the Prophets and the Hagiographers, the Apostles and the Evangelists. These books have been received by the Church as inspired.

**21 Q: How is Holy Scripture divided?** A: Holy Scripture is divided into two parts, the Old & New Testament.

**22 Q: What is the Old Testament?** A: The Old Testament comprises the inspired books written before the coming of Jesus Christ.

**23 Q: What is the New Testament?** A: The New Testament comprises the inspired books written after the coming of Jesus Christ.

**24 Q: What is the common name for Holy Scripture?**

A: The common name for Holy Scripture is the Holy Bible.

**25 Q: What is the meaning of the word Bible?** A: The word Bible means the collection of holy books, the Book par excellence, the book of books, the book inspired by God.

**26 Q: Why is Holy Scripture called the book "par excellence"?** A: Holy Scripture is so called because of the surpassing merit of the content as well as the author who inspired it.

**27 Q: Can there be any error in Holy Scripture?** A: There cannot be any error in Holy Scripture since indeed it is inspired by God. The Author of all of the books is God Himself. This does not prevent that in copies and translations that have been made, some errors on the part of the copyists or translators may have crept into it.

**28 Q: Is the reading of the Bible necessary to all Christians?** A: The reading of the Bible is not necessary to all Christians since they are instructed by the Church; however its reading is very useful and recommended to all.

**29 Q: May any translation of the Bible, in the vernacular, be read?** A: We can read those translations of the Bible in the vernacular which have been acknowledged as faithful by the Catholic Church and which have explanations also approved by the Church.

**30 Q: Why may we only read translations of the Bible approved by the Church?** A: We may only read translations of the Bible approved by the Church because she alone is the lawful guardian of the Bible.

**31 Q: Through which means can we know the true meaning of the Holy Scripture?** A: We can only know the true meaning of Holy Scripture through the Church's interpretation, because she alone is secure against error in that interpretation.

**32 Q: What should a Christian do who has been given a Bible by a Protestant or by an agent of the Protestants?** A: A Christian to whom a Bible has been offered by a Protestant or an agent of the Protestants

should reject it with disgust, because it is forbidden by the Church. If it was accepted by inadvertence, it must be burnt as soon as possible or handed in to the Parish Priest.

**33 Q: Why does the Church forbid Protestant Bibles?**

A: The Church forbids Protestant Bibles because, either they have been altered and contain errors, or not having her approbation and footnotes explaining the obscure meanings, they may be harmful to the Faith. It is for that same reason that the Church even forbids translations of the Holy Scriptures already approved by her which have been reprinted without the footnotes approved by her.

Understanding this first, that no prophecy of scripture is made by private interpretation.

*"No prophecy of scripture is made by private interpretation. For prophecy came not by the will of man at any time: but the holy men of God spoke, inspired by the Holy Ghost."*—2 Peter 1: 20-21

*"As also in all his [St. Paul's] epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are certain things hard to be understood, which the unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, to their own destruction."*—2 Peter 3: 16

#### *On Tradition*

**34 Q: What is meant by Tradition?** A: Tradition is the non-written word of God, which has been transmitted by word of mouth by Jesus Christ and by the apostles, and which has come down to us through the centuries by the means of the Church, without being altered.

**35 Q: Where are the teachings of Tradition kept?** A: The teachings of Tradition are kept chiefly in the Councils' decrees, the writings of the Holy Fathers, the Acts of the Holy See and the words and practices of the sacred Liturgy.

**36 Q: What importance must we attach to Tradition?**

A: We must attach to Tradition the same importance as the revealed word of God which Holy Scripture contains.

*"Therefore, brethren, stand fast; and hold the traditions which you have learned, whether by word, or by our epistle."*—2 Thessalonians 2:14

### *Wisdom of St. Francis de Sales*



God loves humility so much that He often permits us to be tempted, not to harm us, but just to allow us to grow in humility. Are not the repugnances and the difficulties we find on the road of life nothing but tests of our weakness? We are still children in the way of perfection. The remedy for temptation is not to look to ourselves but to God, allowing Him to have sole care of us.

### *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 on Thursday, June 2nd at 8pm. There is no Holy Hour on May 26th because of the High Mass for the Feast of the Ascension.

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