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Missionaries of the Precious Blood

Rev. Jerome Hologa, C.P.P.S. - Administrator

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Mrs. Julie Swinimer - Parish Secretary

Office Hours: Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (closed for lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.)

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

Everyone is encouraged to be active in the spiritual & social functions of our church community by participating in parish life as an official member. Please fill out a registration form by contacting the parish office at 416-749-0328 Mondays to Friday from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm.



Saturday Mass: 5:00 p.m. (English)

Sunday Masses: In English – 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.
In Swahili – Every Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

Confessions: 4:00-5:00 p.m. – Every Saturday.

Baptisms: 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month.

Baptism Classes: 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
Parents and Godparents are most welcomed.

Marriages: By appointment, one year in advance.

Weekday Masses: Morning: English: 8:00 a.m. Mon, Wed & Friday
(9:00 a.m. on Saturday)
Italian: 8:00 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday

Memorial Masses: Monday - Wednesday at 7 p.m. (By request)

Sick Calls: At anytime. Day or Night.

Catholic Women's League: Meetings are the 2nd Tuesdays
of every month at 7:00 p.m., (September-June)

Knights Of Columbus: Meetings are every 3rd Wednesday of
the month at 7:00 pm (September - June)

Ministry Contacts

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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Linda Valdes 416-896-6256

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Prayer Group

Preziosissimo Sangue - Gruppo di Preghiera Italiano di S. Rocco

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Holy Spirit Prayer Group

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St. Roch's Church 416-749-0328

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St. Vincent de Paul

Ivette Paraskevopoulos 437-455-7787

Parish Schools

St. Roch's School 416-393-5320

Venerable John Merlini School 416-393-5397

Messe Domenicali: in Italiano – 10:30 a.m.

Confessioni: 4:00-5:00 p.m. – Ogni Sabato.

Battesimi: Ogni Prima e Terza domenica.

Matrimoni: Con appuntamento, un anno in anticipo.

Messe Feriali: Mattina: Inglese: 8:00 a.m. Lunedì, Mercoledì
e Venerdì (9:00 a.m. Sabato)
Italiano: 8:00 a.m. Martedì e Giovedì

Messe Memoriale: Lunedì-Mercoledì alle 7:00 p.m. (a richiesta)

Chiamate Per Ammalati: Qualunque tempo

La Lega Delle Donne Cattoliche: Ogni 2ndo martedì
del mese alle ore 7:00 p.m. (Settembre a Giugno)

I Cavalieri Di Colombo: Ogni 3rdo mercoledì del mese alle
ore 7:00 pm (Settembre a Giugno)

Gruppo Di Preghiera: in italiano - Ogni Lunedì,
Santa Messa ore 7:00 p.m. - Rosario ore 7:30 p.m.
Preghiera nello Spirito ore 8:00 p.m. Riunione nella Sala
Parrocchiale



Sunday, January 11, 2026

The Baptism of the Lord

"The Lord will bless his people with peace"

Psalm 29

Mass for
Intentions Week

Monday, January 12, 2026

8:00 am Michele Durante

Tuesday, January 13, 2026

8:00 am Intenzione del sacerdote

7:00pm CWL Mass

Wednesday, January 14, 2026

8:00 am Intention of the presider

7:00 pm Aldo Minervini (1 month memorial)

Thursday, January 15, 2026

8:00 am Intenzione del sacerdote

Friday, January 16, 2026

8:00 am Intention of the presider

Saturday, January 17, 2026

9:00 am Peter Ha Van Chap

5:00 pm Pro Popolo

Sunday, January 18, 2026

9:00 am Carlos & Alzira Padinha and
Norberto Vieira

10:30 am Raffaele Pepoli
Emilio Russo

12:00 pm Enrico Covello

SUNDAY OFFERING



Sunday, January 4, 2026.....\$3,487.00

New Year's Day.....\$2,395.00

Thank you for your continued support !



SUNDAY OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR YEAR 2026

The boxes of Sunday offertory envelopes for Year 2026 are available for pick up in the meeting room. They have been arranged alphabetically by last name. **Starting January 1, 2026, please use 2026 Envelopes only.** **Do not use envelopes from past years as your number may have been reassigned to another parishioner and your donation will not be properly credited to you.** Please write your full name and address on the envelope for the first 4 weeks. Thank you.

If you are not currently using offertory envelopes and wish to do so, please contact our parish office to request a set.

Domenica, 11 Gennaio, 2026

Battesimo del Signore

"Il Signore benedirà il suo popolo con la pace."

Sal 28

**"Questi è il Figlio mio, l'amato: in lui ho posto
il mio compiacimento"**



Gesù chiede a Giovanni di battezzarlo, ma non ha bisogno alcuno di tale battesimo di penitenza perché, dall'inizio, tutto si realizzi e perché si manifesti la Santa Trinità che egli è venuto a rivelare. Giovanni invitava il popolo a prepararsi alla venuta imminente del Messia. A lui è concesso di contemplare ciò a cui aspira ogni uomo che prega e che contempla: Giovanni percepisce e insieme accoglie il mistero di Dio, quello del Padre, del Figlio e dello Spirito Santo. Giovanni vede il Figlio, il Verbo eterno di Dio, e lo indica già come il Salvatore. Sente il Padre, che nessuno riesce a vedere, testimoniare e attestare che quello è davvero suo Figlio (Gv 5,36-37). Percepisce poi la presenza dello Spirito che si posa sulla superficie dell'acqua, madre di ogni vita (Gen 1,2). È lo Spirito che è sceso su Maria, generando in lei la vita umana e divina (Lc 1,35). È lo Spirito che scenderà un giorno sugli apostoli perché fecondino la terra e le diano vita eterna (At 2,4). E, pur avendo avuto un altro battesimo, altrimenti efficace (Mc 10,39), anche noi siamo stati battezzati "nel nome del Padre e del Figlio e dello Spirito Santo" (Mt 28,19). E, secondo la promessa, la Santa e Divina Trinità pone in noi la sua dimora (Gv 14,23). Essa trasforma la nostra vita, affidandola a Dio e attirandoci verso di lui con la forza di attrazione della risurrezione.

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RIUNIONE

DONNE DELLA LEGA CATTOLICA....La prossima riunione delle Donne della Lega Cattolica avrà luogo **martedì, 13 gennaio, 2026**. Si inizierà con la celebrazione della Santa Messa alle ore 7:00 pm. La riunione continuera nella sala parrocchiale.

CAVALIERI DI COLOMBO: Mercoledì, **21 gennaio, 2026** alle ore 7:00 pm nella sala parrocchiale.

BUSTE PER LE DONAZIONI 2026



Si prega di notare che le buste per le donazioni per il 2026 sono disponibili per il ritiro nella stanza prima della sala parrocchiale. Le caselle sono state disposte in ordine alfabetico per rendere più facile per tutti trovare la propria casella.

"THIS IS MY BELOVED SON, WITH WHOM I AM WELL PLEASED"



Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord. This feast brings to an end the season of Christmas. Ordinary Time lasts from the day after this feast to the Tuesday before Lent.

Many of the incidents which accompanied Christ's baptism are symbolical of what happened at our Baptism. At Christ's baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism the Trinity took its abode in our soul. At His baptism Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our Baptism we become the adopted sons of God. At Christ's baptism the heavens were opened; at our Baptism heaven was opened to us. At His baptism Jesus prayed; after our Baptism we must pray to avoid actual sin.

Excerpted from Msgr. Rudolph G. Bandas

CWL & KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MONTHLY MEETING

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE.....Tuesday, **January 13, 2026** starting with the celebration of mass at 7 pm with meeting to follow in the parish hall.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.....Wednesday, **January 21, 2026 at 7:00 pm** in the parish hall

ANNUAL WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY January 18 - 25, 2026



Join Bishop John A. Boissonneau and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for the

Church. **Sunday, January 18, 2026 at 4:00 pm at Runnymede United Church** (432 Runnymede Rd, Toronto). This year's theme: "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the hope of your calling" (Ephesians 4:4). This event is jointly organized by the Office for Ecumenical & Interfaith Relations and the GTA Council of Christian Churches.



For those wishing to make their Sunday contributions **via credit card or online banking** may do so by going to our website and clicking on the **DONATE** tab and then click the "Donate to Parish Offertory" window and follow the prompts. Thank you for your continued support.



FAMILY DAY LUNCHEON

February 15, 2026

Hosted by the Knights of Columbus. More details to follow shortly.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION Beginning January 21, 2026



The **Toronto Catholic District School Board** (TCDSB) are currently reminding the community that parents are invited to register their children for kindergarten for this September, beginning **January 21, 2026**. Children born in 2022 eligible for Kindergarten. Register online at <https://soar.tcdsb.org>. For more information, call 416-222-8282 or visit <https://www.tcdsb.org/page/kindergarten-registration>. For information about before and after school programs, visit www.tcdsb.org/childcareprograms.

MARRIAGE SUNDAY February 7 & 8, 2026



Marriage Sunday highlights the importance of the sacrament of marriage, affirms couples who strengthen our faith community through their witness and also honours those who nurture marriage ministries - marriage preparation, enrichment, etc.

As part of Marriage Sunday 2026 celebrations, Bishop John Boissonneau will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, especially those celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries (25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+) in 2026. The Mass will take place at 2:30 p.m. on **Sunday, February 8, 2026 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica** (65 Bond Street, Toronto). All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their vows and milestone anniversary celebrants will be honoured with a special blessing. All are welcome to attend. Reserved seating is available for couples celebrating milestone anniversaries but is limited. Please register early. All other seating is on a first come, first served basis. For more information and to register, visit www.archtoronto.org/marriage.

PILGRIMAGE TO FRANCE, SPAIN & PORTUGAL September 20 - October 1, 2026 Under spiritual leadership of Fr. Jerome



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