

# 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, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019 The Epiphany of the Lord

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

Dear Parishioners of Most Precious Blood Parish,

# Happy Epiphany Everyone!

As we continue to celebrate the Season of Christmas, today we celebrate the Christians Feast of the Epiphany. We celebrate the manifestation of the divine nature of Jesus to the gentiles as represented by the magi. May this manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ carry us as individuals and as families throughout the New Year of 2019.

# Happy New Year Everyone!

The New Year is placed in our hands as the old year passes away. The months, weeks and days ahead are God's gift; they will carry God's blessings. Let us welcome all the blessings we can. Happy New Year 2019!

On behalf of the Pastoral Team and Staff thank you to all who brought gifts of food, cards, and good wishes over the Christmas Holidays. Your kindness and generosity makes us feel so appreciated. We all want you to know how much we appreciate you and it is a joy to serve you, the people of Most Precious Blood, throughout each New Year. Thank you.

# A short New Year's Prayer. DEAR GOD, I'M PLACING 2019 IN YOUR HANDS! AMEN.

God Bless you all! 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 January 7<sup>th</sup> – January 11<sup>th</sup>

Monday No Mass

Tues. 7 PM - Gary Gavin - Ione Comartin

- Vince Trojansek - Martin & Carole Jubenville

- Gerald St. Denis - Madeleine Stewart

- Gerard Kennedy – Mary & Pat

Wed. 8:30 AM - Elizabeth Bolger - Colautti Family

- Ted Horen - Todd & Judith Oakes-Radlin

- Intentions of Ione Comartin – Sue Beneteau

- Donna Bourdeau – Mary & Pat Kennedy

Thurs. 8:30 AM - Ray & Tena Strong - Ellen & Family

- Rose Cannata - Alfonso Buscemi

- Helen Huneault – Mary & Pat Kennedy

- Stanislav Lanik - Veronica Rodenbucher

Friday 8:30 AM - Michael & Mary Kiss - Katie Kiss

- Clint Furlotte – *Mary Joudry* 

- Intentions of Julie Banda – Jane

- Marina Oviedo – *Mary & Pat Kennedy* 



Mon. Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> - Youth Leaders

Tues. Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> - 1 PM Intercessory Prayers

- 7:30 PM CWL

Wed. Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> - 1:30 PM CWL

- 4:30-7:30 PM Open House

Blessed

- 7 PM RCIA

- 7:30 PM Prayer Group

Thurs. Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> - 1 PM Quilters

- 6 PM Choir

- 6:45 PM Parish Council

Fri. Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> - 1 PM Rosary Preborn

"God has created us for great things- to love and be loved."

St. Teresa of Kolkatat

# "Blessed" First Confession & First Communion Open House

If your child is in grade 2 or up and you fee I they are ready to begin the preparations for their First Confession & First communion please come to our Open House on Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 4:30-7:30pm. There will be all sorts of interactive activities that will get you and your child excited about this big step in their faith journey. You will be able to meet with most of our Catechists and finally register your child for the program. Requirements for registration: a copy of certificate baptismal vour child's (unless they were baptized here at Most Precious Blood, Our Lady of the Rosary or St. Anne's (Walkerville). The cost for books and other materials is \$40. Sessions will be on Tuesday evenings from 6:15-7:45pm. All dates, times and other info/ details will be given out on the 9th. If you have any other questions please don't hesitate to Christine contact Coyle ccoyle@dol.ca.

# **Giving Tree Update**

A big thank you to all who donated gifts, money and grocery cards to our Giving Tree of 2018. All the organizations that received gifts were very much appreciated. Thank you once again Most Precious Blood for your outpouring of generosity to other less fortunate than yourselves.

# **NATIONAL ANTHEM**

Most Precious Blood choir will once again sing the National Anthem at the Spitfire game on Thursday, January 24, 2019 at 7pm at the WFCU Arena. Spitfires vs London Knights. Tickets are \$20. Anyone wishing to come to the game and support us, please see a choir member to order your tickets.

# "Encounter" (Youth Bible Study) & "Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible" (Adult Bible Study)

We invite youth in grades 6 & up to the Encounter Bible Study and adults to the Unlocking the Mystery Bible Study. Both bible studies will be held on Monday evenings from 6:30-8pm. There are 8 sessions. The first night is Monday, Jan. 21st. Both bible studies open up the bible through engaging videos, thought provoking questions and lively small group discussions. The cost for the workbook is \$25. You will get your workbook on the first night. Space is limited for both bible studies; therefore reserve your spot by emailing Christine Coyle at <a href="mailto:ccoyle@dol.ca">ccoyle@dol.ca</a>. Registration deadline is Tuesday, Jan 15th by 4pm. Cut out this coupon in order to receive \$5 off your workbook by Thursday, Jan. 10th (Only one coupon)

"Encounter" Youth Bible Study &
"Unlocking the Mystery"
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Bring in this coupon upon registering for the Bible Study course and you will get \$5 off your workbook. This coupon is only valid until Thursday, Jan. 10th by 4pm.

One coupon per person

# OFFERTORY GIFTS

Last week the collection was \$5,994.00
Direct Deposit(avg. per week) \$1,428.75
Total Collection \$7,422.75

Thank you for your generosity.

# The Epiphany- A Cultural Connection



# JESUS BROUGHT THE GOOD NEWS OF SLAVATION TO PEOPLE OF ALL RACES!

The Wise Men from another culture, who came to offer Jesus gifts for a royal messiah, symbolize that Jesus came as the saviour of all races and cultures. Matthew 2:1-12 is the biblical basis for the religious feast day of Epiphany, which officially is January 6<sup>th</sup>.

In some Latin American traditions, children receive gifts on Epiphany, in remembrance of the gifts the Wise Men offered to Jesus. The evening before, at parties celebrated in homes and offices, a special bread is shared that has a figure of the baby Jesus baked inside of it. Whoever finds the figure of the baby Jesus in a piece of bread has to sponsor a party to celebrate Jesus' presentation in the Temple (Lk 2:22-24). The church celebrates this feast on February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Here are some questions to reflect upon during this time of Epiphany:

- How do you accept and celebrate people of different cultures?
- Think of spiritual gifts that you have received from other people. Express your gratitude to God for those gifts.

# Volunteer Appreciation Evening Save the Date

Our parish is so blessed to have so many dedicated volunteers that we will be celebrating their efforts on Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup> in the evening. There will be a mass and social to follow. Times and more details will be posted soon...just mark this evening on your calendar and get prepared to have a wonderful night!

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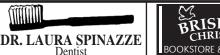
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