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Alleluia!

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Mass Readings and Intentions for the Week

Sun. Mar 27

7:00 AM Rudolph Bronesky (healing)

9:00 AM John Heslep (healing)

11:00 AM Marcy Duffy (+)

1:00 PM For the People

Mon. Mar 28 Father Maurice du Castillon (+)

Readings: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15

Tues. Mar 29 George Frazier (+)

Readings: Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18

Wed. Mar 30 Norma Haught (healing)

Readings: Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35

Thurs. Mar 31 Kelli Robertson (healing)

Readings: Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48

Fri. Apr 1 Kelli Robertson (healing)

Readings: Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14

Sat. Apr 2

Readings: Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15

8:30 AM Jim Minihan (+)

6:00 PM Thomas Kearney (birthday)

LORD HEAR THE PRAYER FOR OUR SICK

Especially: Brian Alexander, Janice Ambrose, Trudy Baker, Michael Baudham, Mike Bosma, Joyce Bosworth, Bill Daley, Cynthia Davies, Danielle Gambale-Metz, Sandy Hall, Alex Hyde, Peg Logan, Ana Magana, Donna Mehalek, Robert Minner, Beth Moreland, Mary Neureither, Shawn Peet, Gia Quiroz, Donald Rediske, Aaron Reynolds, Max Rosado, Lorain Smith 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

"He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him." (Acts 10:38)

On this Easter Sunday, allow Jesus to fill your mind, body and soul. Pray for guidance on how to live your life, open your heart to those in need and give thanks to God for all that He has given you.



Easter Sunday

"Made new by Christ"

Reading I Acts 10:34, 37-43 (Peter's discourse)

Reading II Colossians 3:1-4 (mystical death and resurrection) Or 1 Corinthians 5:6-8 (the yeast of sincerity and truth)

Gospel John 20:1-9 (Peter and the disciple at the tomb)

Key Passage Clean out the old yeast so that you may be a new batch, as you really are unleavened. For our paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed. (1 Corinthians 5:7)

Adult What change could the hope of the resurrection of Christ inspire you to make?

Child What bad habit would you like to "clear out" during the hopeful time of this Easter Season?

ALL Bulletin inserts please email:

bulletin@preciousbloodcatholicchurch.com

Deadline is 3:30pm on Monday before.

Bishop's Lenten Appeal at Precious Blood

\$106,516 pledged

93% of our \$115,000 goal

290 participating households

It is not too late to make a contribution to the BLA!

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.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Due to the early publishing deadline of the Easter bulletin, offertory collections will be posted in next week's bulletin.

THIS WEEK AT PRECIOUS BLOOD

MUSIC MINISTRY The Easter Proclamation, or Exultet, has been sung at the beginning of the Easter Vigil for more than 1200 years. This beautiful, ancient prayer exhorts the Church to join our voices with those of all creation to sing the praises of the risen Christ. Everyone is included: the hosts of heaven, angel ministers, the earth, even the bees provide their particular praise. "Let this holy building shake with joy, filled with the mighty voices of the peoples!" Christ is risen, sing Alleluia!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION There will not be any adult ed sessions on Easter Sunday, March 27. Sessions resume on **April 3** from **9:40-10:40 am** in the Parish Hall.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES Please let the office know if you are graduating from high school in Spring 2016. The High School Graduation Mass will be **Sunday, June 5th** and we would like to recognize our graduating seniors.

SAINT STEPHEN'S FOOD CLOSET This week's needs: single serving cereals; canned vegetables, except green beans and corn; canned chicken and chicken helper; and juice boxes for kids.

WALK FOR LIFE Join the Walk for Life on **Saturday, April 16th at 8:30 AM!** Help women choose life for their babies! Don't miss this fun family event benefiting The Pregnancy Centers of Central VA. The money you raise as a fundraising walker directly supports pre-born babies and their mothers. YOU can make the difference of life by raising funds and getting your friends and family involved. Details for the event can be found on the sponsor forms in the back of the church or at **iWalk4LifeVA.org**. The easy, 1.5 mile walk will start and end at Culpeper Baptist Church, 318 South West St. beginning with registration at 8:30 AM. Questions? Call The Pregnancy Center at **540-727-0800** or speak to your church representative, Dave Craven at **540-825-2265**.

LOOKING FOR WORK? Surge is currently hiring!! Please apply today at **www.surgestaffing.com** and select the Culpeper branch or call **(540) 317-3718**. Surge has warehouse, manufacturing, and general labor positions starting immediately! We need people who want to work! Requirements: reliable transportation, 18 & over, and ability to pass a drug screen.

PARENT/CHILD TEAM BUILDING RETREAT Members of the Precious Blood Catholic Church community are invited to participate in a Parent/Child Team Building Retreat **April 16, 2016**. The retreat will be held locally at the Verdun Adventure Bound facility in Rixeyville, Virginia. The retreat is specifically intended for a combination of parent and child teams to engage in a day of indoor/outdoor team building activities and group challenges. For additional information please contact Ronald Vaillant at **(540) 543-2526**.

CARING FOR SOMEONE WITH DEMENTIA Teepa Snow is one of the leading experts in the field of dementia care education. On **Tuesday May 3rd**, Teepa is the featured presenter at an all-day conference - *Caring for Someone with Dementia* designed for family caregivers, professionals, and anyone interested in learning more about dementia or Alzheimer's disease. The conference will be held at Germanna Community College, Culpeper campus. Tickets and registration are available at **www.agingtogether.org**.

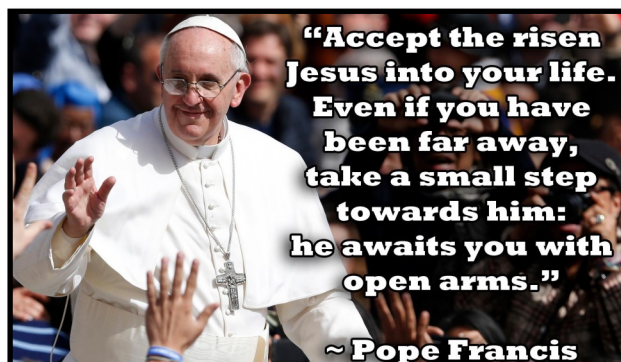
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MORNINGS OF MERCY FOR DIVORCED CATHOLICS Join us for a series of morning retreats that deal with topics such as grief, parenting, suffering and hope. The first retreat will be **May 21** at St. Louis in Alexandria, starting at **8:45 a.m.** and ending before noon. The morning will include Mass, a featured speaker, time for discussion, and benediction. To learn more or to register visit: **www.arlingtondiocese.org/divorced**. More dates are available online. Please contact the Office for Family Life at **(703) 841-2550** with any questions.

2MINUTES2VIRTUE Tune in to 2minutes2virtue: The Weekly Challenge. Fr. James Hudgins is back, hosting the March series of two-minute videos created to help Catholics on the go get the most out of Sunday readings. Signup to receive weekly videos at **arlingtondiocese.org/2minutes2virtue**. For more information contact the Office for Family Life at **(703) 841-2550**.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Precious Blood community is seeking people to help with various parish ministries: money counting, hospitality, and ushers. Please contact the office with your interest!





March 27, 2016

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Risen Lord Jesus,

As we rejoice on this Easter Day and throughout the fifty days of the Easter season, do not the words of the psalmist echo over and over again: "Praise the Lord, for he is good; for his mercy endures forever" (Ps 136:1)? God's mercy is revealed clearly and so intentionally in the Dying and Rising of His Only-begotten Son, sent to be our Savior and Redeemer precisely through His victory over evil, sin, suffering and eternal death.

Yes, "Jesus Christ is the Face of the Father's Mercy" (*Misericordiae Vultus*, 1). In His words and actions, we see revealed to us how loved we are by Our Father, how enveloped we are by His mercy. We encounter His mercy every time we receive the Sacrament of Penance, which the Risen Lord Jesus instituted and gave to His apostles and through them to His Church on that first Easter night. During the Last Supper, Jesus Christ instituted both the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist and the Sacrament of Holy Orders, these sacraments being confirmed, in a sense, by His Dying on the Cross and by His Rising on Easter. And in His new commandment to love, the Lord reveals the depths of His Father's mercy towards us and of the corresponding mission given us to be convincing heralds of this same divine mercy to everyone we encounter.

Yes, in the Dying and Rising of Jesus Christ, the mercy of Our God is so clearly revealed, so that, in turn, we become its heralds every day!

Assuring you of my prayers, especially on Easter and throughout the Easter Season, I remain

Faithfully in the Heart of Christ,

Most Reverend Paul S. Loverde
Bishop of Arlington

From the Homily of His Holiness Pope Francis, Easter Vigil, 2015:

The women went to the tomb at dawn on Sunday to anoint Jesus' body. Their hearts were overwhelmed and they were asking themselves: "How will we enter? Who will roll back the stone of the tomb? ..." But here was the first sign of the great event: the large stone was already rolled back and the tomb was open!

"Entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe..." (Mk 16:5). The women were the first to see this great sign, the empty tomb; and they were the first to enter...

"Entering the tomb". It is good for us, on this Vigil night, to reflect on the experience of the women, which also speaks to us. For that is why we are here: to enter, to enter into the Mystery which God has accomplished with his vigil of love.

We cannot live Easter without entering into the mystery. It is not something intellectual, something we only know or read about... It is more, much more!

"To enter into the mystery" means the ability to wonder, to contemplate; the ability to listen to the silence and to hear the tiny whisper amid great silence by which God speaks to us (cf 1 Kings 19:12).

To enter into the mystery demands that we not be afraid of reality: that we not be locked into ourselves, that we not flee from what we fail to understand, that we not close our eyes to problems or deny them, that we not dismiss our questions...

To enter into the mystery means going beyond our own comfort zone, beyond the laziness and indifference which hold us back, and going out in search of truth, beauty and love. It is seeking a deeper meaning, an answer, and not an easy one, to the questions which challenge our faith, our fidelity and our very existence.

To enter into the mystery, we need humility, the lowliness to abase ourselves, to come down from the pedestal of our "I" which is so proud, of our presumption; the humility not to take ourselves so seriously, recognizing who we really are: creatures with strengths and weaknesses, sinners in need of forgiveness. To enter into the mystery we need the lowliness that is powerlessness, the renunciation of our idols... in a word, we need to adore. Without adoration, we cannot enter into the mystery.

The women who were Jesus' disciples teach us all of this. They kept watch that night, together with Mary. And she, the Virgin Mother, helped them not to lose faith and hope. As a result, they did not remain prisoners of fear and sadness, but at the first light of dawn they went out carrying their ointments, their hearts anointed with love. They went forth and found the tomb open. And they went in. They had kept watch, they went forth and they entered into the Mystery. May we learn from them to keep watch with God and with Mary our Mother, so that we too may enter into the Mystery which leads from death to life.

