

Most Precious Blood Roman Catholic Parish

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Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon 12:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday Eucharist

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. Sunday: 9:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

Reconciliation

Saturday: 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Also by appointment.

Baptisms

Celebrated during the Masses on the 1st Sunday of each month. Please call the office.

Marriage

Contact Father Greg one year in advance to book an appointment.

Sunday Friends

Every Sunday from September to June during the 11:15 a.m. Mass.

Vocations

If you are discerning a call to Priesthood, permanent deaconate or religious life, please contact Father Greg at the parish office.

Sunday, December 13th, 2015 Third Sunday of Advent

Father Gregory J. Bonin, Pastor Rev. Mr. Frank Lepain, Deacon Mrs. Christine Coyle, Coordinator of Youth Ministry Mrs. Liz Desmarais, Secretary Mrs. Carol Lemire, Custodian / Maintenance Manager

Dear Parishioners,

<u>Christmas Flowers / Decorations</u>

Parishioners have the opportunity to remember their deceased loved ones by purchasing a plant or decoration as we decorate the Church for Christmas. If you wish to participate, please place your donation and the names of the deceased (please print clearly) in an envelope marked "Christmas donations" and drop off in the Sunday Offertory. All donations must be submitted by December 18th. A portion of our Christmas bulletin will be dedicated in loving memory of your deceased loved ones with their names listed. Please make cheques payable to Most Precious Blood Church.

The Great Jubilee Year of Mercy

So what does it mean? The clue to the aim of the Year of Mercy is in its name: a time for the Church itself and for Catholics everywhere to show mercy and compassion, in thought and in deed, and focus on forgiveness, reconciliation and doing good in concrete ways for the needy and those on the margins of society.

The crossing of the threshold of a Holy Door is a sign of spiritual renewal, and the passage from sin to grace. Pope Francis has long signaled his wish to change the Church's approach from condemnation of wrongdoing to a Church more forgiving of its flock, and more understanding of the difficulties faced by believers today.

This extraordinary jubilee year is a practical way of giving expression to that wish, and creating a Church that is a "field hospital", healing and binding the wounds of its flock. Father Greg

Earish Mission Statement

CENTERED IN CHRIST, WE ARE A WELCOMING COMMUNITY SHARING OUR TALENTS AND GOODNESS, JOYFULLY CELEBRATING AND REACHING OUT TO ALL.



MASS INTENTIONS December 14th – December 18th

Monday - No Mass

Tuesday 7 PM - John & Francis Jereb - Joe & Sara

-Gino Perissinotti - Family - Paul LeBlanc - Wife & Family

Wed. 8:30 AM - Nellie Primeau - Margaret Jobin

-Don Momney - Darlene Lauzon

- Pat & Loretta Lauzon - Darlene

Thurs. 8:30 AM - Alice Recker - Betty

-Joseph Edmondson - Andy & Mary Matos

- Intentions of Alex Colautti - Family

Friday 8:30 AM - In Thanksgiving - Ted & Mary Kowalski

-Eleanor Tremontti - Family

- Janet Jones - Bill & Joann Lukatch



Mon. Dec.14th - Youth Night

Tues. Dec. 15th - 5 PM Youth Choir

-6:30 PM St. Vincent de Paul

Wed. Dec.16th - K of C Potluck

Thurs. Dec. 17th - 6 PM Baptism Prep.

Fri. Dec. 18th - 1 PM Rosary Unborn

Please contact Christine Coyle at ccoyle@dol.ca if you have any questions about youth ministry or sacramental preparation. Always a pleasure to hear from parishioners!

Youth Ministry News

Monday, December 14th the youth group will be meeting at the St. Vincent de Paul Store at 354 Chilver Rd. to begin our Year of Mercy by helping the poor. Please drop your child (grades 5 through 8) at the store for 6:30pm and pick up at 8pm. A snack will be provided on site. Contact Christine if you have any questions. Youth group will resume in the new year.

Teen Event & Teen Ministry Group

On Wednesday, December 30th we will be hosting the first annual, "Almost" New Year's Dinner & Dance for teens in high school. Tickets are \$10. Mt. Carmel Teen Group will be joing us for this event. Space is limited. Please contact Christine if you would like to purchase a ticket. Dinner will be provided by Koolini's. The evening will be full of food, dancing, and fun activities. There will be a fun "gift-giving" activity. When you purchase your ticket, Christine will fill you in on all the fun.

Also, I am so excited to announce that we will be starting up a teen ministry group on Saturday evenings following our 5pm mass (bi-weekly). These nights will be a mix of faith, fun and outings for teens. Keep checking the bulletin, Facebook and the youth board for more details.

Youth Choir

Practice for our youth choir is on Tuesdays from 5-6:15pm. New comers are always welcome. Age range is from 8-60years. Annette is our new director for this choir along with 2 gentlemen who play the guitar. Our first mass that we will be singing at is Saturday, January 9th at the 5pm. The youth choir will be singing every other week.

First Reconciliation/ First Eucharist Family Gathering

Our first meeting for children who are receiving both their First Reconciliation & First Eucharist is on Thursday, January 7th from 6:30-7:30pm here in the church hall. If you still need to register your child for the Sacraments, forms are available in the church office and/ or you can fill out on January 7th before the meeting. Please note that if you want your child to make their First Eucharist this spring, they need to make their First Reconciliation first. Contact Christine if you have any questions.

RETROUVAILLE

Rediscover Your Marriage – Retrouvaille (pronounced reto-vi with a long i) simply means 'rediscovery.' The program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. 10's of 1000's headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending. Retrouvaille is not a spiritual retreat, not a sensitivity group, not a seminar, not a social gathering. For confidential information about, or to register for the January program beginning with a weekend on January 15, 2016 call 519-243-0687 or email: retrouvaillelondonstthomas@gmail.com or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org.

THANK YOU TO THE HOSPITALITY TEAM

Thank you to the hospitality team for baking and serving at the Dove Sunday reception.

Christmas Eve/Day New Years Eve/Day Mass Schedule 2015

Christmas Eve: 4:30 p.m.; 7:00 p.m.; and

10:00 p.m.

Christmas Day: 10:00 a.m. New Years Eve: 5:00 p.m. New Years Day: 10:00 a.m.

OFFERTORY GIFTS

Last week the collection was \$5,595.00 Direct Deposit(avg. per week) \$ 1,078.50 **Total Collection** \$6,663.50

Building fund collection last week was \$11,050.00

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Building fund collection year to date is \$51,634.70 Building fund year to date paid is \$75,000.00

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

The Knights of Columbus will be selling Keep Christ in Christmas magnets again this year. They will be on sale in the office during the week or in the hall after all masses for \$5.00 each.

NEW YEAR'S DAY BRUNCH

Is your New Year's resolution to spend more time with family? Start here, with brunch in our hall following New Year's Day Mass. Food freshly prepared with a breakfast and lunch fare. Ticket prices are: Adults \$15, Seniors \$13 and 10 and under \$8, and five and under free. Tickets will be on sale after all masses or in the office during the week. Proceeds will go toward the building debt.

There are only 3 dates and times left for Christmas Confessions.

Saturday, December 12th, 10 a.m. - 12 noon Friday, December 18th, 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon Saturday, December 19th 10:00 a.m. - 12 noon Please note: There will be no confessions Saturday, December 26th.

Giving Tree Update

It is with overwhelming joy that I would like to thank all the parishioners who donated to our giving tree this year. We are so blessed to have such generous people in our faith community. I will communicate in greater detail all that our parish donated in next weekend's bulletin. The final day to drop off any items/ tags is Monday, Dec. 14th by 4pm.



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