

# Most Precious Blood Roman Catholic Parish

#### Parish Office

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#### Office Hours

www.mostpreciousblood.ca

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, November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016 First 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

Dear Parishioners,

<u>Let us begin this Season of Advent</u> offering up a prayer of Thanksgiving to Almighty God for answering our prayers in settling the recent labor strike.

Thank you to everyone who offered prayers, who attended last Sunday's Exposition and Benediction, Rosary and Divine Mercy and supported our parishioners on strike.

May we never underestimate the Power of Prayer. May we always rise up from our rut and reclaim our spiritual passion.

Beginning today, the First Sunday of Advent, we start a new liturgical year. Since this New Year is Year A, the majority of our Gospel readings will be taken from the Gospel of Matthew.

May this season of Advent be for your family a time of preparation, not only for your Christmas celebrations, but also a time to welcome the coming of Christ.

The Advent wreath is a popular Catholic Advent custom. An Advent wreath consists of four candles (three purple, signifying penance, and one rose, signifying joy), surrounded by evergreen branches. One purple candle is lit the first week, two the second week, two purple and one rose the third week, and finally all four are lit in the last week of Advent. The light of the candles signifies the light of Christ, who will come into the world at Christmas. 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 November 28th – December 2nd

Monday - No Mass

Tuesday 7 PM – Toni Maceyovski – *Jim & Pat MacPherson* 

-Ted Bertrand - Judith Oakes

- Carrie LaCrosse - Judith Oakes

Wed. 8:30 AM - Ron Couvillion - Gene & Barb Adam

-Nino Barbera - Pina Malizia

- Pat Iler - Betty Recker

Thurs. 8:30 AM -Rose Ouellette - Oncea Family

-Intentions Tullio Tremonti — Mary & Pat

-Amanda Clairmont Miron – Gilles &

Colette

Friday 8:30 AM - Marie George & Fathy Mekhael

- Rita Leveque - Anne MacDonald

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Mon. Nov. 28th - 6:30 PM Youth Group

Tues. Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 PM Holy Face Devotion

Wed. Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> - 1 PM Intercessory Prayers

- 7 PM RCIA.

- 7:30 PM Prayer Group

Thurs. Dec. 1st - 6 PM Choir

Fri. Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> - 9 AM Adoration

- 1 PM Rosary Unborn

- 6:30 PM Youth Commission

Sat. Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> - 10 PM Youth Commission

### **Youth Ministry News**

Here are the dates/ times for the next 4 youth nights for anyone in grades 5/6 & 7/8:

Monday, Nov. 28th

Monday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>

Monday, Dec. 12th

Monday, Dec. 19th

All youth gatherings run from 6:30-8pm. There is

always fun, faith and free food!

Please note there is no dance in December.

### Advent Family Evening Mass-Save the date

Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at our 7pm evening mass, we are inviting all families to join us to reflect a little more during the season of Advent. Following mass there will be some goodies and family fun activities. More details soon.

#### **NET Canada Update from Jaclyn**

The last few weeks have been pretty busy for Jaclyn and the Encounter One team. They were in St. Catherine's and now have just arrived in Peterborough. Please continue to keep Jaclyn and the NET team in your prayers.

#### **Youth Commission Reboot**

Please keep our youth commission in your prayers as we will have some time next week to pray and relook at the commitment and role of the youth commission with our new members.

#### **Keep Christ in Christmas Magnets**

The Knights of Columbus will once again have Keep Christ in Christmas Magnets for sale after all Masses and in the office during the week. \$5.00 each.

#### **OFFERTORY GIFTS**

Last week the collection was \$ 5,044.00

Direct Deposit(avg. per week) \$1,204.75 Total Collection \$6,248.75

#### **Giving Tree News**

The Giving Tree Committee is so excited about this year's initiative. You will notice that there are two trees in the church with the tags. If you pick a tag that requires a present, please deliver your unwrapped gift to the church office or place under the trees when you come to mass. If your tag is a financial/gift card donation. Please place your donation in the envelope, seal it and then place in the collection basket during offertory at mass, or deliver to the church office. All donations are due the weekend of December 10/11. Thank you so much for picking a tag and helping out a family, teen, child, and/or organization that could really use some help during this Christmas season.

Here is the list of organizations that our parish family will be helping out this Advent/ Christmas season.

#### 1) Drouillard Place

Drouillard Place is a multi-service provider dedicated to improving the quality of life of residents of the Drouillard and Grandview communities. Their goals are twofold:

- A) To provide information, referral, crisis counselling, educational workshops and material assistance to area residents, including the management of a citywide Food Co-op and
- B) To be a catalyst for effective change in the physical and social dimensions of the area so as to better the quality of life for all.

#### 2) Madonna House Windsor

Madonna House in Windsor serves the Diocese of London, Ontario and responds to the request of our bishop that they be a prayer presence in this diocese. Their hearts and their doors are open to welcome young people, parents, the elderly and everyone, whether from Windsor, Chatham, London or the many smaller places. Check out their website for more details: madonnahouse.org.

#### 3) St. Vincent de Paul

Our food bank here at Most Precious Blood helps feed and support an average of 60 families a month. They not only provide food to these families but offer vouchers to help them with clothing and furniture.

- 4) **Feed a Parish Family**: help support one of our own families who may be in need of Christmas help with food and/ or gifts for family.
- 5) **Sponsor our Seminarian**: Help Alex Colautti with the seminary education expenses. He will be ordained next year with the Companions of the Cross.
- 6) **Save a Family**: Our parish has a family that we sponsor from India. Your financial contribution will help this family with education, clean water, clothing and more.
- 7) **Hearts for Haiti**: Hearts Together for Haiti provides support to selected communities in Haiti in their self-determination efforts, as they work to build infrastructures and environments focusing on education, health, nutrition, water and sanitation, which will enhance the quality of life.

We work to provide villages with the tools they need to become healthy and self-sufficient.

#### 8) Our Lady of Guadalupe Home:

**Who we are**: We are a Catholic faith based residence that provides shelter and support to pregnant women who have no other place to go.

**Who we serve**: Our Lady of Guadalupe Home will serve women who are in crisis due to unplanned pregnancy, but have no place to live due to unfortunate circumstances or lack of support from loved ones (family members and/or baby's father). We welcome all such women, of any race or religion.

**What we do**: Our Lady of Guadalupe Home will provide shelter, support and counsel to women in crisis, throughout their pregnancy and after (up to a year).

## Most Precious Blood Parish 2016 Christmas and New Year's Mass schedule Saturday, December $24^{\rm th}$ (Christmas Eve)

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4:30 p.m.
7:00 p.m.
10:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup> (Christmas Day)
10:00 a.m.

Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup>
(New Year's Eve)
5:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 1st
(New Year's Day)
9:30 a.m.
11:15 a.m.
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