

# PRECIOUS BLOOD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## **MASSES**

Saturday: 6:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 8:30 & 11:00 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  
Patricia Reed, Director of Religious Education  
Miriam Medina, Dir. of Liturgy/Hispanic Liaison  
Hannah Masson, Director of Music  
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-6)  
12:15 – 1:30 p.m. (7-12)

## **EPIPHANY CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

Preschool: 3 & 4 year old  
Elementary: K-5  
Middle School: 6-8

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**April 13, 2014**

**“Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord”**

**Mass Readings and Intentions for the Week:**

**Sun. April 13 8:30 AM pro populo**

**Sun. April 13 11:00 AM Pat DiiBon (dec)**

**Sun. April 13 4 PM N. Susana Hernandez (dec)**

**Mon. Apr. 14- Patricia Minihan (dec)**

Readings: Is 42:1-7 Jn 12:1-11

**Tues. Apr. 15 Elizabeth Fyrberg (dec)**

Readings: Is 49:1-6 Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

**Wed. Apr. 16 – Michael Martone (healing)**

Readings: Is 50:4-9a Mt 26:14-25

**Thurs. Apr. 17 –Nancy Chebuske (healing)**

Holy Thursday

Readings: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14 1Cor 11:23-26 Jn 13:1-15

**Fri. Apr. 18 – Family of Col. James Poole (Special Intention)**

Good Friday (The Passion of our Lord)

Readings: Is 52:13-53:12, Heb 4:14-16,5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19:42

**Sat. Apr. 19 – 8:30 PM Shelly and John Chebuske (special intention)**

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil

Readings: Gn1:1-2:2; Gn 22:1-18; Ex 14:15-15:1; Is 54:5-14; Is 55:1-11; Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Rm 6:3-11; Mt 28:1-10

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

**Passion (Palm) Sunday  
Obedience and humility**

Procession Gospel Matthew 21:1-11 (triumphal entry into Jerusalem)

Reading I Isaiah 50:4-7 (salvation only through the Lord's servant)

Reading II Philippians 2:6-11 (imitating Christ's humility)

Gospel Matthew 26:14-27:66 (the passion of Jesus)

**Key Passage** Jesus emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. (Philippians 2:7–8)

**Adult:** We are called to die to ourselves in love for others. How do you live that in your own life?

**Child:** How do you allow Jesus to live in your heart?

**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: Hector Baez, Ric Barklund, Taylor Bartley, Danny Call, Elizabeth Carlton Occhiogrosso, Dr. Tom Calhoun, Michael Combs, Roger Corum, Cynthia Davies, Bill Daley, Diane Denton, Sue Doetzer, Jackie Fancher, John Farrelly, Regan

Flemming, Ryleigh Flemming, Wanda Gearing, Bill Goetz, Ann Harrison, Joan Helton, Betty Hescox, Kate Dillon Hogan, Eileen Hunter, Alex Hyde, Jean Johnson, Ann Kroenert, Bryan Lorenz, Frank McPhillips, Efren Diaz Miguel, Jim Minihan, Marcia Peacock, Shawn Peet, Rich Rosado, Jerry Roy, Ines Sanchez, Roberto Sanson, Yrene Rey, Cissy Staiger, Ray Tap, Tracey Toomey 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:** Blessed Lord, we surrender our lives to your prophetic message of salvation. You have given us the gift of enduring steadfast love. Multiply these gifts so that we may share the magnitude of your joy-filled message throughout our community and world. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest! Amen. *Matthew 21:1-11*

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

Offertory Collection (4/6)	\$12,270.90
Epiphany	\$779.00
Building Fund	\$1,108.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$1,795.80

**THIS WEEK AT PRECIOUS BLOOD**

**OFFICE COMMENTS OR CONCERNS** email us at [office@preciousbloodcatholicchurch.com](mailto:office@preciousbloodcatholicchurch.com).

**OFFICE CLOSED** The office will be closed Good Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>.

**RCIA** The next session will be **Tuesday, April 15th**. We will discuss "Holy Week."

**BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL** from our last report from the diocese: of the 950 households 272 have made pledges or 29% for a total of \$103,116 or 94% of our goal. Please contribute today and help the many aspects and services of our diocese.

**ALTAR SOCIETY ANNUAL BAKE SALE** would like to extend a big thank you to all the parishioners who donated baked goods and monetary donation to their annual bake sale. Your support and generosity helped them to raise \$1,550.54 for vestments and linens.

**LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** A sincere "thank you" to our parish youth, advisors and participants in the Living Stations of the Cross, which were prayerfully presented on April 11th. It was a beautiful faith-filled presentation that gave the parish a deeper understanding of the Passion of the Lord.



**PRO-LIFE** "Give us the grace-When the sacredness of life before birth is attached, to stand up and proclaim that no one ever has the authority to destroy unborn life." *Pope John Paul II.*

**20<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk for Life!** Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. Registration starts at 8:30 AM in the front of Culpeper Baptist Church. The 1.5 mile walk begins at 9 AM. There will be food, face painting, music and many prizes. For more info call 727-0800 or visit [www.lwalkforlifeVA.com](http://www.lwalkforlifeVA.com).

### **NEWS AND NEEDS**

**ST.STEPHEN'S FOOD CLOSET** needs canned chicken and chicken helper, rice and pasta side dishes (they have none), hand soap and saltine crackers.

**EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS:** For those who wish to make a contribution toward our beautiful Easter church flowers, envelopes can be found in the pews. Thank you!



**MUSIC** "HOSANNA" This joyful Aramaic exclamation of praise usually specific to major Jewish festivals was originally an appeal for deliverance but came in liturgical usage to serve as an expression of joy and praise for deliverance granted or anticipated. We make this our song today with the knowledge that He has indeed delivered us, not from the Romans, but from our sins and that through His cross and resurrection grants us victory over death. Hosanna to the Son of David!

**SPRING YARD SALE** Yes, it is time for the Knights of Columbus to conduct their Spring Yard Sale, scheduled for **Sat. May 24<sup>th</sup>**. Search your attic, basement, or wherever to discover items you would like to donate to the sale. More information to follow at a later date.

### **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

#### **HOLY THURSDAY, April 17**

**7:00 PM-** Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper  
**8:00 – 10:00 PM-** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

#### **GOOD FRIDAY, April 18, Day of Fast and Abstinence**

**3:00 PM** – Celebration of the Lord's Passion  
**7:00 PM-** Spanish Stations of the Cross

#### **HOLY SATURDAY, April 19**

**3:00 – 4:00 PM,** Confessions  
**8:30 PM-** Celebration of the Easter Vigil and Mass of Christ's Resurrection

#### **EASTER SUNDAY, April 20,**

**7:00-** Mass of Christ's Resurrection  
**9:00-** Mass of Christ's Resurrection  
**11:00 AM** - Mass of Christ's Resurrection  
**1:00 PM-** Mass in Spanish of Christ's Resurrection

**PLEASE NOTE!** There will be **no 8:30 AM Mass on April 17 (Holy Thursday), April 18 (Good Friday) or April 19 (Holy Saturday).**

**REMINDER** Please do not park in the Jefferson Homebuilders parking lot on **GOOD FRIDAY** as your vehicle will be towed. We do have parking in the old Napa Auto Parts lot.

**GOOD FRIDAY PONTIFICAL COLLECTION** On Good Friday is a special collection as designated by the Holy Father. This collection helps support the work of the Franciscans in the Holy Land. This money is used to care for the people and places of the Holy Land.

**FAITH DIRECT:** With spring here and summer approaching, now is a great time to enroll in the automatic electronic giving program with Faith Direct. Electronic giving, in place of envelopes, is simply the easiest way for you to make your weekly offering. **Faith Direct has two dates, the 4<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> of the month, for you to make your weekly offertory support.** Please consider enrolling by visiting [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our church code, **VA226**, or pick up an enrollment form from the church rectory office or in the church foyer.



I have had several conversations with Epiphany

Families via emails, newsletters and personal conversations about getting involved in your parish school. For the past ten years, families have been promised a new school for their children. Many of these families are no longer with us as their children have graduated and moved on over the years. The idea and goal that these families were promised has come to reality. There is a new beginning and promise for our children of this regional religious community. Much excitement and enthusiasm is in the air. Epiphany Catholic School is moving in the right direction. We have increased enrollment, hired new teachers, incorporated state of the art technology, added sports program, and a new facility to house all these wonderful accomplishments. It is time that all of us become vested in the progress of our regional school. All of you can help with your time and effort. We cannot continue to look at a select few to take on all that is needed to make Epiphany Catholic School the finest school in this region. The PTO is sponsoring a Golf outing on May 5th. We are currently looking for sponsors and volunteers to help with this major fundraiser. Please consider helping with this project. Contact the PTO Greg Hatfield 540-229-8707 or Kevin McNamara 540-718-3249 Golf Chair.

**OPERATION RICE BOWL:** We will take up this collection at the Holy Thursday Mass.

**LADIES AUXILIARY** will meet **Mon. Apr. 14<sup>th</sup>** at 3:30 PM in the Old Rectory.

**LEGION OF MARY** "Your maternity (Mary) expanded to receive all those for whom He (Christ) died. You mother mankind as you mothered Him, because we are in Him. Each soul remains committed to your patient care until at last you give it birth to life eternal." (Handbook of the Legion of Mary).

### **AROUND THE DIOCESE/VIRGINIA**

**CDU NONCREDIT SEMINARS FOR \$30** All members of the Diocese of Arlington can experience CDU noncredit seminars for \$30. Online seminars from CDU only require a three week commitment. Registration for DDU's May 2014 term will be March 3-April 23. An example course called "Introduction to Scripture and the Gospel Message" will be offered May 26-June 16. Visit [www.cdu.edu](http://www.cdu.edu).

**CULPEPER LITERACY COUNCIL** will be holding a Literacy Tutor Training Workshop on Sat. May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9 AM to 4 PM. Please call 825-5804.

**CAMP ST. CHARLES** is a Catholic over-night camp for boys and girls. For more information: [www.campstcharles.com](http://www.campstcharles.com) or call 301-934-8799.

**HELP WANTED PART-TIME** St. Luke parish office, in McLean, is seeking an experienced part-time bulletin editor. The position is responsible for compiling, designing, editing, and transmitting the weekly bulletin. Applicants should be proficient in a broad range of computer skills including Publisher. If interested send your resume to Fr. Dave Martin at [pastor@sanitlukemclean.org](mailto:pastor@sanitlukemclean.org)

**HEALING MASS AND SERVICE** There will be a healing mass and service on April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 PM at St. Mary's in Fredericksburg. Fr. Jeb Donelan will be the celebrant.

## WHY WE NEED PALM SUNDAY

### BY DEACON GREG KANDRA OF BROOKLYN DIOCESE

When I was a kid, this was always a busy week. There was planning for the big meal next Sunday. Would it be ham or lamb? Some years, I'd have a new suit – usually a couple sizes too big, so I could grow into it. My mother would be cleaning the house for company. There were eggs to dye and chocolate to look forward to.

For a lot of us, it can still be a time for planning. But before we get too caught up in next Sunday, we need this Sunday. We need to remember. Remember that the crowd that cheered Jesus also condemned him. Remember that the voices praising him also called for his death.

Remember that those who loved him and promised loyalty also abandoned him, denied him, and betrayed him. And if you want to know who did that, just look at the palm branches in our hands. We are guilty.

**While we may not want to admit it, Christ's Passion goes on today.** Our betrayal of him continues, in ways large and small. How often do we praise God on Sunday...and damn Him on Monday?

How often do we shrug Him off when things become too difficult or the rules too hard or the demands of the Christian life too taxing? How often do we treat love as just a sentiment for greeting cards, and not a command for living? How often do we see suffering in the faces of those in need, and simply turn away?

Christ continues to bleed and weep and cry out, "Why have you abandoned me?" He cries out today to us. Whatever you do to the least of these, he said, you do to me.

We find ways to justify our choices. But it can't be denied. Whenever we choose death over life, sin over the gospel, popularity over integrity, indifference or disdain over love – in short, whenever we have turned away from Christ – we who claim to believe in him have, instead, betrayed him.

We need this Sunday to remember that. And we need these palms as a reminder – and a challenge. They remind us that we are called to be heralds of Christ – to celebrate him the way they did that day in Jerusalem.

And these palms challenge us to keep crying "Hosanna," to keep proclaiming the Good News – even when the world tempts us to do otherwise, even when it seems like it would be easier to go with the crowd and simply choose Barabbas.

These palms challenge us to *not* turn our back and walk away. They challenge us to *not* step over Christ, or ignore him. And they challenge us not only to remember what we have done to him, but what he has done for us.

That is what this week is about. Before we look ahead to next Sunday, and the big plans and the big meal, look back. And look within. And look to these palms.

Look at what we are called to do...and who we are called to be.

**Pope Francis:** With Jesus our life becomes full. With him everything makes sense. (EG 266)

