

# Most Precious Blood Roman Catholic Parish

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#### Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon 1:00 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 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Second 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

#### From The Pastor's Pen

As we continue on our Advent retreat, in preparation for Christmas, Most Precious Blood Parish will be having a ALL DAY CONFESSION on Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. I have invited Father Bill Capitano and Father Louis Mousseau to join me in celebrating the sacrament of reconciliation with the faithful. The All day confessions will take place in the Church.

Times of Confessions for Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>.

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m. Mass (confessions will be heard during Mass time)

7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

"If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." John 1 vs1:9

<u>With today's announcement</u> regarding Father Chris, let us keep him in our prayers and pray that God's peace will be with him on his new journey.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS. Parishioners of Most Precious Blood Parish have the opportunity to remember deceased loved ones by making a donation to decorate our church during the Christmas Season. All you have to do is write 'Christmas Decorations' on an envelope. Inside the envelope kindly write the name(s) of the deceased on a piece of paper, and along with a donation of your choice, seal it and place in the offertory basket. All donations must be submitted by Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. A portion of our Christmas bulletin will be dedicated in loving memory of our deceased loved ones with their names listed in the bulletin Please make cheques payable to Most Precious Blood Church. Have a great second week of retreat!

#### 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 8th - December 12th

Monday - No Mass

Tuesday 7 PM - Josef Mader - Family

-Olga Renaud - J. Cedar

- Joseph Cambala - Athavale Family

Wed. 8:30 AM - Archie Gillies - Isabelle Gillies

-Silvio DeCecco - Family

- Bill Jubenville - *Ione Comartin* 

Thurs. 8:30 AM - Intentions of Alex Colautti - Family

- Gino Perssinotti - Wife & Family

- Intentions of Abdullah Family - Janette

Friday 8:30 AM - Steve Freisinger - Your Parish Family

-Mark Kuli - Ted & Mary Kowalski

- Jamie Arnott - Family



Mon. Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> - 7 PM Youth Group

Tues. Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> - 4 PM Social Justice

Wed. Dec.10<sup>th</sup> - 1 PM Intercessory Prayer

-7:30 PM Prayer Group

Thurs. Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> - 1 PM Quilters

-6 PM Choir

- 7 PM RCIA

Fri. Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> -1 PM Rosary Unborn

Sun. Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> - 10 AM K of C Breakfast

#### **CHRISTINE'S YOUTH NEWS**

#### **Youth Ministry Update**

Youth group for grades 7 & 8 this Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup> from 7-8:30pm. This month we will be focusing on the "gift" of the season and how to prepare our hearts for the coming of our Saviour. To help the youth prepare more fully, we will be embarking on 2 adventures. Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup> as a youth group we will be heading to Devonshire Mall to shop for the less fortunate using the "giving tree" tag envelopes. This evening will run from 6:30-8:45pm. We will be needing drivers/ volunteers. If you have time this evening, please give Christine a call. Our second adventure will be on Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup> where we will be heading to Shoreview Retirement Home (the old Maisonville Court) to sing Christmas carols and visit with the residents. Then we are going to head to the Windsor Youth Centre to bring them the Christmas gifts we purchased on the Friday's shopping trip. Tamara from the WYC will give us a tour and inform our group on the great work she does for the youth that are homeless in our city.

Please encourage your child to come out to these gatherings. Permission forms will be made available at December 8<sup>th</sup> meeting and/or can be picked up at the office. I can email these forms to you also. Please send me an email at ccoyle@dol.ca and I will forward you a permission form.

#### **Youth Leader Advent Twilight Retreat**

On Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup> the youth leaders will have an opportunity to be a part of an Advent Twilight retreat following our youth group shopping trip. The retreat will run from 9-11pm. Other teens are welcome to join us. If you have a teen that would like to be a part of this twilight retreat, please contact Christine for more info.

#### Advent at Home with the Family

Here are some ideas that you can do at home with your family to make this Advent "retreat" enjoyable-

- Make an Advent wreath. Light a candle on each Sunday evening of advent, saying a short prayer or singing a verse of "O Come, O Come Emmanuel."
- Use an Advent calendar to celebrate the season with the whole Church.
- Make a Jesse Tree. The Jesse Tree is a symbolic tree on which there are images depicting the genealogy of Jesus.
- Show appreciation to those who care for abused children, the developmentally disabled, the elderly, and others. Bake cookies or other holiday treats and take them to a charity as a surprise.
- Donate to a charity. Go through your closets and get rid of old clothes & toys. Donate to the St.
   Vincent de Paul store.
- There are more ideas prayer services and colouring sheets located on the youth board in the narthex.
   Feel free to bring home and share with your family.

To the people of Most Precious Blood Parish,

I know that my departure last March was sudden and my unexpected leaving left many of you with questions. After consultation with my Doctor my Spiritual Director and Counselor, I came to the realization that I needed space in order to discern direction in my life. I could not continue to do this while in active ministry.

Since leaving active ministry in March I have continued my discernment and I have come to the following decision. In freedom of conscience I have made the decision to leave active priestly ministry and seek other ways to use my God given gifts.

I will always be grateful for the time I have had in ministry as a priest. Most especially, I am grateful for you the people of Most Precious Blood. My three years at MPB have given me a glimpse into the reality of what a dynamic and engaging parish looks like. Thank you for your love and support of me during my time as your pastor and most especially for the countless prayers offered during this leave of absence.

God's peace to you on your journey, Chris Gevaert

#### CHURCH CHUCKLE

Two young boys were spending the night at their grandparents' house the week before Christmas. At bedtime, the two boys knelt beside their beds to say their prayers. The young one began praying at the tops of his lungs: "I PRAY FOR A NEW BICYCLE..." I PRAY FOR A NEW NINTENDO..." His older brother leaned over, nudged him and said, "Why are you shouting? God isn't deaf." To which the little brother replied, "No but Grandma is!"

#### OFFERTORY GIFTS

Last week the collection was \$6,757.00
Direct Deposit(avg. per week) \$1,026.00
Total Collection \$7,783.00

Building fund collection last week was \$200.00

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE
Building fund collection year to date is
\$35,456.10

Thank you for your generosity

# CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve
5 PM, 7 PM, & 10 PM
Christmas Day
10 AM
New Year's Eve
5 PM
New Year's Day
10 AM

#### **CHRISTMAS CONFESSION**

Confession will be heard on Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> 10 am – 1 pm, 2 – 4 pm and 7:00 – 8:30 pm.

#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a breakfast on Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> after both morning Masses. Tickets are available after all Masses and in the office during the week. Prices are Adults \$6, Seniors \$5 and children

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#### HOW IS YOUR RETREAT GOING?

Let us continue to re-group and stay focused during this time of waiting as the Lord speaks to our hearts.

#### REMINDER ABOUT GIVING TREE

Please note: <u>Do Not</u> wrap the gift. Please return the gift tag along with the gift next weekend December 13/14. Together let us share in the spirit and true meaning of Christmas.

Please pray for our Priests, Deacons and for Vocations.

Sun. Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>
Mon. Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>
Rev. B. Pinsonneault
Tues. Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>
Wed. Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>
Thurs. Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>
Fri. Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>
Sat. Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>
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