

# PRECIOUS BLOOD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## MASS TIMES

- ◆ Sundays: 8:30am, 11:30am, 2:00pm(Spanish)
- ◆ Saturdays: 8:30am\* & 5:00pm (Vigil)
- ◆ Mon, Tues, Wed, & Fridays: 8:30am\* & 7:00pm  
(*during Advent season: 12/3-12/24*)
- ◆ 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](mailto:office@epiphanycatholicsschool.org)



**DECEMBER 3, 2017**  
**1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



## Mass Readings and Intentions for the Week

### Sun. December 3

Readings: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; 1Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

**8:30AM: Sr. Lucia of Jesus and the Immaculate heart**

**11:30AM: for the people**

**2:00 PM: Manuel Medinas**

### Mon. December 4

Readings: Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11

**8:30AM: Maria Reyna**

**7:00PM: Joseph Levi Flemming (+)**

### Tues. December 5

Readings: Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

**8:30AM: Georgian P. Maybach (+)**

**7:00PM: Harold Watson (healing)**

### Wed. December 6

Readings: Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37

**8:30AM: Georgina Walsh (+)**

**7:00PM: Marjorie Dexter (+)**

### Thurs. December 7

Readings: Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

**8:30AM: Diane Lee (special intentions)**

**Funeral 11:00AM (Marcia Peacock)**

**7:00PM: Vigil Mass for Immaculate Conception: Marjorie Dexter (+)**

### Fri. December 8 Holy Day-Immaculate Conception

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

**8:30AM: Teresa Zandarski (+)**

**1:30PM: (Mass at Epiphany): Allyson Kearney (birthday blessings)**

**7:00PM: Jim Murphy (healing&strength)**

**8:30PM: para el pueblo**

### Sat. December 9

Readings: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

**8:30AM: Dolores Cifala**

**5:00PM: Kenneth Getz (+)**

### God's Faithfulness

**Reading I:** Isaiah 63:16-17, 19, 64:2-7 (prayer for the return of God's favor)

**Reading II:** 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 (thanksgiving)

**Gospel:** Mark 13:33-37 (need for watchfulness)

**Key Passage:** God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (1Corinthians 1:9)

**Adult:** How do you know when you're following Christ and living his teachings faithfully?

**Child:** What good thing might God be asking you to do right now?



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

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"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, John A. Maitland, Ana Magana, Ileana Martinez, Kimberly Mendoza, Beth Moreland, Mario Moznich, 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

<b>Sunday (11/19/17):</b>	<b>\$7,992.00</b>
<b>Thanksgiving</b>	<b>\$ 964.50</b>
<b>Sunday (11/26/17):</b>	<b>\$9,914.00</b>
<b>Building Fund</b>	<b>\$ 225.00</b>
<b>Epiphany</b>	<b>\$ 24.00</b>
<b>Campaign for Human Development to date:</b>	<b>\$2,010.63</b>
<b>Faith Direct:</b>	<b>\$2,943.00</b>
<b>Building fund</b>	<b>\$ 176.00</b>
<b>Epiphany</b>	<b>\$ 53.00</b>

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## THIS WEEK AT PRECIOUS BLOOD:

### ◆ MONDAY (12/4):

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

### ◆ TUESDAY (12/5):

Masses: 8:30AM/7:00PM

### ◆ WEDNESDAY (12/6):

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

### ◆ THURSDAY (12/7):

Masses: 9:00AM; Adoration, 12PM-6:00PM; VIGIL MASS 7:00pm

### ◆ FRIDAY (12/8): HOLY DAY THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Masses: 8:30AM; 1:30pm (Epiphany), 7:00PM, 8:30PM (Spanish)

### ◆ SATURDAY (12/9):

Masses: 8:30AM/Vigil Mass 5:00PM  
Confessions 3:30PM-4:30PM

### ◆ SUNDAY (12/10):

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

*"Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time will come." - MARK 13:33*

We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. Our lives are so busy, many of us are planning our time - our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to what God is saying to you.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING TRADITION:

Families are invited to sign up to light the advent wreath during each Mass; the sign up sheet is in the vestibule; the first weekend (12/2&12/3) the lighting will occur after the prayers of the faithful and blessing; the other weekends lighting will occur after the opening prayer.

HOLIDAY SALE: The Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus will have tables of crafters, gift baskets, sweet treats and Oplatek for sale! This sale will be held on **THIS WEEKEND AFTER ALL THE MASSES!**

MUSIC MINISTRY: The author of the text for our hymn "The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns" is unknown but it is believed to have been translated from Greek to English in the mid-1800s by John Brownlie, a Scottish minister. The tune, known as "MORNING SONG", "CONSOLATION", or "KENTUCKY HARMONY" is attributed to Presbyterian minister Elkanah K. Dare in the early 1800s and is very similar to the traditional English folk version of "Old King Cole".

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

SNACKS of the APOSTLES bible study: will **NOT** meet **12/2** after the vigil Mass due to the holiday sale in the parish hall. We will resume **12/16** after the Vigil Mass with **potluck/bible study: the OT book of Numbers**; please join us as we have extra books to share!

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

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Thursday(12/7): due to funeral, exposition begins at noon and ends at 6 pm due to vigil Mass (**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**) *In the Mass and in Eucharistic Adoration we meet the merciful love of God that passes through the Heart of Jesus Christ.* -Pope John Paul II



## EVENTS COMING UP:

### RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

NEWS: the next meeting will be **Monday, 12/4, at 7:00PM in the Parish Hall.** Topic: The Two Great Commandments-prayer-practices-season of Advent. **YOU ARE INVITED TO COME LEARN MORE about Catholicism! All are welcome!**

ALTAR SOCIETY& WOMEN'S GROUP: We will be meeting on **Friday, 12/8**, at 9:45AM to firm up plans for decorating for Christmas along with a cookie exchange! Please join us one and all with 2 dozen cookies to share and take home a variety of others! **For later in December:** please keep in mind that we will be asking for 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. Thank you for lending a helping hand!

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 **next 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 desert to share. **All are welcome!**

THE PRAYER STUDY GROUP : meet on Wednesdays at 9:30AM., in the parish hall; **Rosary prayer intention: during Advent 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.**



**Mark your calendar for Thursday, December 14!**

Epiphany will be hosting **Bishop Burbidge** as he celebrates Mass (9:00AM), visits with students, and has lunch with our teachers. Parents, please plan to join us as we welcome our Bishop to this beautiful part of his Diocese!  
**There will be no 8:30AM Mass at Precious Blood.**

**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 will begin in December!

**WORD OF LIFE:** "When we encounter Christ, experience his love, and deepen our relationship with him, we become more aware of our own worth and that of others."  
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

**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](http://www.CareCalendar.org); Calendar ID (logon): 200420, Security Code: 5365. Contact: [jilldevine2@gmail.com](mailto:jilldevine2@gmail.com)

**AMAZON SMILE (fundraising for Epiphany):**

Do you shop on Amazon? Who doesn't, right? 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. *Black Friday? Cyber Monday? How about every other day of the week? 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



**AROUND the**  
**CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF**  
**ARLINGTON**  
**& VIRGINIA**

**VOCATIONS:** "O LORD, you are our father...we are all the work of your hands..." How is God trying to mold you? Is it to be of service to Him as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? 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](mailto:j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org).

**THE LEGION OF MARY** cordially invites all auxiliaries (and their families) to the Annual Reunion (a social) on **Sunday, December 10 from 2-4 pm** 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!



**THIS CHRISTMAS, PROVIDE THE BASICS FOR SOMEONE IN NEED: PRECIOUS BLOOD**

**ANGEL TREE TAGS from several charitable**

**organizations STILL AVAILABLE :** Please visit the vestibule, select your tag and record your choice in the gift log; 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!**

**A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM EVELYN KITTS:** Thank you to all who offered Masses, prayers, food, cards and / or visited with me during my on-going recovery from hip surgery. Also, thanks to anyone who filled in for me during Adoration. A special thank you to Fr. Walsh and Fr. Moretti for the anointing of the sick.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This Sunday, December 3, the First Sunday of Advent, we are celebrating the Rite of Acceptance into the Catechumenate (for those who are not baptized) as well as the Welcoming of Candidates for Full Communion (for those baptized outside of the Catholic Church and older Catholics who are preparing to receive the Eucharist and/or Confirmation). We will do this at the 11:30 AM Mass in English and 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.

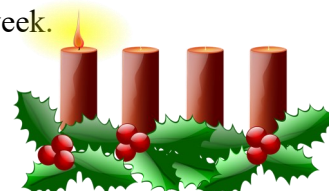
During Advent we will also add a 7 PM Mass on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, in addition to the regular Friday 7 PM Mass, to make it easier to come to Mass during this time of preparation to celebrate the birth of our Lord.

I have been noticing that more and more people are chewing gum in church. It is good to remember that we cannot give you Communion if you are chewing gum at Mass, since it would be disrespectful to the Eucharist if the gum stuck to the host. But it is also good to reflect that it is not respectful to chew gum during Mass even if we are not going to receive Communion. At times, I have been asked at previous parishes to accompany parishioners to court, and sometimes even to translate for them. I have noticed how strict the decorum is in a court, out of respect for the judge and the law: no gum, no phones, and you're not even supposed to be reading a magazine or a book when someone's case is being discussed! We should realize that we should have at least that much respect when we are in church at Mass; we are in the presence of someone much more important than a human judge: Jesus Christ himself. I would ask you to always dispose of your gum (and lollipops and candy, etc.) before you enter in to church.

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 name 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.

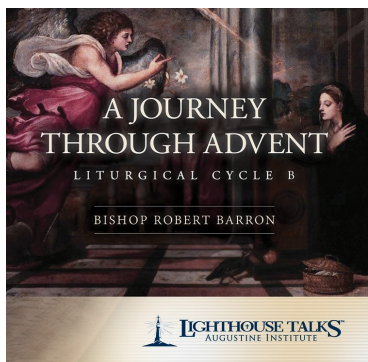
God bless,  
Fr. Kevin



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**CHRISTMAS COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES, SECOND COLLECTION, 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



Get the most out of Advent by following along with Bishop Robert Barron's homilies as he unpacks these profound scripture readings. The homilies in the talk will correspond to the Scriptures for Sunday Masses throughout Advent and Christmas 2017:

- Advent Week 1: Isaiah 63: 16-64:7, 1 Corinthians 1:3-9, Mark 13:33-37***
- Advent Week 2: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11, 2 Peter 3:8-14, Mark 1:1-8***
- Advent Week 3: Isaiah 61:1-11, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24, John 1:6-28***
- Advent Week 4: 2 Samuel 7:1-16, Romans 16:25-27, Luke 1:26-38***

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