# PRECIOUS BLOOD PARISH

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#### **PASTORAL TEAM**

Pastor: Fr. John-Mark Missio In residence: Fr. Joseph Moncada Fr. Joaper Geraneo

#### **OFFICE HOURS**

Saturdays	12:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Sundays	8:00 am - 1:00 pm
Monday to Friday	Closed

#### **CONFESSIONS**

Wednesdays	6:00 pm to 6:45 pm
Saturday	at 4:00 pm
First Friday	at 6:00 pm
Or by appointment	

#### MASS TIMES

Sunday8:30 am	, 10 am &12 noon
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday &	
Friday	8:00 am
Wednesday	7:00 pm
Saturday	8:30 am

1st Friday ......8:00 am & 7:00 pm

Saturday......5:00 pm

#### **DEVOTIONS**

The Rosary for Life	Mon. 7:30 am
Daily RosaryTue, Thu.,	Fri., Sat. 7:30 am
St. Pio of Pietrelcina	Fri. 8:00 am
St. Joseph Devotion	Sat. 8:00 am

Precious Blood/ Holy Hour ...........Wed 6:00 pm Our Lady of Perpetual Help ....... Wed. 7:00 pm First Friday...Exposition & Confessions....6:00 pm

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#### **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**

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### NEW PARISHIONERS WELCOME - PLEASE REGISTER AT THE CHURCH OFFICE

The church needs your help to continue its work of evangelization. Pre-Authorized Giving is now available! For more information or to register, please come to the church office.



## NEW YEAR SCHEDULE

Mary, Mother of God	
Wednesday, December 31	5:00 PM
Thursday, January 1	8:30 AM
	10:00 AM
	12:00 Noon



Thank you for collectively donating \$85,055.00 to our charity, ShareLife, 96.1% of our which represents prescribed parish goal of \$88,500. Please give generously if you have not, or please give a little bit more, to help the

many in need during these taxing times.

An anonymous donor has offered to match each individual gift to the Archdiocese from now to the end of December so please give as you are able.

The Catholic Women's League (CWL) Precious Blood Council invites you to participate in the

#### 2026 YOUTH AWARDS CONTEST SPONSORED BY THE CWL TORONTO DIOCESAN COUNCIL.

### 1)Mary Dobell Pro-Life Essay and Poetry Contest

contest supports This and encourages an awareness positive attitude towards a broad range of pro-life issues from stages of conception through childhood. adolescence, adulthood and senior years, to the new life stage after death.



#### Eligibility:

a. Intermediate Level - Grade 7, 8, & 9 b. Senior Level - Grade 10, 11, & 12

Deadline of application: February 13, 2026

2) Mary Matthews Public Speaking Contest (Prepared Speech and Impromptu Speech)

Eligibility: Grade 7 and 8

Deadline of application: February 27, 2026

3) Jean McCann Youth Service Award

Deadline of application: February 13, 2026

Please email Service Chair Lindsay Pawson at pawsonl@yahoo.ca who should be glad to assist you with your application.



#### **CHANGE IN MAILING ADDRESS**

If your mailing address has been changed kindly call the parish office at 416- 751-2661 or email: office@preciousblood.ca to update our records.

#### 2026 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES



Please pick up your box in the foyer. If you cannot find a new set of envelopes, please contact the parish office by phone or e-mail so that we can ensure a set is provided for you.

Your support for the parish is crucial and your sacrificial giving is our only means of keeping the lights on and the doors open. Thanks to those also giving by Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG), which is a convenient way to make your offering. Please consider PAG if you would like this alternative to using envelopes (visit www.preciousblood.ca/pag/ for details.)

#### **PRAY FOR VOCATIONS**



By Baptism we are God's holy family today. Pray for the grace to live faithfully your vocation as a single, married, ordained or consecrated person.

If God is calling you, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations,

Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

vocations@archtoronto.org - www.vocationstoronto.ca

#### FORMED CONTINUES AT PRECIOUS BLOOD!



All parishioners have access to the best free Catholic streaming service, FORMED.org.

You can watch entertaining and uplifting movies about the Saints, inspiring dramas, great music, and lots of content for children. Learn about the Bible and the way of Jesus from a solidly Catholic perspective. Your free access has been made possible thanks to a donation from a generous parish family. Thank you! Look under "Upcoming Events" at preciousblood.ca for signup instructions.

#### **LEGION OF MARY**

Our Lady of Fatima - Pilgrim Virgin Statue Home Visitation

#### 2026 SIGN UP BINDER



The Legion of Mary is bringing Our Lady of Fatima pilgrim statue to every home.

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A beautiful gift to our Blessed Mother on every bead praying the Hail Marys...The family that prays together stays together.

Let us pray to Our Blessed Mother for protection, guidance, peace in our family, community and the whole world.

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, December 27 – Saturday, January 4

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2025

8:30 am + Buen Arriola 5:00 pm + Desmond Dias

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2025

8:30 am All Parishioners ("Pro Populo")
10:00 am Thanksgiving for Josephina Coloma

12:00 pm + Raymond Aloysius

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2025

8:00 am Thanksgiving for the Pinto Family

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2025 8:00 am + Kevin Lawless

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2026

5:00 pm All Parishioners ("Pro Populo")

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 2026

8:30 am Luisa Hilado - Rusit 10:00 am +Diana Tavares

12:30 pm + Valdene Dizon & Johanna Dizon

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 2, 2026

8:00 am + Deacon Bill Daly

7:00 pm TBA

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 3, 2026

8:30 am TBA

5:00 pm All Parishioners ("Pro Populo")

#### SAVE THE DATE- SPRING BIBLE STUDY COURSE



This spring we will be holding a bible study course entitled The Bible and the Virgin Mary. It will be held on Monday evenings in the Parish Hall from 7-9 pm. It will start on Monday April 13th and finish on Monday June 22nd. There is no charge to attend the program.

This year we are registering participants using the attached link, QR code or via email to Sandy Bassett. All are welcome to join us, especially those parishioners who have not yet attended one of our spring courses. It is a fun, social evening while learning about our faith, We are doing this course on the Virgin Mary because that is what last spring's participants suggested. This course is available on FORMED so if you are not able to attend all 10 sessions, you can watch the one you missed on FORMED.

Please register now by emailing assettsandy@gmail.com

or simply click on the link or scan the QR code. Hope to see you at the course!

Please access the registration form through the following link: <a href="https://forms.gle/9Z7gYJSBbeipYjBh7">https://forms.gle/9Z7gYJSBbeipYjBh7</a> or scan the QR code:



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#### **MEMORIAL PLAQUE**

Remembering a loved one: The name of a beloved family member can be engraved on one of the memorial plaques at the entrance of the church.

Would you like to have this remembrance of someone in your family? Just contact the office.

#### **DID YOU KNOW?...**

Veneration of the Holy Family was practiced in Canada in the 17th century and was especially promoted by Msgr. François de Montmorency-Laval, the first bishop of Canada. The feast was extended to the universal Church by Pope Leo XIII in 1893 and was inserted into the general Roman liturgical calendar by Pope Benedict XV in 1921.

In many places, New Year's Eve is called Sylvester because December 31 is the feast day of St. Sylvester (Silvester). Sylvester was pope from about 314 to 335 and was a contemporary of Emperor Constantine.

Theotokos is a Greek title of Mary. Strictly translated, it means "God-bearer," that is, "the one who gives birth to God." The Third Ecumenical Council, held at Ephesus in 431, solemnly affirmed that Mary is truly *Theotokos*. This title is especially used in the Eastern Christian traditions, including the Eastern Catholic Churches, while in the West it is commonly rendered as "Mother of God," an idiomatic equivalent expressing the same doctrine. The fact that Mary is the Mother of God is one of the dogmas of the Church.

The English name *Mary* comes from the Greek *Maria*, which in turn comes from the Hebrew *Miryam* (Miriam) or its Aramaic form *Mariam*. Aramaic was the main vernacular language spoken in the Holy Land in the time of Jesus.



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