

PRECIOUS BLOOD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MASSES

Sunday: 8:30 am, 11:30 am, 2:00 pm (Spanish)
Saturday: 8:30 am* & 5:00 pm (vigil)
Mon.-Wed. and Fri.: 8:30 am* & 7:00 pm
Thursday: 8:30 am* (Adoration 9 am-9 pm)
Holy Days: 7:00 pm (vigil), 8:30 am*, 7:00 pm

* followed by Morning Prayer (Friday 8:30 am
Mass at Epiphany School during the school
year unless otherwise noted)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday: 8:30 am - 3:30 pm

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Kevin B. Walsh.....Pastor
Rev. Mark Moretti.....Parochial Vicar
Rev. Mr. Ramon Tirado.....Deacon
Kathy Semerling.....Business Manager
Patricia Reed.....Dir. of Religious Education
Miriam Medina.....Dir. of Liturgy/Hispanic Liaison
Hannah Masson.....Director of Music
Danielle Gambale-Metz.....Office Staff-Notary
Julie Dawley.....Director of R.C.I.A.
Rev. Mark Moretti...Coordinator of Youth Ministry
Jim Oliver.....Principal, Epiphany School
Barbara Terry.....Director, Epiphany Pre-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

During Advent: Monday-Wednesday and Friday a half-hour before the 7 pm Masses and after the 7 pm Masses until there are no more penitents, Saturdays 3:30-4:30, and any 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: 9:45-11:00 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

office@epiphanycatholicsschool.org

www.epiphanycatholicsschool.org

December 11, 2016

“Third Sunday of Advent”

Mass Readings and Intentions for the Week

Sun. Dec 11

8:30 AM For the people of Precious Blood

11:30 AM Marilyn Mauk (+)

2:00 PM Manuel Medina (+)

Mon. Dec 12

Readings: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

6:00 AM Florence Danielle (+)

8:30 AM Frank Maragos (healing)

7:00 PM For an end to child soldiers

Tues. Dec 13

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

8:30 AM R.C. Garcia (healing)

7:00 PM Rosalie Mainey

Wed. Dec 14

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

8:30 AM Georgian P. Maybach

7:00 PM For all those suffering from despair

Thurs. Dec 15

Readings: Is 54:1-10; Lk 7:24-30

8:30 AM Georgian P. Maybach

Fri. Dec 16

Readings: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Jn 5:33-36

8:30 AM No intention

7:00 PM John Nirich (healing)

Sat. Dec 17

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

8:30 AM George and Grace Pittman (+)

5:00 PM Janet Liberti (healing)

LORD HEAR THE PRAYER FOR OUR SICK

Especially: Brian Alexander, Sam Aitken, Janice Ambrose, Maria Auxiliadora Caldera Araya, Trudy Baker, Mike Bosma, Joyce Bosworth, Daniel C. Brown, Barbara Coli, Bill Daley, Cynthia Davies, Adrienne Foshay, Arnold French, Danielle Gambale-Metz, R.C. Garcia, Bill Goetz, April Hair, Billy Hall, Alex Hyde, Peg Logan, Ana Magana, Frank Maragos, Beth Moreland, Mary Neureither, John Nirich, Barbara Noonan, Jim Oliver, Shawn Peet, Elizabeth Pycha, Gia Quiroz, Norma Ramos, Gina Rossetti, John Schichl, Luigina Sebastian, Ray Shegogue, David Watson, 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.

"You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand." James 5:8

Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer we better align ourselves with God's will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.

Third Sunday of Advent "Actions worthy of praise"

Reading I Isaiah 35:1-6, 10 (Israel's deliverance)

Reading II James 5:7-10 (patience)

Gospel Matthew 11:2-11 (Christ's witness to John)

Key Passage Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

Adult How do you prepare yourself to meet Christ in those around you?

Child What good thing have you done so far during Advent to be like Jesus?

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.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday 12/4 collections:	\$ 13,361.00
Epiphany:	\$ 418.00
Building fund:	\$ 933.00

Only one thing in life matters. Being found worthy of the Light of the World in the hour of His visitation.



~ Bishop Fulton Sheen

ALL Bulletin inserts please email:
bulletin@preciousbloodcatholicchurch.com
Deadline is 3:30pm on Monday before, except:

Dec. 25 bulletin: due 3:30 pm on Dec. 14

Jan. 1 bulletin: due 3:30 pm on Dec. 20

THIS WEEK AT PRECIOUS BLOOD

FRIDAY MORNING MASS The 8:30 AM daily Mass this Friday, December 16 will be at Epiphany Catholic School.



OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE The most important event in the evangelization of the New World occurred in December 1531, when the Virgin Mary, under the title of Our Lady of Guadalupe, appeared to an indigenous convert named Juan Diego. As a result of this encounter and her image miraculously imprinted on Juan Diego's tilma (cloak), over nine million people embraced the Catholic faith. To celebrate and remember this transformative event, all adults are invited to attend a special showing of **Guadalupe: The Miracle and The Message today, Dec. 11, from 10-11 am** in the Parish Hall. This gripping film traces the history of Our Lady of Guadalupe from the 16th century to the present and features interviews with leading theologians, historians, and experts on scientific inquiries into the miraculous image. Many of these interviews are in Spanish, with English subtitles provided, so the Hispanic community is also welcome to attend.

CELEBRATION FOR OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE All are invited to celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on **Monday, December 12th** with a Rosary at 5:30 am and Mass at 6 am (both in Spanish), followed by a reception. We will also have the usual 8:30 am and 7 pm Masses.

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL MATERIALS Check out the pamphlet rack in the vestibule of the church for inspirational devotions for Advent and Christmas.

CCD HOLIDAY NEWS CCD Christmas break is Christmas Day (12/25) & New Years Day (1/1). CCD will be closed on those dates and re-open on January 8.

SECOND GRADE NEWS First Reconciliation is **December 17**. If you have any questions please contact your child's CCD teacher.

MUSIC MINISTRY Today's first reading speaks of how when our Lord comes that the tongue of the mute will sing. Are you mute at mass? Do you refrain from singing of your joy in the Lord? Our Lord comes to us in the Word, the Eucharist and in our gathering as one in His presence, a "union between God and the Church in Christ through the Holy Spirit so intense and total that it is described as a union between lovers whose nature is best expressed vocally in song." (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*)

WOMEN'S AND MEN'S GREGORIAN CHANT SCHOLAS For the **8:30 am Mass on January 1st** (Mary, Mother of God), the women's schola will sing, and for the **6 pm Mass on January 7th** (Epiphany) the men's schola will sing. Practices will be on **Thursdays, Dec. 15, 22, and 29, and Jan 5** (men's schola) all at 7 pm in the Parish Hall (women) and music office (men). New members are welcome! If you are interested in singing with us, please contact Christine Canavan at 2christinemarie@gmail.com or **540-219-2380**. No previous experience with chant is necessary.

SECOND COLLECTION The second collection this week is for the Catholic Charities Christmas Collection. Your support of Catholic Charities brings hope to those in greatest need across 100 affiliated service locations in 21 Virginia counties and 7 cities that make up the Diocese of Arlington. Learn more at www.cdda.net

TOYS FOR TOTS EXIT Cornerstone Realty is collecting new unwrapped toys for the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves annual Toys for Tots campaign. You may drop off your toys at their office located at 609 S. Main St. by today, December 11th--there is an after-hours box on the porch. Please be generous. Thank you!

FOOD CLOSET is in need of Ramen; PB&J; and cereal (hot & cold).

CAN JOBS MINISTRY Christians are Networking will be postponing meetings until January 2017. Contact Margie at **540-422-0907** if you have any questions.

ST. JOHN PAUL II LIBRARY The parish library is open **Sundays 11:15-1:00pm, 1st and 3rd Tuesdays from 1:00pm to 3:00pm, Wednesdays from 9:30am to 3:00pm, OR by appointment**—call Joan at **540-547-4588**. Did you know? —That the parish library is located in the old rectory on the corner of Edmondson and Main Streets?

Advent increases our hope, a hope which does
not disappoint. The Lord never lets us down.
- Pope Francis



ALTAR SOCIETY CHRISTMAS DECORATING INVITE Are you carefully pruning your greenery in your yard in the next two weeks? We will be accepting fresh cuttings (1-2 ft. lengths, please) of Nandina, Magnolia, Juniper, pines, Cedars, Boxwood, Cypress, Lotus pods, Holly, firs, pine-cones, Smilax, Ivy, pomegranates (~10), and similar cuttings **between 12/18 and 12/21!** Please leave them to the right of the outside doors to the church for us to pick up! Also, you are welcome to join us for **window decorating on 12/22 and church decorating 12/23**, directly after morning Mass and lauds. Great time for youth service hours and if you wish to help make our church beautiful for the Christmas season! Thank you! Questions? contact: (Julie) canavan22701@comcast.net

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES *The deadline for announcements for the Dec. 25 Christmas bulletin is Wednesday, Dec. 14 at 3:30 pm, and for the Jan. 1 bulletin Tuesday, Dec. 20, 3:30 pm.*

PARKING: Please DO NOT block the Rectory garage! Only one car can be parked by the garage, so that the priests are still able to get out if necessary. Thank you!

AROUND THE DIOCESE/VIRGINIA

HOMESCHOOL FUN! Will you be new to homeschooling this spring semester, or are you a homeschool veteran? Would you like your kids/teens (and you?) to build lasting friendships? Well then, look no further! Mayflower Homeschoolers is a Roman Catholic homeschool support group whose mission is to build friendships while building on our Catholic Faith. We are independent (not affiliated with any parish) and meet primarily (although not exclusively) in the Warrenton area. Our membership currently includes parishioners from 8 parishes! We have a full schedule for ALL age groups of weekly prayer, plus monthly field trips, clubs, social sports, works of mercy, even mom's night outs! We have feast day parties and teen dances throughout the year, and achievement fairs twice a year. To top off all the fun, at the end of the year we even offer graduation, woohoo! So, delay no further! Check us out at www.mayflowerhomeschoolers.org or at "Mayflower Homeschoolers" on Facebook, and join in on all the fun and fellowship!

FR. GOLDSMITH LEADS PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA AND SPAIN Fr. Joe Goldsmith, Parochial Vicar at Blessed Sacrament Church in Harrisonburg, VA, will be the Spiritual Director for a 13-day pilgrimage to Spain and Fatima from **Oct. 1-13, 2017**. The itinerary includes 2 nights in Fatima, 2 nights in Santiago de Compostela, 1 night each in Braga, Burgos and Avila, and 4 nights in Madrid. Visits to Pontevedra, Salamanca, Alba de Tormes, Segovia, and Toledo are included. Cost is \$3,999 per person with a deposit of \$450 and final payment by July 1, 2017. An Early Booking Discount is available. Package includes round-trip air from most East Coast and Midwest airports, Superior tourist-class hotels, Escorted guides, AirCond motorcoaches, daily breakfast and dinners. For additional information and brochures, contact John Tagnesi toll-free **1-888-544-4461** or jtag1964@verizon.net.

VOCATIONS Are you called to be sent by Jesus as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Call Father J.D. Jaffe at **(703) 841-2514** or write: j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org.

PRIME TIME SINGLE CATHOLICS Prime Time Single Catholics (PTSC) is a Washington-area social group of single Catholics 40 and over. Delight in Christian fellowship with us! For more information contact John McBride by email at jfmcbride_526@hotmail.com or by telephone at **(703) 820-9196**.

WMET 1160 AM GUADALUPE RADIO NETWORK Tune in to hear popular EWTN programming like "Catholic Answers Live," "Kresta in the Afternoon," and more on WMET 1160AM every day. Check out www.grnonline.com for more.

DAYS OF RECOLLECTION Are you a high school student who has thought about being a priest or sister? Attend the Quo Vadis (boys) or FIAT (girls) Day of Recollection as a chance to grow in your relationship with Christ and learn more about where God could be calling you. The Quo Vadis day is **Saturday, January 7** and the FIAT Day is **Sunday, January 29**. Both days include Mass, Holy Hour, talks and more. For more information and to register, contact the Office of Vocations at vocations@arlingtondiocese.org or **(703) 841-2514**. Deadlines to register are December 29 (boys) or January 13 (girls).

For a Christian to speak or act publicly in a pro-choice manner is a scandal to the Gospel and Name of Jesus Christ, the Creator of all life. Join pro-life today.



Pastor's Corner

Dear Parishioners,

Today we begin the Third Week of Advent. In the early Church, when it was more common to fast during Advent, people celebrated the joy that Advent was more than half over and Christmas was approaching. The Liturgy reflects this with the first word in Latin from the Entrance Antiphon for that day: Gaudete, or Rejoice! It comes from a verse in Paul's letter to the Philippians 4:4, "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice." Though we normally wear violet vestments in Advent, as a penitential color, the joy of Christmas is so great that it begins to be anticipated, and we can wear rose-colored vestments on Gaudete Sunday.

As we approach the spiritual celebration of the birth of our Lord, I would like to encourage you, if your schedule permits, to attend daily Mass at least sometimes during the week. In addition to the 8:30 AM Mass, Monday through Saturday, we are offering an additional evening Mass, at 7 PM, on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. (On Thursdays, a Mass is celebrated off the parish grounds at different nursing homes, a rehabilitation center and a prison.)

Another way to spiritually prepare to welcome the Christ child in our hearts is to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation. To make this easier, we will also be hearing Confessions at 6:30 PM till 6:55 PM and after the 7 PM Mass as long as needed on Monday through Wednesday, and Friday.

As I write this, Bishop Burbidge is scheduled to be installed as the fourth Bishop of the Diocese of Arlington on Tuesday, December 6. Please pray for him in this new stage of his ministry, and ask God's blessings upon him and upon Bishop Loverde as he retires after 17 years of faithful service.

Monday, December 12, is the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. We will begin with the singing of Las Mañanitas at 5 AM, followed by a rosary at 5:25 AM, and a traditional dance to honor Our Lady's entrance in to the church by Los Matachines at 5:50 PM. Finally we will celebrate a Mass in her honor at 6 AM in Spanish. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The Diocese has provided us with prayer cards with the name of a priest who works or resides in our Diocese printed on the back. I was surprised that there are 236 different priests in our diocese. The Lord certainly knows that we need prayers these days. I will put them in the vestibule of the church. Please feel free to pick one up to remember that priest especially in your prayers. And of course, Fr. Mark and I are always grateful for any prayers that you are willing to throw our way.

Finally, thank you to all of those who have brought food by the rectory this last week; your kindness is greatly appreciated.

God bless,
Fr. Kevin

FORMED.org FORMED Prepare your heart for Christmas with the Sacrament of Confession. To learn more about Confession, check out *Forgiven* on FORMED. *Forgiven* explores the grace and healing offered in Confession and shows how this sacrament of mercy reveals the depth and bounty of God's love. By looking at God's revelation of his mercy in Scripture and making a step-by-step examination of the Rite itself, *Forgiven* communicates God's invitation to each one of us to come experience his indescribable love in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This and more free through **FORMED.org** Use Parish Code **V2XJNR**. **Check our website and Facebook for other FORMED resources for the liturgical season.**

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION There will be no adoration on December 22 and 29. Adorers are still needed between the hours of 4:00 and 8:00 Call Joanna **829-2235** if you have an hour a week to spend with Jesus. If schools are closed due to inclement weather then there will be no Eucharistic adoration. If there is a delayed opening for Culpeper County Schools then adoration will begin at 11:00 am. If the schools close early due to inclement weather then adoration will end early at Father's discretion.

