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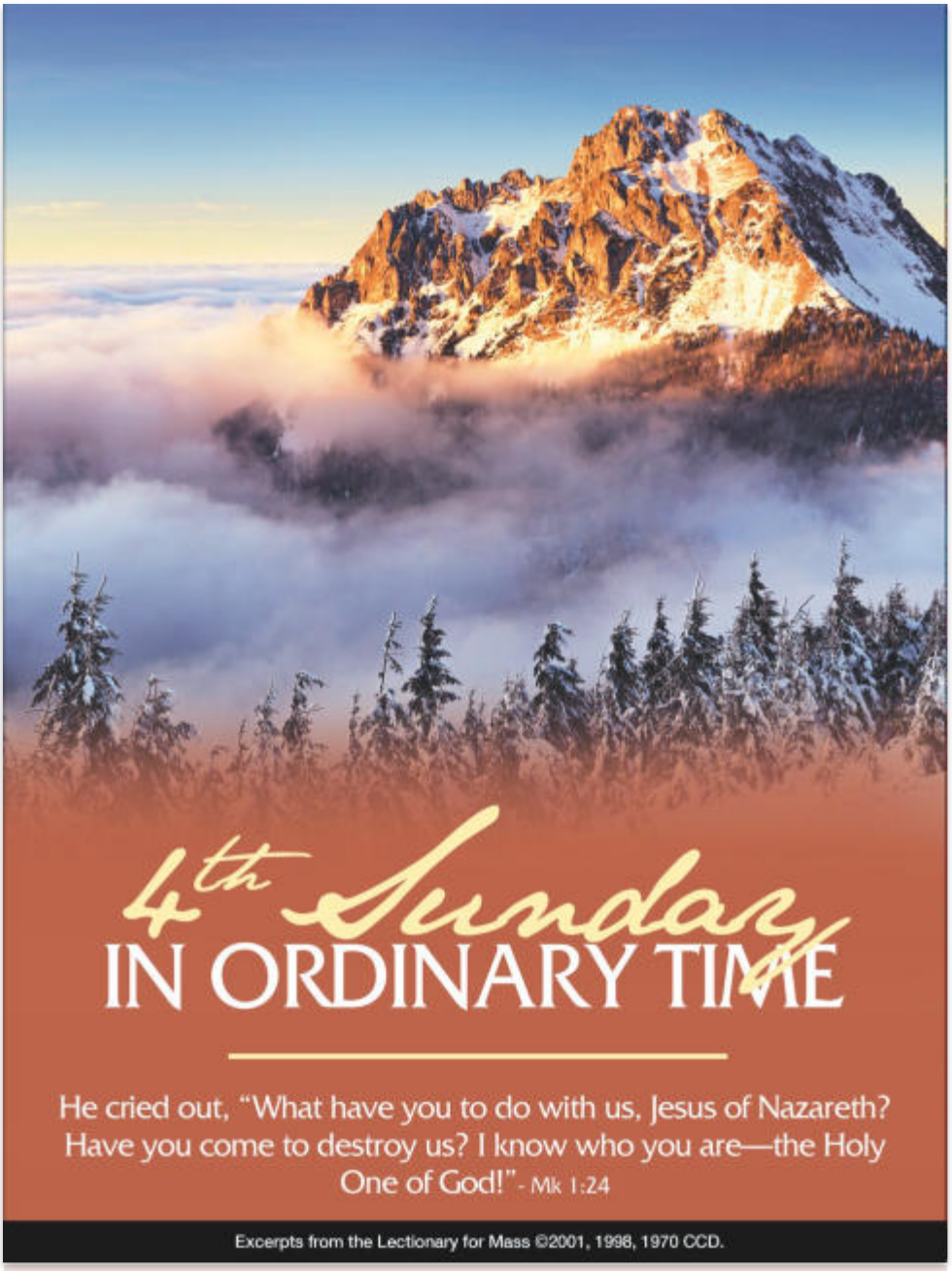

MISSION STATEMENT

We, the parish of Most Precious Blood Catholic Church, are a welcoming Christian community seeking the Kingdom of God and committed to the gospel transformation of ourselves and of our world. We do this both by gathering in word and sacrament, spoken and sung, lifting one another in prayer and by sending one another forth into the world to proclaim God's love and mercy through sacrificial action.

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Web: https://mpbdenver.org

MASS SCHEDULE

LIVE MASS
4:30pm Saturday
9:00am Sunday
Registration required
https://mpbdenver.org/signup/

LIVESTREAM MASS
https://mpbdenver.org/our-parish/virtual-worship/

RECONCILIATION
CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

LAZARUS MASS
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS
8:00am - 4:00pm Monday - Thursday
8:00am - Noon Friday

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Most Precious Blood Catholic Church Denver

MPB Denver

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time | January 31st, 2021

The Story and You *Sacred Conversations :*

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

I am a very well-connected person. I'm connected to many of my friends from grade school, and a lot of the friends I've made since then. I'm connected through unbreakable threads to my parents, and their parents, all the way back to our First Parents. I'm connected to all of my family members with bonds so dear that, I've learned recently, when one of those members goes home to God it makes the remaining members cling to those bonds even more tightly.

Jesus understands about connections. He's the Vine, and we're the branches. Everything he did on earth, and what he does every minute in heaven, is to strengthen those connections between himself and us.

Through the sacraments, through scripture, through his position in the Trinity as the One in whose Name all prayer is addressed, Jesus is our connection. And sin is the destroyer of connection.

That's why when the unclean spirits - so feverishly at work breaking the connections between their victim and God - saw him coming, they were terrified, and cried out Have you come to destroy us? The answer to that is YES. Always, YES. Thank God.

Most of the time, the "unclean spirits" of pride, greed, wrath, envy, lust, gluttony and sloth go unchecked in our lives until at least one of these seven deadly sins becomes our undoing. That's the thing about sin. It finds its mark every time, and its target is our happiness, our peace, our serenity, our connections.

That's not the last word, of course. Jesus wants to restore us completely. It turns out that, as much as we long to be connected to him, he longs to be connected with us infinitely more.

Are you ready for Jesus to call out your demons?

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Pastoral Care:

Coping with COVID
The Vaccine, Distribution, Side Effects and a New Normal
Tuesday, February 2 from 6:30-8pm via ZOOM

MPB Health and Wellness Ministry presents a Zoom Webinar

for all parishioners and families
With medical experts from our community:
Dr. Will Payne, pediatrician
Advanced Pediatric Associates

Brendan Giles, PhD, Immunology
Sr. Scientist at Dropworks, Inc.

Heidi Baskfield
VP of Population Health at Children's Hospital

Join us as our experts share the latest information about the vaccines, side effects, distribution and what a return to "normal" will look like.
Q&A will follow presentation.

Sign up here: https://tinyurl.com/yycode5v - you will be emailed the Zoom link a few days before the event.

FOOT CARE CLINIC:

The Visiting Nurse Association conducts *Medical Foot Care and Wellness Clinics* in the MPB Parish Center, the 2nd Tuesday of every month from 9am-noon. Appointments are necessary.

Please call the VNA at 303.698.6496 for appointments, cost and coverage information.

Meditation and Movement is ONLINE!

Start your New Year off right with parishioner Gail Rowe and her popular Meditation and Movement on YouTube.
Tune in to stay healthy while staying in!
https://tinyurl.com/MPBMeditationMovement

NEW SESSIONS ADDED!

QUESTIONS? Contact Gail @ gailrowe@pcisys.net

LIFE AFTER LOSS

We are pleased to announce that LIFE AFTER LOSS gatherings will restart on WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH, FROM 10:00 TO 11:30am in the large meeting room on the LOWER LEVEL of the parish center - an elevator is available to the room. The space is large enough to provide 6-foot social distancing and, of course, face masks are mandatory. Barring any further Covid19 updates, these gatherings will continue to meet the second Wednesday of the month.
The group is facilitated by Rosemary Claassen, an MPB parishioner and experienced grief group facilitator. Please call Rosemary with any questions at 802.324.0276.

Social Outreach

Questions about Social Outreach? Contact Ann Zimmer at azimmer@mpbdenver.org.

Love Knows No Borders

MPB and Justice Matters Ministry will again "Share the Love" with those being held in detention at the GEO Detention Center in Aurora. Create a handmade valentine for those facing isolation and separation during this challenging time. Cards can be dropped off at the MPB office before February 1st for delivery to the detention center.

We invite you to join this artful meditation and create a Valentine for someone separated from their loved ones. Please check this flyer for more details: https://tinyurl.com/sharelove2021.

February Gathering

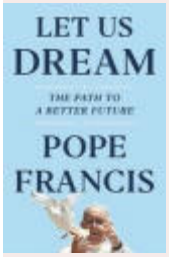
Thursday, February 11th from 6:30-8:00pm via ZOOM

Let's talk about relationships! As humans we crave to be in relation with each other. Conversations build those relationships. This month we'll participate in a Living Room Conversation around how respectful interactions shape our relationships.

More information and sign up: https://tinyurl.com/WOOFeb21

All ladies are welcome - invite a friend!

February Outreach



MPB Lenten Book Club

Wednesday evenings, March 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th from 7 - 8:30 pm via ZOOM

It's back! Join us this Lent for one of our community's favorite traditions! Gather virtually to discuss "Let Us Dream, The Path to a Better Future" by Pope Francis.

"This is a revelatory, uplifting and practical book. The preeminent spiritual leader explains why we must-and how we can-make the world safer, fairer, and healthier for all people now." It is a perfect book for these challenging times.

Books are available in hardcover, digital and audio versions. Look for the book at your favorite bookstore or bookshop.org, Tattered Cover, Bookies, Amazon, etc. There are also discount/used book sites: abebooks.com and bookdepository.com. Scholarships for book purchase are available - please contact Ann at the Parish Office.

Register here: https://tinyurl.com/MPBClub2021. Zoom link will be provided prior to the meeting.

February is Black History Month

Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing their central role in U.S. history. Explore the origins of this celebration, facts and the theme for 2021. https://tinyurl.com/BlackHistoryChannel.

CREATION CARE TIP OF THE WEEK:

Week 4 of air quality and idling. **MYTH: It wastes more fuel to restart my engine than to keep it idling. FACT: For cars with fuel injection (which includes almost all vehicles built since the late 1980s), idling for even 10 seconds uses more fuel than restarting the engine. In fact, Ford Motor Company recommends that drivers "turn the engine off when stopped for more than 30 seconds to save fuel and reduce exhaust emission." Of course, we do not advocate turning your engine off while waiting in normal traffic. That's not a safe opportunity to prevent idling.**

(Source: EnginesOff.com)

From the Parish Office:

January 18th - January 24th

Weekend Offertory.....$16,785.00
Electronic Giving.....$45,516.25

TOTAL.....$62,301.25

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Your generous online donations are needed now to help sustain our MPB ministries that reflect the promise of God's love. The upheaval and distress caused by COVID-19 give these ministries added importance, and your kindness will help families all around us.

We prayerfully request that you consider signing up for eGiving from your computer, smartphone or tablet. You can set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift.

Sign up today by visiting https://membership.faithdirect.net/CO767.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

God Bless You,
Father Pat

Year-end Tax Statements:

END OF YEAR
GIVING
STATEMENTS

Help MPB save on postage by downloading the electronic version of your statement!

2020 year-end statements are available to download electronically through Parishsoft Family Suite. Directions to download your statement can be found on the MPB website, https://mpbdenver.org.

Any 2020 statements that have not been downloaded were mailed from the post office on January 29th.

Thanks for downloading electronically!

Scripture Readings:

Readings for the week of January 31st

Sunday:	**Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 [8]/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28**
Monday:	**Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24 [25]/ Mk 5:1-20**
Tuesday:	**Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [8]/Heb 2:14-18/ Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32**
Wednesday:	**Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a [cf. 17]/Mk 6:1-6**
Thursday:	**Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11 [cf. 10]/Mk 6:7-13**
Friday:	**Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc [1a]/Mk 6:14-29**
Saturday:	**Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Mk 6:30-34**
Next Sunday:	**Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39**

Mass Intentions:

Saturday, January 30
4:30pm……..MPB Parishioners
Sunday, January 31
9:00am .....+Mr. Corey Echard

Saturday, February 6
4:30pm…+Mr. Robert J Vidimos II & all COVID victims
Sunday, February 7
9:00am .....MPB Parishioners

Pray for our ill:

Steve Barbier
Jane Blake
Tim Buckley
Beverly Chico
Yvonne Costello
Tad Giovanini
Jeanne Gschwend
Ryan Hebert
Betty Hoefner
Natalie Mesko
Pete LaFluer
Jeanne Mack
Kay Metzger
Theresa Montano
Mary Morgan
John Pappas
Juliana Peter
Ray Toya
Jean Ann Vander Heyden
David Wahler
Elizabeth Woodburn
Chloe Young

and those who have passed away:

John Astuno Sr., father of John Jr.
Dick Ayers, father of Katy
George Barnett, father of Maureen Kiefer
Joan Brush, mother of Julie Brennan
Maureen Mannatt, aunt of Kelly Lauer
Walt Sweetman, father of Lisa Incitti
Barbara Tapp, wife of Bob
Bernice Wojcicki, mother of Frank

and those who mourn them

and all our parishioners:

who are in need of special prayer

Marthas on Call:

Team #5: Nolan and Morgan
Team #1: Claassen, Overton and Wallen

Please call the office or email lcostanzo@mpbdenver.org to add celebratory prayers for marriages, anniversaries, births, etc.

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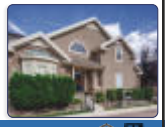

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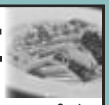

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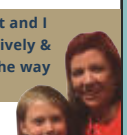

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