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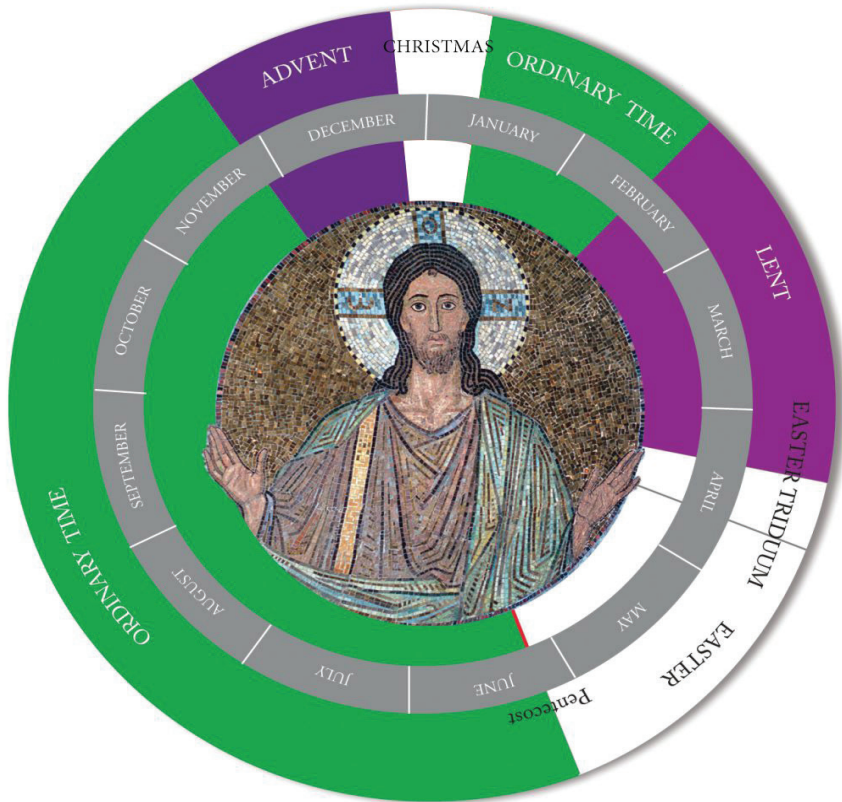
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*The Blood of Christ,
Gift of Unending Love*



2022 Calendar

2022 LITURGICAL CALENDAR



The “Liturgical Year” denotes when Solemnities, Feasts, Memorials, and Commemorations are to be observed and which segments of Scriptures are to be read.

The liturgical colors that mark the different seasons and observances are indicated on the dates in each month:

Green

Ordinary Time

White/Gold

Easter, Christmas, feasts of Our Lord, Mary, angels, saints who are not martyrs

Red

Pentecost and feasts of the apostles, evangelists and martyrs

Violet

Advent and Lent

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FROM SELF-LOVE TO SELF-GIFT

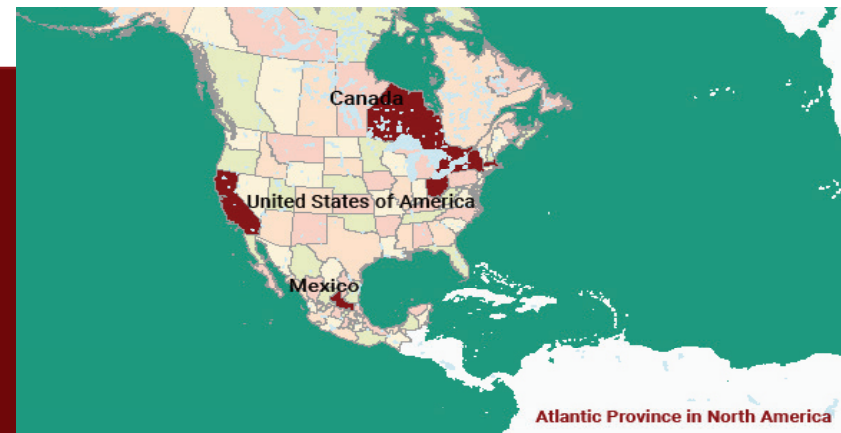
I give myself away through love in the measure in which Christ increases in me. This is the essence of the Christian understanding of the law of the gift. Forever changed by the encounter with the person of Jesus, the likes of St. Gaspar del Buffalo, St. Francis Xavier, St. Maria de Mattias and Venerable John Merlini moved from self-love to self-gift. They found their purpose and fulfilment beyond a life lived solely focused upon own ego, quest for power and other worldly enticements. It was love—a sincere gift of self—which compelled them to abandon themselves totally to God and to “reach out in love to the outcast, the stranger, the brokenhearted and betrayed, the poor, the lonely and lost, the sick and the suffering, the grieving and the guilty, the forsaken and forgotten”.

For St. Gaspar in particular, he saw in the saving act of Blood of Christ on the Cross a glimpse of the extent to which our saviour was willing to suffer in order to seek out and reach those who were lost. His response was total: “Oh crown, loosen thyself so that I can place my head therein. Oh nails, release those innocent hands of my Lord and pierce my heart with compassion and love. Oh my loving Lord, intoxicate our hearts with this wine, burn them with this flame, wound them with the arrows of your love”. To me, this sounds like pouring the chalice of passion into our hearts, and even better, drinking, so to speak, from the same chalice which our Lord drank in love for us to the very end. The implication is that we participate in the Sacrifice of the Cross in which the Lord Jesus gives himself unreservedly to save humanity. With his lifeblood running through our veins, how can we not go to all corners of world wiping sweats, listening to the cry of blood, touching wounds, and healing scars? “How can we”, as Nathan Mitchell bemoans, “keep the hungry child hungry, the table bare, the furnace cold, the beggar’s bowl empty, the old woman’s meds priced well beyond her reach?”. And, this is precisely what we mean when we say, “The Precious Blood is the gift of an ending love”. Indeed, the gift which keeps on giving, both from the love which Christ loves us and the love by which we love God and one another.

The gift enclosed, your copy of the calendar, is an invitation to open your heart to the likes of the people featured in this calendar. As you display this calendar in your home or workplace, you join us “outside the camp” where “we stand in solidarity with those who are shunned by majority, ostracized by the institution, and pushed away from the table”. Where we come in contact with the blood, scars and sweats of those who have been crushed by the excruciating weight of life’s cross—the poor, homeless, elderly, victims of human trafficking, war, violence and injustice.



ONE HUNDRED PERCENT OF THE PROCEEDS WE RAISE FROM OUR CALENDARS GO TO SPREAD OUR SPIRITUALITY AND STRENGTHEN OUR MISSIONS IN IMPOVERISHED COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE WORLD WITH A PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO TANZANIA. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.



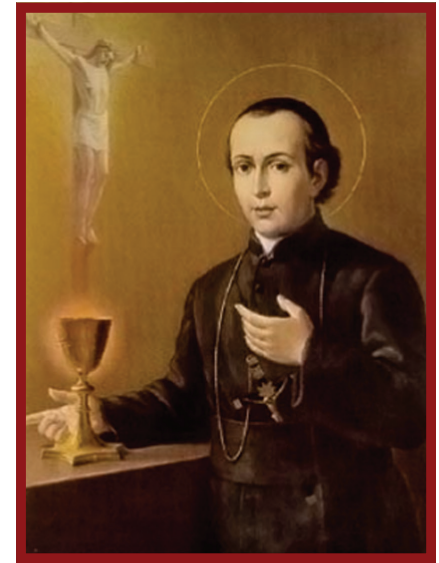
C.P.P.S. PIONEERS

St. Gaspar del Bufalo, the apostle of the Precious Blood, was born in Rome on January 6, 1786. As a devoted priest he worked tirelessly to re-evangelize central Italy, especially the Papal States. He was well known for his eloquence in preaching, his devotion to the poor (especially the Santa Galla Hospice in Rome), and his work with the brigands of southern Lazio. In his missionary travels throughout Italy he invited the faithful to reflect upon and adore the Precious Blood of Christ, the bloodstream of his own personal spiritual life.

In 1815 he founded the Congregation of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood. Exhausted by constant ministry and care for the community, he died December 28, 1837 in Rome. He was beatified by St. Pius X in 1904 and canonized by Pius XII on June 12, 1954. Exhibiting his particular devotion to St. Gaspar del Bufalo, Pope John XXIII visited his body in the Church of Santa Maria in Trivio on January 4, 1963, where it remains enshrined for the veneration of the faithful.

His followers continue to turn to him for inspiration as they fulfill the wish he once expressed: “I wish that I could have a thousand tongues, to endear every heart to the Precious Blood of Jesus.” His feast is celebrated in the City of Rome and by members of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood on October 21st.

St. Gaspar del Bufalo



Venerable John Merlini



John Merlini was the third Moderator General of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood. Having become a priest in 1818, he was captivated by the zeal of St Gaspar whom he met in the abbey of San Felice in Giano of Umbria, where Gaspar had founded the Congregation of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood in 1815. His devotion to the Precious Blood of Jesus and to Our Lady was such that, at the mere mention of it, he was moved to tears. In their honor he erected altars and important churches, whose works he planned and directed, often joining the workers to guide and help them.

Merlini became a noted spiritual director and the most splendid fruit of this ministry was Saint Maria de Mattias, founder of the Sisters Adorers of the Most Precious Blood, whom he guided throughout her life and shared in the work of her Institute.

Merlini died in 1873 after he sustained injuries in a traffic accident in Rome near the Santa Maria in Trivio church. The last thing he did before he died was to forgive the coachman who had run into him. His remains are interred Santa Maria in Trivio church next to his founder, Gaspare del Bufalo .

The last phase of the canonical process for his beatification is still underway in Rome as we invite you to join us in praying for the cause of his sainthood and contact us regarding any miracle received from God through his intercession at info@preciousbloodatlantic.org

Eternal Father, grant us, we pray, the grace of the beatification and canonization of your servant, John Merlini.

DEVELOPMENT OFFICE



C.P.P.S. Missionaries

C.P.P.S., stands for *Congregatio Missionariorum Pretiosissimi Sanguinis*, translated into English as *Congregation of Missionaries of the Precious Blood*.

The Missionaries of the Precious Blood are a world-wide Roman Catholic Community of Apostolic Life or priests and brothers rooted in the Spirituality of the Blood of Christ. “In this devotion, states our Founder, St. Gaspar Del Bufalo, ‘we go to the heart of our faith’.” (*Constitution*, Art IV)

The C.P.P.S. continues St. Gaspar’s ministry of the Word by preaching renewal and conversion through missions and retreats. They bring the love of God also to parishes, schools, hospitals and prisons. As missionaries they work where the Church needs them most and where the Good News has not been heard.

Following St. Gaspar, the Missionaries live together whenever the needs of the apostolate permit. A bond of charity unites them instead of vows, placing their gifts at the service of the Church and one another. The members of the Atlantic Province minister as teachers and chaplains, conduct retreats and attend to parish life. Their houses serve as centers of prayer and reflection to renew them for their mission.

Provincial Director

Very Rev. Mario Cafarelli, C.P.P.S.

www.preciousbloodatlantic.org



C.P.P.S. Mission Projects

C.P.P.S. Mission Projects Corporation was established by the Missionaries of the Precious Blood, Atlantic Province, to foster missionary work and evangelization motivated by the spirituality of the Precious Blood.

More than 250 volunteers of all ages have taken trips to Tanzania to work side by side with our brothers and sisters to bring about real and tangible progress in health, education and agriculture.

To learn more about C.P.P.S. Mission Projects visit: www.cppsmissionprojects.ngo

Whether adopting a well or sponsoring one of our students, helping organize a mission trip or partnering with us in one of our many initiatives, there are many ways to become involved.

C.P.P.S. Mission Projects’ educational focus is concentrated on providing a top-ranked, quality education to hundreds of students in our schools— St. Gaspar Primary and John Merlini Secondary— and building dormitory accommodations.

We value your involvement and want to hear your ideas for raising awareness and furthering the good work being done in the mission field.

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At C.P.P.S. Mission Projects we appreciate each gift and every gesture of support.



Unio Sanguis Christi

The Unio Sanguis Christi seeks to promote a prayerful and active apostolate among the faithful in the spirituality of the Most Precious Blood.

The Union Sanguis Christi (USC) offers a program of spirituality solidly based in the traditions of the Catholic Church to guide its membership to holiness of life. It helps members live out this vocation in all its dimensions—devotional, ministerial and apostolic.

Those enrolled in the Union become part of the religious family founded by St. Gaspar del Bufalo on August 15, 1815. Any properly disposed Catholic may be incorporated into the Union upon completion of the period of formation.

The members of the Union meet periodically—locally and/or regionally—for prayer, adoration, discussion, days of recollection, and retreats. Far from the simple embodiment of various rules and regulations, the USC offers a vital and challenging vision of Christian life worthy of the priestly People of God. It provides one way in which to perfect our baptismal consecration and to stimulate the continued growth of the laity in the life of the Spirit as well as in the mission of the Church.

For information on formation and USC activities, contact **Dcn. Gerardo V. Laguartilla, C.P.P.S.** at uscatlanticprovince@gmail.com

Please join us in praying for our C.P.P.S. members, candidates in formation and all our lay volunteers.

BLOOD OF CHRIST, OUR HOPE IN EVERY SEASON OF LIFE




Some parts of our human family, it appears, can be readily sacrificed for the sake of others considered worthy of a carefree existence. Ultimately, “persons are no longer seen as a paramount value to be cared for and respected, especially when they are poor and disabled, ‘not yet useful’ – like the unborn, or ‘no longer needed’ – like the elderly. We have grown indifferent to all kinds of wastefulness. ~Fratelli Tutti #18

The Blood of Christ impels us to affirm the Church’s teaching that life is a precious gift given to us by God, but it is so fragile if taken for granted. As we drink from the Cup of Eternal Covenant, may we see him in all human life, and always work to protect, heal and cherish the lives of all whom we encounter.

Sister Margaret Patricia Lennon and Sister Anthony Selewicz offer support to a frail resident at Little Sisters of the Poor Jeanne Jugan Residence in San Pedro, Calif., in this 2016 photo. The Little Sisters of the Poor care for the elderly poor in assisted living facilities throughout the U.S. and frequently accompany the dying. (Credit: CNS photo/courtesy Little Sisters of the Poor.)

JANUARY 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<p><i>“For what is our hope, our joy, or the crown in which we will glory in the presence of our Lord Jesus when he comes?” - 1 Thess. 2:19</i></p>					<p>1 New Years Day</p> <p>Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God</p>
<p>2</p> <p>Epiphany of the Lord</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Holy Name of Jesus</p>	<p>4</p> <p>St. Elizabeth Ann Seton</p>	<p>5</p> <p>St. John Neumann</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Birth of St. Gaspar</p> <p>St. André Bessette (US)</p>	<p>7</p> <p>St. André Bessette (CA) St. Raymond of Penyafort(US)</p>	<p>8</p> <p>St. Raymond of Penyafort (CA)</p>
<p>9</p> <p>Baptism of the Lord</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>St. Marguerite of Bourgeoys</p>	<p>13</p> <p>St. Hilary of Poitiers</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16</p> <p>2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Martin Luther King Day</p> <p>St. Anthony Abbott</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>St. Sebastian St. Fabian</p>	<p>21</p> <p>St. Agnes</p>	<p>22</p> <p>St. Vincent</p>
<p>23</p> <p>3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>24</p> <p>St. Francis de Sales</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Conversion of St. Paul</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Sts. Timothy & Titus</p>	<p>27</p> <p>St. Angela Merici</p>	<p>28</p> <p>St. Thomas Aquinas</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30</p> <p>4th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>31</p> <p>St. John Bosco</p>	<p><i>“It is in this Blood that He has laid up His blessings for us, as in a storehouse. This is true, not only of spiritual blessings, but of all blessings whatsoever.” - Fr. Faber</i></p>				

Give us hope in the blood of the cross.

BLOOD OF CHRIST, REACHING OUT TO THE POOR AND VULNERABLE




Do you wish to honor the body of Christ? Do not ignore him when he is naked. Do not pay him homage in the temple clad in silk, only then to neglect him outside where he is cold and ill clad. He who said: "This is my body" is the same who said: "You saw me hungry and you gave me no food", and "Whatever you did to the least of my brothers you did also to me"... What good is it if the Eucharistic table is overloaded with golden chalices when your brother is dying of hunger? Start by satisfying his hunger and then with what is left you may adorn the altar as well.
~St. John Chrysostom

The Blood of Christ commits us to those who have been pushed to the peripheries. Our missions in Africa support 2.5 million people a year. We devote ourselves to the education of children and young people by means of different kinds of schools. We also work tirelessly to give access to clean water to the people and communities in desperate need. May we always be ready to help the poor and the vulnerable.

St. Gaspar Primary students gather on the playground for a photo with Jemille and Savannah Chu Morrison. Jemille has been volunteering with our Mission Projects for many years to implement a Global Reading Program and supply our library and classrooms with world class children's literature. (Credit: photo/courtesy of Jemille.)

FEBRUARY 2022


SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 Groundhog Day Presentation of the Lord	3 St. Blaise St. Ansgar	4 St. Maria de Mattias	5 St. Agatha
6 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	7 Bl. Pius IX	8 St. Jerome Emiliani St. Josephine Bakhita	9	10 St. Scholastica	11 Our Lady of Lourdes	12
13 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time	14 Valentine's Day St. Cyril	15	16	17	18	19
20 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time	21 President's Day (US) St. Peter Damian	22 Chair of St. Peter	23 St. Polycarp	24	25	26
27 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time	28		<p>February 20 - World Day of Social Justice <i>"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." - Galatians 6:9</i></p>			



Maria De Mattias, may your holiness infect us and be an inspiration for that inner renewal we all need to be a prophetic presence of reconciliation and peace in the world, to go back to being more human, capable of closeness and a real encounter with humanity.

Give us the courage to hear every story of every person with dignity and respect.

BLOOD OF CHRIST, STANDING AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING



St Josephine Bakhita, who was sold to slavery at a young age, is known as the patron saint of victims of modern slavery and human trafficking. Her Feast Day is on February 8, also known as the World Day of Prayer, Reflection and Action Against Human Trafficking.
~Vatican

As vessels of the Blood of Christ we work to eliminate the root causes and markets that permit traffickers to flourish; to make whole the survivors of this crime; and to ensure that, one day soon, the scourge of trafficking in human persons vanishes from the face of the earth. Applying the merits of the Precious Blood may we not fall into indifference; that we may open our eyes and look upon the miseries and wounds of so many brothers and sisters deprived of their dignity and freedom, and hear their cry for help.

MARCH 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><i>"Am I my brother's keeper?"</i> - Gen. 4:9</p>		1	2 Ash Wednesday	3 St. Katherine Drexel (US)	4 St. Casimir	5
6 1st Sunday of Lent	7 Sts. Perpetua & Felicity	8 St. John of God	9 St. Frances of Rome	10	11 St. Cyril of Jerusalem	12
13 Begin Daylight Savings 2nd Sunday of Lent	14	15	16	17 St. Patrick	18 St. Cyril of Jerusalem	19 St. Joseph, Husband of Mary
20 3rd Sunday of Lent	21	22  World Water Day	23 St. Turibius de Mogrovejo	24	25 Annunciation	26
27 4th Sunday of Lent	28	29	30	31	March 8 International Women's Day	

*Transcending the established norms of his own culture,
Jesus treated women with openness, respect, acceptance and tenderness.*

*The Church gives thanks for all the manifestations of the feminine "genius"
which have appeared in the course of history. - John Paul II, Letter to Women*



***Pray that those caught up in trafficking would be freed from the chains that bind them,
encounter God's love. and find hope for their future.***

BLOOD OF CHRIST, TEACHING ECOLOGY


A Christian who doesn't safeguard creation, who doesn't make it flourish, is a Christian who isn't concerned with God's work, that work born of God's love for us. What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us, to children who are now growing up? The question not only concerns the environment in isolation; the issue cannot be approached piecemeal.

~Pope Francis

To live the spirituality of the Precious Blood means also caring for the environment. Our individual and collective attitude toward the environment should reflect our interdependence and common responsibility for the future of our planet. Individual nations must measure their own self-interest against the greater common good and contribute equitably to global solutions.



APRIL 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	April 22 - International Mother Earth Day <i>"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it."</i> - Psalm 24:1				1	2
3 5th Sunday of Lent	4 St. Isidore	5 St. Vincent Ferrer	6	7 St. John the Baptist de La Salle	8	9 St. Francis of Paola
10 Palm Sunday	11 St Stanislaus	12	13 St. Martin I	14 Holy Thursday	15 Good Friday	16 Easter Vigil
17 Easter Sunday	18 Easter Monday (CA) Easter Octave	19 Easter Octave	20 Easter Octave	21 Earth Day Easter Octave St. Anselm of Canterbury	22 Easter Octave	23 Easter Octave St. George St. Adalbert
24 Divine Mercy Sunday	25 St. Mark the Evangelist	26 Our Lady of Good Counsel	27 St. Peter Chanel St. Turbicus of Mogrovejo	28 St. Louis Grignon de Montfort	29 Arbor Day (US) St. Catherine of Siena	30 St. Pius V

*For Christians, Easter is a celebration of Christ's resurrection, the ultimate symbol of rebirth.
The egg is a prominent symbol of Easter and a fitting metaphor for the Earth,
since it symbolizes both fragility and the promise of new life.*



*May we care for the earth you gave us, make wise choices in our everyday living,
and use the world's resources we need with love, humility, and thoughtfulness.*

BLOOD OF CHRIST, FONT OF RECONCILIATION

We recall how Jesus—already knowing that he would be betrayed—nonetheless shares the bread with the disciples, proclaiming the advent of a new covenant. Even in the broken bread—foretelling his broken body—a new relationship is being born.

~ Robert Schreiter, C.P.P.S.

The relationship we share in the Blood of Christ is that the cross draws all people near, those “who were far off,” those we find difficult to love, those who have hurt us or betrayed us or broken our hearts.



MAY 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 May Day 3rd Sunday of Easter	2 St. Athanasius	3 Sts. Philip and James the Apostles	4 St. Marie-Léonie Paradis	5 National Day of Prayer	6 St. Francois de Laval	7
8 Mother's Day 4th Sunday of Easter	9	10 St. Damien de Veuster	11	12 Sts. Nereus & Achilleus, St. Pancras	13 Our Lady of Fatima	14 St. Matthias the Apostle
15 5th Sunday of Easter	16	17	18 St. John I	19	20 St. Bernardine of Siena	21 St. Christopher Magallanes & Companions, St. Eugene de Mazenod
22 6th Sunday of Easter	23 Victoria Day (CA)	24 Mary, Help of Christians	25 St. Bede the Venerable, St. Gregory VII, St. Mary Magdalen de Pazzi	26 Ascension of the Lord	27 St. Augustine of Canterbury	28
29 7th Sunday of Easter (Ascension)	30 Memorial Day (US)	31 The Visitation			May 15 International Day of Families	

“But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another.” - 1 John 1:7

“For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.” - Colossians 1:19-20

Help us, O Lord, in the ministry of reconciliation in our families and in the world around us.

BLOOD OF CHRIST, JOURNEYING WITH REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS



It difficult to drink from the cup today because we are uncomfortable with bloodshed. But then, coming to grips with bloodshed...is precisely the point. Because without the cup, the Eucharist might easily sink to the level of an elegant dinner, where—surrounded by friends, fragrance, lights, and music—we sup serenely while the rest of the world goes mad. Good etiquette, alas, can make us forget our origins—and the origins of what we eat and drink.

~ Nathan Mitchell

The Blood of Christ stands with the refugees and migrants who are forced to leave their lands to provide for their families or to escape persecution. We stand in solidarity with you. We commit ourselves to your pastoral care and to work toward changes in church and societal structures that impede your exercising your dignity and living as children of God.

JUNE 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p>WORLD REFUGEE DAY</p>	<p><i>June 20</i> World Refugee Day</p>		1 St. Justin Martyr	2 Sts. Marcellinus & Peter	3 Sts. Charles Lwanga & Companions	4
5 Pentecost	6 St. Norbert	7	8	9 St. Ephrem	10	11 St. Barnabas the Apostle
12 Trinity Sunday	13 St. Anthony of Padua	14 Flag Day (US)	15	16	17	18
19 Father's Day Corpus Christi	20 World Refugee Day	21	22 St. Paulinus of Nola St. John Fisher St. Thomas More	23	24 Sacred Heart of Jesus Birth of John the Baptist	25 Immaculate Heart of Mary
26 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time	27 Bl. Nykyta Budka and Vasyl Velychkowsky (CA) St. Cyril of Alexandria	28 St. Irenaeus	29 Sts. Peter & Paul the Apostles	30 First Martyrs of the Church of Rome		

*“But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off
have been brought near by the blood of Christ.” - Ephesians 2:13*

*Lord God, help us to remember those who are strangers in foreign lands
to escape oppression, poverty, persecution, violence, and war.*

BLOOD OF CHRIST, FOUNDATION FOR DIALOGUE


It can be easy to identify as “neighbor” those on the margins of our society such as those experiencing homelessness or poverty. But how often do we see our neighbor in the person who disagrees with us?

~USCCB

As vessels of the Blood of Christ we work as agents of reconciliation in the Church to unite people in common purpose. We undermine our commitment to human life and dignity when we fail to see the dignity of those who have a different viewpoint. The Blood of Christ calls us to detach from the bitterness that surrounds us and seek a better path. We hold that God’s love for each person requires us to remember that someone who disagrees with us is still a beloved child of God who deserves our love, respect, and care. God alone is the truth, we are stewards of truth, and truth is only held as a common stewardship.



JULY 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold; color: #800000;"><i>July 30 - International Day of Friendship</i></p> <p style="color: #800000;"><i>No one is beyond the love of God</i></p> <p style="color: #800000;"><i>and each person bears the responsibility to care for the other.</i></p>					1 Canada Day Feast of the Precious Blood St. Junipero Serra	2
3 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time	4 Independence Day (US) St. Elizabeth of Portugal	5 St. Anthony Zaccaria	6 St. Maria Goretti	7	8	9 St. Augustine Zhao Rong & Companions
10 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time	11 St. Benedict	12	13 St. Henry St. Teresa of the Andes	14 St. Kateri Tekakwitha	15 St. Bonaventure	16 Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
17 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time	18 St. Camillus de Lellis	19	20 St. Apollinaris of Ravenna	21 St. Lawrence of Brindisi	22 St. Mary Magdalene	23 St. Bridget St. Sharbel Makhlúf
24 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time	25 St. James the Apostle	26 Sts. Joachim & Ann Parents of Mary	27	28	29 St. Martha	30 St. Peter Chrysologus
31 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time	<p style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold; color: #800000;"><i>July is the Month of the Precious Blood</i></p> <p style="color: #800000;"><i>“Devotion to the Precious Blood is the devotion of our time . . . a devotion for all souls, for the whole world.” - John XXIII</i></p>					

Where would I be if not for this Divine Blood that redeemed me?


BLOOD OF CHRIST, FOSTERING EQUALITY AND THE COMMON GOOD



When people become self-centred and self-enclosed, their greed increases. The emptier a person's heart is, the more he or she needs things to buy, own and consume. It becomes almost impossible to accept the limits imposed by reality. In this horizon, a genuine sense of the common good also disappears. As these attitudes become more widespread, social norms are respected only to the extent that they do not clash with personal needs.
~Pope Francis

The burdens of inequality can weigh so heavily on some, especially for those who have been pushed to the peripheries. As Precious Blood people we partner with you to give a helping hand to disadvantaged families and communities regain their dignity and create structures for them to flourish. We also pray for true conversion from the idolatry of wealth, which causes us to ignore those in need, allowing others to go hungry and die while we turn money and worldly possessions into false gods.

AUGUST 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 St. Alphonsus Liguori	2 St. Eusebius of Vercelli, St. Peter Julian Eymard	3	4 St. John Vianney	5 Dedication-St Mary Major Bl Frederic Janssoone (CA)	6 Transfiguration
7 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8 St. Dominic	9 St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross	10 St. Lawrence	11 St. Clare	12 St. Jane Frances de Chantal	13 St. Pontian, St. Hippolytus
14 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time	15 Assumption	16 St. Stephen of Hungary	17 St. Alberto Hurtado	18 St. John Eudes	19	20 St. Bernard of Clairvaux
21 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time	22 Queenship of Mary	23 St. Rose of Lima	24 St. Bartholomew	25 St. Louis of France St Joseph of Calasanz	26	27 St. Monica
28 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	29 Beheading of John the Baptist	30	31	August 19 World Humanitarian Day		 Humanitarian Day August 19

“To each of us, the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.”

- 1 Corinthians 12:7

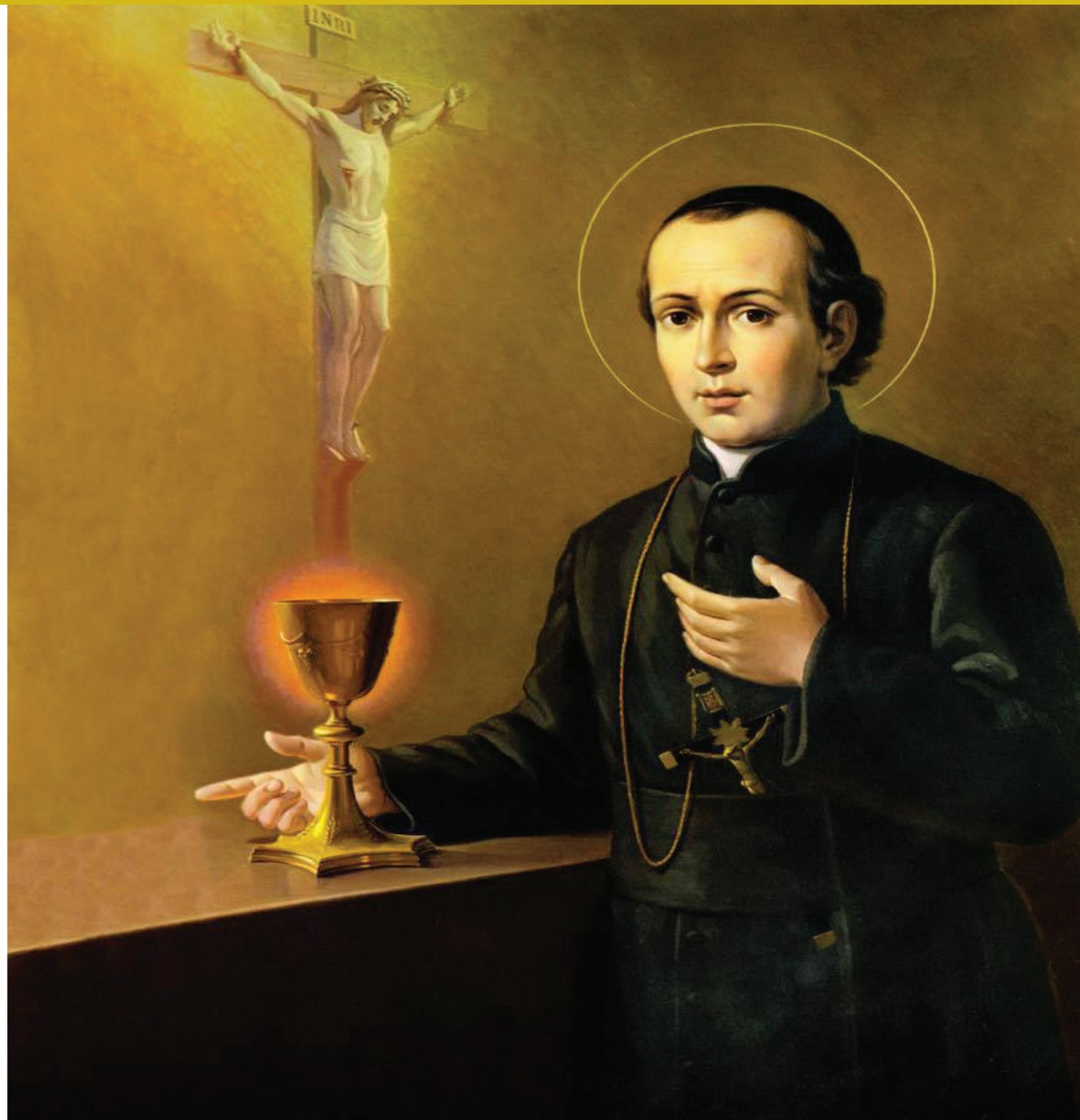
*Fill our hearts with the fire of your love and kindle in us
a desire to secure justice for all people and an end to division.*

BLOOD OF CHRIST, PROPHETIC VOICE FOR INSPIRING CHANGE

While praying one day and while contemplating the Crucifix, it seemed that I heard these words: 'Look, my son, at my divine Blood. Through sufferings, I poured it out, and through sufferings will its adoration be promoted.' Humankind shudders at the word suffering, but it is nevertheless necessary for one to learn to carry the Cross. This is the great ladder to heaven!

~St. Gaspar del Bufallo

St. Gaspar saved a lawless and a bandit-ravaged town of Sonnino from annihilation not with weapons as the civil authorities had desperately resorted, but with the Crucifix. If we are looking to inspire change and make our evangelization meaningful, then we should learn from the greatest of books—the Cross. “At the foot of the cross”, he said, “is where the repentant sinner finds comfort, where the troubled soul finds courage, where the soul already sanctified finds the tenderness of love”.



SEPTEMBER 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<p><i>September 21 - International Day of Peace</i> <i>We live in a connected world, which is an amazing and positive thing.</i> <i>We need to take advantage of that connectivity</i> <i>to teach and promote Peace.</i></p>			1	2	3
4 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	5 Labor Day	6	7	8 Birth of Mary	9 Bl André Grasset (CA)	10 St. Gregory the Great
11 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	12 Holy Name of Mary	13 St. John Chrysostom	14 Triumph of the Cross	15 Our Lady of Sorrows	16 St. Cornelius, St. Cyprian	17 St. Robert Bellarmine
18 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	19 St. Januarius	20 St. Andrew Kim Taegon, St. Paul Chong Hasang & Companions	21 St. Matthew the Apostle	22	23 St Pio of Pietrelcina	24 Bl Emilie Taverernier-Gamelin (CA)
25 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	26 Sts. Jean de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues (CA) Sts. Cosmas & Damian (US)	27 St. Vincent de Paul	28 St. Wenceslaus, St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions	29 Archangels: Michael, Gabriel and Raphael	30 St. Jerome	

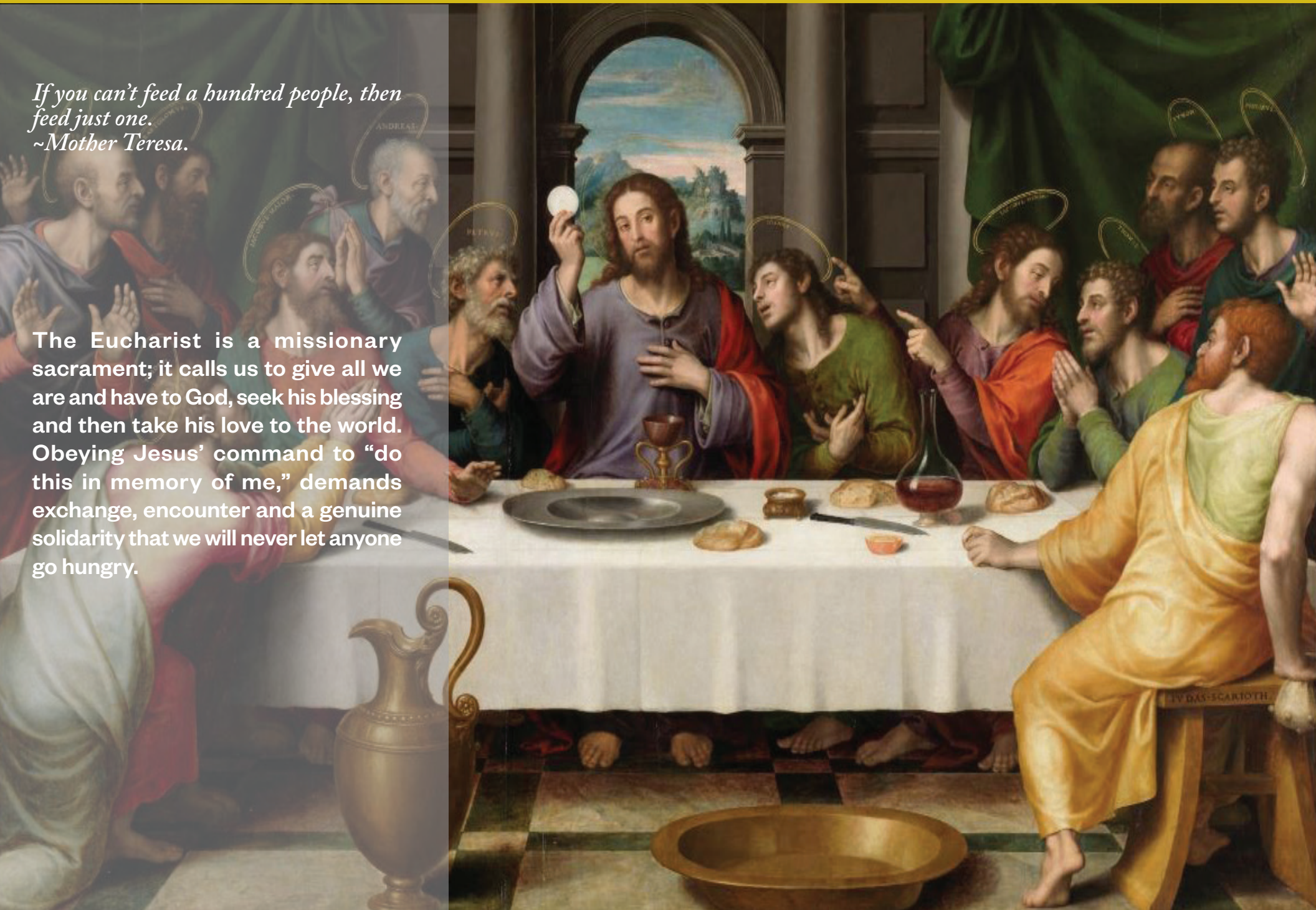
*“Rid yourselves of everything sordid and of every wicked excess,
and welcome in all humility the word that is implanted in you and is able to save your souls.
Be doers of the word and not just hearers who only deceive themselves.” - James 1:21-22*

Give me strength to break the cycle of violence by realizing that peace begins with me.



BLOOD OF CHRIST, RAISING AWARENESS OF FOOD SECURITY

*If you can't feed a hundred people, then
feed just one.*
~Mother Teresa.

The Eucharist is a missionary sacrament; it calls us to give all we are and have to God, seek his blessing and then take his love to the world. Obeying Jesus' command to "do this in memory of me," demands exchange, encounter and a genuine solidarity that we will never let anyone go hungry.



OCTOBER 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<p>October 16 - World Food Day</p> <p><i>Jesus had compassion on the crowd and would not send them away hungry. - Mark 8:2</i></p>					<p>1</p> <p>St. Theresa of the Child Jesus</p>
<p>2</p> <p>27th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>St. Francis of Assisi</p>	<p>5</p> <p>B. Francis Xavier St. Marie Faustyna Kowalska of the Blessed Sacrament</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Bl Marie-Rose Durocher St. Bruno</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Our Lady of the Rosery</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>9</p> <p>28th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Columbus Day (US) Thanksgiving (CA)</p>	<p>11</p> <p>St. John XXIII</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>St. Callistus I</p>	<p>15</p> <p>St. Teresa of Avila</p>
<p>16</p> <p>29th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>17</p> <p>St. Ignatius of Antioch</p>	<p>18</p> <p>St. Luke the Evangelist</p>	<p>19</p> <p>St. Peter of Alcantara, St. Isaac Jogues, St. John de Brébeuf</p>	<p>20</p> <p>St. Irene of Tomar St. Paul of the Cross</p>	<p>21</p> <p>St Gaspar del Bufalo</p>	<p>22</p> <p>St. John Paul II</p>
<p>23</p> <p>World Mission Sunday</p> <p>30th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>24</p> <p>St. Anthony Claret</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>St. Simon and Jude</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30</p> <p>31st Sunday in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Halloween</p>	<p><i>“The arms of Gaspar reached out continuously to give food to those unfortunate ones. He even deprived himself of breakfast and lunch - all to alleviate hunger and to give comfort in that courtyard of miracles.”</i></p> <p>Mario Spinelli, <i>No Turning Back</i>, p.20.</p>				

May we willingly share your generous provision with all who hunger and lack adequate nutrition in our own communities and across the globe.

BLOOD OF CHRIST, SAVING LIVES AND BRINGING PEACE



Let there be peace on Earth.

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. ~Ephesians 2:13-15.

The Blood of Christ has made us a one human family whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences. We are our brothers' and sisters' keepers, wherever they may be. Loving our neighbor has global dimensions in a shrinking world. At the core of the virtue of solidarity is the pursuit of justice and peace. Pope Paul VI taught that "if you want peace, work for justice." The Gospel calls us to be peacemakers. Our love for all our sisters and brothers demands that we promote peace in a world surrounded by violence and conflict.

NOVEMBER 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 All Saints Day	2 All Souls Day	3 St. Martin de Porres	4 St. Charles Borromeo	5
6 Daylight Savings Ends 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	7	8 Election Day (US)	9 Dedication of St. John Lateran	10 St. Leo the Great	11 Veteran's Day (US) Remembrance Day (CA)	12 St. Josaphat
13 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	14	15 St. Albert the Great	16 St. Margaret of Scotland St. Gertrude the Great	17 Sts. Roque Gonzáles, Alfonso Rodríguez & Juan del Castillo St. Elizabeth of Hungary	18 St. Rose Philippine Duchesne	19
20 Christ the King	21 Presentaion of Mary	22 St. Cecilia	23 Bl Miguel Agustin (CA) St. Clement I St. Columban	24 Thanksgiving (US) St. Andrew Dung Lac & Companions	25 St. Catherine of Alexandria	26
27 1st Sunday of Advent	28	29	30 St. Andrew	 November 16 International Day for Tolerance		

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.” - John 3:16

“I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.” - John 10:10

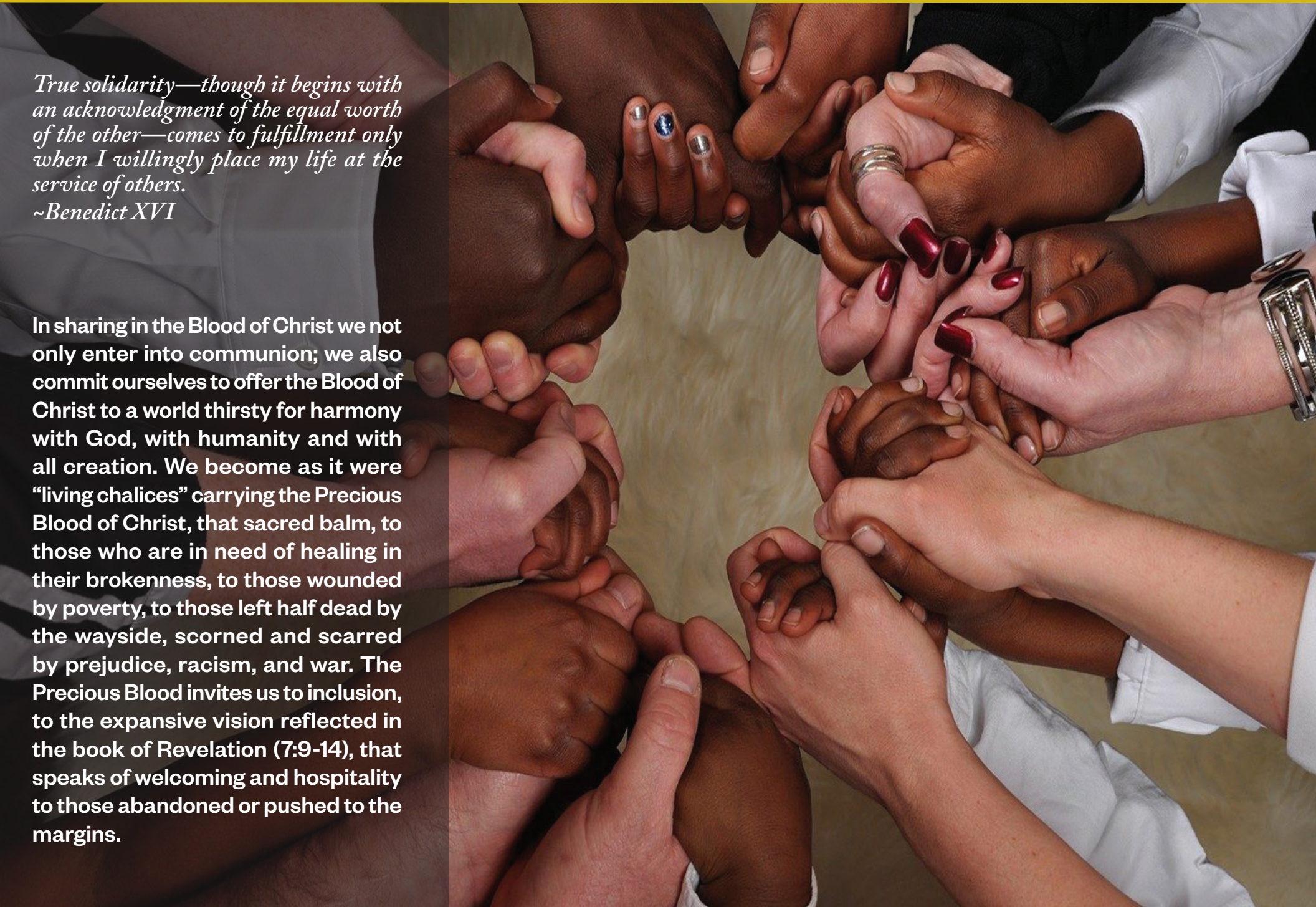
May the love of Christ impel us to see your guiding hand in leading us to forgiveness and pardon.

BLOOD OF CHRIST, SOURCE OF HUMAN SOLIDARITY

True solidarity—though it begins with an acknowledgment of the equal worth of the other—comes to fulfillment only when I willingly place my life at the service of others.

~Benedict XVI

In sharing in the Blood of Christ we not only enter into communion; we also commit ourselves to offer the Blood of Christ to a world thirsty for harmony with God, with humanity and with all creation. We become as it were “living chalices” carrying the Precious Blood of Christ, that sacred balm, to those who are in need of healing in their brokenness, to those wounded by poverty, to those left half dead by the wayside, scorned and scarred by prejudice, racism, and war. The Precious Blood invites us to inclusion, to the expansive vision reflected in the book of Revelation (7:9-14), that speaks of welcoming and hospitality to those abandoned or pushed to the margins.



DECEMBER 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 INTERNATIONAL HUMAN SOLIDARITY DAY	December 20 Internatioanl Human Solidariaty Day <i>"He made from one blood all nations who live on the earth."</i> - Acts 17:26			1	2	3 St. Frances Xavier
4 2nd Sunday of Advent	5	6 St. Nicholas	7 St. Ambrose	8 Immaculate Conception	9 St. Juan Diego	10
11 3rd Sunday of Advent	12 Our Lady of Guadalupe	13 St. Lucy	14 St. John of the Cross	15	16	17
18 4th Sunday of Advent	19	20	21 St. Peter Canisus	22	23 St. John of Kanty	24
25 Christmas	26 Boxing Day (CA) St. Stephen	27 St. John the Apostle	28 Holy Innocents	29 St. Thomas Becket	30	31 St. Sylvester I

*"For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given.
 And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."
 - Isaiah 9:6*



*May we recognize the goodness and beauty that you have sown in each of us
 and thus forge bonds of unity and shared dreams.*

MISSIONARIES OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD - ATLANTIC PROVINCE

VOCATIONS

*“The harvest is ready but the workers are few...”
(Luke 10:2)*

“One must not stand in the way of a vocation,
and, if one follows through with it,
one will succeed in it by means of prayer,
patience and humility.”
(St. Gaspar # 1640)

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*Let us pray for vocations
and encourage and support young people
to respond to God's call to serve
as priests and religious men and women.*



Shrine of St. Gaspar
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Parish Toronto

MASS ASSOCIATION

Since the Church enjoins on all the faithful the charitable obligation to pray for the living and the dead, the 4000 Perpetual Masses is an ideal way to be in association of solidarity in prayer carried out by the Unio Sanguis Christi with the approval of Pope Leo XIII in 1883. The Masses are offered by the Missionaries of the Precious Blood and the names of those enrolled are kept in the Archives of the USC.

Enrollment can be done in person at St. Alphonsus Church in Toronto, by mail sending a request at Shrine of St Gaspar 540 St Clair Ave W, Toronto ON M6C 1A4, or by phone 416-653-4486. The donation is \$25.00 plus \$4.00 for mailing the certificate of registration which will be issued.

You may also access the website - preciousbloodatlantic.org - click on Donations for more choices, like requesting a single Massa, a Mass Association or make a donation for spreading the spirituality of the Precious Blood or the work of the Missionaries by completing all the required fields.

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MEMORARE TO OUR LADY OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD

Our Lady of the Precious Blood



*O Mother of Jesus Crucified,
unite my prayers with yours,
obtain for me the merciful bounty
of the Divine Blood.*

Remember, O Lady of the Precious Blood,
the sorrowful sheddings of the Blood of your son, Jesus
and the most bitter tears that you mingle with His Redeeming Blood.
In the name of the Blood of the Victim of Reparation
and of your holy tears;
in the name of the seven swords which pierced your heart,
by which you became the Mediatrix of all graces for the human race
and the Queen of Martyrs, have pity on my soul and on all its miseries...
have pity on the poor, the sick, the infirm,
on all their sufferings, both physical and moral;
have pity on the agonizing,
especially upon those who, except for your intercession,
would leave this world without being purified in the Blood of the Lamb.
It is by the Blood of thy Dying Son, by His inexpressible Sufferings,
by His last plea to His Father in favor of mankind,
by His ignominious Death
and by the perpetuation of His Sacrifice on Catholic Altars,
that I beg thee not to reject my supplications, but graciously hear them.
Amen.