

# 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)

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December 13, 2015

“Third Sunday of Advent.”

## Mass Readings and Intentions for the Week

### Sun. Dec. 13

8:00 AM + Howard Shaw  
11:30 AM + Bill and Sherry Huber  
4:00 PM For the People

### Mon. Dec 14 + Louis & Agnes Beeler

Readings: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Mt 21:23-27

### Tues. Dec 15 + Gordon Beeler

Readings: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32

### Wed. Dec 16 Gia Quiroz (healing)

Readings: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Lk 7:18b-23

### Thurs. Dec 17 + Pete Caun

Readings: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt. 1:1-17

### Fri. Dec 18 + Dick Thaxter

Readings: Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25

### Sat. Dec 19

Readings: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25  
8:30 AM Victims of Human Trafficking  
6:00 PM + Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brown

## Third Sunday of Advent "The Joy of Kindness"

Reading I Zephaniah 3:14-18a (promise of a Savior)

Reading II Philippians 4:4-7 (joy and peace)

Gospel Luke 3:10-18 (John calls the people to justice)

Key Passage Rejoice in the Lord always: again I will say. Rejoice gentleness be known to everyone. (Philippians 4:4-5)

Adult To whom have your past acts of kindness brought joy? What act of kindness could you do this week?

Child What kind thing have you done for someone lately? Who could you make happy by your kindness this week?

**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, Trudy Bulter, Diane Clark, 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 Medina, Phillip Leo Mercer, Jim Minihan, Beth Mooreland, 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.**



***"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God." (PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7)***

St. Paul reminds us that our God is an abundant God, the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. When we trust that God will take care of us, it is easier for us to share what we have been given.

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

12/6 Collection	\$ 11,663.25
Building Fund	\$ 722.00
Epiphany	\$ 304.00

November Actual:	\$ 54,673.22
November Budget:	\$ 58,000.00

**FAITH DIRECT** In this season of Advent, we are continuously preparing ourselves for the celebration of Christ's birth. Why not help our own parish prepare for the coming new year by signing up with Faith Direct? By supporting Precious Blood Parish through Faith Direct, both you and our parish can more easily project your future contributions. 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

### CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

**THURSDAY, Dec. 24th** at 5:00 PM (Children's Mass), 7:30 PM, 10:00 PM,  
and Midnight (Spanish)

**FRIDAY, Dec. 25th** at 10:00 AM and Noon (Spanish)

### SOLEMNITY OF MARY

**Thursday, Dec. 31st** at 6:00 PM and **Friday, January 1st** at 10:00 AM

### BULLETIN DEADLINES!!!!

December 27 Bulletin deadline is on December 14

January 3 Bulletin is due on December 17th

*Sorry for any inconvenience*

TODAY 7<sup>th</sup> GRADE CCD CLASS will be hosting a bake sale from **9:00 am** to **11:30 am** in the foyer of 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!

SECOND COLLECTION **TODAY is the** 2015 Catholic Charities Annual Christmas Collection. Catholic Charities is an essential diocesan ministry, serving the poor with Christian love and compassion. Our professional support services touch the lives of tens of thousands of people 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.cca.net](http://www.cca.net) to learn more.

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE will be tomorrow, Monday, December 14th, at 7 PM. Several priests will be available to hear confessions. Multiple languages will be available.

SAINT STEPHEN'S FOOD CLOSET This week's needs are rice and pasta dishes, canned chili and fruit.

MUSIC MINISTRY Our sending forth hymn for this weekend is **PEOPLE LOOK EAST** which was written in the 1920s by Eleanor Farjeon, an author and poet who also wrote the lyrics to "Morning Has Broken". Both hymns highlight the reality of both our own response as well as all of creation to waiting or rejoicing in the Lord. Like the seed or bulb hidden under the hardened frosty ground, we wait during the advent periods of our lives for the growth and flowering of our faith, singing "Gaudete!" or "Rejoice!" for our Lord is always Emmanuel, God-with-us.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION All adults, especially parents of CCD students, are encouraged to view **Mary: The Mother of God** this Sunday (**Dec. 13**) at **9:40-10:40 am** in the Parish Hall. This edition of Steve Ray's *Footprints of God* DVD series follows Mary on her extraordinary journey on location in Turkey, Israel, and Greece. Down-to-earth teaching on Mary's Immaculate Conception, Assumption into Heaven, and her role as intercessor are featured. Spanish language subtitles will be provided.

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.

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) Please mark your calendars! We will have a special guest speaker on Tuesday, **December 22!** Come meet Ayme Pointer! Ayme is a subject matter expert, a published author, and an internationally certified facilitator, she has successfully directed and led groups for over 24 years. More information to follow. The CAN meetings will resume on this Tuesday, **December 15th**.

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

**A BIG THANK YOU** to Sheila Bertrand and the St. Ignatius Prayer Group for inviting Fr. James Kubicki, S.J. to our parish who led us in our Parish Advent Retreat. It was a wonderful treat and a special time of reflection and growth during this busy Advent season.

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU** to all those who helped make the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe a special day for many.

**Also a Thank You** to Rachel Glascock, a new member of the Precious Blood Altar Society, who has created the new Advent banner on display during the season of Advent.



A special challenge has been offered by a generous parishioner of Precious Blood and supportive Epiphany Catholic School family member. In the challenge to parishioners and Epiphany families, this individual will donate up to \$15,000 to Epiphany Catholic School with the stipulation that this donation can be matched by our religious community. If each family in our parish would make a contribution during this Christmas season, a gift of \$30,000 to our Parish school is possible! This is a wonderful gift that would help us tremendously with the educational process of this institution. Please consider supporting Epiphany and Catholic education in our region of the Diocese. May God bless you all during this Christmas season!

*Another way to support our school:*

**Chipotle** will host a **Spirit Night for Epiphany Catholic School** on Monday December 14<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00-9:00 pm. Just let the cashier know you are there to support Epiphany Catholic School **before** they ring you up and Chipotle will donate **50%** to Epiphany! Thank you for your support!

### AROUND THE DIOCESE/VIRGINIA

**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!

**VOCATIONS** "All were questioning in their hearts." Are you considering a vocation as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Email **Father J.D. Jaffe** at [j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org).

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER** Does the way you live your life and especially your marriage give praise and glory to God? Let God transform your marriage relationship. 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 [applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org](mailto:applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org) or 703-378-4150

**EUCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR** You are invited to a diocesan-wide Eucharistic Holy Hour sponsored by the Arlington Division of the World Apostolate of Fatima ( the Blue Army) on Sunday, **December 27, from 3:00 – 4:00 P.M.** at **St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 271 Winchester St., Warrenton.** At Fatima, Our Lady asked for prayer and sacrifice for the conversion of sinners, peace in the world, and an increase in vocations; we hope you will join us in prayer.

**JOB OPENINGS** The Catholic Diocese of Arlington is currently hiring for the positions of Website Content Manager, WorkCamp Coordinator, Administrative Assistant and Advertising Account Representative. For more information, please visit: <http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/hr/employment.aspx>.

It is the third week of Advent, traditionally called **Gaudete Sunday**, the Sunday of Rejoicing in the Liturgical calendar of the Catholic Church. Difficulties, stress, and even tragedy - experiences which at first glance seem to cause us to respond with anything but joy, can be transformed in the life of a believer and actually become its very source.

The focus on joy this Sunday is meant to remind us not only that all of the Old Testament promises were fulfilled in the first coming of Jesus Christ, but that in the coming of Jesus Christ we find the very source of Joy - Jesus is the source of Joy. When He comes into the life of a believer, he or she receives a joy that can never be taken away. They also are given the grace, the divine life, they need to begin to see that the Lord is always coming, He is always near to those who live their lives in Him.

Christian joy is not rooted in the circumstances and struggles of our daily lives. Often, they are the bad fruit of the disorder and brokenness caused by sin. Christian Joy finds its root in the relationship we now have in and through Jesus Christ, with the Father, in the Holy Spirit.

We rejoice on Gaudete Sunday, because the Lord is always near, He is always coming to those who have the eyes of living faith. One of the Psalms we regularly chant in the Liturgy of the Hours reminds us of the truth, "The LORD is close to the brokenhearted, saves those whose spirit is crushed. Many are the troubles of the just, but the LORD delivers from them all." (Psalm 34:19,20)

In a matter of days we will celebrate the Feast of the Nativity of the Lord. The Church as mother and teacher calls us on the third Sunday of Advent to pause from our Advent preparation. She summons us in the liturgy by using the imperative case to - "Rejoice!"

In just a few short days we will celebrate His Birth. However, on this day we pause to remember that He has come, He is coming and He will come again. This is where we find our Joy, in an encounter with Him. We who live our lives now in His Body, the Church, are the new Zion, freed from our bondage and called to rejoice!

The point is an important one. Because the Lord is near we must live differently. The way of joy passes along the path of self-emptying, the way of humility. The Baptizer reminds us that we must decrease so that we can be filled with Jesus, the source of all joy. The way to joy is through self-emptying love.

This lifestyle change should characterize Christians. It is why, before they were called Christians, they were referred to as "the Way" (Acts 22:4). By living our lives "in the Lord" we can find the Joy proclaimed on this Gaudete Sunday.

We can find this kind of joy, this genuine happiness, beginning today, no matter what our circumstances. The Apostle Paul lived an arduous life of discipleship. He suffered physically, relationally and spiritually. Yet, he too was a man of this kind of joy and we hear it in his admonitions to the early Church found in his letters. Christian joy does not depend on circumstances, but on relationship. A relationship with the Lord who always comes to those who have eyes opened by living faith.

<http://www.catholic.org/news/hf/faith/story.php?id=53561>

**Rejoice  
In the Lord always  
Again I will say  
Rejoice  
Phil. 4:4**