

# PRECIOUS BLOOD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Culpeper, Virginia 22701  
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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  
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: 9:40 – 10:55 a.m. (K-12)

## **EPIPHANY CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

1211 Grandview Avenue  
Culpeper, VA 22701  
Preschool: 3 & 4 year old  
Elementary: K-5  
Middle School: 6-8

[office@preciousbloodcatholicchurch.com](mailto:office@preciousbloodcatholicchurch.com)

[www.preciousbloodcatholicchurch.com](http://www.preciousbloodcatholicchurch.com)



**August 31, 2014**

**“Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time”**

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

**Sun. August 31 8:00 AM – Harold Fowler (dec)**

**Sun. August 31 11:30 AM- Tom Hertz (dec)**

**Sun. August 31 4:00 PM-**

**Mon. September 1- Diana Artua(healing)**

Readings: 1 Cor 2:1-5 Lk 4:16-30

**Tues. September 2-**

Readings: 1 Cor 2:10b-16 Lk 4:31-37

**Wed. September 3- Albert Hyde (dec)**

**St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church**

Readings: 1 Cor 3:1-9 Lk4:38-44

**Thurs. September 4 –**

Readings: 1 Cor 3:18-23 Lk 5:1-11

**Fri. September 5-**

**Bl. Teresa of Calcutta, Religious**

Readings: 1 Cor 4:1-5 Lk 5:33-39

**Sat. September 6 8:30 AM – Joseph Bezek (dec)**

Readings: 1 Cor 4:6b-15 Lk 6:1-5

**Sat. September 6 6:00 PM –**

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

**Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Reading I Jeremiah 20:7-9 (Jeremiah’s interior crisis)

Reading II Romans 12:1-2 (sacrifice of body and mind)

Gospel Matthew 16:21-27 (first prophecy of passion and resurrection; doctrine of the cross)

Key Passage Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.” (Matthew 16:24)

**Adult:** In what concrete ways do you take up your cross and follow Jesus?

**Child:** When has it been difficult to be a follower of Jesus?

**ALTAR FLOWERS**



Altar flowers this weekend are in celebration of the 2nd Anniversary of James and Alicia Byram

**Note:** Altar flowers are available for many weekends starting in October.

**WE PRAY FOR** Wanda Gearing who passed on to her heavenly reward.

**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: Sam Aitken, Frederic

Aithor, Hector Baez, Lisa Ballard, Ric Barklund, Taylor Bartley, Xavier Van Bastelaer, Danny Call, Dr. Tom Calhoun, Michael Combs, Roger Corum, Cynthia Davies, Bill Daley, Sue Doetzer, James Driscoll, Jackie

Fancher, Regan Flemming, Ryleigh Flemming, Bill Goetz, Billy Hall, Elizabeth Hartwell, Linda Hemler, Elizabeth Hartwell, Betty Hescox, Eileen Hunter, Alex Hyde, Mary Logan, Bryan Lorenz, Sherie McAlpine, Frank McPhillips, Phillip Leo Mercer, Efren Diaz Miguel, Jim Minihan, Beth Moreland, Mary Neureither, Marcia Peacock, Shawn Peet, Rich Rosado, Jerry Roy, Ines Sanchez, Roberto Sanson, Yrene Rey, Cissy Staiger, Ray Tap, 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 Compassion, sometimes we are reluctant to follow your divine authority and to place our entire trust in you. We feel more secure trusting in our own ability and our own strength. Thank you for this moment in our worship service when we are reminded that your unwavering, steadfast love engulfs us like a mother’s gentle caress. Bless these gifts and we who give them. Trusting in your heavenly grace, we pray. Amen. **Matthew 16:21-28**

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

Collection (8/24)	\$ 9,109.54
Collection-Faith Direct	\$1,065.00
Building fund (8/24)	\$ 60.00
Building Fund-Faith Direct	\$ 100.00
Epiphany-Faith Direct	\$ 7.00
Foundation for the Future	\$200.00

**Note:** our weekly goal is \$11,500.00

## **THIS WEEK AT PRECIOUS BLOOD**

**WE WELCOME** into our parish family Darianna Yesenia Flores Corade daughter of David Flores Rosas and Marlen Y. Corado who was baptized on Saturday, August 30.

**ALTAR SERVER TRAINING** Will be held in the church at 10:00am on September 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> for children in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade and up. Feel welcome to contact Robert Beattie at [Robert Brian Beattie@alum.villanova.edu](mailto:Robert.Brian.Beattie@alum.villanova.edu)

**ST IGNATIUS PRAYER STUDY GROUP** If you wish to learn more about the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola, please join us on Wednesdays in the rectory meeting room from 9:30-10:30 AM. We use the DVDs by Fr. Timothy Gallagher, featured on EWTN, and follow up with discussion that helps us in our spiritual development.

**LADIES AUXILIARY OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** will meet on **Tuesday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM** at the **Culpeper County Public Library** Conference Room. Please note the location and time change.

**SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION** will be held Sept. 6-7 for the Middle East. The USCCB has called for a special collection to provide humanitarian relief and pastoral support for our brothers and sisters and other innocent victims affected by the ongoing crises in the Middle East. These funds will be used by Catholic Relief Services and other Catholic agencies.

**LABOR DAY** The Office will be closed Monday, Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>. for the Labor Day holiday.

**FAITH DIRECT:** Did you miss a weekly offering while on Summer vacation? eGiving through *Faith Direct* will also save you time while helping Precious Blood Parish reduce our expenses. You can either go online to [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our parish code **VA226** or pick up an enrollment form from the parish office and mail the form to *Faith Direct*. Thank you for your prayerful support of Precious Blood Parish. God Bless!

**LEGION OF MARY** Don't forget to celebrate your Mother's birthday on Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>! Our next meeting will be Wed. Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM in the rectory mtg room.

**PRO-LIFE** "The freedom to kill is not a true freedom, but a tyranny that reduces human beings to slavery" *Pope Benedict XVI*

**PREGNANCY CENTER DESSERT RECEPTION** Make your reservation now to attend the 17<sup>th</sup> Candlelight Fundraising Dessert Reception on Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>. Benefiting the Pregnancy Center in Culpeper. It will held at the Daniel Technology Center at 7 PM. For more information contact Dave Craven at 825-2265.

## **NEWS AND NEEDS**

**ST.STEPHEN'S FOOD CLOSET** This week has been especially heavy with 125 families. On Monday Aug. 25<sup>th</sup> we had 30 families signed in by 9:30. Our donated food is very low, so we are having to purchase more. This week we need vegetable soup, oatmeal packs, any cold cereal and canned mixed vegetables.

**CCD STARTS SEPTEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>**. Please register after all the Masses or on-line at [www.showmyevent.com](http://www.showmyevent.com). A link is on our homepage of our website. Registration closes Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>. Confirmation preparation is a two-year program. The first year of Confirmation is for 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Classes will meet from 9:30-10:45 at the church.

Thank you to who all volunteered to be an aide or teacher. All positions are now filled! The CCD teacher meeting will be **Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> at 7PM**.

**ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC** Please register in the foyer or online: [www.signupgenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com), "find a signup", enter [canavan22701@comcast.net](mailto:canavan22701@comcast.net) and click search, click "annual church picnic", scroll down, enter name/email, enter name and how many are coming. REMINDER: bring chairs and canopies for extra shade and comfort. Many activities lined up for the day. Mark it: Sunday, **September 7, 3-7pm**.

**RCIA ORIENTATION** Those needing sacraments or wishing to join the church are invited to the RCIA Orientation on Tuesday, Sept 9, at 6:45 PM in the rectory meeting room. Please contact Bob Wiersberg 937-6143 H or 222-8672 C.

**MUSIC** Singers of middle school age through adult, we need you! CHOIR REHEARSALS RESUME for both our **Heritage Choir (Tuesday, Sept. 2)** from 7:10-8:00 pm in the church, contact Mr. John Flemming at 540-222-5402 / bigpsyguy@aol.com) and our



**Precious Blood Choir (Wednesday, Sept. 3)** from 7:00-8:30 pm in the church, contact Mrs. Theresa Watson at 540-229-5113 / usswatson6@yahoo.com). **KEYBOARDISTS**, we need you, too! Contact Mrs. Hannah Masson at 540-229-5329 / hannahmasson@yahoo.com to learn how your talents can nourish our parish.

**THE DANIEL PLAN** The Bible teaches us that our bodies are very important to God and he wants us to take care of them. The Daniel Plan is 40 days to healthier life by Rick Warren. Come and see what it is all about. Sunday Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:00pm in the annex. For more info contact Loretta Schlosser 727-2070.



First day of school was enjoyed by a celebratory mass with Father Anselme,

Father Leo, Father Bruce from Our Lady of Blue Ridge; Father Staples from Saint Isadore and Deacon Ramon. Sister Bernadette, the Superintendent of Catholic Schools was here to participate in the Opening Ceremonies. Father Anselme blessed the school and the Chamber of Commerce provided us with a Ribbon cutting ceremony to officially open our school. This remarkable day was a true blessing. Please continue your prayers as we begin our new journey of providing a Catholic Education to the Culpeper and surrounding counties. I would personally like to thank all the parishioners that were present at mass for their support and participation in the monumental event.

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

**C.A.N. JOB MINISTRY** Appointments are available from 6:30-8:30pm every second and fourth Tuesday. Please call 703-944-8515 to reserve your appointment.

**THREE POWERFUL DEBATES: COME JOIN THE DEVIL'S ADVOCATE SERIES** on **September 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 22<sup>nd</sup>** at **Bishop O'Connell High School** auditorium in Arlington. This series is designed as a dialogue between an antagonist and a defender of the teachings of the Catholic Church. It aims to answer the hardest questions for the Church by engaging with other viewpoints *seriously* and *fairly*.

See the website for more details - [www.arlingtondiocese.org/devilsadvocate](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/devilsadvocate).

**INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING** Please join us for the International Day of Prayer on Saturday, September 20, 2014 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington DC, from 9am-4pm. Registration is FREE, but please register online at [www.iwopf.org](http://www.iwopf.org) to receive a free prayer packet at the Basilica event. This day is part of the 22nd International Week of Prayer and Fasting, September 20-28, 2014. Speakers include Dr. Scott Hahn, Johnnette Benkovic and Fr. Dermot Roache. For more information visit [www.iwopf.org](http://www.iwopf.org), or call 1-888-478-PRAY (7729) or 703-707-0799.

**CELEBRATING A SILVER OR GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR?** Were you married in 1964 or 1989? Then join Bishop Loverde for the 2014 Marriage Jubilee Mass to be celebrated on October 19 at 2:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More. Contact the parish office to register no later than September 19. For more information, visit [www.arlingtondiocese.org/familylife/MJM.aspx](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/familylife/MJM.aspx).

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER** "Upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it." Let your Sacrament of Marriage be your rock For more information, visit our website at [renewmarriage-vanorth.org](http://renewmarriage-vanorth.org) or contact us at 703-378-4150.

**JOB OPPORTUNITY** Are you friendly, outgoing, love helping people and making a difference in your home town? Become a Personal Care Aide (PCA) or Companion-we can train you! We offer flexible hours, weekly pay, and ongoing education. Please contact **AmeriCare Plus** at 231 N Madison Rd. Orange VA 22960 or call 540-661-0232

## LOVE FOR THE MASS

"A man who fails to love the Mass fails to love Christ."<sup>1</sup> To love the Mass is a guarantee for salvation. But to love the Mass does not mean just being present and no more. It means to be present with faith and devotion. It means to take part in the Mass, realizing what it is: the Sacrifice of the Cross renewed on the altar; and realizing that when we go to Mass, we go, as it were, to Calvary. And that we should be present there, like our Blessed Lady beside the Cross, in loving contemplation of Christ who offers himself lovingly for each one of us.

### Faith

The holy Eucharist is the "mystery of faith." Without faith, all you would see is bread and wine being offered, no more. Without faith, the most you could see in this is a gesture, a symbol, nothing more. With faith you know that at the moment of the Consecration — which is when the priest says, "This is my body," "This is the cup of my blood" — the bread and wine are changed into the body and blood of Jesus Christ who is then really present as God and as Man sacrificing himself for us on the altar as he sacrificed himself on the cross. If you come to Mass without faith, or with little faith you will easily get distracted and perhaps even bored. What a sad thing to get bored with Christ's sacrifice! Would we have been bored if we had been present at Calvary? If we hadn't faith, perhaps we would. Or at least we would have completely failed to understand what the death of that Man nailed to the cross really meant. You will only begin to understand the greatness of the Mass if you have faith. Stir up your faith. And then you will always be amazed at the Mass, you will realize that it is the greatest thing we possess here on earth.

### The purposes of the Mass

What else should you do, besides having a lot of faith, if you want to attend Holy Mass well? You should identify yourself with Christ. You should remember the Scriptures and have "the same mind" that he had on the cross (cf. Phil 2:5). The same mind which means the same purposes. What purposes did Jesus have on the cross? What was he concerned about? We can sum up his ends or purposes as four: to give glory to God the Father; to thank him; to make up for the sins of men; and to

ask him for graces for us. If each time you go to Mass, you try to live at least one of these four purposes, you will attend Holy Mass well.

### The first purpose: adoration

God is our Creator. He is the Lord of the whole world. We depend on him for everything. He is infinite, eternal, all-powerful. His infinite greatness and goodness ought to fill us with amazement and enthusiasm. When people get enthused about God, they want to praise him, they want to adore him. Jesus Christ, with his humanity, gave perfect glory to God the Father from the cross, and he continues to do so from the altar. If you unite yourself to him, you will be offering a perfect sacrifice of adoration and praise. Pay special attention to the *Gloria* and the *Sanctus*.

### The second purpose: to give thanks

God is infinitely good. And all the good things we have, have come from him: life, family, sanctifying grace, faith, the sacraments, the gift of his Mother... And so many other natural and supernatural gifts. It is good to give thanks. The person who is too proud to say "Thank You" is not only ungrateful but is bound to end up being unhappy. Unite yourself to our Lord in the Mass, giving thanks, and you will see how you also become more optimistic as a result, because you will become more and more convinced of the goodness of God.

More will be continued next week.

<http://www.catholiceducation.org/articles/religion/re0673.html>

**Pope Francis:** Let us ask the Lord for this grace: that our hearts become free and filled with light, so that we can rejoice as children of God.