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PASTORAL TEAM

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Father, You revealed Your Son to the nations by the guidance of a star. Lead us to Your Glory in Heaven by the Light of Faith.

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISH OFFICE STUDENT SECRETARIES!

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Angela Mamaril-Pelejo and Aidan Rodricks, who have been an integral part of our parish staff. They have contributed immensely to the smooth functioning of our parish office, and we wish them the very best in their future endeavours.

As we bid farewell to Aidan and Angela, we are equally delighted to welcome Queenie Enriquez and John Pelejo as our two newest additions to our office team. They bring a wealth of experience and enthusiasm to our parish community, and we are confident that they will play a vital role in serving our parishioners.

Please join us in expressing gratitude to Aidan and Angela and extending a warm welcome to John and Queenie. We look forward to continuing to serve our parish with dedication and joy.

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.

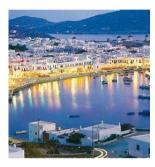


WONDERS OF GREECE & TURKEY

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

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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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 6 – Saturday, January 13

SATURDAY January 6, 2024

8:00 am

5:00pm Thanksgiving for Belen and Amelia

Manankil and JM Marquez

SUNDAY January 7, 2024

8:30 am + Jacinto, Jerome, Estrella Bendebel 10:00 am + Mr. and Mrs. Bernaldo and Therese

Endaya

12:00 pm + Elisabetta Scarone

MONDAY January 8, 2024

8:00 am Thanksgiving for Vilma Bunda

TUESDAY January 9, 2024

8:00 am + Valentine Sequeira

WEDNESDAY January 10, 2024

7:00 pm + Carlo & Giovanna Zuzek

+ Hermenegilda Colaco

+ Norberto Paisa + Aline Serv

+ Mahendra Persand

THURSDAY January 11, 2024

8:00am + Augusto Arriola

FRIDAY January 12, 2024

8:00am + Annie D'Souza

SATURDAY January 13, 2024

8:00 am

5:00pm + Dianna Spooner

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STATEMENT OF CCCB ON VATICAN'S DOCUMENT ADDRESSING PASTORAL BLESSINGS

Tuesday, December 19, 2023



With respect to the Declaration "Fiducia supplicans" issued by the Holy See's Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith, the CCCB offered the following statement from Bishop William McGrattan, president of the CCCB.

"On 18 December 2023 the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith released the

Declaration *Fiducia Supplicans*, which responds to questions that had been raised regarding the possibility of offering blessings to persons living in irregular unions, including same-sex relationships. While explicitly affirming the Church's traditional understanding of marriage, *Fiducia Supplicans* allows pastors to bless people who freely request a blessing, seeking divine help to live in fidelity to God's will. The Declaration makes clear that such blessings must be directed to the persons themselves rather than their situation and that they must be spontaneously requested and are not ritual or liturgical actions.

The guiding principle in the Declaration is the fact that the very request for a blessing represents an openness to God's mercy and can be an occasion for greater trust in God."

DID YOU KNOW...?

The Epiphany of the Lord occurs on the 12th day after Christmas, and so it always falls on January 6. In some countries, like Italy, Poland or Spain, it is celebrated on that day and it is a holy day of obligation. In Canada, and other countries, the feast is transferred to the Sunday between January 2 and January 8. That is why this year we celebrate Epiphany on Sunday, January 7.

Frankincense and myrrh are both aromatic resins produced from tree sap - a sticky substance many trees "bleed" when they are cut. Frankincense is milky white and is produced by a small tree, Boswellia Sacra (growing in Oman, Yemen and Somalia), while myrrh is reddish and is produced by Commiphora myrrha, (a tree growing in Oman, Yemen and in Africa - Djibouti, Ethiopia, Somalia, Northeast Kenya).

The word "myrrh" comes from the Aramaic "mur" which means "was bitter". Indeed, myrrh has a bitter taste. It has various healing effects, being effective in arthritic, rheumatic and circulatory problems, to name just a few. It was also used to embalm or anoint the dead, perhaps giving us a hint of the tragedy in this baby's future. In ancient times, myrrh was very valuable, having the same value as gold.



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