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Missionaries of the Precious Blood

Rev. Jerome Hologa, C.PP.S. - Pastor
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.

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 - 8:00 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
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Gina Tramonte	647-274-2111
Finances	
Louis Edwards	416-740-8605
Knights Of Columbus	
Giovanni (John) Colonna - Grand Knight	416-859-7738
Organist/Musicians	
Orlando Innocentes	416-419-6418
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Prayer Group	
Preziosissimo Sangue - Gruppo di Preghiera Italiano di S. Rocco	
Lina Pasut (Italian)	416-747-9469
Prayer Warriors	416-749-0328
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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. Lunedi, Mercoledi e Venerdi (9:00 a.m. Sabato)
Italiano: 8:00 a.m. Martedi e Giovedi

Messe Memoriale: Martedi e Mercoledi alle 7:00 pm (a richiesta)

Chiamate Per Ammalati: Chiamate l'ufficio parrocchiale

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

I Cavalieri Di Colombo: Ogni 3rzo mercoledi 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, November 29, 2026

First Sunday of Advent

"Restore us, O God; let your face shine that we may be saved

Psalm 80

Mass Intentions for Week

Monday, November 30, 2026
8:00 am Petronila Fernandez & Ceriaca Caoile

Tuesday, December 1, 2026
8:00 am Sharmila Selvarajah
7:00 pm Franca Delle Donne *(1 month memorial)*

Wednesday, December 2, 2026
8:00 am Cristy & family *(living)* & Charina Lorib *(deceased)*
7:00 pm Pietro Torresan *(1 month memorial)*

Thursday, December 3, 2026
8:00 am Michele Cataneo & Marcello DeLuca

FIRST Friday, December 4, 2026
8:00 am Cayetano Lorenzo & Saturnina Ordonio
7:00 pm For vocations

Saturday, December 5, 2026
9:00 am Martha Nguyen Ngoc Quynh & Francisco Xavier Tang Kim Long
5:00 pm Luciano D'Angelo

Sunday, December 6, 2026
9:00 am Pro Popolo
10:30 am Angelo Scalamogna e defunti
Teresa & Gregorio Cirillo e defunti
Giovanni e Marianna Posca
Armando Vescio e Angelina Mercuri
Donato Speranza
Dino Danelon
Defunti Famiglia Scaglione
Giordano e Gaetana Castiglia
Adolfo e Francesco Acri
Padre Fedele Besceglia
12:00 pm Michael Lafarciola

SUNDAY OFFERING



Sunday, November 22.....$4,115.00

Thank you for your continued support !

†REST IN PEACE†

Please remember in your prayers, **Aldo Giansante** who passed away recently. *"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. May perpetual light shine upon them. May they and all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen."*



It is only fitting that the first candle on the Advent wreath represents Hope – the first Sunday of Advent not only leads us to anticipate the birth of Christ but celebrate the beginning of a new liturgical season as well. The first candle is purple, the primary color of Advent and a colour symbolizing royalty.

Domenica, 29 Novembre , 2026

Prima Domenica di Avvento

"Signore, fa' splendere il tuo volto e noi saremo salvi."

Salmo 79

CWL FESTA NATALIZIA PER GLI ANZIANI



Si terra' **domenica, 29 novembre, 2026. Si iniziera' alle ore 3:00 pm** con la celebrazione della S. Messa seguito nella sala ove sara' servito un rifresco. Tutte le persone anziane della nostra parrocchia sono cordialmente invitate di partecipare.

VENDITA DI PANETTONE



I Cavalieri di Colombo offriranno vendita di panettone dopo tutte le messe domenicali. Venite a trovarci per dimostrare il vostro sostegno e ritirare questa amata delizia natalizia da condividere con amici e familiari.

UNA GIOIOSA FESTA PARROCCHIALE

5° Anniversario di Ordinazione Sacerdotale
In onore di Padre Jerome Hologa, C.PP.S.

Vi invitiamo a unirvi a noi per celebrare il 5° anniversario di ordinazione del nostro parroco, Padre Jerome. L'evento si terrà **sabato 5 dicembre 2026 presso la sala parrocchiale di St. Roch**; l'inizio è previsto per le ore 18:00, seguito dalla **cena alle 18:30. Prezzo: $50.00 a persona**, comprensivo di pasto completo e una bottiglia di vino al tavolo. Per i biglietti, si prega di contattare Rosetta Sampogna al 905-856-6353 oppure Antonietta Capuani al 416-745-3657.

CWL - FESTA NATALIZIA



Martedi, 8 dicembre alle 6:30 pm avremo la nostra festa Natalizia. **Biglietti: $30.00 per membri, $35.00 per non-membri. I biglietti devono essere acquistati prima del 3 dicembre**. I biglietti non saranno disponibili la sera della festa. Per informazioni e biglietti, chiamate Elia Salerno al 647-342-1541 oppure Rosetta Sampogna al 905-856-6353.



BUSTE PER LE DONAZIONI 2027

Si prega di notare che le buste per le donazioni per il 2027 sono disponibili per il ritiro nella stanza vicina la sala parrocchiale. Le caselle sono state disposte in ordine alfabetico per rendere più facile per tutti trovare la propria casella. In caso di problemi o se al momento non si utilizzano le buste e si desidera farlo, non esitate a contattare il nostro ufficio parrocchiale al numero 416-749-0328.



Come, Lord Jesus

Advent begins this Sunday. In this season of watchfulness and hope, the Church looks to Mary in a particular way as our mother, teacher, and model for welcoming the presence of Christ in our lives. Just as Mary welcomed the Word and let him transform her, we too are called to be evangelized by Christ and give him to the world. Where is God coming to meet us these days? How can we give him permission to make us more like Jesus? What would it look like to let Jesus speak more openly to the world through our thoughts, words, and actions? God will not come to us this Advent as dramatically as he came to Mary. But he has a million ways of speaking to those who wait for him with their ears open, lanterns lit, and souls thirsting for his gift of salvation. *Source: Daughters of St. Paul*

"At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving others with God's own love and concern."

Mother Teresa

CWL ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR SENIORS
Sunday, November 29, 2026



All seniors of the parish are invited to the annual Christmas Party hosted by the CWL on **Sunday, November 29 starting at 3:00 pm** with the celebration of Mass in the church. Party with food and refreshments to follow in the parish hall after the Mass.



FIRST FRIDAY - DECEMBER 4, 2026

We will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament all day in the church starting after the 8:00 am mass and will continue until 6:30 pm with benediction. We will celebrate evening Mass at 7:00 pm where we will pray for vocations. We ask for people to commit some time to spend with Jesus to ensure that we don't leave Jesus alone throughout the day. ***Note: Father Jerome will be available for confessions from 5:00 - 6:00 pm.***



A JOYFUL PARISH CELEBRATION !
5th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination
Honouring Fr. Jerome Hologa, C.PP.S.

Please join us as we gather to celebrate the 5th Anniversary of Ordination of our Pastor, Fr. Jerome. **Saturday, December 5, 2026 in St. Roch Parish Hall starting at 6:00 pm with dinner to follow at 6:30 pm.** Cost: $50.00 per person for a full meal including bottle of wine at the table. For tickets contact Rosetta Sampogna at 905-856-6353 or Antonietta Capuani at 416-745-3657.

CWL CHRISTMAS PARTY



St. Roch's CWL will be hosting their annual Christmas Dinner on **Tuesday, December 8, 2026 starting at 6:30 pm in the parish hall.** Tickets: $30.00 for members, and $35.00 for non members. **Tickets MUST be purchased in advance and no later than December 3, 2026**. *No tickets at the door and no exceptions as we need numbers for the caterer.* For further information and tickets, please call Elia Salerno at 647-342-1541 or Rosetta Sampogna at 905-856-6353.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANETTONE SALE



The Knights of Columbus have panettone available for purchase after all Sunday masses . Please stop by to show your support and pick up this beloved Christmas treat to share with your friends and family. *Note: Cash only.*

FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION
Still accepting registrations



Note that we are now accepting registrations for those students currently in Gr. 2 and up to receive the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist or those students in Gr. 7 and up to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation (Gr. 7 and up).

Please contact the parish office to request a registration package either by phone at 416-749-0328 or via email at strochswe@archtoronto.org. ***Note: We will be accepting registrations from now until December 18, 2026.***



BIBLE STUDY WITH FR. JEROME

Exploring the Gospels

Our next Bible Study is scheduled for **Thursday, December 3 at 6:30 pm** in the parish hall. Please join us!



SUNDAY OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR YEAR 2027

The boxes of Sunday offertory envelopes for Year 2027 are now ready for pick up in the meeting room. They have been arranged alphabetically by last name. **Starting January 1, 2027, please use 2027 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.*

CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE



We are currently accepting donations of non perishable food items or monetary donations for our Christmas Gift Baskets to distribute to the needy. You can leave your food donations in the baskets or monetary donations in the wooden boxes located at either entrance of the church. **Thank you for remembering your neighbours in need.**

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