# 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.



# CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR SCHEDULE

Nativity of the Lord		
Wednesday, December 24	5:00 PM	
	8:00 PM	
	11:00 PM - Carols	
	11:30 PM	
Thursday, December 25	8:30 AM	
	10:00 AM	
	12:00 Noon	
Mary, Mother of God		
Wednesday, December 31	5:00 PM	
Thursday, January 1	8:30 AM	
	10:00 AM	
	12:00 Noon	



Join us in celebrating this cherished Filipino tradition that unites our community in joyful anticipation of Christ's birth. Simbang Gabi, a nine-day series of early morning Masses, offers a meaningful way to prepare spiritually for Christmas allowing the faithful to reflect on the true essence of the season.

Date	Time	Day	Presider
Tuesday, December 16	5:30 AM	1	Fr. Joaper Geraneo
Wednesday, December 17	5:30 AM	2	Fr. Joaper Geraneo
Thursday, December 18	5:30 AM	3	Fr. Joaper Geraneo
Friday, December 19	5:30 AM	4	Fr. Joaper Geraneo
Saturday, December 20	5:30 AM	5	Fr. Joaper Geraneo
Sunday, December 21	5:30 AM	6	Fr. Joaper Geraneo
Monday, December 22	5:30 AM	7	Fr. Egbert Dumali
Tuesday, December 23	5:30 AM	8	Fr. Egbert Dumali
Wednesday, December 24	5:30 AM	9	Fr. Egbert Dumali
Breakfast follows at PB Hall			

#### SECOND COLLECTION



There will be a Christmas collection this weekend of December 13-14 for the SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL. This collection will help support families in our parish during this Christmas season. Thank you for your generosity.

#### 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**



"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you." Are you one to be sent?

If God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr.

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

vocations@archtoronto.org - www.vocationstoronto.ca



Thank you for collectively donating \$85,055.00 to our charity, ShareLife, which represents 96.1% of our 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.

#### FORMED CONTINUES AT PRECIOUS BLOOD!



All parishioners have access to the best free Catholic streaming service, <u>FORMED.org</u>.

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.

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, December 6 – Saturday, December 13

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2025

8:30 am + Emeliano Gaudia (Reg. Josie Dominguez)

5:00 pm + Giovanni & Marianna Salines

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2025

8:30 am + Pablo Ibanez Sr. 10:00 am Jim + Diane Hendry

12:00 pm All Parishioners ("Pro Populo")

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2025

8:00 am Nerio Castulo (Birthday)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2025

8:00 am For the Soul of Angela Forman

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2025

7:00 pm + Andres Manabat

+ Brane Zlembergar+ Josephine Traverse

+ Dennis Best

Marie Tessie Bautista and family

(Thanksgiving)

+Mohan & Mary Selvaraj

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2025

8:00 am + Domenico Larosa

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2025

8:00 am + Lise Ng Yan Woon & Jean Pierre Ng Yan

Woon

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2025

8:30 am Thanksgiving Mass (Rita and Family)

5:00 pm + Nino Carmine Salines

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

This contest supports and encourages an awareness and 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 <a href="mailto:pawsonl@yahoo.ca">pawsonl@yahoo.ca</a> who should be glad to assist you with your application.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### DID YOU KNOW?...



Simbang Gabi, also called Misa de Gallo or Misa de Aguinaldo, is a uniquely Filipino nine-day Advent novena of dawn Masses (Dec 16–24) that began in the late 1600s under Spanish rule. Rooted in Spanish pre-Christmas votive Masses, it was adapted for farmers and laborers by

scheduling Mass before sunrise so they could worship without missing work, giving thanks and asking blessings as Christmas approached.

Over time, Simbang Gabi became a strong expression of Filipino Catholic identity. Parols (star lanterns – as in the picture), once used to light the dark walk to church, now symbolize the Star of Bethlehem, and families share traditional foods like *bibingka* and *puto bumbong* after Mass. Today it is celebrated both in the Philippines and abroad—sometimes in the evening—but remains a joyful, communal preparation for the birth of Christ.



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