

# PRECIOUS BLOOD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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*Hosanna*  
*to the Son of David*



*Blessed  
is he  
who comes  
in the name  
of the Lord!*

*Matthew 21:7-9*

*Hosanna  
in the  
highest!*

April 9, 2017

Palm Sunday of The Passion of The Lord

## Mass Readings and Intentions for the Week

### **Sun. April 9 PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

Readings: Mt.21:1-11; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mt. 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54

**8:30AM Fr. Anselme**

**10:00AM Jeff Metz (birthday blessings)**

**11:30AM George M. Connell (+)**

**2:00 PM for the people**

**4:00PM DeeDee and Jim Kanney (special intentions)**

### **Mon. April 10**

Readings: Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11

**8:30 AM Sam Aitken (final perseverance)**

**7:00 PM Fr Anselme (special intentions)**

### **Tues. April 11**

Readings: Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

**8:30 AM Gina Nichols (birthday blessings)**

**7:00PM Harrison Carter Cole (+)**

### **Wed. April 12**

Readings: Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25

**8:30 AM Jocin and Jocinta Davies (+)**

**7:00 PM Dr. Maybach and office staff (special intentions)**

### **Thurs. April 13 (Holy Thursday)**

Readings: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Rv 1:5-8/ Lk 4:16-21; Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

**7:00PM Daniel and Morgan Evans and family (special intentions)**

### **Fri. April 14 Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)**

Readings: Is 52:13-53:12; Hb 4:14-16; 5:7-9 Jn 18:1-19:42

**3:00 PM For all of our priests**

**7:00 PM Huschel Settle and family (special intentions)**

### **Sat. April 15 Easter Vigil**

Readings: Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1,26-31a; Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ex 14:15-15:1/Is 54:5-14/Is 55:1-11/Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Rom 6:3-11/Mt 28:1-10

**8:30PM Elizabeth Fyrberg (+)**

## LORD HEAR THE PRAYER FOR OUR SICK

Especially: Sam

Aitken, Brian Alexander, Janice Ambrose, Hector Baez, Trudy Baker, Mike Bosma, Joyce Bosworth, Jim Byrne, Kriss Cordero, Bill Daley, Cynthia Davies, Arnold French, Danielle Gambale-Metz, R.C. Garcia, Bill Goetz, April Hair, Richard Hall, Alex Hyde, Freda Kratochvil, Peg Logan, Martin Luna, Ana Magana, Jeff Metz, Beth Moreland, Mary Neureither, Barbara Noonan, Jim Oliver, Cornelia Slabe Paczkowski, Shawn Peet, Elizabeth Pycha, Gia Quiroz, Alice Schorr, Jerene Thomas, Mae Traversari, Cheryl Weagle, Jack Zaleski, 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.

*"As they were marching out, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name; this man they pressed into service to carry his cross." MATTHEW 27:32*



The Lord calls us to love God and to love our neighbor. Every day we are presented with opportunities to love our neighbor and help him "carry his cross". These opportunities aren't usually big events, they are usually ordinary occurrences like helping someone carry their groceries or holding the door open for them. The key is putting the other person's needs before our own and not expecting anything in return

## OBEDIENCE AND HUMILITY

Processional Gospel Matthew 21:1-11 (triumphal entry into Jerusalem)

Reading I Isaiah 50:4-7 (salvation only through the Lord's servant)

Reading II Philippians 2:6-11 (imitating Christ's humility)

Gospel Matthew 26:14-27:66 (passion of Jesus)

Key Passage Jesus emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death-even death on a cross. (Philippians 2:7-8)

Adult: We are called to die to ourselves in love for others. How do you live that in your own life?

Child: How do you allow Jesus to live in your heart?

## OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Sunday 4/02/17 collections	\$12,041.97
Building fund	\$ 1,017.00
Epiphany	\$ 604.00
Catholic Herald to date:	\$3,424.89
(Total Parish cost of Herald \$11,688.00)	

BLA to date: 349/1237 family pledges	\$124,603.00
(BLA goal is \$120,000, (we are at 104%))	

THANK YOU TO ALL!

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: If you would like one of the priests to visit someone who is sick, please notify the rectory. Arrangements should also be made with the rectory for an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion to bring the Eucharist to shut-ins on a regular basis. Emergency sick calls can be arranged at any time.

**THIS WEEK AT PRECIOUS BLOOD:**  
**HOLY WEEK: JOURNEY TOGETHER**

◆ **MONDAY (4/10) AND TUESDAY (4/11):**

*Masses: 8:30 AM AND 7:00 PM*

◆ **WEDNESDAY (4/12):**

*CONFESSIONS 6:30PM-6:50PM; 7:30PM as needed*

*Masses: 8:30 AM AND 7:00 PM*

◆ **HOLY THURSDAY (4/13):**

**(bring in RICE BOWLS)**

*8:30 AM Morning prayer and Office of the Readings*

*You are invited to attend the CHRISM MASS  
at the Cathedral, 10:30 AM*

*Mass of the Lord's Supper and washing of the feet, 7:00 PM*

*With Altar of Repose exposition until 11:00 PM*

◆ **GOOD FRIDAY (4/14):**

*8:30 AM Morning Prayer and Office of the Readings*

*12noon Liturgy of the Hours*

*1:00 PM Rosary*

*2:00 Divine Mercy Chaplet*

*Confessions on-going 12noon to 3:00pm*

*3:00 PM the Liturgy of the Lord's Passion (English) including  
veneration of the cross*

*7:00 PM Liturgy of the Lord's Passion (Spanish) including  
veneration of the cross*

◆ **HOLY SATURDAY (4/15)**

*8:30 AM Morning Prayer and Office of Readings*

*Confessions 3:30 PM-4:30 PM, longer if needed*

**EASTER VIGIL:**

*All begin outside with the blessing of the fire and preparation of  
the paschal candle at 8:30 PM. The Celebration will last about  
2 1/2 hours followed by a reception for the new members of the  
Catholic Church in the parish hall! All are welcome!*

◆ **EASTER SUNDAY (4/16)**

*MASS TIMES: 8:30AM, 10:00AM, 11:30AM (English)*

*2:00PM, 4:00PM (Spanish)*

**YOUTH GROUP** : Thank you to all the youth and Fr. Moretti for the hard work put into the wonderful *Living Stations* presentation. **UPCOMING EVENT: BASH** is the diocese's largest gathering of Catholic middle school students (6th-8th graders) every year! This event is a celebration of our Catholic faith and love of the Lord. Come gather for an evening of faith, fellowship, and fun! **WHEN:** Saturday, April 29, 3:30-9:00PM; **WHERE:** St. John Paul the Great High School, Dumfries, VA; **COST:** \$10.00 per participant (youth and adults), which includes all the great entertainment above, dinner, and snacks. **HOW TO SIGN UP:** Young people that want to participate must sign up through their parish; permission slips available in the office! Contact Fr. Moretti for more details: memoretti1958@gmail.com.

**ST. JOHN PAUL II LIBRARY : DID YOU KNOW? —** our church library has *many original documents* of the Church from the Vatican itself? **VISITING HOURS Sun-11:15-1:00; Wed-9:30-3:00; Thurs-12:00-1:30 and Sat.-2:30-4:30.**

**EPIPHANY WILL BE HOSTING THEIR ANNUAL SPRING/SUMMER consignment sale:** Friday, April 28th and Saturday, April 29th. If you are interested in being a consignor, please visit us at [www.epiphanycatholicsschool.org/consignment-sale](http://www.epiphanycatholicsschool.org/consignment-sale) or email [consignmentsale@epiphanycatholicsschool.org](mailto:consignmentsale@epiphanycatholicsschool.org)

**MONTHLY DINNER & TALK NIGHT: Islam and Christianity: What We Learned Living 13 years in Saudi Arabia** By Steve and Linda Hemler. This multimedia presentation explores key similarities and differences between Islam and Christianity. Several of Steve and Linda's personal observations of Arab cultural practices are discussed, including the status of women. **Saturday, May 6th, in the Parish Hall 6:00PM** (after the 5:00PM Mass). Dinner with a Mediterranean theme will be available with proceeds going to help send our youth to WorkCamp2017.

**MUSIC MINISTRY: Today we sing "Hosanna"** as we welcome the King coming into our midst just as the Israelites welcomed Christ into Jerusalem. We also sing "Holy, holy, holy" or "Sanctus" at each mass right before our King comes into our midst in the Eucharist after exhortations by the priest to "join all the angels and saints in singing ..." In Scripture, though, we hear that the Lord's greatness was such that the angels themselves covered their eyes out of reverence and Isaiah felt doomed by his own sinfulness (see *Isaiah 6:3 & Rev. 4:8*) May our Hosannas be filled with the same reverence and awe as to be worthy of joining in with the angels and saints.

**ST. STEPHEN'S FOOD CLOSET:** This week the pantry needs are: rice and pasta side dishes, canned chunky soups, and canned pineapple. Thanks so much!

**THE CULPEPER WINTER HEAT SHELTER & CULPEPER HOUSING AND SOCIAL SERVICES**

(both serving the homeless in our community): are hosting a fundraiser. The fundraiser will be held at Prince Michel Winery, April 27, 6-8PM. The \$50/person ticket will provide entrance into the event, a complimentary glass of wine, hot and cold hors d'oeuvres and chocolates galore! We are in need of donations for our silent auction. Should anyone have a time-share they would like to donate for a week or weekend, a place in the mountains, an hour plane ride from Culpeper for a party of 2? **For tickets and/or to discuss a silent auction donation, please contact Jill Devine at 513-256-5677.** All tickets and donations are tax deductible.

**LADIES AUXILIARY OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** Monthly meeting is Tuesday, April 11, at 11:00 AM in the Parish Hall. K of C wives are invited to attend.

**THE PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION:** Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. It also helps preserve the sacred shrines. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. This collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. You become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land with your offering! **PLEASE BE GENEROUS!**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO:** Maria Ruiz, Erika Juarez, Yuli Roblero, Mirian Cajas, Juana Chavez, Verenice Llamas, Mirella Privado, Betty Caballero, Elsa Hernandez completing *the First Year of English as a Second Language Course!*

## AROUND THE DIOCESE/VIRGINIA

**THE BISHOP'S INITIATIVE ON MARRIAGE:** "The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced;" Enjoy the help of God in making your good marriage better by participating in a WorldWide Marriage Encounter weekend. The next weekends are: Sep 15-17, 2017 in Herndon, VA and Apr 21-23, 2017 in Gaithersburg, MD. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: [RenewMarriage-VANorth.org](http://RenewMarriage-VANorth.org) or contact us: [wmandbethnickles@hotmail.com](mailto:wmandbethnickles@hotmail.com) > [applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org](mailto:applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org) or 703-646-1521.



*Worldwide Marriage Encounter*

**VOCATIONS** "Blessed are they who come in the Name of the Lord!" Are you being called to proclaim Jesus as a priest, deacon, religious brother or sister? Call Father J.D. Jaffe at (703) 841-2514 or write: [j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org).



**WORSHIP AND PRAYER:** "Pray constantly" (1 Thess. 5:17)

The mission of the Office of Sacred Liturgy is to aid in fostering the proper understanding and celebration of the liturgy among the People of God of the Catholic Diocese of Arlington, especially through pastoral-liturgical development, formation and education. The Office serves also as a resource for the clergy and laity of the Diocese in matters concerning the proper planning and celebration of the sacraments and other liturgical rites of the Church. God continually draws all persons to Himself, and we respond to this call through public worship and personal prayer. In the life of the Church, prayer (both public and private) expresses our adoration, thanksgiving, petition and contrition before God and unites us to Him in a bond of love, a vital and personal relationship with the Holy Trinity.

**Visit:** <http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/Worship-and-Prayer/>

**MAKE A DIFFERENCE! WALK FOR LIFE** on Saturday, April 29th, at 8:30 AM! Help women choose life for their babies! Don't miss this fun family event benefitting The Pregnancy Centers of Central VA. Details for the event can be found on the sponsor forms in the back of the church or at [iWalk4lifeVA.org](http://iWalk4lifeVA.org). The easy 1.5 mile walk will start and end at the Culpeper Baptist Church on West Street. Questions? Please contact The Pregnancy Center at : 540-727-0800.

**YOUNG ADULT RETREAT WEEKEND:** Friday, May 12, 2017; All Young Adults ( ages 21-39) are invited to the 2017 Young Adult Retreat starting on Friday, May 12th and ending on Sunday, May 14th. The retreat will be led by Fr. Mark Baron, Prefect of Students for the Marians of the Immaculate Conception. The title of this years retreat is: "100 Years of Our Lady of Fatima: what the Mother of God teaches us about following Her Son." The retreat will be held at San Damiano Spiritual Life Center. Registration is open. Cost for the weekend includes your private room & all meals for the weekend. **After the 4/9, Registration is \$290. The Registration deadline is the May 9th.** If you have any questions, please email Brendan Gotta at [B.Gotta@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:B.Gotta@arlingtondiocese.org) or call (703)-841-2549.

**JOIN FAITH DIRECT:** *Fast. Pray. Give up your Envelopes!* As Christians we are called to renew our spiritual practices like fasting, praying and almsgiving. Almsgiving encourages us to express gratitude for all that God has given us by charitably giving some away. You are invited to embrace a new practice this Lenten season that will provide Precious Blood Church with consistent support and also simplify your giving. Our parish will also save money by eliminating the wasteful envelopes that go unused by so many. Please contact: <https://www.faithdirect.net/> ; Parish code: VA226; they will walk you through the simple process!

**PRO-LIFE CORNER:** . The real question today is not when human life begins, but what is the value of human life? When people devalue any one Life, they devalue all Life. If you believe Life is sacred, you must also believe unnecessary killing is sacrilege. Pray/work to stop the pro-death forces today.

Dear Parishioners,

We begin Holy Week this weekend. Lent will end on Holy Thursday evening, and then we begin the "three great days", called the Triduum (from Latin), leading up to our greatest feast day of the year, the Resurrection of our Lord (beginning with the Easter Vigil.) I would like to encourage you to participate in as many of the liturgies during this week as you can.

We will have the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday at 7 PM, followed by prayer with the Blessed Sacrament at the Altar of Repose till 11 PM.

On Good Friday, the Church never celebrates Mass, but we will have Morning Prayer and the Office of Readings at 8:30 AM, Daytime Prayer at 12 noon, the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary at 1 PM, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 2 PM, and the Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion (the most important Liturgy of Good Friday, with Communion) at 3 PM. During those three hours (12 noon to 3 PM) there will be a priest in the confessional offering the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

On Holy Saturday we will also have Morning Prayer and the Office of Readings at 8:30 AM (the Church does not celebrate Mass on the morning of Holy Saturday). Then beginning at 8:30 PM, we will have the most important Liturgy of the entire liturgical year: the Easter Vigil. Once the sun goes down, liturgically, (following the Jewish understanding of time) Holy Saturday is over. (In the Liturgy we do not follow the Roman understanding of time, that a day is over at 12 midnight.) We know that Christ rose some time during the night, after the sun went down, and before it came up on Easter Sunday morning. And so we begin the vigil in the darkness to celebrate the light of Christ, and bless the fire that will light the Easter candle. After a substantial banquet of the Word of God, our catechumens will be baptized, and then they, and those being received in to full Communion with us, will be confirmed and receive the Eucharist for the first time in the Catholic Church.

The Easter Vigil is the greatest liturgy of the Church; in a sense, many other liturgies are patterned after it (Baptisms, Masses, funerals, Confirmations, First Communions). I am always surprised to hear some Catholics (even lifelong ones) tell me that they have never been to an Easter Vigil. I would like to encourage you to come to the Easter Vigil, especially if you have never been to one before.

In addition to our regularly scheduled Masses, we will be adding a 10 AM Mass (in English) and a 4 PM Mass (in Spanish) for Easter Sunday. You may want to come to these Masses if you want to avoid the large crowds and the tight parking.

I'd like to thank those who have pledged to the Bishop's Lenten Appeal. Our assigned goal is \$120,000, and parishioners have pledged \$124,603 so far, or 104% of our goal with 28% of parishioners participating. Thank you for having helped us reach our goal.

And thank you also to all of those who have brought food by the rectory; your kindness is greatly appreciated.

God bless,  
Fr. Kevin



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Elementary :K-5

Middle School: 6-8

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It has been a busy week at Epiphany Catholic School! Our boys lacrosse team traveled to Wakefield Country Day School on Tuesday and hosted Grymes Memorial School on

Thursday. Our girls lacrosse team played Walker Grant Middle School on Thursday. We all enjoy watching our students participate in our wonderful sports programs! Our preschoolers did a fantastic job at their annual Nursery Rhyme Show. This annual event is a favorite for young and old alike. We never know what our youngest students will do to entertain the crowd! Epiphany students and families were honored to be part of the Community Way of the Cross on Saturday. We are proud of our Epiphany parent, Dr. Michael Watts, for all of his hard work to coordinate this event. We are all truly blessed!