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LEGION OF MARY

Our Lady of Fatima
Pilgrim Virgin Statue Home Visitation

2025 SIGN UP BINDER

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



Choose the date... The pilgrim statue will stay in your home for two (2) weeks. A member of Legion of Mary will call to arrange on the visitation date you prefer. Prayers will be led by the Legion of Mary upon her arrival and farewell.

A beautiful gift to our Blessed Mother on every bead praying the Hail Mary's...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.

2025 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES ARE NOW AVAILABLE



Please pick up your box in the foyer. Please note that we had to reassign envelope numbers over 600. We regret the inconvenience that this might cause. 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 (see elsewhere in the bulletin for details.)

SHARELIFE UPDATE



Thanks to your generosity, even in challenging financial times, Precious Blood Parish has reached almost 99% of its 2024 ShareLife target (\$80,865 towards target of \$82,000). With your gracious kindness, I know we can reach 105%! Please continue to consider contributing to our ShareLife effort, which supports so many agencies that make the love of Jesus known to those who are struggling in many ways.

Between now and December 31, gifts to ShareLife will be matched up to a total of \$500,000.

And thanks again for your generous support so far. — Fr. John-Mark.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Christmas brings us a much-needed time of comfort and joy, as the carol goes. Whether your Christmas gathering is big or small, we will still enjoy a special time together, marking the birthday of our Saviour with all the special things that make



Christmas so comforting and joyful. Take some time to pray in front of your Christmas creche, thinking of the poverty and simplicity of the Holy Family, who faced that first Christmas with no real creature comforts; but the overwhelming love of the new-born Saviour, lying in the manger, filled not only Mary and Joseph with joy, but all the Angels, the Shepherds, the animals around them, and even great Kings from afar were filled with thanksgiving at this great wonder that God had brought about. Look at this Holy Family, consider their humble lives, and consider how much God has given you. Above all, God has given us all a Saviour, his Son Jesus Christ, and faith in the Son of God will help us rise above every earthly challenge. May God's gift to us be an ever-deeper faith in his unfailing love, and through this divine love, may we always know God's comfort and God's joy in everything we do.

PRECIOUS BLOOD PARISH CHRISTMAS 2024

Christmas

Tuesday, Dec. 24

- 5 p.m.
- 8 p.m.
- 11:30 p.m. (Carols at 11 p.m.)

Wednesday, Dec. 25

- 8:30 a.m.
- 10 a.m.
- 12 noon

Mary, Mother of God

Tuesday, Dec. 31

- 5 p.m.
- 8:30 a.m.
- 10 a.m.
- 12 noon



FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

If you missed our parent information night and registration, you can still register your child until December 31. Any registration received past this date will not be accepted.

Please bring the registration form, suggested donation of \$75 (cash or cheque) and a copy of your child's baptism certificate (*translated if necessary*). Forms are available at the church office or on the church website <https://www.preciousblood.ca/registration-forms/>

For more information: Please contact Precious Blood Church office at 416-751-2661 or Nenita MacKenzie at nenitamackenzie@gmail.com.



Saturday, December 21 – Saturday, December 28

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2024

8:00 am + Evelyn Conmigo (Req. by Susan & Family)
5:00 pm + Vino Abenoja

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2024

8:30 am Ines & Celso Apduhan (Thanksgiving)
10:00 am Josephine Coloma (Thanksgiving)
12:00 pm All Parishioners

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2024

8:00 am Marie Tessie Bautista & Family

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2024

8:00 am + Celine Pinto
5:00 pm All Parishioners
7:00 pm All Parishioners
11:30 pm All Parishioners

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2024

8:30 am All Parishioners
10:00 am All Parishioners
12:00 pm All Parishioners

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2024

8:00 am + Alex & Bertha Rajapakse

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2024

8:00 am + Buen Arriola

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2024

8:00 am + Robert De Sousa
5:00 pm + Giovanni & Marianna Salines

REMEMBERING THE PARISH IN YOUR WILL



A bequest is a beautiful way to express your faith and your gratitude for a lifetime of blessings! A gift to the parish or any of our diocesan charities in your will creates a lasting legacy that will help the church continue its heritage of service and pastoral care to the faith community. When making your will, please consider a bequest to our parish.

To learn more about making a bequest, please call the parish office or the Development Office of the Archdiocese at 416-934-3411 ext. 519 or visit www.archtoronto.org/development.

CONSIDER PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING PLAN (PAG)



The Pre-Authorized Giving Plan, authorized and supported by the Archdiocese of Toronto, is a direct debit program allowing you to support our Parish through an automatic monthly withdrawal from your bank account.

Now you can lend us your support in the same manner that you currently pay many of your current financial obligations without writing cheques or searching your wallet for cash every Sunday. PAG brochures and sign-up forms are available at the back of the Church and in the parish office. The form is also available on our website for download: <https://tinyurl.com/5n6hhwa7>

To enroll in this convenient program, simply fill out the form, attach a void cheque and drop it into the weekly collection basket or mail it to the Parish Office. For additional information on PAG please contact the parish office. A tax receipt will be issued to you for the donations you contribute for that year.

DID YOU KNOW?...

The prophet Micah is one of the twelve Minor Prophets in the Old Testament, and his writings are included in the prophetic literature of the Hebrew Bible.

Background and Time Period: Micah prophesied during the reigns of several kings of Judah, including Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah. His ministry was contemporary with that of the prophet Isaiah, sharing similar themes and messages.

Social Justice Advocate: Micah is known for his strong emphasis on social justice and the need for righteousness among the people of Israel.

Famous Prophecy: One of Micah's most famous prophecies is found in Micah 5:2, part of today's first reading, which foretells the birthplace of the Messiah: "You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judea, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days."

Vision of Peace: Micah also prophesied a future of peace and restoration, where nations would come together to learn from God and swords would be turned into plowshares.

Style and Structure: Micah's writing style is notable for its poetic form and vivid imagery, making his messages memorable and impactful.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS



Are you called to follow in the footsteps of Mary as a priest, deacon or religious to carry the Good News of God's great Love?

Contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

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