

# PRECIOUS BLOOD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## MASSES

Saturday: 6:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 8:00 & 11:30 a.m.  
4:00 p.m. (Spanish)  
Daily: 8:30 a.m.  
Holy Days: 8:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday: 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

## PARISH STAFF

Rev. Anselme Malonda-Nkuanga, CICM....Pastor  
Ramon Tirado.....Deacon  
Kathy Semerling..... Business Manager  
Hannah Masson.....Director of Music  
Patricia Reed.....Dir. of Religious Education  
Miriam Medina.....Dir. of Liturgy/Hispanic Liaison  
Danielle Gambale-Metz.....Office Staff-Notary  
Theresa Watson.....Choir Director  
John Flemming.....Heritage Choir Director  
Julie Dawley.....Director of R.C.I.A.  
Mary Flemming.....Coordinator of Youth Ministry  
Jim Oliver.....Principal, Epiphany School  
Barbara Terry.....Director, Epiphany Pre-School  
Anne Schuyler.....Business Manager, Epiphany School

## REGISTRATION

A warm welcome is extended to new parishioners. New members can register with the parish office during office hours. Registration forms are also available in the Church vestibule and can be dropped in the collection basket during Mass. Parish registration is required for reception of the Sacraments (Baptism, Confirmation and Matrimony) and letters of eligibility to serve as Godparent or sponsor.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Is available on Wednesdays 6:30-8:00 pm and Saturdays 4:00 to 5:30 and any other time upon request.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Registered parishioners who are requesting baptism for their child should contact the parish office to sign up for the required pre-baptismal classes.

## SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

is celebrated after a period of preparation of not less than six months. Registered parishioners who wish to marry at Precious Blood should contact the parish for arrangements.

## CCD CLASSES

540-825-1339

Sunday: 9:30-10:45 a.m. (K-12)

## Epiphany Catholic School 540-825-9017

1211 E. Grandview Ave.

Culpeper, VA 22701

Preschool: 3 & 4 year olds

Elementary K-5

Middle School: 6-8

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February 7, 2016

“Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time”

## Mass Readings and Intentions for the Week

**Sun. Feb 7**

**8:00 AM Stacey Schill (healing)**

**11:30 AM Robert Lohr (healing)**

**4:00 PM For the People**

**Mon. Feb 8 (+) John Hopkins**

Readings: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Mk 6:53-56

**Tues. Feb 9 Mary Lou Gustin (birthday)**

Readings: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-13

**Wed. Feb 10 Sarah Peltier (birthday)**

Readings: Jl 2:12-18/ 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thurs. Feb 11 Danielle Gambale-Metz (healing)**

Readings: Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25

**Fri. Feb 12 Joe Duffy (healing)**

Readings: Is 58:1-9; Mt 9:14-15

**Sat. Feb 13**

Readings: Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32

**8:30 AM Jim Minihan (healing)**

**6:00 PM (+) John Magon**

## LORD HEAR THE PRAYER FOR

### OUR SICK

Especially: Janice Ambrose, Brian Alexander, Hector Baez, Trudy Baker, Michael Baudham, Ric Barklund, Mike Bosma, Joyce Bosworth, Josephine Borst, Maria Auxiliadora Caldera, Diane Clark, Bill Daley, Cynthia Davies, Isaias Estrada, Janice Esswein, Tina Franks, Danielle Gambale-Metz, Alex Green, Sandy Hall, Alex Hyde, Jim Hyde, Brissa LaMatta, Mary Larson, Luciana LaMatta, Jean Landon, Peg Logan, Clelia Lopez-Garcia, Vita McCall, Jennifer McCloud, Paola Maartens, Ana Magana, Miriam Medina, Phillip Leo Mercer, Jim Minihan, Beth Moreland, Mary Neureither, Shawn Peet, Ariel Perez-Young, Irene Perez-Young, Gia Quiroz, Betty Powers, Donald Rediske, Max Rosado, Lorain Smith, Ron Therien, Jay Way, Tootie and Ted White and for all those who ask for our prayers and wish to remain anonymous. May they feel God's protective hand and return to good health. **Call the rectory if you want a name to remain after six weeks.**



## **Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **"Stretching our Limits"**

**Reading I** Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8 (call of Isaiah)

**Reading II** 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 (Christ's resurrection)

**Gospel** Luke 5:1b-11 (call of the first disciples)

**Key Passage** Simon Peter fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." (Luke 5:8, 10b)

**Adult** When have you felt inadequate to a task or role you were given? How did you respond?

**Child** When have you been asked to do something you felt might be too hard for you? What did you do?

**ALL** Bulletin inserts please email:  
[bulletin@preciousbloodcatholicchurch.com](mailto:bulletin@preciousbloodcatholicchurch.com)

**Deadline is 3:30pm on Monday before.**

*"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?' 'Here I am,' I said, 'send me!'" (ISAIAH 6:8)*

Every day – in little ways and in big ways – God asks, "Whom shall I send?" Whether it is someone to take on a new ministry or just someone to open a door for a stranger, God constantly provides doors of opportunity. The next time you hear God calling, have the courage to walk through the door and say "Here I am, Lord."

### **OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

2/1 Collections	\$14,117.97
Epiphany	\$78.90
Building Fund	\$328.90
Latin America	\$1,321.67
Total January Collection	\$57,925.00
Goal for January Collection	\$58,750.00

Reminder: When giving money to support our parish, please remember that despite the snow days, our budget remains the same. Thank you!

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK:** Fr. Anselme visits Culpeper Hospital twice a week on Tuesday and Friday. Please notify the rectory if you wish to have someone visited. Arrangements should also be made with the rectory for an Extra-ordinary Minister to bring Holy Communion to shut-ins on a regular basis. Emergency sick calls can be arranged at any time.

**FAITH DIRECT** Start off the year by signing up with Faith Direct to support Precious Blood Parish both you and our parish can more easily project your future contributions more accurately. You can sign up online at [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) using our church code: **VA226**, or by mailing a paper enrollment form available in the parish office.

## THIS WEEK AT PRECIOUS BLOOD



**MUSIC MINISTRY** Beginning and continuing through Lent, we will be singing the latin mass parts beginning with #850 in the music issue. At mass we are encouraged to sing in the vernacular for the benefit & edification of the people and we are also encouraged to know how to sing at least some parts of the Ordinary of the Mass in Latin "since the faithful from different countries come together ever more frequently." (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*).

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION** Next session is Sunday, **Feb. 14**, and begins the special 4-part series, ***A Biblical Walk Through the Mass***. In this video-based series, Dr. Edward Sri takes participants on an exciting tour of the Liturgy as he explores the biblical roots of the words and gestures we experience at Mass and explains their profound significance. Learn, perhaps for the first time, *why* we say what we say and do what we do at Mass. Our words and gestures will be seen in a new light, leading to a richer, more fruitful worship experience. All adults, especially parents of CCD students, are encouraged to attend on Sundays from **9:40-10:40 am** in the Parish Hall.

**SAINT STEPHEN'S FOOD CLOSET** This week's needs are chicken & chicken helper, single serving microwave meals, tuna salad snack kit, juice boxes, and plastic bags.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** Second collections will be: **Today**, for the Diocesan Newspaper; **Feb. 10th**, Ash Wednesday, for Aid to the Church in Central And Eastern Europe; and **Feb. 14th**, for the Black and Indian Missions.

**THE CATHOLIC HERALD TURNS 40** February is Catholic Press Month! Start or renew your subscription for \$24 a year to the only inspiring, relevant and reliable source of Catholic news in our diverse diocese. In its 40th year, the Catholic Herald weekly newspaper goes to nearly 70,000 homes, and catholicerald.com has been online for 20 years. If you are not getting the Herald and would like to receive it, or if you are receiving it and don't want it, please contact the office.

**HOLY SPIRIT INTERACTIVE (HSI)** Next meeting will be Wednesday, **Feb. 10**, at **8:00 pm** (after 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Mass) at Todd Brown's new office (309 N. Main Street, right across Edmondson St. from our church). In this talk on *Calloused Hearts*, Aneel Aranha speaks about Jesus' words in Matthew 13:10-13. It will move and change you. All are welcome.



**MARDI GRAS FUND RAISER THIS WEEKEND!** Sponsored by the Altar Society. You are invited to our annual Mardi Gras brunch in the Parish Hall between the Masses on Sunday 2/7! Fresh baked goods, super bowl snacks, and two super Mardi Gras basket raffle-drawings after all the Masses!

**CONFIRMATION MEETING** **February 8th at 7 PM - 9 PM** in the Parish Hall - This meeting is **only** for year 2 Confirmandi being confirmed on May 22, 2016. This is for parents and students of teachers **Bessette, Toner and Epiphany 8th graders ONLY**.

**2016 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL BEGINS!** This weekend every family in our parish will be asked to complete a Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA) pledge form at Mass. If you have already donated through the mail or online or are not able to participate, there will be places to note that on the form. After reflecting upon the many blessings that God has given you, please prayerfully consider making a pledge of support to this important appeal that funds many programs, offices and ministries that serve people in need and further Jesus' Mission in our diocese.

**PARKING** Parishioners may park in the Brown Harris lot on **Saturday Evenings and Sunday during Mass times only**. Please do not park at any other time. This is a place of business and they are very gracious to allow us to park on the weekends.

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION INCLEMENT WEATHER INFORMATION** If Culpeper County Schools close because of inclement weather there will be NO adoration that day. If schools are delayed Adoration will start on time or at Father's discretion. If schools close early, Adoration will end early at Father's discretion.

**IGNATIAN PRAYER GROUP** The Ignatian Prayer Group will begin a new series from Father James Kubicki, S.J., "Talking with God: Lessons about Prayer", on Wed., Feb. 3. We meet on **Wednesdays** at Precious Blood Catholic Church from **9:30 to 10:30 a.m.** All are welcome.

**PARISH DIRECTORIES** Due to snow, printing was delayed, and we now expect directories by the end of February.

The Lord never tires  
of forgiving, it is we  
who tire of asking for  
forgiveness.

Pope Francis



**LIVING STATIONS** The Living Stations of the Cross will be presented on **Friday, March 18, 2016**. Interested youth in grades 5-12 may participate as actors or singers. VIRTUS compliant adults are needed as volunteers. Rehearsals begin on **Friday, February 12** following Stations of the Cross. This year's Living Stations will feature the Stations of the Cross through the eyes of St. Faustina, The Apostle and Secretary of Divine Mercy. Youth Grades 6 to 12, please join us **Sunday, Feb. 7 from 6:00pm to 8:00 pm** in the Annex for our RADIX gathering and overview of our new script. CONTACT: Mary Flemming, Coordinator of Youth Ministry for more information at (540) 522-9254 or [MaryPBCCYouthMinistry@yahoo.com](mailto:MaryPBCCYouthMinistry@yahoo.com).

**RESPECT LIFE POSTER AND ESSAY CONTEST** Due to our epic snow storm our contest deadline has been extended until **Sunday, February 14**. See enclosed flyer for details.



National Catholic Schools Week is a reminder to me of how blessed I am to be the Principal of Epiphany Catholic School. I am grateful for the dedication and commitment of our teachers, staff, PTO board members, parents and volunteers who make our school a success. They help keep our star shining brightly! This year's National Catholic Schools Week theme was based on community: "Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service." The theme highlighted the fact that not only is our school a community; it is also part of many other communities, including families, parishes, and the town of Culpeper. We had a wonderful week of celebration despite a few weather hiccups. The main focus this week was faith development, academic excellence and dedication to service. These elements set Catholic schools apart from other educational options. They are why families make sacrifices to provide a Catholic education for their children. As mentioned at last Sunday's mass, now is the time to strongly think of placing your child in a school rich in catholic formation. Enrollment information below can begin the process. Slots are filling up quickly.

Epiphany is accepting applications for admission in classes preschool through 8th grade. This is a "closed" registration for all currently enrolled students and parish families, with an application deadline of **Monday, February 29**. After that date, available space is filled on a first come, first served basis. Tuition Assistance is available for qualifying families. If applying for Tuition Assistance, please be aware that SMART Tuition Aid is now providing that service for the Diocese. Visit our school website ([www.epiphanycatholicsschool.org](http://www.epiphanycatholicsschool.org)) for a link to SMART AID and for application information. The deadline for applying for assistance is Friday, March 4. Don't forget to refer family and friends to Epiphany! Contact the school office @ **825-9017** to schedule a tour and/or to receive application information.

### **AROUND THE DIOCESE/VIRGINIA**

**LENTEN RETREAT** The LaSalette Community will be hosting its annual Lenten Recollection on **February 20** at St. Mary of Sorrows Church, 5222 Sideburn Road, Fairfax from 9:15-1:30. The Recollection will begin with the 9:15 Mass followed by a Lenten Reflection by the Reverend Anthony J. Pinizzotto, OSFS in the upper room from 10-12 at the Worship Center. Please bring a bag lunch. The LaSalette Novena will follow the program. Info **(703)764-0243**.

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER** Bring the Holy Spirit into your marriage. The next W.M.E. Weekends are on **19-21 Feb** in Herndon or **22-24 Apr** in Fredericksburg. For more information or to apply, at [www.renewmarriage-vanorth.org](http://www.renewmarriage-vanorth.org)

**REBUILDING PROGRAM** Separated? Divorced? Widowed??? The Rebuilding Program sponsored by the Arlington Diocese Office for Family Life helps people of all faiths who are separated, divorced, or widowed and want to move on with their lives. The nine week program starts **Sunday, February 21st** and meets Sunday evenings 5:30 - 8:00 PM at the St. Martin De Porres Center in Alexandria. Topics include adaptation, grief, anger, self-worth, openness, love, and relatedness. For more information email [facilitator@copingrebuilding.com](mailto:facilitator@copingrebuilding.com), visit us on the web at <http://www.copingrebuilding.com> or call us at **703-596-2673**.

**FAITHBOOKING RETREAT** Would you like to leave behind a testimony of your faith for your loved ones? Come experience a weekend of quiet reflection on how God has worked in your life and create a keepsake preserving those moments. The retreat will take place **April 1-3, 2016** San Damiano Spiritual Retreat Center, White Post, Virginia. For more information and registration details, please contact: [kiko.colleen@gmail.com](mailto:kiko.colleen@gmail.com).



# YEAR OF MERCY

As we continue to celebrate the Year of Mercy we will spend some time reflecting on two very important encyclicals; *Dives Misericordia* (The Mercy of God) by St. Pope John Paul II and *Misericordiae Vultus* (The Face of Mercy) by Pope Francis.

*Dives Misericordia* was written in the third year of Pope John Paul II's pontificate. It was signed November 1980. In this encyclical, the Holy Father addresses the theme of divine mercy, with the hope that this document may be "a heartfelt appeal by the Church to mercy, which humanity and the modern world need so much." He underlines that God's merciful love is his "most stupendous attribute", stronger than all the evil there is in the world.

Likewise, he recalls that **mercy does not humiliate man, but gives him new value**. The encyclical is divided into eight chapters: "He Who Sees Me Sees the Father," "The Messianic Message," "The Old Testament," "The Parable of the Prodigal Son," "The Paschal Mystery," "Mercy...From Generation to Generation," "The Mercy of God in the Mission of the Church" and "The Prayer of the Church in Our Times."

## 1. He Who Sees Me Sees the Father

The present-day mentality, more perhaps than that of people in the past, seems opposed to a God of mercy, and in fact tends to exclude from life and to remove from the human heart the very idea of mercy. The word and the concept of "mercy" seem to cause uneasiness in man, who, thanks to the enormous development of science and technology, never before known in history, has become the master of the earth and has subdued and dominated it. This dominion over the earth, sometimes understood in a one - sided and superficial way, seems to have no room for mercy.

Through Christ's revelation, "we know God especially in his relationship of love towards man" and particularly, in his mercy, which Christ himself personifies: "He himself, in a certain sense, is mercy."

The truth, revealed in Christ, about God the Father of mercies, enables us to see him as particularly close to man, especially when man is suffering, when he is under threat at the very heart of his existence and dignity.

## 2. The Messianic Message

On the basis of this way of manifesting the presence of God who is Father, love and mercy, **Jesus makes mercy one of the principal themes of His preaching**. As is His custom, He first teaches "in parables," since these express better the very essence of things. It is sufficient to recall the parable of the prodigal son, or the parable of the Good Samaritan, but also - by contrast - the parable of the merciless servant. There are many passages in the teaching of Christ that manifest love-mercy under some ever-fresh aspect. We need only consider the Good Shepherd who goes in search of the lost sheep, or the woman who sweeps the house in search of the lost coin. The Gospel writer who particularly treats of these themes in Christ's teaching is Luke, whose Gospel has earned the title of "the Gospel of mercy."

We must note that Christ, in **revealing the love - mercy of God**, at the same time **demanding from people that they also should be guided in their lives by love and mercy**. This requirement forms part of the very essence of the messianic message, and constitutes the heart of the Gospel ethos. The Teacher expresses this both through the medium of the commandment which He describes as "the greatest," and also in the form of a blessing, when in the Sermon on the Mount He proclaims: "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy."