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Missionaries of the Precious Blood

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

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.

You can also visit our website and click on the "Join Us" tab to fill out a registration form and email to the parishoffice.



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.

Eucharistic Adoration: Monday-Wednesday-Friday from
8:30 am - 11:30 am (chapel)

Every First Friday: 8:30 am - 6:30 pm in the church
Every 3rd Wednesday from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm in the church

Baptisms: 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month.
Parent of child to contact parish office

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: Tuesday & Wednesday at 7 pm (by request)

Sick Calls: Contact the parish office

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

Rosetta Sampogna 905-856-6353

Catholic Cemeteries

416-733-8544

Catholic Women's League

St. Roch Church office 416-749-0328

Children's Liturgy & Sacramental Prep

Gina Tramonte 647-274-2111

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Louis Edwards 416-740-8605

Knights Of Columbus

Giovanni (John) Colonna - Grand Knight 416-859-7738

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Orlando Innocentes 416-419-6418

Joshua Innocentes 416-272-0282

Prayer Group

Preziosissimo Sangue - Gruppo di Preghiera Italiano di S. Rocco

Lina Pasut (Italian) 416-747-9469

Prayer Warriors 416-749-0328

R.C.I.A.

St. Roch's Church 416-749-0328

St. Roch Parish Advisory Council

416-749-0328

St. Vincent de Paul

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: Martedì e Mercoledì alle 7:00 pm (a richiesta)

Chiamate Per Ammalati: Chiamate l'ufficio parrocchiale

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

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

Gruppo Di Preghiera: Ogni Lunedì alle 7:00 pm nella cappella
Preghiera nello Spirito ore 8:00 p.m. Riunione nella Sala
Parrocchiale



Sunday, April 19, 2026

Third Sunday of Easter

"Lord, you will show me the path of life"

Psalm 16

Mass for Intentions Week

Monday, April 20, 2026

8:00 am Mario Tantalò

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

8:00 am Bruno Dametto

7:00 pm Santa Mazzaferro (1 month memorial)

Wednesday, April 22, 2026

8:00 am Seerjie Harry

7:00 pm Mariannina Caperchione (1 month memorial)

Thursday, April 23, 2026

8:00 am Rosa DiClemente

Friday, April 24, 2026

8:00 am Special intentions of a parishioner

Saturday, April 25, 2026

9:00 am For peace among families and in the world

5:00 pm Patricia Gilmurray

Sunday, April 26, 2026

9:00 am Pro Popolo

10:30 am Antonio, Mariannina e Assunto Colavecchia

Armando e Maria D'Addario

Antonio, Maria e Vincenzo Pietroniro

Pasquale Gabriele

Maria Colalillo

Michele Sampogna

Tony Salerno e defunti

Maria Voci, Giorgio e Antonio Frasca

12:00 pm Domenico Pittiglio

SUNDAY OFFERING



Sunday, April 12, 2026..... \$5,050.45

Church Improvement.....\$1,770.00

Thank you for your continued support !

†REST IN PEACE †

Please remember in your prayers, **Giuseppe D'Agostino** who passed away recently. *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. May perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen*



"A great flame of love and hope must once again spread across the world, lighting the way for all people of good will."

Pope Leo XIV

Domenica, 19 Aprile, 2026

III Domenica di Pasqua

"Mostraci, Signore, il sentiero della vita."

Salmo 15

SETTIMANA DI APPREZZAMENTO DEL VOLONTARIATO

GRAZIE VOLONTARI

Questa settimana si celebra la Settimana di Apprezzamento del Volontariato, con il tema **"Accendi il Volontariato"**.

Questa celebrazione coincide con la Settimana Nazionale del

Volontariato, che si tiene in tutto il Canada. I nostri volontari non si limitano a dare il loro contributo; ispirano l'intera comunità a rispondere alla chiamata e a mettere la fede in pratica. Il tema di quest'anno si ispira a Isaia 6:8: **"Poi udii la voce del Signore che diceva: 'Chi manderò? Chi andrà per noi? Eccomi!. E io risposi: 'Manda me!'"**. Rispondendo alla chiamata di Dio, i nostri volontari non si limitano a soddisfare un bisogno, ma accendono uno spirito di servizio che riflette il Suo amore.

Ringraziamo ognuno di voi, dal lavoro instancabile dei Coordinatori e dei Membri del Comitato per la Selezione dei Volontari, ai Membri del Consiglio Parrocchiale e del Consiglio Finanziario, agli addetti alle pulizie della chiesa, ai Lettori, ai Ministri dell'Eucaristia, ai Chierichette, agli Uscieri, al comitato per le decorazioni, ai responsabili della raccolta delle offerte, al curatore del sito web, fino all'impegno nel rafforzare la fede dei Catechisti e dei gruppi di preparazione al Rito di Iniziazione Cristiana degli Adulti (RCIA), e a tanti altri volontari. **Grazie e che Dio vi benedica!**

TRAMITE SHARELIFE HAI AIUTATO TARA A RIFARSI UNA VITA



L'infanzia di Tara è stata tutt'altro che tranquilla. Conflitti e paure riempivano le sue giornate e, crescendo, vivere a casa divenne impossibile. Attese,

sperando che le cose cambiassero, ma dovette andarsene una volta diventata adolescente. Grazie al tuo buon cuore, Tara ha trovato sicurezza alla "Covenant House" di Toronto, un'agenzia di "Catholic Charities" (Organizzazioni Benefiche Cattoliche) che sostiene tramite ShareLife. Oggi vive in modo indipendente e si sta costruendo quel futuro che un tempo pensava fosse irraggiungibile.

La seconda Domenica di ShareLife quest'anno è il 26 Aprile.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK

April 19 - April 25, 2026



This week marks Volunteer Appreciation Week, themed **Ignite Volunteerism**. This celebration coincides with National Volunteer Week

observed across Canada. Our volunteers do more than contribute; they inspire our entire community to answer the call and put faith into action. This year's theme is reflected in Isaiah 6:8 **"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? Who will go for us? Here am I,' I said, 'Send me!'"** By answering God's call, our volunteers do more than meet a need—they ignite a spirit of service that reflects His love.

We thank each one of you, from the tireless work of Volunteer Screening Coordinators and Committee Members, Parish and Finance Council Members, Church Cleaners, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Ushers, Decorating committee, Collection Counters, Website editor, and to the faith affirming efforts of Catechists and RCIA Preparation teams, and so many other volunteers. Thank you and God bless you!

THROUGH SHARELIFE, YOU HELPED TARA REBUILD HER LIFE



Tara's childhood was anything but safe. Conflict and fear filled her days, and as she grew older, home became unbearable. She waited, hoping things would change, but she had to leave once she became a teenager. Because

of your warm heart, Tara found safety at Covenant House Toronto, a Catholic Charities agency you support through ShareLife. After a short stay in the crisis shelter, she moved into the Rights of Passage (ROP) program, determined to rebuild her life. You gave Tara the strength to take charge of her future—adding her name to waitlists for affordable housing, and taking steps to stand on her own. In the meantime, she balanced multiple part-time jobs while staying in school, saving every dollar she could. With your caring support, she connected with a counsellor to begin working through the challenges that had forced her to leave home. Today, she's living independently and building the future she once thought was out of reach. **The second ShareLife Sunday of the year is April 26. Thus far, we have received \$13,727.20 (which also includes online donations) towards our goal of \$33,000.00.** Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at www.sharelife.org/donate.

Thank you for living the Gospel through ShareLife!

FIRST COMMUNION - APRIL 12, 2025



We ask you to keep in your prayers the following students who received their First Communion last week. We welcome them to the Table of the Lord and ask you keep them in prayer:

Donovan Beharry
Cassandra Bottiglieri
Rihana Calderon
Mia Damiano
Nathan Duran
Ilaria Greco
Alessio Louro
Dante Manna
Tem Medas
Avielle Orekoya

Adriano Paolitto
Harley Paterra
Diego Pimentel
Matias Zuniga Pineda
Nicholas Rupa
Noah Torelli
Jeffrey Vieira
Juan Vitales
Matthew Vitales

We also ask you to keep in prayer the children from St. Roch School who will be celebrating their First Communion today (Sunday, April 19).

FUNERAL PRE PLANNING SEMINAR

April 25, 2026 at 9:00 am

Queen of Heaven Catholic Cemetery

To register: call 905-851-5822 ext. 1

A DAY WITH MARY



You are invited to a **"Day with Mary"** taking place on **Saturday, May 30, 2026 at Villanova College in King City**. This family-friendly day will consist of Holy Mass with His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo, praying of the Rosary, Confessions, a keynote address for adults and children's catechesis for the little ones. There will be music, fellowship and more. There is no fee to register—this is a free event open to all. **Registration will open from April 8 until May 15:** <https://bit.ly/DWMRegistration>. Complete information can be found at <https://archtoronto.org/Mary>.

EVERY LIFE IS PRECIOUS—PROTECT MENTAL HEALTH AND SUPPORT BILL C-218

Write your Member of Parliament Today!

You are invited to visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca to quickly and respectfully contact your federal Member of Parliament, urging them to support Bill C-218 (*The Right to Recover Act*). This legislation would amend the Criminal Code to ensure that Medical Assistance in Dying (MaID) is not extended to individuals whose sole underlying condition is mental illness. Without this amendment, MaID will be available for mental illness alone beginning in March 2027. A vote is expected to take place mid-April 2026. At this critical moment, let us raise our voices in faithful witness to the Gospel of life. Visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca today and ask your MP to support Bill C-218.

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