

# 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

[office@epiphanycatholicsschool.org](mailto:office@epiphanycatholicsschool.org)

[www.epiphanycatholicsschool.org](http://www.epiphanycatholicsschool.org)

December 6, 2015

“Second Sunday of Advent.”

## Mass Readings and Intentions for the Week

**Sun. Dec. 6**

**8:00 AM + William James Peet**

**11:30 AM For the People**

**4:00 PM + Gilberto Benavides**

**Mon. Dec 7 + Dick Dyer**

Readings: Is 35: 1-10; Lk 5:17-26

**Tues. Dec 8 Amelia Bordas (birthday)**

***The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary***

Readings: Gn 3:9-15; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

**Wed. Dec 9 + Richard Rose**

Readings: Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30

**Thurs. Dec 10 Antoinette Stevens (healing)**

Readings: Is 41: 13-20; Mt 11:11-15

**Fri. Dec 11 + Mike Pritchette**

Readings: Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19

**Sat. Dec 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe**

Readings: Zec 2:14-17; Lk 1:39-47

**8:30 AM + Tom Venvertloh**

**6:00 PM + Micheal Noonan**

## Second Sunday of Advent

### “Prayer of repentance”

Reading I Baruch 5:1-9 (Jerusalem consoled)

Reading II Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11 (gratitude and hope)

Gospel Luke 3:1-6 (John the Baptist)

**Key Passage** John went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. (Luke 3:3)

**Adult** In what areas of your life do you need Gods forgiveness right now? What Advent practice would assist you in expressing your repentance?

**Child** What do you want to ask God to forgive you for? What can you do during Advent to show you are sorry?

**ALL** Bulletin inserts please email:

[bulletin@preciousbloodcatholicchurch.com](mailto:bulletin@preciousbloodcatholicchurch.com)

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

**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, Danielle Gambale-Metz, Alex Green, Richard Hall, the Holmes family, Alex Hyde, Jim Hyde, Brissa LaMatta, Mary Larson, Luciana LaMatta, Jean Landon, Peg Logan, Clelia Lopez-Garcia, Jennifer McCloud, Paola Maartens, Ana Magana, Frank McPhillips, Miriam Mediana, 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, Ron Therien 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.**



*“And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value...” (PHILIPPIANS 1:9-10)*

Glittery holiday ads can blind us to our stewardship values and distort our needs and wants. It is important that during this season of endless buying we remember that each of us also has the need to give back to God and to those that are in need.

### **OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

<b>11/22 Collection</b>	\$ 8,799.00
Building Fund	\$ 140.00
Epiphany	\$ 3.00
Human Development	\$ 2,148.73
<b>Faith Direct Collection</b>	\$ 1,545.00
Building Fund	\$ 90.00
Epiphany	\$ 42.00
FFF	\$ 200.00
<b>Thanksgiving Collection</b>	\$ 944.39
<b>11/29 Collection</b>	\$ 8,411.21
Building Fund	\$ 15.00
Epiphany	\$ 23.00

**FAITH DIRECT** 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](http://www.faithdirect.net) our parish code VA226.

## THIS WEEK AT PRECIOUS BLOOD

### The Mass for the Immaculate Conception Mass Times:

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

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK 2015 Catholic Christmas Collection **Dec 12-13**. Catholic Charities is an essential diocesan ministry, serving the poor with Christen love and compassion. Our professional support services touch the lives of tens of thousands at every stage of life. In this year of mercy your gift to Catholic Charities will transform lives. Your gifts stay in the diocese to serve people in need. Please visit [www.cdda.net](http://www.cdda.net) to learn more.

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 PREPARE YE "Godspell was created at a time of great national dissension and division, centered on the Vietnam War. It was a time when the fabric of our society was badly frayed, and we seem to, for various reasons, be at another such time in American society. There is great polarization again now, with different sides really being unwilling to listen to one another at all, so that there seems now to be an increasing inability to come to any national consensus about anything. Godspell, at its heart, is about the formation of a community out of disparate people coming together over very basic and simple philosophical concepts, such as 'Always treat others as you would have them treat you' or (as Jesus says to his followers), 'Anything you do for one of your brothers here, you do for me.'" (composer Stephen Schwartz)



ADULT FAITH FORMATION All adults, especially parents of CCD students, are encouraged to view the conclusion of **Paul: Contending For the Faith** this 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. 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. Next Sunday will feature **Mary: The Mother of God**.

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**.

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

7<sup>th</sup> GRADE CCD CLASS will be hosting a bake sale on Sunday, **December 13<sup>th</sup>** between the **8:00 am** and **11:30 am** masses in the foyer to the **Parish Hall**. The money they raise will be used in support of the Minihan Family Fund. Please come out and get your goodies and sponsor this great cause!

CAN (Christians are Networking) CAN job Ministry will resume meeting every Tuesday from 7pm-8:30pm in one of the Parish Hall class rooms. Must call 540-422-0907 to register.

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.



**CHRISTMAS CARDS TODAY** The Knights of Columbus will be selling Christmas cards after each mass **November 28 through December 13th**. *The Knights will be outside the church entrance where cards can be seen and purchased.*

**NEED FIRE WOOD???** The Knights of Columbus will be raffling off a cord of firewood to benefit the Minihan family and Angel flight program. Tickets will be \$10 each. The drawing will be held on **December 21st**. Contact Bruce Winning to purchase tickets 540-547-4828 or any Knight. The wood has been graciously donated by Geraldine Schneider and family.

**LADIES of AUXILIARY of KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** will be selling raffle ticket for a Llardo of Jesus, custom jewelry and flower arrangement after all masses **November 28 and 29th**. The drawing will take place TODAY Dec. 6th. Fund raising supports the scholarship program.

### 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](mailto: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](http://www.arlingtondiocese.planyourlegacy.org).

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER** Today St. Paul prays for the Lord to increase our love for one another so that it may abound and he reminds us that we should live our lives to please God. Does your life and marriage reflect this? 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, visit our website at [renewmarriage-vanorth.org](http://renewmarriage-vanorth.org) or 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](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/novenawithbishop) to sign up.

“As the journey of Advent continues, as we prepare to celebrate the nativity of Christ, John the Baptist's call to conversion sounds out in our communities. It is a pressing invitation to open our hearts and to welcome the Son of God Who comes among us to make divine judgement manifest. The Father, writes St. John the Evangelist, does not judge anyone, but has entrusted the power of judgement to the Son, because He is the Son of man.

“And it is today, in the present, that we decide our future destiny. It is with our concrete everyday behavior in this life that we determine our eternal fate. At the end of our days on earth, at the moment of death, we will be evaluated on the basis of our likeness or otherwise to the Baby Who is about to be born in the poor grotto of Bethlehem, because He is the measure God has given humanity.

“Through the Gospel John the Baptist continues to speak down the centuries to each generation. His hard clear words bring health to us, the men and women of this day in which even the experience and perception of Christmas often, unfortunately, reflects materialist attitudes. The 'voice' of the great prophet asks us to prepare the way for the coming Lord in the deserts of today, internal and external deserts, thirsting for the water of life which is Christ.”

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Benedict XVI

<https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/calendar/day.cfm?date=2015-12-06>

