

PRECIOUS BLOOD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MASS TIMES (*during Advent season: 12/3-12/24*)

- ◆ Sundays: 8:30am, 11:30am, 2:00pm(Spanish)
- ◆ Saturdays: 8:30am* & 5:00pm (Vigil)
- ◆ Mon, Tues, Wed, & Fridays: 8:30am* & 7:00pm
Thursdays: 8:30am Mass followed by
Adoration 9am-9pm (unless otherwise noted)
- ◆ Fridays: 8:30am* and 7:00pm
*(Friday 8:30 am Mass at Epiphany School during the school year
unless otherwise noted)*
- ◆ Holy Days: 8:30am*, 7:00pm, 8:30pm(Spanish)
- ◆ (*and 7:00pm vigil the preceding evening*)
*(*followed by Morning Prayer)*

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Kevin B. Walsh.....Pastor
Rev. Mark Moretti.....Parochial Vicar
Rev. Mr. Ramon Tirado.....Deacon
Kathy Semerling..... Business Manager
Steve Hemler.....Director of Faith Formation
Miriam Medina.....Director of Liturgy/Hispanic Liaison
Hannah Masson.....Director of Music
Julie Canavan.....Office Staff/Notary
Julie Dawley.....Director of R.C.I.A.
Rev. Mark Moretti.....Coordinator of Youth Ministry
Austin Poole.....Principal, Epiphany School
Monica Parsons.....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

Wednesdays 6:30-7:30 PM

Saturdays 3:30-4:30 PM, and any time upon request.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parishioners who are requesting baptism for their child should contact the parish office to sign up for the required pre-baptismal classes:
English, 1st Saturday of the month
Spanish, 3rd Saturday of the month

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

is celebrated after a period of preparation of not less than six months. Parishioners who wish to marry at Precious Blood should contact the parish office for arrangements.

CCD Classes: Sundays 9:45-11:00AM(K-12)

RCIA Classes: Mondays 7:00PM (English)

RCIC Classes: Sundays 12:45PM

RICA Classes: Sundays 3:30PM (Spanish)

Office: 540-825-1339

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



DECEMBER 10, 2017
2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Mass Readings and Intentions for the Week

Sun. December 10

Readings: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8
8:30AM: Pat and Bill Gravely (blessings on their 49th wedding anniversary)
11:30AM: for the people
2:00 PM: Luis Medinas (+)

Mon. December 11

Readings: Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26
8:30AM: Sylvia Victor (+)
7:00PM: Jennifer Baker (birthday blessings)

Tues. December 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe

Readings: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
4:30AM-6:00AM: Mananitas/rosary
8:30AM: Nancy Lane (healing)
7:00PM: (Mass in Spanish) Antonio Medinas (+)

Wed. December 13

Readings: Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30
8:30AM: Evelyn Kitts (healing)
7:00PM: Sheila and Richard Baker (55th wedding anniversary)

Thurs. December 14

Readings: Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15
9:00AM: (Mass with Bishop Burbidge at Epiphany)
No 7:00PM mass

Fri. December 15

Readings: Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19
8:30AM: (Mass at Precious Blood) Taylor Wright (+)
7:00PM: forgiveness and conversion of enemies of the Church

Sat. December 16

Readings: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
8:30AM: Sam Davidson (+)
5:00PM: for the people

Patience

Reading I: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 (promise of salvation)

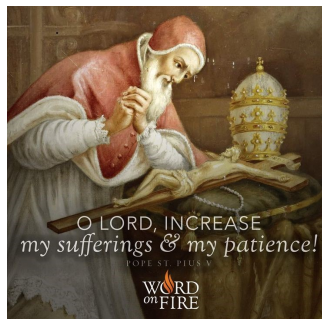
Reading II: 2 Peter 3:8-14 (Christ will come in judgment)

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8 (John the Baptist)

Key Passage: *The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish but all to come to repentance. (2 Peter 3:9)*

Adult: With whom could you be more patient this week, as God has been patient with you?

Child: With whom can you be more patient?



ALL Bulletin inserts please email them in by 3:30pm on Mondays-Thank you

bulletin@preciousbloodcatholicchurch.com

"I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns also, because that is why I was sent."
 LK 4:43



LORD, HEAR THE PRAYER FOR OUR SICK *ESPECIALLY:*

Brian Alexander, Janice Ambrose, Hector Baez, Natalie Batiste, Wayne Bentz, Mike Bosma, Joyce Bosworth, Rudy Bronesky, Mike Buckley, Christopher Byrne, Jim Byrne, Sally Canavan, Kriss Cordero, Betty Craven, Valentina Cruz, Bill Daley, Cynthia Davies, Jo English, Tom Fealy, Paul Flynn, Arnold French, Jeraldine Frye, Jeff and Danielle Gambale-Metz, Kevin Gile, Bill Goetz, April Hair, Doris Houdesheldt, Alex Hyde, Joe and Freda Kratochvil, Susan Lambert, Jean Landon, Charlotte Larson, John Lochte, Peg Logan, Martin Luna, Peyton Leopold, Camila Lyme, Ana Magana, Ileana Martinez, Kimberly Mendoza, Beth Moreland, Bill Mullins, Mary Neureither, Barbara Noonan, Richard Noonan, Jr., Cornelia Slabe Paczkowski, Luis Padilla, Shawn Peet, Elizabeth Amos Plasencia, Elizabeth Pycha, Gia Quiroz, Edna Iris Robles, Alice Schorr, Avery Scott, James Tietz, Mae Traversari, Cheryl Weagle, Bill White, Ross Whittaker **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.**
[Please call the rectory to give us changes/updates](#)



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.

Sacramental Emergency Only #: 540-219-5232

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Sunday (12/3/17):	\$13,125.00
Building Fund	\$ 1374.05
Epiphany	\$ 731.35
Campaign for Human Development to date:	\$2,010.63



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THIS WEEK AT PRECIOUS BLOOD:

◆ MONDAY (12/11):

Masses: 8:30AM/7:00PM; library open

◆ TUESDAY (12/12): Our Lady of Guadalupe

4:30AM-6:00AM Mananitas/rosary

Masses: 8:30AM(English), 7:00PM(Spanish)

◆ WEDNESDAY (12/13):

Masses: 8:30AM/7:00PM; Prayer Study group/Rosary,9:30am; library open; Confessions 6:30-6:50, then 7:30PM, if needed

◆ THURSDAY (12/14):

Masses: 9:00AM only, at Epiphany with Bishop Burbidge; Adoration 1:30PM-9:00pm

◆ FRIDAY (12/15):

Masses: 8:30AM/7:00PM

◆ SATURDAY (12/16):

Masses: 8:30AM/Vigil Mass 5:00PM

Confessions 3:30PM-4:30PM

◆ SUNDAY (12/17):

Masses: 8:30AM, 11:30AM, Spanish 2:00PM;

"Prepare the way of the Lord..." - MARK 1:3

We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, does just that – it puts us on the path to holiness and it invites others to be holy, too.



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MUSIC MINISTRY: Our hymn *LIKE A SHEPHERD* was composed by Jesuit Father Bob Dufford in 1976 and contains texts from Isaiah, Ezekiel and Matthew that image our Lord as the Good Shepherd who is gentle yet strong and forceful. It is often used at funerals because of the comforting reminder of our Lord as the one who feeds us, carries us and holds us close to his heart as he leads us to our heavenly home.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS CARDS are on sale each weekend after the Masses **through December 16-17** by the Knights of Columbus.

ST. STEPHEN'S FOOD CLOSET: needs this week: personal care items (toothbrushes, toothpaste, shaving items etc.), pancake mix & syrup, chicken helper, green beans, mushroom soup, canned tuna, salmon; **wooden collection bin is located in foyer of Parish Hall.**

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

There will be exposition on Thursday (12/14), 1:30PM-9:00PM due to the Bishop's visit. In addition, there will be NO exposition on 12/21 due to the communal penance service & 12/28 due to vacations; it will resume January 4th, 9:00AM to 9:00PM;

(weather exceptions: if Culpeper County schools are closed, no adoration; delayed openings, adoration begins at 11:00AM; early closure, reposition will be at Fr. Kevin's discretion)

PRECIOUS BLOOD ANGEL TREE TAGS: wrapped gifts with the TAG should be returned to the office by 12/13. During the Christmas season of giving and goodwill, YOU, the parishes, make a difference in the lives of the Culpeper Community and the Northern Virginia poor through the annual Angel Tree program. THANK YOU!



EVENTS COMING UP:

DINNER&MOVIE NIGHT: Experience the true meaning of Christmas by viewing the major epic feature film *The Nativity Story* at our dinner and movie night **THIS Saturday, (Dec. 9.)** This outstanding movie is unique among films about the birth of Jesus in that it brings the true story of Christmas to life in a beautiful and moving but realistic way. Please join us for dinner starting at 6:15 pm in the Parish Hall (following 5 pm Mass). Pizza will be available and feel free to bring a dish or dessert to share. **All are welcome!**

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

NEWS: the next meeting will be **Monday, 12/11, at 7:00PM in the Parish Hall.** Topic: Second, third, fourth and fifth commandments. **YOU ARE INVITED TO COME LEARN MORE about Catholicism! All are welcome!**

MASS WITH BISHOP BURBIDGE: Thursday, **December 14!** Epiphany will be hosting Bishop Burbidge as he celebrates Mass (9:00AM), visits with students, and has lunch with our teachers. All are welcome to join us as in this celebration! **There will be no 8:30AM Mass at Precious Blood.**

ALTAR SOCIETY to the parishioners: For later in **December:** please keep in mind that we will be collecting fresh cut greens like nandina, magnolia, white pine, cedar, fir, boxwood, spruce branches; fruit accents like pomegranates, apples for the week of December 19-22. We will use these for our Christmas window decorations. Thank you for sharing!

THE PRAYER STUDY GROUP : meet on Wednesdays at 9:30AM., in the parish hall; **Rosary prayer intention: during Advent Lord give us assistance to perform the Corporal works of mercy: feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, shelter the homeless, visit the sick and imprisoned, and pray for the dead.**

Youth group meets Sunday evenings, 6:00PM, parish hall

Join in for caroling the next two

**Sundays of Advent:
(12/10) and (12/17)**

Contact:

memoretti1958@gmail.com

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WORKCAMP2018: WALK HUMBLY WITH GOD:

Interested in WorkCamp? Contact: Kelly Bennett, our stakeholder at kellybennett94@aol.com and find out what a week can do to change your life! We need adult volunteers, contractors, lunch makers, and more! Plan ahead by marking your calendars for: June 23-29, 2018. Registration ends December 30!

WORD OF LIFE: "If you know someone who has had an abortion, express your sympathy for her loss. Assure her of God's unconditional love, and encourage her to seek healing and forgiveness." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Bridges of Mercy for Post-Abortion Healing," www.goo.gl/MpC7RG

2018 CALENDARS ARE IN! Please limit one calendar per family; they are located in the vestibule!

CULPEPER WINTER HEAT SHELTER EARLY

PLANNING: Precious Blood will serve the week of January 21 – 27th; volunteers can sign up for supplies/food/entertainment just click on this link: www.CareCalendar.org; Calendar ID (logon): 200420, Security Code: 5365. Contact: jilldevine2@gmail.com

AMAZON SMILE (fundraising for Epiphany):

Do you shop on Amazon? What about your family members, neighbors, and friends? All can register to support Epiphany Catholic School! Epiphany receives 0.5% of your eligible purchases because they are registered as a charitable organization! There is no cost to you, the customer, or to Epiphany, the charitable organization. **It is truly painless fundraising! How easy is it to register?**

Copy and paste this link in to your browser:

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/54-1836329>

When you have registered, it will say "Supporting Epiphany Catholic School" under the search bar. *Each quarter, funds will be transferred directly to Epiphany.* **Please note that eligible purchases are noted as "Eligible for amazon smile donation" on the product detail page.**

(Please note that only the sale price of the item is considered-other costs, such as tax, shipping, fees, service charges, returns, etc., are excluded.)

THE SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY THIS ADVENT SEASON:

The Spiritual Works of Mercy have long been a part of the Christian tradition, appearing in the works of theologians and spiritual writers throughout history. Just as Jesus attended to the spiritual well-being of

those he ministered to, these Spiritual Works of Mercy guide us to "help our neighbor in their spiritual needs" (USCCA). **1) Accompany a friend who is struggling with believing to join a parish group for service or faith formation, share a book you found useful in dealing with your friend's faith concern, and worship at Sunday Mass. 2) "Remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter from your brother's eye" (Mt 7:5). 3) Make a home cooked meal for a friend who is facing a difficult time. 4) Let go of grudges. 5) Frustrated with someone? Step away from the situation, take a few deep breaths, pray the Our Father, asking God for patience. 6) Request a mass intention for a friend or family member who is going through a tough time. 7) Invite someone to go to mass with you this weekend**



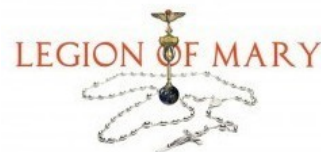
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VOCATIONS: "Son, behold your mother." Do you hear our Lord calling you to a more fulfilling life following the example of His mother? If Christ may be inviting you to faithful service as a priest or consecrated religious, call Father J.D. Jaffe at (703) 841-2514 or j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org.

SEMINARIANS VS QUO VADIS BBALL: "Hoops Challenge" will be held on **Sunday, January 7, 2018, from 2-6pm** at St. John Paul the Great High School. Bishop Burbidge and Fr. Christopher Vaccaro will be the referees. High school boys who are open to a vocation are welcome to participate on the Quo Vadis team, but we need to hear from them by this AS SOON AS POSSIBLE so they can attend a practice. Contact our office, vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.

THE LEGION OF MARY

cordially invites all auxiliaries (and their families) to the Annual Reunion (a social) on **Sunday, December 10 from 2-4pm** in Mercy Hall at St. John the Evangelist Church. The guest speaker will be Mr. Ron Savage, who will talk on the qualities of a strong Legion Force. Come and meet other Legionaries from Warrenton, Rappahannock, Orange and Gainesville!



EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR:

The Arlington Division of the World Apostolate of Fatima (the Blue Army) will sponsor a diocesan-wide Eucharistic Holy Hour on **Sun., Dec.24 from 3 - 4 pm** in the Perpetual Adoration Chapel at Our Lady of Angels Church, 13752 Mary's Way, Woodbridge. We hope you can join us to pray for world peace through the conversion of souls.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This Sunday, December 10, the Second Sunday of Advent, we are celebrating the Rite of Acceptance into the Catechumenate (for those who are not baptized) for children who are preparing to receive the three sacraments of Christian Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist). We will do this at the 2 PM Mass in Spanish. Please pray for those who are preparing to come in to the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil, or are preparing to receive other sacraments.

During Advent, we have added a 7 PM Mass on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, in addition to the regular Friday 7 PM Mass, to make it easier to come to Mass during this time of preparation to celebrate the birth of our Lord.

This Tuesday, December 12, is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. We will sing the "Mañanitas" at 4:30 AM, followed by the rosary. Everything should be over by 6 AM to allow people to get to work. That evening the 7 PM Mass will be in Spanish in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

On Thursday, December 14, Bishop Burbidge will visit Epiphany School, our regional Catholic school. He will celebrate Mass in the school gym at 9 AM. Everyone is invited to attend. The 8:30 AM Mass will be canceled that day in the parish, and adoration will be from 1:30 PM-9:00PM.

Next week, on Thursday, December 21, we will have our Advent Penance Service to prepare for Christmas, at 7 PM. Four priests will be available for Confessions.

Those who are preparing for First Communion and for Confirmation are asked to place their sacramental cards in the basket at the Offertory when they come to Mass. Please remember to print your first and last name, legibly, and date on the cards, since we have been receiving some blank cards recently, and we don't know who they are from.

And thank you to anyone who has brought food by the rectory this week.

God bless,

Fr. Kevin

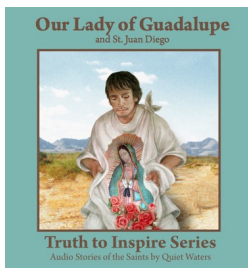
**CHRISTMAS COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES, SECOND COLLECTION,
THIS WEEKEND, DEC 9/10:**

“This year, the theme of the Christmas Collection on behalf of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington is Encountering Each Other in Christ. In this sacred time of year, we are encouraged to seek opportunities to carry the love of Jesus to our neighbors, especially those most in need. One way to reach out to others is to offer a sacrificial gift for the 2017 Christmas Collection on the weekend of December 9 and 10. Through your generosity, you will be supporting the programs of our diocesan Catholic Charities, which serve God's people throughout northern Virginia and beyond.” ~Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge Bishop of Arlington

Follow the story of Our Lady of Guadalupe and her interactions with recently canonized St. Juan Diego. Juan was a simple peasant widower, completing his daily routines, when Our Lady, heavy with child, appeared over Tepeyac Hill in Mexico and announced other plans for him. Listen to the story of that apparition, which has forever changed the culture in all of North America.

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CHRISTMAS 2017 MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, 12/24

4:45PM Nativity drama

5:00PM family Mass (English)

7:00PM early evening Mass (English)

9:00PM Mass (English)

11:00PM Mass (Spanish)

MONDAY, 12/25

10:00AM Mass (English)

12:00PM Mass (Spanish)