



# Most Precious Blood

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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:

Fr. Chris Gevaert [crgevaert@dol.ca](mailto:crgevaert@dol.ca)

### Coordinator of Youth Ministry:

Christine Coyle [ccoyle@dol.ca](mailto:ccoyle@dol.ca)

### Parish Nurse:

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## 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 8:30 AM

Thursday 8:30 AM

Friday 8:30 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

## *With Great Expectation*

In the lead up to the Christmas Season there can often be as part of the many chores and activities the establishment of great expectations for what we want the season to bring to our family and community. Many times the lived experience of the Christmas Season seldom lives up to the expectations we have invested in them.

Often times it is however, in our unmet expectations that the in breaking of God's love meets us. We can only imagine how many expectations that Mary and Joseph had to let go of in order to experience the grace of the Christ child. The apostles themselves would have to let go of their expectation of who the Messiah was in order to embrace the reality of how Jesus would make himself known as the Messiah.

Perhaps this Christmas we can look for the indwelling of Christ in our unmet expectations and disappointments. It seems to me that God makes himself known precisely at the time when all of humanity's hopes and expectations seem lost. May you and your family discover the joy of finding Christ in your unfulfilled expectations.

On behalf of the entire staff of Most Precious Blood Parish, we wish your family a Blessed Christmas Season and Happy New Year.

*Fr. Chris, Sr. Linda, Christine, Carol and Liz*



**MASSES OF THE WEEK**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**December 30<sup>th</sup> – January 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Monday, Dec. 30	- No Mass
Tuesday, Dec. 31	- 5 pm New Year's Eve
Wed. Jan. 1	- 10 am New Year's Day
Thurs. 8:30 AM	- No Mass
Friday 8:30 AM	- No Mass

**HEALING THOUGHTS...**

Sometimes the busy-ness of the season can create undue stress. With holidays approaching and the challenges of getting things prepared it is okay to give yourself permission to say, "I cannot do this right now." Just remember you can give yourself permission to stay at home if need be. In time, some of these holiday events and parties will be celebrated again. I find that at times the cycle of life matches the season, but at other times, it does not. That's okay too! Therefore, it is incumbent to be gentle with yourself if you find the season of Christmas is difficult and hard to get into. God knows this and is compassionate no matter what season it is. Be at peace and take care of yourself. God's heart is attached to yours.



*Nowhere in the world has so great a miracle occurred as in that little stable in Bethlehem; here God and man became one."*

Thomas A Kempis

**Youth Ministry Update**

Youth group at Most Precious Blood is open to anyone in grades 5 through 8. Meetings run on Monday nights from 7-8:30pm. The hour and a half is full of fun activities, such as, games, prayer, ice breakers, getting to know other activities, snacks, small group discussions and more. There are times we head out and go on a field trip. Permission forms and calendars are always sent home with all the details. At youth group we have almost 40 dedicated youth leaders that come every Monday to share their faith with the youth and to build relationships with them. Youth group is a wonderful way for your child to meet new friends, to grow in their faith and to have a fun time out. Our first youth group of 2014 will be on Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup>. There are some great youth ministry plans in the works for 2014! Please continue to pray for our young people and youth leaders.

**First Reconciliation & First Communion  
Registration Information**

If your child is in grade 2 they are at the age to start preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Eucharist. Registration forms will be handed out at our three schools (St. Anne French Immersion, St. Bernard and Our Lady of Lourdes) during the first week back from Christmas break. If your child attends another school or is home schooled registration forms will be made available after masses during the weekends of January 11/12 and 18/ 19. Check the front of the bulletin for our mass times. Please contact Christine Coyle (phone or email- front of bulletin).

### Social Justice Update

In 2012 the seeds for establishing a social justice committee came to fruition. The purpose of the committee is to respond to the demands of the common good. As Christians we are all called to be conscious of social justice issues and to be people of action. By being informed and through educational means we study each issue be it local or global. Recently, we have collaborated with Grace Baptist Church in a supportive way by tending to the needs of refugees. Matthew House Windsor cares for the stranger and seeks to respond to the refugee claimants that come and stay on a temporary basis. There are many more initiatives that will arise and in a couple of months Development and Peace will invite us to action. We can all make a difference by applying Catholic Social Teaching and taking steps to create positive change for the poor in our midst. For more information, call Sister Linda.



Crystal Byerley, Velma Lefebvre, Florence MacDonald, Jimmy Gloud

### Widow/Widowers Chat Group

Over the past year we have had monthly gatherings including those who live alone. This opportunity to have coffee or tea and homemade desserts in an informal café style environment has been enriching for those who come. We are all reminded that we need not do life alone! New friendships are made and socializing with other people by telling stories opens up a whole new expression of life. Please pass the word along that each month we hold a Widow/Widowers Chat Group and include those who live alone. Next Café will be on Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. All are welcome.



Sometimes parishioners become permanently homebound and/or even temporarily homebound. As a result, a sense of loss occurs when the relationship with the parish family is disconnected, and even more so, when the Eucharist which is the centrality of one's relationship with Christ is no longer made available. Communion to the homebound offers that connection between parish and home for which the presence of Jesus Christ is made visible. We all need to be fed by the Body and Blood of Christ. For 2 years now we have had committed volunteers taking Eucharist to homebound parishioners on Sunday mornings. Remember, if you become homebound, we are here to bring Eucharist to you. Simply call the office and let us know. Also, if anyone would like to become part of this ministry, or have any questions, please call Sister Linda anytime.

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

<b>Tues. Dec. 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Rev. A. Williams</b>
<b>Thurs. Dec. 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Rev. S. Bodnar</b>
<b>Fri. Dec. 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Rev. L. Mousseau</b>
<b>Sat. Dec. 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Rev. M. Johnson</b>
<b>Sun. Dec. 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Rev. F. Allumpurath</b>
<b>Mon. Dec. 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Rev. J. Roche</b>
<b>Tues. Dec. 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Rev. J. Kobosa</b>
<b>Wed. Jan. 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Sisters of Service</b>
<b>Thurs. Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Deacon. R. Pflanzner</b>
<b>Fri. Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Rev. C. Kaminski</b>
<b>Sat. Jan. 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Rev. F. Leslie</b>

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