
PRECIOUS BLOOD PARISH

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Parish Mission Statement: We, the faithful of Precious Blood Parish, are a family-oriented community, committed to living the Gospel message. Under the guidance of our pastor, we strive to bring about the mission of Jesus by sharing our time, talent and treasure in a spirit of love and service.

Here are the groups and organizations that would appreciate assistance. Please call the office for additional details.

PARISH COUNCIL The Parish Pastoral Council is a group of men and women of the parish who are appointed by the Pastor or elected by the assembly. The main objective of the monthly Parish Pastoral Council is to animate the spiritual and liturgical life of the Parish.

FINANCE COMMITTEE The Finance Committee supervises the finances and physical administration of the parish. It prepares monthly and annual financial statements. It is responsible for the preparation and submission of financial reports to the government and the Chancery Office.

PROJECT ADVANCE Project Advance is an annual diocesan campaign to raise funds for spiritual educational and social projects approved by the Diocesan Committee. A parish committee is appointed to carry out the parish portion of the campaign.

R.C.I.A. is for anyone wishing to learn about the Catholic faith, whether they wish to become a Catholic or deepen their knowledge of the faith. Classes are held weekly on Wednesday evenings 6:30-8:30 PM.

PRECIOUS BLOOD PARISH YOUTH GROUP Our Youth Ministry is made up of two groups, the Junior Youth; young people in grades 6 & 7, and the Senior Youth, for young people attending high school. The goal of the Youth Ministry is to develop leadership qualities in the youth of Precious Blood, to bring these young people to a deeper understanding and practice of our faith. The two Youth Groups participate in the fourth Saturday evening Mass, helping with the reading, music, welcoming and gift bearing. All young people are encouraged to join.

PRECIOUS BLOOD PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAMS: (PREP) is a religious education program designed for children of our parish who attend non-Catholic schools to enhance their faith formation and prepare them for the sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation. Classes are held Wednesday evenings from 6:30 – 7:45 pm for children in Grades 1 – 7. We host classes at Cloverdale Catholic School from early September to the end of May. The program welcomes all children, and is pleased to accept the help of volunteer in the instruction of a class. For further information or registration, please contact the Parish Office.

LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN LWC is offered during Sunday 11 am Mass throughout the school year. This is for children between the ages of 3 and 6 (or completion of Grade 1). A catechist gathers the children after the opening prayer during Mass and walks over to the Parish Centre to lead the children in the Liturgy of the Word in an age appropriate manner. Readings are the same as during Mass, perhaps in simpler terms. The children then have time to participate, with the catechist, in a question and answer format homily. The children are then led back to the church and rejoin their families for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. New volunteers as catechists or assistants are always welcome.

PARISH EDUCATION COMMITTEE The Parish Education Committee, in coordination with the Pastor and the principal, administers the Cloverdale Catholic Elementary School. It formulates policies for teachers and students, develops a yearly budget, tuition and parish subsidy. Elections are held on the last Sunday of May.

PARENT ADVISORY GROUP The PAG meets monthly to enhance the relationship between the school and the parents by keeping the latter involved in school activities and policies. The children's education is a continual partnership between the school and the parents, who grow in faith and give witness to their children and the community.

HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL REGIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE Our Parish supplies two representatives to the Holy Cross Regional High School Education Committee. They determine policies for the school and oversee its administration.

READERS Prepare for and proclaim the Word of God at all Sunday and special Masses. Our readers are of an appropriate maturity, at least high school age, so that they are competent to fully understand and to fully convey the word of God to the parishioners. On special occasions, elementary age children may read, accompanied by an adult. Precious Blood Parish expects that readers commit to this service for at least one full year. Training is provided, especially prior to the major Liturgies of Holy Week.

ALTAR SERVERS Precious Blood Parish encourages young people from grade 4 and up to help with the serving of the Mass. Fr. Mark will give any boy or girl interested in serving Mass, instructions on Saturday mornings. A schedule is made for the Altar Servers and Precious Blood Parish expects their Altar Servers to commit to the schedule or contact a fellow server if you are unable to attend the Mass for which you are scheduled.

MUSICIANS Music accompanies each of the Sunday Masses. If you wish to join the music ministry, please contact Linda Smith.

EXTRA-ORDINARY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS Mary Paetsch prepares the schedule for Extra-Ordinary Eucharistic Minister to serve at Mass as well as prepare the list for Communion for home visits of the sick and shut-in.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Held on the 1st Friday of each month, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held in the Church from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Adoration signup sheets are placed in the vestibule of the Church a week prior to the Adoration date.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE Is a national organization with in-put at provincial, diocesan and parish levels; Offers personal growth and fellowship to each member; Is an organization which works with vital projects at local, provincial and national levels; Actively promotes justice and equal status for women; Promotes family life; Provides up-to-date study material on current issues; Is a member of WUCWO (World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations), the only Catholic international organization of women; Provides many fun activities and fundraisers to help benefit the many organizations they support, including the Parish and School. **ALL WELCOME! Join the League and experience the benefits**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 7276 The Knights of Columbus is an association of Catholic men devoted to unity, charity, fraternity and patriotism. It offers various fraternal and social activities to its members as well as participates and contributes to various community projects. Provides fundraisers to help the Parish and School. Visiting Knights are always welcome at Council 7276, please bring along you card. If you are interested in joining please contact Mike Garisto.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MAJOR FUNDRAISER The Knights of Columbus' fundraiser is *the gift certificate program*. The Knights purchase store gift certificates, ie. grocery, gas, restaurant, home improvements and department stores, at a discounted price and sell the certificates to parishioners and their families at face value. These certificates are sold at all weekend Masses and may be purchased directly from Earl Coatta throughout the week by contact him by phone. Please see the back page for a complete list of all available certificates.

SECULAR FRANCISCANS The Secular Franciscans are a group of lay men and women who follow the charism of St. Francis of Assisi. They meet once a month.

ST. THERESA'S CIRCLE Father Patrick O'Sullivan founded the St. Theresa's Circle in the early 1950's. The Circle cares for the Altar, Vestments, provide clean linens and fresh flowers for the Masses and special occasions. Members take turns cleaning the sanctuary and sacristy. The Circle provides food and beverages for receptions following parish funerals. St. Theresa's members meet the fourth Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM, either in a member's home or the Parish Centre. Usually winter meetings are held at noon. There are no membership fees. Any women wishing to join the Circle should contact the President Ria Makarenko.

YOUNG ADULTS This group is for Catholic men and women from the ages 18-35 it's open to all, College & Career . The group was started by Chris Kielesinski with the blessing of Archbishop Michael Miller. They meet Sunday evenings at St. Matthew's Parish. Brian Curran & Kyla Smienk are the Parish contacts.

PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP: Meetings are held each Monday at 7 PM in the Parish Centre. Our primary purpose is to Praise, Honour & Worship God and build up the Body of His Son Jesus, which is the Church (us). We are under the direction of the Archdiocesan Charismatic Service Committee and the guidance of our pastor. The prayer meetings are preceded by people who meet regularly at 7 PM to pray the Rosary, asking Our Lady to intercede to her Son Jesus for the prayer meeting. Everyone is welcome to join for either one or both of these prayer times.

GIFTBEARERS Families are encouraged to assist at Mass by bringing the gifts to the altar during the offertory. Families are scheduled according to their Mass preference.

PARISH COLLECTION COUNTERS A schedule is made of 5 teams that rotate Mondays; they count the donations made at the weekend Masses.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY The St. Vincent De Paul Society serves needy people by handing out clothing, food, furnishings and arranging for accommodation as needed. It keeps in touch with previously helped people and monitor their needs. It is an integral part of the Archdiocesan Catholic Charities. Any new members welcome.

MOMS & TOTS DROP-IN Moms & Tots meet each Friday of each month, throughout the school year from 10:00 AM until 11:30 AM in the Parish Centre. Moms & Tots is a community building group that is open to all adults who are at home and raising preschoolers. Come enjoy friendship and sharing with other parents and caregivers. This is a wonderful time for your preschooler to learn to interact with other children.

PARISH CENTRE BOOKING Mary Lynn Hyde and Atul Indra do the booking of the Parish Centre. They book and coordinate all Parish, School and Group activities, as well as show and rent the Centre to the general public.

SENIORS COMMITTEE Precious Blood Parish Seniors Group meets every Monday from 1:00 PM until 4:00 PM in the Parish Centre. The group comes together for fun and fellowship. The afternoon is spent playing cards, having tea and laughs. The group also plans the occasional activity away from the Parish.

PRO-LIFE The Pro-Life Parish Group was established in 1993 by the Archdiocese of Vancouver to foster a "Culture of Life" by spiritual and practical actions. At present the Group does not meet regularly but welcomes and invites your participation and suggestions (any age).