Most Precious Blood Catholic Community

2200 South Harrison Street | Denver, Colorado 80210

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.

Parish Office: 303.756.3083
3959 E Iliff Ave, Denver, CO 80210
Email: parish@mpbdenver.org
Web: https://mpbdenver.org

MASS SCHEDULE

LIVE MASS
8:30 Wednesday and Friday (65+ only)
4:30pm Saturday
9:00 and 10:45am Sunday
Registration required
https://mpbdenver.org/signup/

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

RECONCILIATION
CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

LAZARUS MASS
First Friday 8:30am - NO ANNOINTING

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

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3959 E Iliff Ave
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Monday - Friday 7:30am - 5:00pm

Most Precious Blood Catholic Church Denver

MPB Denver

2nd Sunday of Lent | February 28th, 2021

MPB Mass Schedule

We now have daily mass, Wednesday through Friday, at 8:30am. These masses will be for "at risk" parishioners who wish to come back to mass but are not quite ready for the larger group. Masses will be capped at 25 per celebration, and sign up will be through the website or by calling the office. At least one of these masses each week will be a school mass (most often, Thursdays), and so sign-ups will not be available for that mass.

Also, the 10:45am Sunday mass is back beginning this weekend.

Registration is required either online, https://mpbdenver.org/signup/ or by calling the office at 303.756.3083.

The Story and You Sacred Conversations :

Second Sunday of Lent

If ever there were an example of why NOT to take some parts of scripture literally, it's that first reading today. The story of the Sacrifice of Abraham (or the Binding of Isaac) has been out there for 2600 years, listened to around the campfire and proclaimed in synagogues and churches. I can't find a single case of a mentally competent father ever murdering his beloved first-born son because he wanted to show God how obedient he was.

There is in us a certain filter that activates when we read a story like this. We say, "This is horrible," or "How can this be in scripture?" or even "Who wants a father like that?" But there is something in us that gets, right away, that this is a story told to instruct, not to be imitated.

There are other scripture texts that bring the filter down immediately too. I've known thousands of devout Christians in my life, people whose entire worlds are about bringing the Good News to the poor, and not one of them has, to my knowledge, ever cut out their eye or hand or foot because it offended them (Mt. 18:9).

I have heard of some Pentecostal churches that have encouraged believers to pick up snakes or drink deadly poisons in order to show the power of God's word to save them (Mk. 16:18), but as people around the world become better educated in scripture those stories have begun to die out.

So, what IS the point of that terrifying Genesis story we read today? Maybe it's that our relationship with God is the treasure we want to protect above everything else.

What would your life be like without the intimacy of Christ?

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Pastoral Care :

LIFE AFTER LOSS

Life After Loss meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month. Please join us Wednesday, March 10th, from 10 to 11:30am in the large meeting room on the lower level of the parish center - an elevator is available. The space is large enough to provide 6-foot social distancing and, of course, face masks are mandatory.

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.

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.

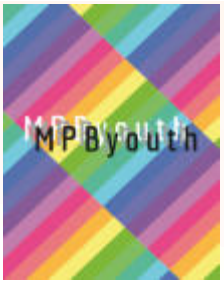
Please call the VNA at 303.698.6496 for appointments, cost and coverage information.

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!

Faith Formation:



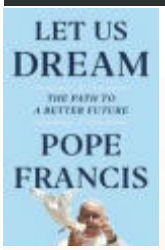
Youth group is still happening at MPB!

Middle School Youth Group meets virtually on Sundays, once a month, from 6:45-8:00pm
Dates: February 28, March 28, April 25

High School Youth Group meets virtually every other Wednesday from 7:00-8:30pm
Dates: March 3, 17, & 31; April 14 & 28

If you would like more information or to receive the Flocknote reminders, please email Kristen at kkraus@mpbdenver.org and she will add you to the email list!

Lenten Book Club:



MPB Lenten Book Club - Wednesday evenings from 7 - 8:30pm 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.

March 3rd - Prologue and Part One: A Time to See
March 10th - Part Two: A Time to Choose
March 17th - Part Three: A Time to Act
March 24th - Book Summary

Social Outreach

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

PBS is featuring a four-hour documentary "The Black Church"; This is Our Story, This is Our Song. This intimate four-hour series from Henry Louis Gates, Jr., explores the 400-year-old story of the black church in America, the changing nature of worship spaces, and the men and women who shepherded them from the pulpit, the choir loft, and church pews.
https://www.pbs.org/show/black-church/

The Delores Project Needs You!

THE DELORES PROJECT

Every month MPB parishioners make dinner for the ladies at The Delores Project. This is a safe, at home, work of love. The team is in need of new members to spread out the cooking and other responsibilities.

If interested in learning more about this opportunity, contact Lisa Penley at lpenley1027@gmail.com.

PRISM

Prism is an MPB ministry for LGBTQ+ Catholics and their families who seek to balance both faith and experiences through understanding, support, spiritual growth, and community building.
For more information contact Tricia Williams at 720.588.3609 (call or text) or email prismcatholics@gmail.com

WOO Lenten Retreat

Thursday, March 11th, 6:30-8:00pm
via ZOOM
Facilitator: Sister Quincy Howard, OP
More information and registration coming.

One of the recipients of our "Bags of Love", a gentleman at the New Genesis Center, was thrilled that they are getting bags of love. He said, "We could sure use some of that here."

"Prayer makes your heart bigger, until it is capable of containing the gift of God himself. "

~ Mother Teresa

CREATION CARE TIP OF THE WEEK:

Do you know how much water you use each day? People in the U.S. use approximately 100 gallons of fresh, drinkable water per day for bathing, drinking, flushing, cleaning and yard care. And that's just our direct use of water. For a more accurate count, consider everything we buy, the energy we use and the food we eat requires water to produce. Americans' actual water "footprint" – the amount of water it takes to produce our food, energy, clothes and more – is about 2,000 gallons of water each day. We consume about 95 percent of the water we use without ever seeing it. A couple of tips to conserve: (1) Increase plant based foods into your diet: a pound of hamburger requires 660 gallons of water, while a salad requires 60 gallons; (2) recycling a pound of paper saves about 3.5 gallons of water. Buying recycled paper products saves water too, as it takes about 6 gallons of water to produce a dollars worth of paper. *(Academy of Natural Sciences – Drexel University)*

From the Parish Office:

February 15th - February 21st

Weekend Offertory……..$18,058.00
Electronic Giving……..$41,212.75

TOTAL…….$59,270.75

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

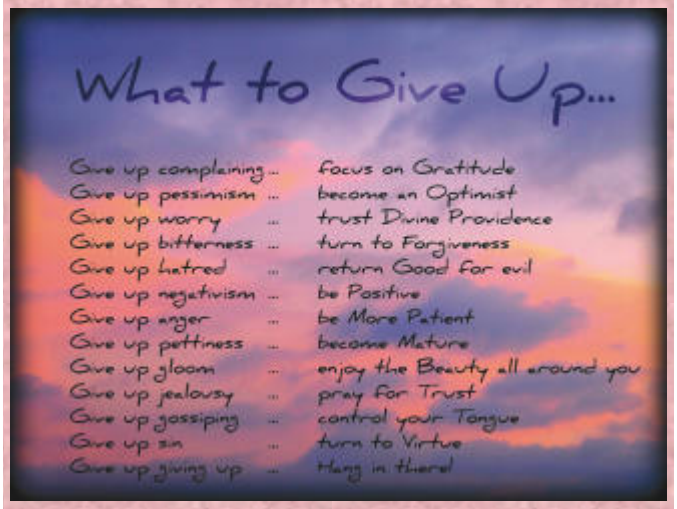
Your generous online donations are needed now to help sustain our MPB ministries that reflect the promise of God's love. The upheaval and distress caused by COVID-19 give these ministries added importance, and your kindness will help families all around us.

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: https://membership.faithdirect.net/CO767.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

God Bless You,
Father Pat



Scripture Readings:

Readings for the week of February 28th

Sunday:	**Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10**
Monday:	**Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9 11 and 13 [cf.3:10a]/ Lk 6:36-38**
Tuesday:	**Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 23:1-12**
Wednesday:	**Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/Mt 20:17-28**
Thursday:	**Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 16:19-31**
Friday:	**Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46**
Saturday:	**Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32**
Next Sunday:	**Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8-11 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 or Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42**

Mass Intentions:

Saturday, February 27
4:30pm……+Mr. Richard Ayers
Sunday, February 28
9:00am……..MPB Parishioners
10:45am .....+Mr. Thomas Burton

Saturday, March 6
4:30pm……+Mr. Vince Zarlengo
Sunday, March 7
9:00am……..+Ms. Joanne Costanzo
10:45am .....MPB Parishioners

Pray for our ill:

Steve Barbier
Jane Blake
Tim Buckley
Beverly Chico
Yvonne Costello
Tad Giovanini
Bill Hammond
Ryan Hebert
Pete LaFluer
Natalie Mesko
Jeanne Mack
Theresa Montano
Mary Morgan
John Pappas
Juliana Peter
Collette Shaughnessy
Jean Ann Vander Heyden
David Wahler
Elizabeth Woodburn
Chloe Young

and those who have passed away:

Donald Bell, father of Vern
Betty Hoefner, aunt of Ann Zimmer
John Lansdowne, father of Anne Grant
Mary Smith, the mother of Kaia Stulock

and those who mourn them

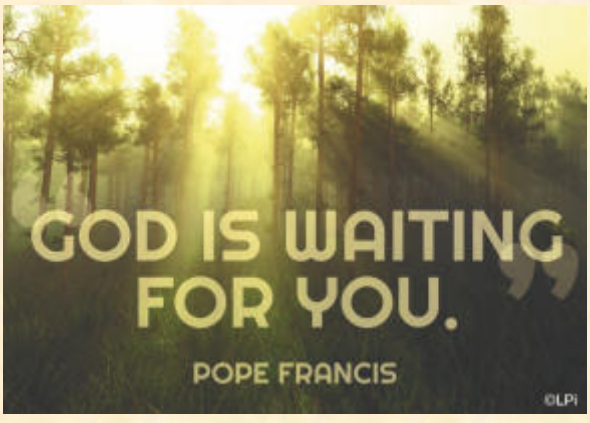
and all our parishioners:

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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