



# 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 diaconate  
or religious life, please contact Father  
Greg at the parish office.

**Sunday March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015**  
**Palm Sunday**

**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,

The Easter Triduum, the "Three Days", is the celebration of the Christian Passover. Just as our Jewish ancestors gathered annually to remember the events of their release from slavery in Egypt, so too, we gather to celebrate our Passover from death to life in Christ. The Triduum is at the heart and soul of our Christian faith, commemorating the triumph of God's love over darkness and death. It's the fullest ritual expression of what it means to be a Christian. In our reliving and remembering, we're renewed and reborn along with the newly initiated members of our community.

In essence, the Triduum is one great festival that lasts for three days: Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday. As with all the great feasts of the Church, the celebration begins at dusk on Holy Thursday with the Mass of the Lord's Supper. On Good Friday, the first full day of the Triduum, we gather to remember the Lord's Passion and Death. Saturday is a day of quiet reflection on the Entombment of Christ as we wait, like the disciples, for news of the resurrection. And finally, on Saturday night we gather in vigil and hear the amazing news that Jesus Christ, our companion and brother, is not dead, but is risen from the grave.

As we prepare the rites of the Triduum liturgy, we are afforded many opportunities to emphasize and maintain the unity of this one celebration.

Have a wonderful Holy Week!

Father Greg

## *Parish Mission Statement*

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



**MASSES OF THE WEEK**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**March 30<sup>th</sup> - April 5<sup>th</sup>**

Monday	- No Mass
Tuesday 7 PM	- Mary Kucharski - <i>Tony &amp; Agnes D'Andrea</i> - Theresa, Donald, Michael Dietrich - <i>Mary &amp; Ron Lemay</i> - Gerald Lemay, Barbara Bazylnski, Eizeor, Lucille, Greg Caron - <i>Mary &amp; Ron Lemay</i>
Wed. 8:30 AM	-Luigi Facca - <i>Anna Sartori</i> - Dianne Logan - <i>John &amp; Theresa Zillich</i> - Anna Taylor - <i>Gene &amp; Barb Adam</i>
Thurs. 7PM	<b>Holy Thursday</b> - Silvana Mocarski - <i>Rosina Bellina</i> -Antonio Valentini - Rose & George Slavik - <i>Joanne</i>
Fri.	<b>Good Friday</b> 11 AM (Children's Service) 3 PM
Sat.	<b>Easter Vigil</b> 7 PM
Sun.	<b>Easter Sunday</b> 9:30 AM 11:30 AM



Mon. March 30 <sup>th</sup>	- 7 PM Youth Group
Wed. April 1 <sup>st</sup>	- 1 PM Intercessory Prayer

*"Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest."*

From the Gospel of Mark

**Youth Ministry News**

There will be youth group on Holy Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup> for grades 5/6 & 7/8 from 7-8:30pm. We will begin Holy Week in a special way together. There will be no youth group on Easter Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. Youth group will resume on Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. We will have a youth dance on Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup> for grades 5 through 8 from 7-10pm. The cost for the dance is \$5 at the door and snacks are extra.

**Youth Stations of the Cross**

Thank you so much to all those who participated in this year's Station of the Cross for youth & families! It is so amazing to see so much talent in our young people. Thank you for sharing your gift.

**First Eucharist Update**

Thank you for your prayers for the children and their families who are preparing for their First Communion. The retreat days were very successful and I think the children learned so much of God's great love for them. Please make sure to mark your calendar for our final family gathering on Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the church. First Communion celebrations will be taking place on Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. The parish community is welcome to these celebrations.

**Good Friday 11a.m. Service**

The 11a.m. Good Friday Service will be led by the youth. There will be the passion play, veneration and Holy Communion. Josh Topolie will be leading us in worship. This service should last approximately an hour.



## YOUTH ALPHA DETAILS

Here are some words from Youth Leaders who have used the Youth Alpha program at their churches:

*"How the questions were presented really helped our youth open up and enter into discussion. It was encouraging to see the ones who would normally sit quietly participate and share their thoughts."* (Shawn Malsbury, Youth Leader)

*"The Alpha Youth Film Series provides a fantastic conversational environment for students to really dig into questions about life and faith."* (Erik McRitchie, Youth Pastor)

The Youth Alpha team will be promoting the Youth Alpha experience at all the masses the weekend of April 11/ 12<sup>th</sup>!

The woodpecker has to go!



## OFFERTORY GIFTS

<b>Last week the collection was</b>	<b>\$6,458.00</b>
<b>Direct Deposit (avg. per week)</b>	<b>\$1,269.50</b>
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$ 7,727.50</b>

**Building fund collection last week was  
\$237.00**

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

**Building fund collection year to date is  
\$4,844.00**

**Thank you for your generosity**

## Father Gregory J. Bonin 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to the Priesthood 1990-2015

Mass of Thanksgiving at Most Precious Blood Church on Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2 pm. Light refreshments following Mass.

Evening celebration at The Serbian Centre, 6770 Tecumseh Rd. E. Reception at 5 pm with dinner at 6pm. Tickets are \$35.00 each and will be available at the parish office or at all Masses on the weekend. Cash bar and no reserved seating.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Poverty in the world is a scandal. In a world where there is so much wealth, so many resources to feed everyone, it is unfathomable that there are so many children without an education, so many poor persons. Poverty to day is a cry.

Pope Francis, 2013

## THE HOSPICE

**Wanted: Compassionate and Caring Volunteers**  
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The Hospice of Windsor & Essex County Inc. is looking for volunteers to provide support to our patients. We currently have openings for volunteers in the following areas of patient care: Italian speaking volunteers, volunteer drivers, volunteers to do friendly visiting and/or respite visiting in the client's home.

All volunteers are required to complete orientation, screening and training requirements as set out by the Hospice of Windsor & Essex County Inc. If you would like a chance to make a difference in the lives of people who live in your community contact us at 519-974-7100.

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