

Precious Blood Parish

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We Welcome All Visitors

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil
4:30 pm St. Mary
5:00 pm St. Agnes

Sunday
7:30 am St. Agnes
8:30 am St. Mary
10:00 am St. Mary
10:30 am St. Agnes
11:30 am St. Mary
4:30 pm St. Mary

DAILY MASSES

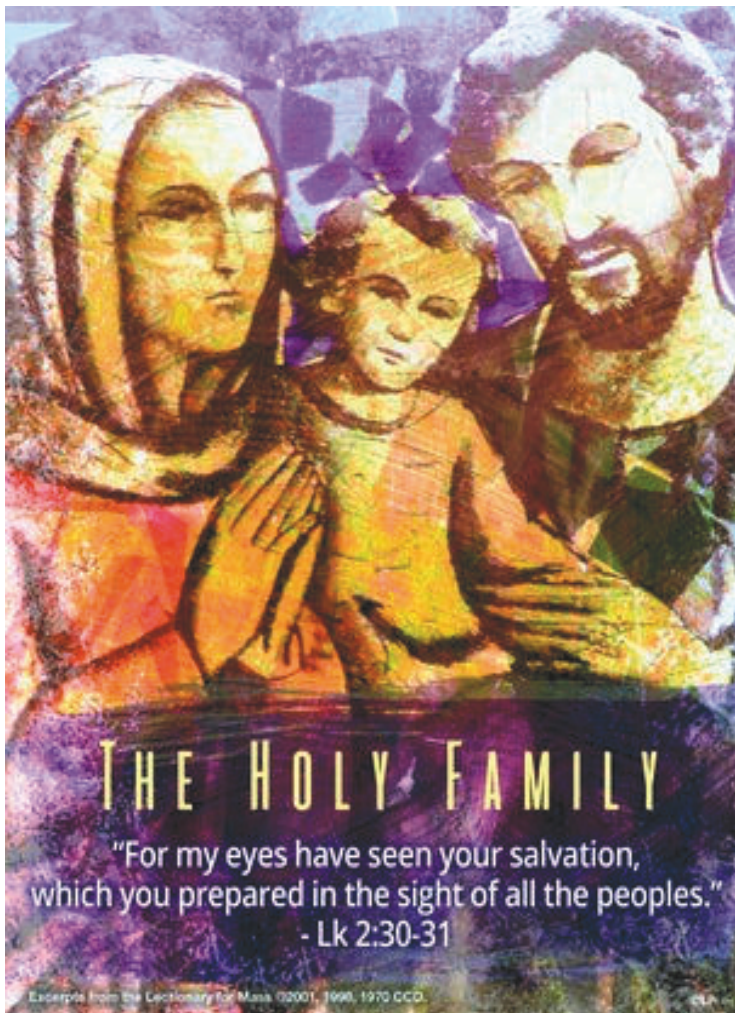
7:00 am St. Mary
7:30 am (Saturday) St. Mary
9:00 am (Mon-Fri) St. Agnes

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:30 pm—4:30 pm St. Agnes
Monday 6:00 pm—7:00 pm St. Mary

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Precious Blood Parish is a Roman Catholic community of faith in Milford, Connecticut rooted in the Word of God and the sacraments, especially the Eucharist. We are missionary disciples who seek to bring the presence and the message of Jesus Christ to others through prayer, faith formation and assisting the needy through ministries grounded in the works of mercy.





PRECIOUS BLOOD PARISH, MILFORD

Mass Intentions for the Week

St. Agnes Church

Mon December 28 The Holy Innocents
9:00 *Health & Blessings for Robb Swiatek*

Tue December 29 St. Thomas Becket
9:00 *Health & Blessings for Mary Ann Swiatek*

Wed December 30 6th day in Octave of Nativity
9:00 *Chester Barnick by his family*

Thu December 31 St. Sylvester
9:00 *Fran Hart by Diane and Chris Mattei*

5:00 Vigil
No Intention

Fri January 1
10:00 No Intention

Sat January 2
Vigil

5:00 *George & Phyllis Davis/Cynthia Pallman-David*

Sun January 3 Epiphany of the Lord
7:30 No Intention
10:30 *Gretchen "Terry" Fletcher by her children*

Readings for the week of December 27, 2020

Sun: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1] or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [7a, 8a]/ Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39

Mon: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

Tue: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35

Wed: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

Thu: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

Fri: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2

Sat: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 1:19-28

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12



No one becomes a saint without struggle, especially with himself. **Thomas Becket** knew he must stand firm in defense of truth and right, even at the cost of his life. We must also take a stand in the face of pressures—dishonesty, deceit, destruction of life—at the cost of popularity, convenience, promotion, wealth.

In T. S. Eliot's drama, *Murder in the Cathedral*, Becket faces a final temptation, to seek martyrdom for earthly glory and revenge. With real insight into his life situation, Thomas responds:

"The last temptation is the greatest treason: To do the right deed for the wrong reason."

St. Mary Church

Mon December 28 The Holy Innocents
7:00 *Martha and Joseph Piroh by daughter Pat*

Tue December 29 St. Thomas Becket
7:00 *Joseph T. Griffin by wife Mary Ann*

Wed December 30 6th day in Octave of Nativity
7:00 *John, Marion, Edythe Sheehy by their estate*

Thu December 31 St. Sylvester
7:00 *Barbara Meuser by her husband*

4:30 Vigil
No Intention

Fri January 1 Solemnity of Mother of God
8:30 No Intention
10:30 *People of Precious Blood Parish*

Sat January 2
7:30 No Intention

Vigil
4:30 *Anthony and Paula Morlando by their family*

Sun January 3 Epiphany of the Lord
8:30 *Pat Monteleone by Joe & Tatiana Monteleone*
10:00 *Dora Villareal deVergara by a friend*
11:30 *People of Precious Blood Parish*
4:30 *Michael Christopher Foster by his family*



The Sanctuary Lamp
Week of December 27, 2020
Is in Memory of *Ken Erickson*



SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

"My Jesus, I believe that Thou art present in the most Holy Sacrament. I love Thee above all things, and I desire to receive Thee into my soul. Since I can not now receive Thee sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace Thee, as if Thou wert already there, and unite myself wholly to Thee; never permit me to be separated from Thee."



"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

- John 16:33

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

I share with you the conclusion of Pope Francis' reflection on family, for the Feast of the Holy Family. Notice the pope gives homework, a good practice, I think.



Pope Francis says:

And finally: the family experiences joy.

I would like to ask you all a question today. But each of you keep it in your heart and take it home.

You can regard it as a kind of “homework”. Only you must answer. How are things when it comes to joy at home? Is there joy in your family? You can answer this question.

Dear families, you know very well that the true joy which we experience in the family is not superficial; it does not come from material objects, from the fact that everything seems to be going well... True joy comes from a profound harmony between persons, something which we all feel in our hearts and which makes us experience the beauty of togetherness, of mutual support along life's journey.

But the basis of this feeling of deep joy is the presence of God, the presence of God in the family and his love, which is welcoming, merciful, and respectful towards all. And above all, a love which is patient: patience is a virtue of God and he teaches us how to cultivate it in family life, how to be patient, and lovingly so, with each other. To be patient among ourselves. A patient love.

God alone knows how to create harmony from differences. But if God's love is lacking, the family loses its harmony, self-centeredness prevails and joy fades. But the family which experiences the joy of faith communicates it naturally. That family is the salt of the earth and the light of the world, it is the leaven of society as a whole.

Dear families, always live in faith and simplicity, like the Holy Family of Nazareth! The joy and peace of the Lord be always with you!

May we all take the words of the Holy Father, Pope Francis, to heart. May you know the joy of this season.....our Savior is here, He has found us!

Deacon John



The Feast of the Holy Family is not just about the Holy Family, but about our own families, too. The main purpose of the feast is to present the Holy Family as the model for all Christian families, and for domestic life in general

The Holy Family feast is a good time to remember the family unit and pray for our human and spiritual families. We also may take this feast to reflect on the value and sanctity of the family unit, and to evaluate our own family life.

Our family life becomes sanctified when we live the life of the Church within our homes. The best way is by making Christ the center of family and individual life. Ways to do this include: reading scripture regularly, praying daily, attending Mass at least on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, imitating the actions of the Holy Family, going to confession frequently, and so forth, all done together as a family unit.

Finally, we can use this feast to ask ourselves what are we doing to promote the family within our own cultures, neighborhoods, and communities.

Should Catholics be concerned about using the new Covid-19 Pfizer and Moderna vaccines? The Answer is “NO.” Catholic bioethics and moral teachings speak strongly against the use of aborted fetal cells in the testing and production of vaccines. There are no ethical issues with the use of the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines.



When the infant Jesus was presented in the Temple (Luke 2:22) the holy man Simeon saw what was to come and said to Mary, “A sword will pierce your own soul too.”

No one escapes the suffering that comes with change, but when we choose to trust God during the painful transitions, as Mary did, we can experience an inner calm that helps us cope with whatever comes our way. Like Mary, we, too, can look for God's presence and activity in our own lives, even perhaps especially at the most difficult times.



A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

The gospel today shows Mary and Joseph weren't 'perfect' parents. If you have ever been 'amazed' and 'astonished' at what came out of your child's mouth, then you are in good company. If there were times you 'didn't understand' your children or felt 'anxious' about their behavior so did Mary and Joseph. Parenting is tough but it is also the stuff of holiness.



"Like Our Blessed Mother welcomed Jesus, we are called to cherish and protect the gift of human life, at every stage and in every circumstance."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

"Living Out Christmas in the New Year"

GOD LOVE YOU—Ven. Fulton J. Sheen

"If we do good to others, they must be loved for God's sake. No moral profit comes from doing good to another because 'he can get it for us wholesale' or from giving gifts to others because of the pleasure they give us. There is not even great merit in doing good to those who love us. 'You love those who love you. Do not the heathens this?' The greatest spiritual profit comes from loving those who hate us, and from giving gifts and dinners to those who cannot give anything in return, for then recompense will be made in the Kingdom of Heaven."



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"To the American People: Christmas is not a time or a season but a state of mind. To cherish peace and good will, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas. If we think on these things, there will be born in us a Savior and over us will shine a star sending its gleam of hope to the world."

Calvin Coolidge

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"The truth is like a lion; you don't have to defend it. Let it loose; it will defend itself."

St. Augustine

Be bold. Propagate the truth. Get the message out without apology. The truth will fight for itself.

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