



# Most Precious Blood

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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*Centred in Christ, we are a welcoming community sharing our talents and goodness, joyfully celebrating and reaching out to all.*

### PASTORAL TEAM

#### Pastor:

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#### Coordinator of Youth Ministry:

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#### Parish Nurse:

Sr. Linda Parent ldparent@dol.ca

### SUPPORT STAFF

Secretary: Liz Desmarais

Custodian: Carol Lemire

**Office Hours:** Monday to Friday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

#### Weekend Masses:

Saturday Vigil - 5:00 PM

Sunday - 9:30 AM, 11:15 AM

#### Weekday Masses:

Tuesday 7:00 PM

Wednesday 8:45 AM

Thursday 8:45 AM

Friday 8:45 AM

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 11AM - 12 NOON

**Weddings:** the couple is to contact the parish priest at least 9 months in advance of a desired wedding date.

**Baptism:** Contact the parish office

### *Smell Like Your Sheep*

During the Holy Thursday Chrism Mass in Rome, Pope Francis encouraged the priests of Rome and by extension the priests of the world that they need to be on the streets of their cities and villages experiencing the life of the people they are called to serve. Like a shepherd who spends hours around his sheep, so too must the minister be called to spend time with all of his parishioners (registered or not).

Our temptation as a church is to deal with the people that we see on a regular basis at the weekly assembly. Though this is part of the call, we run the risk of becoming introspective. That is, we only see the needs of those who are within the fold. No doubt this is part of our call but in the words of Pope Francis the role of the priest is to go to the "outskirts where there is suffering, bloodshed, blindness that longs for sight, and prisoners in thrall to many evil masters." He added that, "God is not encountered in "soul searching or constant introspection."

This is our baptismal call is to see in every encounter the possibility to stir up God's grace. Often the request of those on the outskirts of society seem unreasonable, however these are the moments in which God's grace breaks into the world. How is our parish community being called into the outskirts? Who are the people we are being called to serve?



**MASSES OF THE WEEK**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**April 22<sup>nd</sup> – April 26<sup>th</sup>**

- Monday - No Mass
- Tuesday 7 PM - Florijan Pirih – *Josip & Nada Brinac*  
 - Mary Lou Honaker - *Friends at MPB*  
 - George Slavik – *Tony & Agnes D'Andrea*
- Wednesday 8:45 AM - Stan Korosec – *Colette MacNeil*  
 - Joe Ducharme - *Ferguson Family*  
 - Tracey Oakes - *Dad, sister Kim & aunt Jude*
- Thursday 8:45 AM- Roger Bernard - *Wife Linda*  
 - Collon Dunford – *Joe Brunette*  
 - Art Symons – *Best Friend*
- Friday 8:45 AM - Paul Beneteau – *Donna Ducharme*  
 - Pat & Loretta Lauzon - *Darlene*  
 - John Joseph Fuerth



**MEETING**

- Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> - 10 AM Quilters  
 - 7 PM Youth Group  
 - 7:30 Prayer Group
- Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> - 1 PM Intercessory Prayer  
 - 1 PM Spiritual Will
- Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup> - 10 AM Quilters  
 - 7 PM RCIA
- Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup> - 1PM Rosary Unborn  
 - 6:30 PM CWL Praying Rosary

*"Youth Ministry is the response of the Christian Community to the needs of young people and their families..."*

Diocese of London

**YOUTH GROUP NEWS**

Youth group this Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> will be for grades 5 through 8 from 7-8:30p.m. There are only 4 youth group meetings left for this year. Our final youth group gathering will be on Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. This evening we will be having a talent show and multi-cultural potluck event. More details will be given out at youth group.

**CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK**

Mark your calendar on Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> for our parish & school family mass and bbq. Mass will start at 5:30pm and will be lead by the staff and students of our three school communities. Following the mass will be a bbq. The bbq order forms will be put in next weeks bulletin and will be due in the office the Monday before the bbq. All parish & families are welcome, but we do need the forms, so we will have enough food. The theme will be "Growing in Faith Together" and look out for an art display in our parish hallway the week of Catholic Education.

**AWAKE-A-THON INFO**

This year's Awake-a-thon for grades 5 through 8 is on Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup> starting at 8pm and going through the night on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> until 7am. There is a pledge form with the package and the minimum amount to receive in pledges to be able to participate in the awake-a-thon is \$35 (cost of bus and the fun activities at the locations we will be visiting throughout the evening). The remainder of the money will be donated to Development & Peace. Permission forms are due on Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> and money is due the night of the event. Please contact Christine if you have any questions.

**FIRST COMMUNION CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to all the children and their families who made their First Communion this weekend. May you continue to grow in the love of Jesus and may your family always know that the Most Precious Blood parish family cares for you and is praying for you.

### HIGH TEA

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Parish High Tea is on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. Anyone interested in helping on the planning committee, please contact Margret Eastlake at 519-256-4836. Tickets are \$10 and will be on sale after all masses for the next two weekends or in the office during the week.

### ST. PETER'S SEMINARY APPEAL

This Sunday is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. This weekend, St. Peter's Seminary is making an appeal for your support. Your financial gifts and prayers for vocations will help ensure the formation and education of present and future priests, permanent deacons, lay ministers, Catholic educators and others.

Enclosed is a seminary appeal brochure. You can mail a donation in the postage-prepaid envelope or place your envelope in the offertory basket. Please open your heart to the messages from St. Peter's Seminary and give as generously as you can. Whether or not you can give financially, we encourage you to pray for vocations.



Crystal Byerley, Velma Lefebvre, Florence MacDonald, Babe Sliva, Peggy Corrigan, Dan Carroll

### CWL ROSARY

On Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. the Catholic Women's League will be celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel with a Scriptural Presentation of the Rosary. Everyone is welcome to join us at Most Precious Blood.

### COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

We urgently need Eucharistic Ministers for Sunday distribution of Communion to the homebound. This would involve one Sunday per month. Please contact Sr. Linda by phone or in person.

### RISE UP WOMEN OF TRUTH WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Rise Up Women of Truth Conference "Called to Holiness" is on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> from 8 am to 4 pm at Holy Name of Jesus Church in Essex. Guest Speakers are Donna-Marie Cooper O'Boyle to speak on Women's Call to Holiness and Life Lessons from Mother Teresa, Sister Kathleen Lichti to speak about Prayer and Scripture, Helen Lewis to speak on answering God's call to begin a 40 Day for Life Campaign at Leamington Hospital. The cost is \$25 for adults and \$20 for students which includes snack and lunch. For more information or to register call Maggie Ducharme at 519-776-7828.

### OFFERTORY GIFTS

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| <b>Last week the collection was</b>   | <b>\$4,885.00</b> |
| <b>Direct Deposit (avg. per week)</b> | <b>\$ 960.00</b>  |
| <b>Total Collection</b>               | <b>\$6,845.00</b> |

**Building fund collection last week was  
\$1,638.00**

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE**  
**Building fund collection year to date is  
\$11,467.25**

*Please pray for our Priests, Deacons and  
for Vocations.*

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| <b>Mon. Apr. 22<sup>nd</sup></b>   | <b>Campus Ministers</b>        |
| <b>Tues. Apr. 23<sup>rd</sup></b>  | <b>Deacon G. Mabaya</b>        |
| <b>Wed. Apr. 24<sup>th</sup></b>   | <b>Rev. J. Sharp</b>           |
| <b>Thurs. Apr. 25<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Rev. M. Labute</b>          |
| <b>Fri. Apr. 26<sup>th</sup></b>   | <b>Archbishop J. MacDonald</b> |
| <b>Sat. Apr. 27<sup>th</sup></b>   | <b>Rev. M. George</b>          |

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