

# PRECIOUS BLOOD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## **MASSES**

Saturday: 6:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 8:00 & 11:30 a.m.  
4:00 p.m. (SPANISH)  
Daily: 8:30 a.m.  
Holy Days: 8:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

## **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday – Friday: 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

## **PARISH STAFF:**

Rev. Anselme Malonda-Nkuanga, CICM, Pastor  
Ramon Tirado, Deacon  
Kathy Semerling, Business Manager  
Hannah Masson, Director of Music  
Patricia Reed, Director of Religious Education  
Miriam Medina, Dir. of Liturgy/Hispanic Liaison  
Toni-Ann Gambale, Office Assistant  
Theresa Watson, Choir Director  
John Flemming, Heritage Choir Director  
Robert Wiersberg, Director of R.C.I.A.  
Mary Flemming, Coordinator of Youth Ministry  
Jim Oliver, Principal, Epiphany School  
Barbara Terry, Director, Epiphany Pre-School  
Anne Schuyler, Office Manager, Epiphany 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**

is available on Saturday: 4:30–5:30 p.m. and any other 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 office during office hours before making any other arrangements.

## **CCD CLASSES**

Sunday: 9:30 – 10:45 a.m. (K-12)

## **EPIPHANY CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

1211 E. Grandview Avenue  
Culpeper, VA 22701  
Preschool: 3 & 4 year old  
Elementary: K-5  
Middle School: 6-8  
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March 8, 2015  
“Third Sunday of Lent”

**Mass Readings and Intentions for the Week**

**Sun. March 8**

- 8:00 AM + Marion Baudhuin

-11:30 AM – Cynthia Davies & Josephine

Newton Families

- 4:00 PM + Jose Abelardo Paga

**Mon. March 9 – John Marburger (healing) – St.**

**Frances of Rome, Religious**

Readings: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b, Lk 4:24-30

**Tues. March 10 + Claude Royce**

Readings: Dn 3:25, 34-43, Mt 18:21-35

**Wed. March 11 + Marie Moran**

Readings: Dt 4:1, 5-9, Mt 5:17-19

**Thurs. March 12 – For the People**

Readings: Jer 7:23-28, Lk 11:14-23

**Fri. March 13 – Ramon Gamez (special)**

Readings: Hos 14:2-10, Mk 12:28-34

**Sat. March 14**

Readings: Hos 6:1-6, 18:9-14

- 8:30 AM – For the People

- 6:00 PM – Donald Rediske (healing)

*(If you would like a Mass Intention said please call or stop by the office.)*

**Third Sunday of Lent**

**Trust and doubt**

- Reading I Exodus 20:1–17 (the ten commandments)
- Reading II 1 Corinthians 1:22–25 (the wisdom and folly of the cross)
- Gospel John 2:13–25 (cleansing of the temple)

**Key Passage:** For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles. (1 Corinthians 1:22–23)

**Adult:** When has the message of the cross seemed absurd? When have you seen its wisdom?

**Child:** What puzzles you in the gospel stories? Which story makes you the most hopeful?

**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.



**LORD HEAR THE PRAYER FOR OUR**

**SICK** Especially: Jan Ambrose, Jorge Alvarado, Ric Barklund, Mike Bosma, Amber Bouchard, Mikey Bradford, Tom Brown, Chris Butler, Dr. Tom Calhoun, Michael Combs, Roger Corum, Katherine Craig, Cynthia Davies, Bill Daley, James Driscoll, Jackie Fancher, Regan Flemming, Ryleigh Flemming, David

Matthew Gendron, Bill Goetz, Tyler Hall, Ann Harrison, Elizabeth Hartwell, Rebecca Helsel, Betty Hescox, Marilyn Hoffmann, Eileen Hunter, Alex Hyde, Harold Lawrence, Kimberly Lemus, Mary Logan, Bryan Lorenz, Camilla Lynne, Frank and Lucille McPhillips, Phillip Leo Mercer, Efren Diaz Miguel, Jim Minihan, Beth Moreland, Mary Neureither, Barbara Noonan, Marcia Peacock, Shawn Peet, Donald Rediske, James Robles, Adelfa Salvador, Ines Sanchez, Cissy Staiger, Ray Tap, Joyce Vosworth, Susan Wynn 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.**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER:** God of Grace, multiply these tithes and offerings so that this church's ministry and mission radically change lives and create new evangelism opportunities. We pray that these gifts may help all of your children build a temple within their own body that brings honor and praise to you. In the name of Jesus who went to Calvary, we pray. Amen. *John 2:13-22*

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

Collection (3/1)	\$ 11,676.55
Building Fund	\$ 1,089.00
Epiphany School	\$ 545.00
Black and Indian Missions	\$ 1,075.00
Central and Eastern Europe	\$ 1,280.10
Latin America	\$ 2,089.39
Mardi Gras Fundraiser	\$ 2,248.45
<b>TOTAL FOR FEBRUARY</b>	<b>\$ 42,502.17</b>
<b>GOAL</b>	<b>\$ 46,000.00</b>

BLA contributions are at \$65,509, which is 39%. Our goal is \$115,000.

**Pope Francis:** The heart grows hard when it does not love. Lord, give us a heart that knows how to love.

## **THIS WEEK AT PRECIOUS BLOOD**

**FRIDAY DAILY MASS** on March 13<sup>th</sup> will be held at Epiphany Catholic School.

**SECOND COLLECTION** on March 15<sup>th</sup> will be held for the Catholic Relief Services, it funds six Catholic agencies that work to serve our suffering brothers and sisters around the world. These agencies provide assistance through humanitarian aid, resettling displaced individuals and families, and providing legal and advocacy services for migrants.

**THE LADIES AUXILIARY** of the Knights of Columbus will meet Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 10am in the Parish Hall.

**NEEDED** Someone who can visit the Most Blessed Sacrament on Thursdays for Eucharistic Adoration. The hours of need are 6pm-7pm. If you would like to volunteer or have questions, please directly call Joanna Madorma at 829-2235.

**ADULT CATECHESIS** The weekly RCIA Class meets at 6:45pm in Room 30-32 on Tuesday. All are welcome. Please call or text Bob Wiersberg (C [540-222-8672](tel:540-222-8672)).

**ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM "FAITH AND THE BIG QUESTIONS"** There will *not* be an adult ed session this Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. Sessions resume next Sunday, March 15, with a look at the big question: "*Why Was Christ's Passion and Death Necessary for Our Salvation?*" All adults are encouraged to attend this special Lenten presentation from 9:40-10:40 am in the Parish Hall.

**HOLY SPIRIT INTERACTIVE (HSI)** Next meeting will be this WEDNESDAY, March 11<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm at the home of Jill Devine (call [513-256-5677](tel:513-256-5677) for directions). Topic: "Trials and Temptations." All are welcome.

**ST. IGNATIUS** study group will continue meeting on Wednesdays at 9:30am in the lounge. For Lent, we are featuring an Ignation Retreat a DVD series presented by Fr. Gregory Carlson, S.J. All are welcome!

**ST. STEPHEN'S FOOD CLOSET** Needs for this week: peanut butter & jelly, beef stew, condiments and juice boxes.

**CURSILLO** An alternate group meeting will be held every Saturday at 9:15am in the Annex. All are welcome!

**LEGION OF MARY AUXILIARIES ATTENTION!** You are invited to the Acies, a ceremony of consecrating yourself to Mary, at St. John the Evangelist in Warrenton on March 21<sup>st</sup> at 1 pm. in celebration of the Feast of the Annunciation (a few days later). There will be a pot luck reception afterwards, and events will end around 4 pm. Come and meet other members of the Legion from the surrounding area, members who are also particularly devoted to Our Lady!

**THE LIGHT IS ON** Wednesday, March 11 at 6:30pm will be **FOR A JUST PEACE IN THE WORLD** led by our **Epiphany students**. Let us pray together before our Eucharistic Lord for greater peace in our world, our country, our community, our homes and our own hearts.



**THE WORD AMONG US** We now have available the Meditations for Lent. We have the daily meditation booklet and the complete Catholic Mass and Daily Meditations for Lent in both English and Spanish. The cost for these is \$1.50. We also have the "**Little Black Book**," six minute meditations on the Passion according to Matthew. We also have a "purple" version for children. These also cost \$1.50.

**A LENTEN PROGRAM OF PRAYER, FASTING & ALMSGIVING** As we continue our Operation Rice Bowl journey, let us remember in prayer that as a community of faith, we have the obligation to reach out to those most in need. Through **OPERATION RICE BOWL**, families fast by eating a simple meal one day a week and place the savings of what a usual meal would cost in their "**Rice Bowl**". Rice Bowl boxes are in the foyer.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** continues this Friday, **March 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm** with the theme "A Journey with Jesus" led by the Epiphany students. Afterwards there will be a Fish Fry in the Parish Hall. Come hungry, leave fulfilled both spiritually and physically.

**ALLUMINUM COLLECTION** will be held next Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>.

## NEWS AND NEEDS

**THEOLOGY ON TAP** will meet at McMahon's Pub in Warrenton, TODAY, March 8<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will begin around 6:45pm with fellowship and discussion. The topic will be "Parallels of our Catholic Faith and Sports. Running for the Prize." We hope to see all ages between 18-30 there!

**MINI-RETREAT** On Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, Karlo Broussard, apologist and speaker for the Magis Center, will be conducting a mini-retreat entitled "Finding True Happiness: Satisfying Our Restless Hearts" here, at Precious Blood Catholic from 3pm-5:30pm. Visit The Magis Center's website at [www.magiscenter.com](http://www.magiscenter.com) as well Mr. Broussard's website [www.karlobroussard.com](http://www.karlobroussard.com).



Dear Families, We had our best turn out in years for our Open House and February tours. There is a lot of excitement in the Culpeper community about what Epiphany Catholic School has to offer. I have asked all of you to be true ambassadors of our school and your efforts are working. Our enrollment is up 37% from last year! Many families that I spoke with during our Open House commented they have heard great things about Epiphany Catholic School. These parents wanted to see first-hand what our students are experiencing by touring our facility. It was great to have parents available here to act as guides and to showcase what Epiphany is all about. Saturday, March 14, from 11-5 we will be Celebrating our 2<sup>nd</sup> St. Patrick's Day. Bring your family and friends to share a wonderful time within our religious/school community. This will also be a wonderful opportunity for interested parents to tour the school with current parents to gain insight of our program.

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR** Rehearsals have begun for the spring season and if you are in grades 2-6 and love to sing...WE NEED YOU!! Share your gifts of song and spirit with our parish and our Lord. **PARENTS:** Encourage your child to use their faith and gifts to serve others. Practices are right after CCD from 10:50-11:20 am in the 3rd grade CCD classroom. It couldn't be any more convenient!! Please contact Mrs. Gina Rossetti at 540-937-2320 or [eprossetti@yahoo.com](mailto:eprossetti@yahoo.com) for more information.



## CCD NEWS:

**KINDERGARTEN-** The Kindergarten class is learning about Lent. They have visited the Church several times and walked along with Jesus through the Stations of the Cross. The students are trying to be like Jesus by completing tasks to fill their Easter baskets. As each task is completed, the children color an egg and add it to their baskets.

**1<sup>st</sup> GRADE-** The class has been talking about what sacrifices they are making during Lent. They will be following in the footsteps of Jesus when they offer their sacrifice to God. Mrs. Resseman would like to recognize Elaine Balino. She asks many questions and in turn will answer most of the questions asked during class. She is always helpful to her classmates, and Carter Resseman, who helps his friends and his teacher with tasks and projects in the class.

**6<sup>th</sup> GRADE-** The 6<sup>th</sup> grade dramatized stories about Solomon in their Bibles. They found proverbs with advice for young people. Next, they will study Prophets, the Babylonian captivity, and Greek rule of Israel. Prayer practice will be Litanies, the Rosary and Scriptural Rosary.

## AROUND THE DIOCESE/VIRGINIA

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE** For information about the 40 Days for Life Campaign or to volunteer, please go to [www.40daysforlife.com](http://www.40daysforlife.com)

**WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER** "Lord, you have the words of everlasting life." Take time to reflect on what God is asking for your marriage. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are 17-19 Apr 2015 in Fredericksburg or 18-20 Sept in Herndon. For more information or to apply, visit our website at [renewmarriage-vanorth.org](http://renewmarriage-vanorth.org) or contact us at 703-378-4150.

**WOMENS CONFERENCE** on March 28<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am-2:30pm at Fox Chase Manor in Manassas, VA. All women of the parish are invited to hear Keeri Caviezel and Kathleen Wilson speak on "Suffering Endured with Joy." A mass with Bishop Loverde will also take place as well as a continental breakfast and catered lunch. Please visit [arlingtondiocese.org/women](http://arlingtondiocese.org/women) for more info on the conference and please contact Cheryl Erickson (910) 578-0293 in regards to carpooling.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Part of the Catholic tradition includes **“having a mass said”** for a particular intention. Many Catholics are not familiar with this practice, and those that are often don't really understand it. Today, when we celebrate the Eucharist, we are therefore celebrating a sacrifice. A mass, \*is\* the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross, brought forward in time to the present.

We see all this movement of grace in the Eucharistic prayer, which is really the heart of every mass. There are many forms of Eucharistic prayer, for example:

You are indeed Holy, O Lord, the fount of all holiness. Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray, by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall, so that they may become for us the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Note the invocation of the Holy Spirit, whose presence is absolutely necessary to open up the “time warp” and make the mass more than just a symbolic gesture. The mass brings this sacrifice forward into the world, and the next prayers (called “intercessions”) are meant to apply the fruits of that sacrifice for particular intentions.

- Humbly, we pray that, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ, we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit.
- Remember, Lord, your Church, spread throughout the world, and bring her to the fullness of charity, together with Francis our Pope and Paul our bishop, and all the clergy.
- Remember also our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection, and all who have died in your mercy: welcome them into the light of your face. Have mercy on us all, we pray, that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with the blessed Apostles, and all the Saints who have pleased you throughout the ages, we may merit to be co-heirs to eternal life, and may praise and glorify you through your Son, Jesus Christ.

These are powerful prayers! We are asking for the divine power of the Eucharistic sacrifice to accomplish a number of things, such as:

- \*The bringing together in unity all who share the body and blood of Christ.
- \*The growth in love of the Church.
- \*The bringing into heaven all those who have died in the hope of rising.
- \*The “making worthy” (justification and sanctification) of God's people.

This, in short, is what the mass does: it brings forward in time the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross, and it asks that the fruits of that sacrifice be applied according to a certain set of intentions.

### **What about specific intentions?**

While each Eucharistic prayer does mention of certain intentions, these do tend to be rather general. There is no mention, for example, of a request that the fruits of the sacrifice of Christ be applied to helping someone find a job, pass an exam, recover from surgery, or whatever. At the same time, these can be perfectly worthy requests. Where do they fit?

There is therefore a special balance found within the structure of the mass. We ask God to apply the fruits of the sacrifice of Jesus to all sorts of situations according to broad categories; we can also include specific mentions of particular intentions close to our hearts.

How can a person, therefore, have his or her intentions specially associated with the power of Jesus' sacrifice as found in the Eucharist?

The simplest method is the most obvious: go to mass! Carry the intention in your heart as you journey to the church. Silently offer up that intention at the collect, in the moment of silence after the priest says “let us pray”. Even if no one has physically heard that intention or even knows it exists, it has already been placed upon the altar in a spiritual way. When you receive communion, thus completing your participation in the Eucharistic sacrifice, your intention becomes open to the fullness of the power the Eucharist represents.