

# 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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 First Sunday of Advent

Father Gregory J. Bonin, Pastor
Father Charles Akinloye, Associate Pastor
Deacons Rev. Mr. Frank Lepain & Rev. Mr. Daniel Lemire
Mrs. Christine Coyle, Coordinator of Youth Ministry
Mrs. Liz Desmarais, Secretary
Mrs. Carol Lemire, Custodian / Maintenance Manager

Dear Parishioners,

#### Christmas Flowers/Decorations in Memoriam.

Anyone wishing to donate a Christmas flower or decoration to the Church this Christmas in memory of a loved one(s), please, on a piece of paper, clearly print the name(s) of the deceased, the name of the donor, your telephone number and place your personal donation in an envelope marked "Christmas Flowers'. A complete list of the deceased and donors will be published in our Christmas bulletin.

Thank you for supporting this each year. It is simply another way to remember our deceased loved ones throughout the Christmas Season.

#### What is the true meaning of Advent?

Advent is the period of four Sundays and weeks before Christmas. Advent means 'Coming' in Latin. This is the coming of Jesus into the world. Christians use the four Sundays and weeks of Advent to prepare and remember the real meaning of Christmas.

#### An Advent Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father, help me to hear your voice.

Touch me once again.

Give me the courage to be your beloved.

Give me courage to choose joy.

I need you now this Christmas.

Be born in me today. Amen

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 4th - December 8th

Monday - No Mass

Tues. 5:30 PM - Pat Iler - Doris

-Patrick St. Jean - Mary & Frank - Jaime Costa - Fatima Roy

Wed. 8:30 AM - Ad Charron - John & Donna Charron

-James Lovat - Family

- Ela Scott - Mary & Pat Kennedy

Thurs. 8:30 AM - For the People of Canada

-Intentions of Langlois Family — Frank &

Mary

- Hermina Bradac — Katarina Avbelj & Irene Demsar-Hurajt

Dellisai-Hula

Friday 8:30 AM - Leda Goggins - Family

- Miroslav Almasvi - Neighbours

- Bob Marier - Charlie & Cindy



Mon. Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> -6:30 PM Youth Planning

Tues. Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> -6 PM CWL

Wed. Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> - 9 AM Adoration

- 6 PM Intercessory Prayers

- 6 PM K of C - 7 PM RCIA

-7:30 PM Prayer Group

Thurs. Dec., 7<sup>th</sup> - 1 PM Quilters

- 6 PM Choir

Fri. Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> - 1 PM Rosary Unborn

-7 PM Youth Dance

Sat. Dec. 9th - 10 AM PPC Discernment

"God of hope, I look to you with an open heart & yearning spirit. During this Advent season, I will keep alert & awake, listening for your word & keeping to your precepts. My hope is in you." Matthew Kelly

#### **Youth Ministry News**

#### Awake-a-thon 2017

It was an amazing 12 hours with over 50 youth & teens. We raised approximately \$500 to buy gifts for the teens from Drouillard Place that will go without this Christmas. The evening was full of faith-filled activities that were focused on "Being Awake" in our faith. We headed out on a school bus to the Zap zone and then bowled for an hour at the Super Bowl. At 2am, we traveled around different parts of the city to pray a decade of the rosary at each spot and we stopped at Tim Hortons's for some hot chocolate and Timbits. We ended our time from 4am-7am at Mt. Carmel. There we had a scavenger hunt, played minute to win it and then ended in our final prayer. I want to thank all the parents who sent their young person on this great adventure and entrusting my leaders and I with their care. The youth ministry team here at MPB takes pride in making sure all young people are safe and secure during their time here at the church.

#### "Ugly Christmas Sweater" Youth Dance

Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup> will be our next Youth Dance from 7-10pm. This dance is open to all youth in grades 5 through 8. The cost is \$5 at the door and snacks are available to be purchased. No outside food or drinks please. Prizes for the best or ugliest Christmas sweater will be awarded.

#### Family Advent Adventure Night (Mon. Dec. 11th)

Mark your calendar on Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup> for and Advent Adventure your family will not want to miss. Families with children in grades 5 & up are all invited to an evening dedicated to family and to Advent. This evening will run from 6:30-8pm. There will be a family craft, a family prayer service and a hot chocolate bar.... plus goodies and more. The best part is that the teen disciples are planning this whole evening. If your family would like to attend, please RSVP to Christine at <a href="mailto:ccoyle@dol.ca">ccoyle@dol.ca</a> by Friday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>. Make this Advent the best Advent ever for you and your family!



The Knights of Columbus will be selling Keep Christ in Christmas magnets \$5 each after all masses. The magnets will also be available in the office during the week.

# CHRISTMAS/NEW YEARS 2017/2018 MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 23 5pm

Sunday, December 24 9:30am & 11:15am

Sunday, December 24 Christmas Eve

4:30pm; 7pm; 10pm

Monday, December 25 Christmas Day

10am

Saturday, December 30 5pm

Sunday, December 31 Feast of Holy Family

9:30am & 11:15am

Sunday, December 31 New Year's Eve

5pm

Monday, January 1 New Year's Day

11:15am

### OFFERTORY GIFTS

Last week the collection was \$5,365.00
Direct Deposit(avg. per week) \$1,415.00
Total Collection \$6,780.00

Thank you for your generosity.

#### **Giving Tree 2017**

There are still lots of Giving Tree Tags available. The tags consist of: Madonna House, Drouillard Place, St. Vincent de Paul, Salvation Army, Street Help, Feed a Parish Family, Windsor Youth Center, Sponsor an Adult for Beloved, Hiatus House and Youth Ministry Efforts. All donations (except for Drouillard Place) are due no later than Dec. 16/17. Drouillard Place gifts are due the weekend of Dec. 9/10. If you have any questions please don't hesitate calling the office or email Christine at <a href="mailto:ccoyle@dol.ca">ccoyle@dol.ca</a>. A special thank you to the youth and the leaders who made all our giving tree tags during the Awake-a-thon this past weekend.

#### **Parish Pastoral Council Discernment**

This past Thursday evening the current Pastoral Council members met with the nominees who want their name to stand for Parish Council. We were given a chance to meet them all and to hear their answers to the reflection questions they were given about their vision of our parish and our parish's needs. The current Parish Council will meet in prayer on Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> for a day of reflection to discern who will be our next 3 members. Please continue to pray for the Holy Spirit to guide us on this day of discernment.

# Resources for the Best Advent Ever for You & Your Family

Here are some great resources for adults and families

to make this Advent truly amazing:

Dynamic Catholic- Best Advent Ever Sign up-

(https://dynamiccatholic.com/best-advent-ever)

Holy Hero's Advent Adventure-

https://www.holyheroes.com/ Enjoy.

#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We are looking for volunteers to help support St. Teresa of Calcutta school. We need volunteers 2 hours/month to work bingos to cover the following:

Bus to activities/sports/field trips.

Ability to cover a portion of the field trip costs.

Bingo has allowed us to purchase extra sets of Chromebooks/Pads/technology for all students to have regular access.

Consider attending the next training session Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Call 519-995-2058

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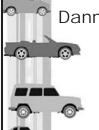
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