

# PRECIOUS BLOOD PARISH

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## PASTORAL TEAM

Pastor: Fr. Xavier De Pinto

In residence: Fr. Joseph Moncada

Deacon: Kevin Daudlin



*Feast of the Holy Family*

**FIRST FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 2024**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 8:30 AM – 6:00 PM  
 First Friday Prayer Devotion: 6:00 PM  
 Sacrament of Confession: 6:00 PM – 6:45 PM  
 Holy Sacrifice of the Mass: @ 7:00 PM  
 St. Joseph's Holy Oil anointing after the Mass



According to this devotion, the first Friday of each month was designated by Jesus himself as consecrated to honoring his Sacred Heart, to increase our love for him and to make reparation for past and present offenses against his love.

We request volunteers to be present in church during this whole day of Adoration. Thank you.

**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.

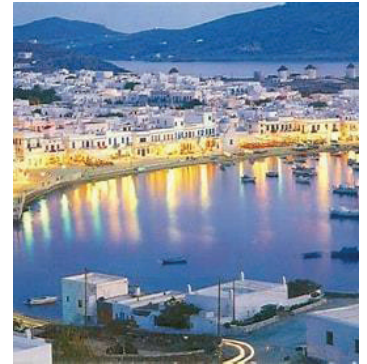
**Eligibility:** Youth ages 15 to 18

Please email Education and Health Chair, Cynthia Sadac at [cgsadac@gmail.com](mailto: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 30<sup>th</sup> 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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**NEW YEARS' MASS SCHEDULE**

Date	Time
<b>Sunday, December 31, Feast of the Holy Family</b>	
Regular Sunday schedule	8:30 am, 10:00 am & 12:00 pm
New Year's Eve Mass	7:00 pm
<b>Monday, January 1, Mary, the Mother of God</b>	
Regular Sunday schedule	8:30 am, 10:00 am & 12:00 pm



**COLLECTION ENVELOPES FOR 2024**

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

**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](mailto:office@preciousblood.ca) to update our records.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, December 30 – Saturday, January 6

**SATURDAY December 30, 2023**

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

**SUNDAY December 31, 2023**

8:30 am + Armando & Jobica Rubio  
10:00 am + Silvino Singco, Babilas Singco Sr., &  
Anita Bustamante  
12:00 pm + Steven Czeko

**MONDAY January 1, 2024**

8:30 am + Theodolina Sequeira  
10:00 am + Diana Tavares

**TUESDAY January 2, 2024**

8:00 am + Norberto Pasia

**WEDNESDAY January 3, 2024**

7:00 pm + Carlo Giovanna Zuzek  
Thanksgiving Mass for Carlo Family  
+ Bridget Pinto  
+ Florencia Vendiola

**THURSDAY January 4, 2024**

8:00am + Patrick Sequeira – Death Anniversary

**FRIDAY January 5, 2024**

8:00am + Leonides D. San Pedro  
7:00 pm Thomas C. Hendry

**SATURDAY January 6, 2024**

5:00pm Thanksgiving for Belen and Amelia  
Manankil and JM Marquez

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**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.

**DID YOU KNOW...?**



The Feast of the Holy Family, held this year on December 31, is not only the veneration of Jesus, Mary and Joseph as a family but also a celebration of the Christian family.

Veneration of the Holy Family has been practiced in Canada since the 17<sup>th</sup> century, being then promoted by Msgr. François Montmorency de Laval, the first bishop of

Canada.

The feast was instituted by Pope Leo XIII in 1893 and was celebrated on the Sunday following the Epiphany. Since 1962 the feast has been held on the Sunday between Christmas (December 25) and Mary Mother of God (January 1).

On January 1<sup>st</sup> we celebrate Mary the Mother of God in the form of her motherhood to Christ.



The title "Mother of God" comes from the translation of the Latin title "Dei Genetricis" which means "she who generated God" or the Greek "Theotokos" meaning "she who gave birth to God". This title was first adopted by the First Council of Ephesus in 431.

The feast is a holy day of obligation, and so, we are called to participate in Mass (even if this year the feast is on a Monday!)





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