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Oh Come
Let us Adore Him

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Dear parishioners, may you have a blessed Christmas with your friends and family and thank you for all that you've done this year for helping those who are struggling at this time of year, the casserole program, the food drive, and the St Vincent de Paul

second collection which have been such a success, thanks to your generosity.

God bless,
Fr. Xavier



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE 2024 YOUTH AWARDS CONTEST

Apply on or before February 16, 2024

The Catholic Women's League (CWL) Precious Blood Council invites you to participate in the **2023 Youth Awards Contests** sponsored by CWL Toronto Diocesan Council.



1. Mary Dobell Pro-Life Essay and Poetry Contest

Deadline of application: February 16, 2024

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

Eligibility:

- a. Intermediate level - Grades 7, 8 & 9
- b. Senior level - Grades 10, 11 & 12

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

Deadline of application: February 16, 2024

Eligibility: Grade 7 and 8 students

3. Jean McCann Youth Service Award

Deadline of application: February 16, 2024

This award is a tribute to Jean McCann, an inspirational CWL Life Member and recognizes and affirms the role played in our Parishes by or confirmed Catholic youth through service to others.

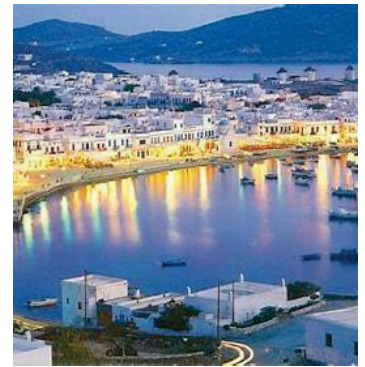
Eligibility: Youth ages 15 to 18

Please email Education and Health Chair, Cynthia Sadac at cgsadac@gmail.com who shall be glad to assist you in your application.

WONDERS OF GREECE & TURKEY

July 22 to August 1, 2024

Join Fr. Xavier, celebrating his 30th anniversary of ordination, in visiting enchanted places in Greece and Turkey.



This journey will take you to places we hear about in our Bible readings, like the island of Patmos, where the Apostle John recorded the Book of Revelation, or the city of Corinth, visited by St. Paul 2000 years ago, and to whose inhabitants the "Letters to Corinthians" were addressed. You will also visit Athens, embark on a cruise ship to visit the breathtaking islands in the Aegean Sea where culture, history, and pristine beaches blend together, and more...

For a complete list of destinations, visit <https://www.preciousblood.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Greece-Turkey.pdf>

To register and for more information please contact:



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CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS' MASS SCHEDULE

Date	Time
Sunday, December 24, Christmas Eve	
Regular Sunday schedule	8:30 am, 10:00 am & 12:00 pm
Christmas Eve schedule	7:00 pm (Children's Mass), 9:00 pm, 11:00 pm Carols, 11:30 Midnight Mass
Monday, December 25, Christmas	
Regular Sunday schedule	8:30 am, 10:00 am & 12:00 pm
Sunday, December 31, Feast of the Holy Family	
Regular Sunday schedule	8:30 am, 10:00 am & 12:00 pm
New Year's Eve Mass	7:00 pm
Monday, January 1, Mary, the Mother of God	
Regular Sunday schedule	8:30 am, 10:00 am & 12:00 pm

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 23 – Saturday, December 30

SATURDAY December 23, 2023

8:00am + Eric Louis Arquiza
5:00pm Giovanni and Marianna Salines

SUNDAY December 24, 2023

8:30 am Thanksgiving: Ines and Celso Apauhan
10:00 am Josephine Coloma

MONDAY December 25, 2023

8:00 am + Arcadie Mendoza
12:00 pm Thanksgiving for Marie Bautista and Family

TUESDAY December 26, 2023

8:00 am For the Soul of Leonides D. San Pedro Sr.

WEDNESDAY December 27, 2023

7:00 pm + Buen Arriola
+ Carlo and Giovanna Zuzek
+ Desmond Dias
Thanksgiving for Mother Teresa
+ Joe Carreiro

THURSDAY December 28, 2023

8:00am Thanksgiving for Micheal Denzyl Jeyarajh and Nirmala Jeyarajh

FRIDAY December 29, 2023

8:00am + Robert De Sousa

SATURDAY December 30, 2023

8:00am Thanksgiving for Rose and Rocelo Sena (25th Wedding Anniversary)
5:00pm + Frank McNulty

CASSEROLE PROGRAM 2023



On behalf of those persons living on the streets of Toronto or in very poor condition, **Thank You**, for taking your precious time and the investment of your money in making the

Casserole dish or dishes you have donated.

God bless you and your family.

Also, for those who have not dropped off their Casserole yet, please do so as soon as possible in the Freezer inside the door at the bottom of the ramp. They will get delivered to the Good Shepard during the Christmas season.

May God Bless you and your family for your kindness, Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year.

Knights of Columbus, Rev. William F. Breen, Council No. 9143 at Precious Blood Church.

ANGELS AMONG US

Our Lady of Fatima - Pilgrim Virgin Statue Home Visitation
2024 SIGN UP SHEET

One of the works of the Legion of Mary is to bring Our Lady of Fatima pilgrim statue in every home. A family that prays together stays together. A beautiful gift to our Blessed Mother on every bead as we recite the Hail Mary's...



Our sign-up sheet is on for 2024. The visitation will be every two (2) weeks for every family. Prayers will be led by the Legion of Mary upon her arrival and farewell.

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

COLLECTION ENVELOPES FOR 2024



Collection envelopes for 2024 are available for pick up at the back of the church.

DID YOU KNOW...?

The first electrically illuminated Christmas tree was created in 1882, in New York, by Edward H. Johnson. Johnson was an associate of Thomas Edison, inventor of the electric light bulb.

Johnson's Christmas tree had 80 red, white, and blue electric bulbs.

INDIGENOUS RECONCILIATION FUND UPDATE



On December 12, 2023 the Archdiocese of Toronto announced the first phase of funding as part of our \$6 million commitment to the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund (IRF). Through the tremendous generosity of parishioners throughout the archdiocese, including our own parish, more than \$2.7 million has been directed through the IRF to organizations and projects committed

to promoting healing and reconciliation for communities and families.

Recipients include the Native Peoples' Mission located in Toronto, Ontario that will receive \$150,000 over five years to expand programs and outreach of the mission.

Thank you for your continued prayers and ongoing support as we journey together on the path of healing and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples of This Land. To learn more, visit www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation



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