

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 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 old

Elementary K-5

Middle School: 6-8

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www.epiphanycatholicsschool.org

November 29, 2015

“First Sunday of Advent.”

Mass Readings and Intentions for the Week

Sun. Nov. 29

8:00 AM + Jim Driscoll
11:30 AM + Richard Rose
4:00 PM Rosalina Rodriguez

Mon. Nov. 30 Susan Kahn (healing)

Readings: Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22

Tues. Dec 1 Antoinette Stevens (healing)

Readings: Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

Wed. Dec 2 Gia Quiroz (healing)

Readings: Is 25:6-10; Mt 15:29-37

Thurs. Dec 3 Kelli Robertson (healing)

Readings: Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Fri. Dec 4 (+) Gail Wheeler

Readings: Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31

Sat. Dec 5

Readings: Is 30: 19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35-10:1,5,6-8

8:30 AM (+) Helen Craven

6:00 PM (+) Mr. and Mrs. Peruch

First Sunday of Advent

“The Habit of Prayer”

Reading I Jeremiah 33:14-16 (restoration of Jerusalem)

Reading II 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2 (plea for growth in holiness)

Gospel Luke 21:25-28, 34-36 (coming of the Son of Man)

Key Passage Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.

Adult What have been the strengths of your prayer life?

Child What prayers will you say each day and each week during Advent?

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.

LORD HEAR THE PRAYER FOR

OUR SICK Especially: Janice

Ambrose, Brian Alexander, Ric Barklund, Mike Bosma, Joyce Bosworth, Josephine Borst, Diane Clark, Stathie Cuccherini, Bill Daley, Cynthia Davies, Alex Green, Richard Hall, the Holmes family, Alex Hyde, Jim Hyde, Brissa LaMatta, Mary Larson, Luciana LaMatta, Jean Landon, Peg Logan, Clelia Lopez-Garcia, Paola Maartens, Ana Magana, Frank McPhillips, Phillip Leo Mercer, Jim Minihan, Mary Neureither, Barbara Noonan, Shawn Peet, Ariel Perez-Young, Irene Perez-Young, Gia Quiroz, Donald Rediske, Max Rosado, Lorain Smith, Jay Way, Tootie and Ted White, Ariana Moncada Yactoyao 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.**



““But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.” (LUKE 21:28)

We celebrate Advent each year in preparation of the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await his second coming. In this Advent season, use the sacrament of Reconciliation to strengthen your relationship with Jesus. It's never too late.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: That we strengthen our relationship with Jesus through the sacrament of Reconciliation.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

11/22 Collection: this collection it will be in the December 6th bulletin.

FAITH DIRECT Why not make a change this fall in the way you generously support Precious Blood Parish? Sign up with eGiving through Faith Direct, which is the most convenient and secure way for you to make your weekly offering to Precious Blood Parish. Visit www.faithdirect.net our parish code VA226.

ALL Bulletin inserts please email: bulletin@preciousbloodcatholicchurch.com

Deadline is 3:30pm on Monday before.

THIS WEEK AT PRECIOUS BLOOD

There will be mass at Epiphany Catholic School at 8:30am on Friday, December 4th.

The Mass for the Immaculate Conception Mass Times:

December 8th 8:30 am and 7:00pm at Precious Blood; 2:00pm at Epiphany School

SAINT STEPHEN'S FOOD CLOSET This week's needs are cold and hot cereal, pancake mix with syrup. We also need macaroni and cheese. Thank you.

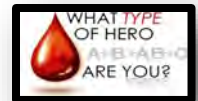


MUSIC MINISTRY During Advent, our longing and waiting for a greater manifestation of Christ in our midst and following the teachings of our church, we "keep the organ and other musical instruments in moderation consistent with the season's character that does not anticipate the full joy of the Nativity of the Lord." The Gloria is omitted not out of penance but to heighten our anticipation of singing it anew with great joy with the angels in celebration at Christmas.

CURSILLO ADVENT ULTREYA Friday, **December 4th**, All are welcome. Join the Cursillo community in our Parish Hall from 7-9pm and become better acquainted with your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. Please bring a favorite dish of food and enjoy some fellowship. Make a friend, Be a friend, Bring a friend to Ultreya. contact **Jim Byrne, 540 547-2932**.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION All adults, especially parents of CCD students, are encouraged to view the conclusion of **Paul: Contending For the Faith** next Sunday (**Dec. 6**) at **9:40-10:40 am** in the Parish Hall. Join the adventure in this edition of the *Footprints of God* DVD series as Steve Ray takes us on the road with St. Paul through Israel, Syria, Turkey, Greece and Italy. Fall from a horse in the desert and dangle over the Damascus Wall in a basket. Cling to driftwood in the sea and stride along ancient Roman roads, all to better understand the life, ministry, and sufferings of St. Paul. Spanish language subtitles will be provided.

BLOOD DRIVE IS THIS WEEK!!!!!! **Start your advent off with a sacrifice of blood in order to save a life.** **December 2, 2015** we will have the Red Cross Blood Drive. Contact **Mykelle** at mhlaws@aol.com



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION There will be **NO** Eucharistic Adoration on **Christmas Eve** or **New Year's Eve**. We are greatly in need of substitutes who can fill in when needed when the regular adorer is unable to be there on any given Thursday. Call **Joanna 829-2235** if you can help with this need.

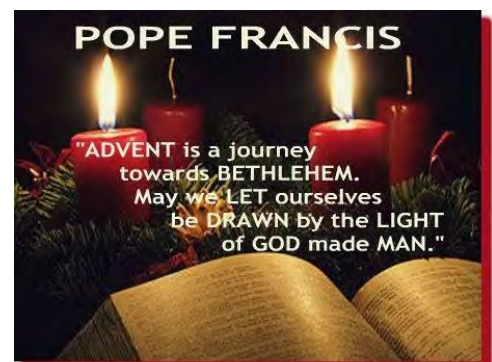
PARISH MISSION Fr. James Kubicki, S.J., National Director of the Apostleship of Prayer and the author of *Rediscovering Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus: A Heart on Fire*, will lead a parish mission at Precious Blood from **Dec. 5-8**. Plan now to attend.

PARISH LIBRARY Thank you for coming out to our open house last weekend. The Library staff would like to thank all of you for your wonderful donations to get the library started.

ST. PETER JULIAN PRAYER CHAIN: Do you have a prayer intention need? We will pray for you. Call **Joanna 829-2235** with your requests.

CAN (Christians Are Networking) To provide a faith-based ministry that supports people who are in career transition, providing a venue where they can prayerfully share job search ideas, leverage relationship capital (contacts, business referrals), and find opportunities to engage in a broader network for mentoring and identifying employment opportunities. CAN is open to the public – but, targets Christian professionals. Next meeting is December 1st.

HOMEBOUND MASS *Father Anselme has mass at Culpeper Rehab every 1st Thursday of every month at 10:30 and at the Baptist Home every 3rd Thursday of every month at 10:30. All are invited to come and celebrate with those who are homebound at these facilities.*





During this past short week, our students were excited for Thanksgiving break! They looked forward to spending quality time with family and friends. Thanksgiving Day is a time to reflect and be thankful for all the gifts that God has given us. Let us take a look now toward the Advent season. As we have started the new Liturgical Year of Mercy, we look to better our relationship with God and bring our faith to a whole new level. As Pope Francis stated in his Year of Mercy letter, "With the approach of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy I would like to focus on several points which I believe require attention to enable the celebration of the Holy Year to be for all believers a true moment of encounter with the mercy of God. It is indeed my wish that the Jubilee be a living experience of the closeness of the Father, whose tenderness is almost tangible, so that the faith of every believer may be strengthened and thus testimony to it be ever more effective." Take a moment and reflect on where our hearts are and how we can begin to become closer to God in our School, work, and family on this wonderful day, the First day of the Advent season.

God Bless, Jim Oliver

AROUND THE DIOCESE/VIRGINIA

VOCATIONS "Strengthen your hearts in holiness." Are you being called to grow in holiness as a priest, deacon, religious brother or sister? Call Father J.D. Jaffe (703) 841-2514, or write: j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org.

ATTENTION LEGION OF MARY AUXILIARIES: Thank you for your daily Legion prayers with which the active Legionaries all over the world can **only** continue their work in bringing souls to Our Lord! You are invited to the Annual Reunion--a social event--on **Sunday, Dec. 13th, between 1:30 and 3:30 pm** at St. John the Evangelist Parish (Trinity Hall). Come, bring a dish, enjoy the fun, and meet other Legionaries (active and auxiliaries) from other parishes around the area!

CATHOLIC HERITAGE Are you a member of the Catholic Heritage Circle? If you have designated either our parish or the diocese to receive a bequest from your Trust or Will, you qualify to be a member of the Catholic Heritage Circle. So that Bishop Loverde may recognize you for your support and welcome you as a member, call the Diocesan Planned Giving Office at **703-841-3819**. For more information, please visit www.arlingtondiocese.planyourlegacy.org.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Let us all be thankful for the gift of our vocation. Learn how to enrich your vocation of Marriage or Holy Orders by attending an enrichment made just for you. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are on **19-21 Feb** in Herndon or **22-24 Apr** in Fredericksburg. For more information or to apply, contact us at **703-378-4150**

BISHOP LOVERDE Will Lead Novena for Couples Suffering with Infertility and Infant death From **December 4 through December 12**, Bishop Paul Loverde will lead a novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe for all couples who desire to have a baby but have been struggling with infertility and infant loss. The novena will culminate in Mass On **December 12** at Saint Timothy's Church in Chantilly. Visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/novenawithbishop to sign up.

ADVENT MORNING OF RECOLLECTION: December 5, 2015 Begin Advent with a reflection from Msgr. Panke, titled "Sons and Daughters of the Merciful King", hosted at Saint Luke's in Mclean, VA. The morning will begin with mass at **9 a.m.** followed by refreshments, adoration, and confession. The talk will begin at **10 a.m. and conclude at 12:30 p.m.** There is no fee but please register at www.arlingtondiocese.org/adventmorning

What is Advent?

The word 'Advent' is from the Latin '**Adventus**,' which means 'coming.' Advent is the beginning of a new liturgical year (in the Western churches), and encompasses the span of time from the fourth Sunday before Christmas, until the Nativity of Our Lord is celebrated. The first Sunday of Advent is the Sunday nearest the feast of St. Andrew the Apostle (which is November 30th), and so it will always fall somewhere between November 27th at the earliest and December 3rd at the latest. The liturgical color for this season is purple (usually a deep purple as opposed to the lighter, red-violet shade of purple associated with Lent).

Like Lent, Advent is a preparatory season. It has significance because it is a season of looking forward and waiting for something greater; both for the annual celebration of the event of Christ's birth, and for the time when Christ will come again.

As noted in the New Catholic Encyclopedia, during Advent, the faithful are asked:

- *to prepare themselves worthily to celebrate the anniversary of the Lord's coming into the world as the incarnate God of love,*
- *thus to make their souls fitting abodes for the Redeemer coming in Holy Communion and through grace, and*
- *thereby to make themselves ready for His final coming as judge, at death and at the end of the world.*



Origin and History of Advent

The exact time when the season of Advent came to be celebrated is not precisely known. Of course, it was not in practice before the celebration of the Nativity and Christmastide began; the earliest evidence shows that the feast of the Nativity of Our Lord was established within the later part of the 4th century. There are homilies from the 5th century that discuss preparation in a general sense, but do not indicate an official liturgical season. A Synod held in 590 established that Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from November 11th until the Nativity would be offered according to the Lenten rite. This and other traditions, such as fasting, show that the period of time now established as the Advent season was more penitential (similar to Lent) than the liturgical season as we know it today.

A collection of homilies from Pope St. Gregory the Great (whose papacy was from 590-604) included a sermon for the second Sunday of Advent, and by 650 Spain was celebrating the Sundays (five at the time) of Advent. So it seems the liturgical season was established around the latter part of the 6th century and first half of the 7th century. For the next couple of centuries, Advent was celebrated for five Sundays; Pope Gregory VII, who was pope from 1073-85, reduced the number to four Sundays.