

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 4, 2016

“Second Sunday of Advent”

Mass Readings and Intentions for the Week

Sun. Dec 4

8:30 AM Hugh Kincer, Jr.
11:30 AM Tanairis Auria Medina (birthday)
2:00 PM For the people of Precious Blood

Mon. Dec 5

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

8:30 AM Michael Kearney

7:00 PM Communion Service— no Mass

Tues. Dec 6

Readings: Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14

8:30 AM Virginia M. Brown (+)

7:00 PM Carroll Minor (healing)

Wed. Dec 7

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

8:30 AM Richard Dyer (+)

7:00 PM For all the unbaptized

Thurs. Dec 8

Readings: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

8:30 AM For all those who don't know Jesus

2:00 PM Doug and Margaret Saunders (+)

7:00 PM Juan Perez Fuentes (+)

Fri. Dec 9

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

8:30 AM Ana Maria Moznich (+)

7:00 PM For countries receiving refugees

Sat. Dec 10

Readings: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

8:30 AM Rosa Maria Villada Sanchez

5:00 PM Dan and Helen Cippola (+)

Second Sunday of Advent

"Our need to change"

Reading I Isaiah 11:1-10 (the rule of Emmanuel)

Reading II Romans 15:4-9 (prayer of encouragement)

Gospel Matthew 3:1-12 (John the Baptist)

Key Passage This is the one [John the Baptist] of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." (Matthew 3:3)

Adult What do you need to change so that others can learn from watching you that Christ walks among us?

Child What could you do so that others will see in you what it means to follow 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.

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, Mac Fincham, Arnold French, Danielle Gambale-Metz, R.C. Garcia, Bill Goetz, April Hair, Billy Hall, Alex Hyde, Peg Logan, Ana Magana, Claire Matthews, Beth Moreland, Mary Neureither, Barbara Noonan, Jim Oliver, Shawn Peet, Elizabeth Pycha, Gia Quiroz, Norma Ramos, Gina Rossetti, 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.

"Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire." MT 3:10

Do you bear good fruit for Christ? Or, do you spend your time, talent and treasure constantly acquiring more toys, clutter and junk. Our time, our talent and our treasure are gifts that God has given us. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

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| Sunday 11/20 collections: | \$ 7,635.78 |
| Campaign for Human Development: | \$ 1,546.34 |
| Epiphany: | \$ 20.00 |
| Building fund: | \$ 30.00 |
| Sunday 11/27 collection: | \$ 8,092.00 |
| Building fund: | \$ 31.00 |
| Epiphany: | \$ 5.00 |
| Thanksgiving collection: | \$ 447.16 |
| <u>Faith Direct</u> | |
| Collections: | \$ 1,850.00 |
| Foundation for the Future: | \$ 200.00 |
| Epiphany: | \$ 42.00 |
| Campaign for Human Development: | \$ 30.00 |
| Goal for November: | \$ 47,000.00 |
| Actual for November: | \$ 50,602.00 |

Thank you for all your support!

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

THIS WEEK AT PRECIOUS BLOOD

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION This week we celebrate the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a holy day of obligation. There will be a vigil Mass on **Wednesday, Dec. 7 at 7 pm**, and Mass on **Thursday, Dec. 8 at 8:30 am, 2 pm (at Epiphany Catholic School), and 7 pm**. **Adoration on Thursday will end early, right before the 7 pm Mass.**

COMMUNION SERVICE MONDAY 7 PM Tomorrow, December 5th, there will be a Communion service instead of a Mass at 7 pm due to a diocesan priest mandatory gathering.

FRIDAY MORNING MASS The 8:30 AM daily Mass this Friday, December 9 will be at Precious Blood.

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.

SECOND COLLECTION There will be a second collection next week for Catholic Charities. Please see insert for details.

FOOD CLOSET is in need of egg cartons; cake mix; cereal; and chunky soups, including Progresso.

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

DISHES TO PICK UP If you have donated food to the priests in reusable dishes, Tupperware, etc., please stop by the office to pick them up.

LADIES AUXILIARY BAZAAR The Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus will be having a Christmas Bazaar this weekend after all Masses.

ARLINGTON DIOCESE WORKCAMP 2017 Information meetings for Workcamp will be held this weekend on **Sat. Dec. 3** following the 5 pm Mass and **Sun. Dec. 4 at 9:45 am**, both in the annex. Come see what workcamp is all about and how your teen (9th-12th grades) can participate in local Catholic mission. Or if you are an adult interested in volunteering, we need you too! For questions, contact Mykelle Laws at mhlaws@aol.com or **540-829-1190**.

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 has books on topics of suffering, marriage, saints, and prayer to mention just a few?



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** on **Sunday, 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.

Bishop Michael F. Burbidge

Installation Mass

Tuesday, December 6, 2016, 2 p.m.

There will be no general public admission to the Mass of Installation due to the limited seating capacity at the Cathedral of Saint Thomas More. Admission will be granted only to those who have tickets.

PARTICIPATE IN THIS HISTORIC EVENT

- Download the Mass program at arlingtondiocese.org
- Stream it LIVE: arlingtondiocese.org or youtube.com/arlingtondiocese
- Listen to it on the radio LIVE: WMET 1160 AM
- Follow it LIVE on Twitter: [@arlingtonchurch](https://twitter.com/arlingtonchurch)
- Watch the Mass in its entirety on EWTN at 3 p.m. ET.



AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE There will be a blood drive on **December 8th, 2-7pm**, in the Precious Blood annex. Contact Mykelle at mhlaws@aol.com for scheduling.

SHOE DRIVE Thank you for again responding so generously to our shoe drive. Your donation of 450 pairs of shoes resulted in a donation of \$180.00 to CHASS. We will again be collecting in the Spring, so please save those worn, out dated, too small shoes until our next drive.

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 December 9th--there is an after-hours box on the porch. Please be generous. Thank you!

MORNING BIBLE STUDY Luke, the Gospel of Mercy, will begin on **Thursday, January 12, 2017** from **9:30-11:30** in the parish hall. Join us and learn more about God's mercy for His people seen through the life of Jesus Christ Who is Mercy Itself. For information call Joanna Madorma at **829-2235**.

AROUND THE DIOCESE/VIRGINIA

VOCATIONS Are you called to be "A herald's voice in the desert" preparing the way of the Lord in the hearts of His people? If you are considering a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, call Father J.D. Jaffe at **(703) 841-2514** or write: j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org.

DAYS OF RECOLLECTION FOR HIGH SCHOOL DISCERNERS 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 exploring where God could be calling you. The Quo Vadis day is **Saturday, January 7** and will include a visit to the St. John Paul II Shrine with some seminarians and priests. The FIAT Day is **Sunday, January 29** and will be run by the Sisters of Life. 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).

WORSHIP NIGHT WITH SEAN FEUCHT All are invited to Worship Night with Sean Feucht, an evening of exuberant worship hosted by St. Bernadette's in Springfield. Music will be led by Sean Feucht, the newest member of Bethel Music and founder of Burn 24/7, a global missionary movement centered on intercessory prayer and the power of worship to bring about transformation. Sean has played everywhere from churches in the U.S. to war zones in the Middle East. He will be sharing stories of the tremendous things God is doing around the world. St. Bernadette School Gymnasium Saturday, January 7 from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Doors open 7 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at www.StBernWorship.eventbrite.com.

CATECHIST TRAINING Have you ever wished you had a better understanding of our beautiful Catholic Faith? Did you or will you make a New Year's resolution to learn more about your faith in this coming year? Adult classes for 2017 will be available on Saturday mornings at St. Timothy's in Chantilly, VA. Once you have completed this series of training, you will also have all of the requirements necessary to be a certified catechist for the Diocese of Arlington. Registration forms are available in the office. Participants must pre-register. For more information go to www.catholiceducationcenter.com "on-site training" or contact Delores Nelson bakhita3@me.com or bakhita3@icloud.com.

**PRO
LIFE**

Lord, you formed my most inner being; you knit me in my mother's womb. I praise you, so wonderfully you made me; wonderful are your works! Abortion destroys God's creation. Choose life today.

Pastor's Corner

Dear Parishioners,

Today we begin the Second Week of Advent. 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 on the evenings when we have the 7 PM Mass (Monday through Wednesday, and Friday).

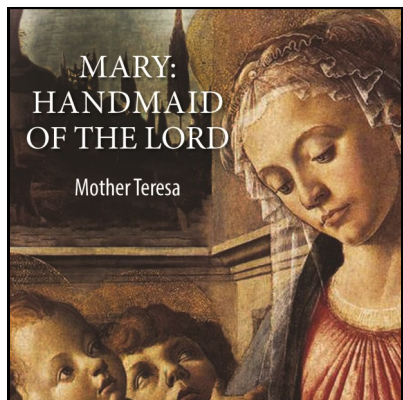
On Tuesday, December 6, Bishop Burbidge will be installed as the fourth Bishop of the Diocese of Arlington. Due to space constraints, attendance at the Installation Mass at the Cathedral is by ticket only. Still, there are various ways to watch the Mass online which are described in a separate announcement in this bulletin.

Due to the priests of the Diocese praying Evening Prayer (Vespers) with Bishop Burbidge on Monday, December 5, and the Installation Mass on December 6, the 7 PM Mass might be a Communion Service if neither Fr. Mark nor I can get back to Culpeper in time.

Thursday, December 8, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, our national patroness, and a Holy Day of Obligation. A Vigil Mass will be offered on Wednesday, December 7 at 7 PM, and other Masses will be offered during the day on Thursday, at 8:30 AM, 2 PM (at Epiphany School) and 7 PM.

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 On December 8th, we celebrate the Immaculate Conception and on December 12th we celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe. In the inspiring talk, *Mary: Handmaid of the Lord*, by St. Teresa of Kolkata, she shares her insights on the Blessed Virgin Mary as a model of womanhood and perfect discipleship. She shows us that we, too, can do the will of God by saying "yes" to the Lord in the big and little things in our lives; nothing is too insignificant. This audio 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 An adorer is needed to come before our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ present in the monstrance in prayer and adoration on **Thursdays from 4– 5 pm, 5– 6 pm, 6– 7pm and 7– 8 pm**. Please call Joanna Madorma **540-829-2235** if you can help with this beautiful ministry.

MINISTER SCHEDULES FOR DEC/JAN/FEB The new minister schedule for Dec/Jan/Feb is available on the website and there are hard copies in the ushers' room.

MUSIC MINISTRY Today's communion hymn, **CHRIST CIRCLE ROUND US**, was composed by Dan Schutte who combines the old with the new by using the ancient "O antiphons" traditionally sung at vespers during the last 7 days of advent, adapting the chant *Salve Regina* for the melody and utilizing a contemporary refrain that the light of Christ surround our worship today and fill our hearts that we may bring that light into our daily lives.

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: **ANGEL TREE** If you signed out a tag from the Angel Tree, please remember that gifts are due by December 11th. Thank you for your generosity!
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"While our hearts reach out towards the annual celebration of the birth of Christ, the Church's liturgy directs our gaze to the final goal: our encounter with the Lord in the splendour of glory. This is why we, in every Eucharist, "announce his death, proclaim his resurrection until he comes again"... The liturgy does not cease to encourage us, putting on our lips, in the days of Advent, the cry with which the whole Bible concludes, the last page of the Revelation of Saint John: "Come, Lord Jesus" (Revelation 22:20).

Pope Benedict XVI – First Vespers of Advent 2010