

# 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  
Toni-Ann Gambale, Office Assistant  
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-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)  
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**November 23, 2014**

**“Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe”**

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

**Sun. Nov. 23 8:00 AM – For the People**  
**Sun. Nov. 23 11:30 AM – Pat DiiBon**  
**Sun. Nov. 23 4:00 PM – Roberto Cortes Cuevas**

**Mon. November 24 – Brisa La Matta – St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Companions, Martyrs**

Readings: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5, Lk 21:1-4

**Tues. November 25 – For the People**

Readings: Rv 14:14-19, Lk 21:5-11

**Wed. November 26 – For the People**

Readings: Rv 15:1-4, Lk 21:12-19

**Thurs. November 27 – Harold Fowler (dec) – Thanksgiving Day**

Readings: Sirach 50:22-24, 1 Cor 1:3-9, Lk 17:11-19

**Fri. November 28 – For the People**

Readings: Rv 20:1-4, 21:2, Lk 21:29-33

**Sat. November 29 8:30 AM – Jerry Roy (dec)**

Readings: Rv 22:1-7, Lk 21:34-36

**Sat. November 29 6:00 PM – Wayne Orme (dec)**

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

**Christ the King**

**The Final Judgment**

Reading I Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17 (parable of the shepherds)  
Reading II 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28 (Christ, the first fruits)  
Gospel Matthew 25:31-46 (the last judgment)

**Key Passage:** [The Son of Man] will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." (Matthew 25:45)

**Adult:** Who are the least of your sisters and brothers for whom you do care? Who are those whom you ignore?

**Child:** To which person did you especially try to show the love and care of Jesus?



**ALTAR FLOWERS** are available for request. Please stop by the office.

**Pope Francis:** "Jesus' Cross shows the full force of evil, but also the full power of God's mercy."

**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, Jan Ambrose, Hector Baez, Lisa Ballard, Ric Barklund, Amber Bouchard, Mikey Bradford, 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, Billy Hall, Elizabeth Hartwell, Elizabeth Hartwell, Betty Hescox, Marilyn Hoffmann, Eileen Hunter, Alex Hyde, Harold Lawrence, Mary Logan, Bryan Lorenz, Frank and Lucille McPhillips, Phillip Leo Mercer, Efren Diaz Miguel, Jim Minihan, Beth Moreland, Mary Neureither, Marcia Peacock, Shawn Peet, James Robles, Adelfa Salvador, Ines Sanchez, Cissy Staiger, Ray Tap, Joyce Vosworth 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:** Exalted One, we joyfully celebrate our unlimited trust in your faithful promises. We pray that all people will someday sound a cacophony of hallelujahs as they truly accept your steadfast love. May these gifts that we gladly lay upon your altar enable ministries that support this chorus of praise. We pray with praise and thanksgiving in our hearts. **Amen. Psalm 100**

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

Collection (11/16)	\$ 9,739.57
Building Fund	\$ 100.00
Epiphany School	\$ 60.00

**THIS WEEK AT PRECIOUS BLOOD**

**FRIDAY DAILY MASS** on Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> will be held at Precious Blood.

**ST. IGNATIUS PRAYER STUDY GROUP** will meet Wednesdays in the lounge in the Parish Hall Facility from 9:30-10:30 AM.

**BEGINNERS BIBLE STUDY** will start in January. More information to follow. If you have questions please contact Mac McPhillips at (540) 547-2123 or email him at [MacHimself@gmail.com](mailto:MacHimself@gmail.com)

**CURSILLO GROUP** The Cursillo Group meets Tuesday morning in the lounge in the Parish Hall Facility.

**HOLY SPIRIT INTERACTIVE (HSI)** Next meeting will be WEDNESDAY, Dec 10, at 7:00 pm at Brown and Harris Wealth Management Office at 311 S East St. (Note: this is a change in location). Topic is "Rejoice. Pray. Give Thanks." All are welcome.

**SECOND COLLECTION** today, November 23<sup>rd</sup> will be for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development is dedicated to breaking the cycle of poverty by funding community programs that encourage independence. You are essential to its success. Your generous donations will give those in poverty the support they need to make lasting changes.

**FAITH DIRECT:** Want to make a change this fall? Have you signed up for eGiving through Faith Direct yet? It is the most convenient and secure way to make your weekly offering to Precious Blood Parish. You could make a one-time contribution or set up automatic contributions to save you time. Please visit, [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our Parish Code, VA226. Paper enrollment in the office!

**NEW ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM** *Judaism and Christianity: A Comparison and Contrast* is today's (Nov. 23) topic. *The Star of Bethlehem* documentary will be shown at the next two sessions on Sundays Dec. 7th and Dec. 14th. All adults, including those with students in the CCD program, are encouraged to attend these informative and interesting sessions, which are held from 9:40-10:40 am (between the Masses) in the Parish Hall.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** "Our hours of adoration will be special hours of reparation for sins and intercession for the needs of the whole world, exposing the sin-sick and suffering humanity to the healing, sustaining and transforming rays of Jesus, radiating from the Eucharist." (Blessed Mother Teresa)

## **NEWS AND NEEDS**

**WE WELCOMED** On Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> *Douglas Ponce Ramirez*, the son of Douglas Ponce & Sofia Ramirez, who was baptized into our Parish Family!

**BREAKFAST** Come join the Knights of Columbus for their "5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Breakfast!" The breakfast will take place after 8am Mass on November 30<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Hall Facility. The cost is \$5 per person or \$25 per family.

**KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS CARDS,** sponsored by the Knight of Columbus, are now on sale after all the Masses until December 14<sup>th</sup>.

**ST.STEPHEN'S FOOD CLOSET** Needs for this week: monetary donations to the "Buy A Bird" Program. \*\*\**"BUY A BIRD" PROGRAM:* Around \$15 per turkey but any monetary contribution is appreciated. Please mail checks with "Thanksgiving" in the memo line to Culpeper Food Closet, P.O. Box 343, Culpeper, VA 22701. Please, do not mail or donate whole turkeys.\*\*\*

**RCIA** The last session of RCIA Period One ("Inquiry") will be Tuesday, 25 November. The rites for this period are held on the First Sunday of Advent with the Rites of Acceptance and Welcoming at the 11:30 A.M. Mass on 30 November. Please contact Bob Wiersberg with any questions 937-6143 H or 222-8672 C.

**MUSIC TO JESUS CHRIST OUR SOVEREIGN KING!** our gathering hymn today, was written in 1941 by Monsignor Martin Hellriegel as a statement against the rise of the Third Reich (kingdom), whose emperor was Adolf Hitler as well as a reminder for the whole world that it is through Christ alone that we find salvation.



**ANGEL TREE** gift tags are available in the foyer of the church. Please fill out the sign up log that is available in the rectory, completely and clearly.

**NEED A CHRISTMAS GIFT?** Stop by the office, we have just what you need for only \$10! We still have plenty of Precious Blood Catholic Church T-shirts available that would make the perfect gift on Christmas morning.



### **Pilgrim Statue of Mary**

Last week we were blessed to receive for our school a Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima. Fr. Philip Majka, Chaplain of the Ambassadors of Mary, and Mr. Joseph Riccopriore, fellow Ambassador (and grandfather of Pina, Mackenzie, Gigi and Gavin Young), escorted this beautiful statue of Mary, Mother of God, to our school. Fr. Majka blessed the statue during Mass and a rosary to Our Lady followed. Thank you to everyone for their hard work and vision to bring this beautiful addition to our school.

We had many activities last week during Discover Catholic Schools Week. Our highlight was the Epiphany Showcase, a student performance highlighting our wonderful music program. This was performed for the Priests of Missionhurst at our Open House on November 20<sup>th</sup>. It was an excellent school wide endeavor utilizing the new facility stage at Epiphany Catholic School.

**BLOOD DRIVE** Want to give the gift of life? Why not give the gift of three lives by donating blood! Precious Blood Catholic Church is having a blood drive on Friday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> from 12pm-5pm in the ANNEX. To make an appointment, go to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) or call Mykelle Laws at (540) 829-1190. Please note, there will be future drives in March & June of 2015. Remember, before you give blood always remember to drink lots of water, eat a good meal and bring your photo ID.

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

**WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Is Jesus the Shepherd in our marriage? Do we know what He asks of us in our Sacrament of Marriage? The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are 20-22 Feb 2015 in Herndon or 17-19 Apr 2015 in Fredericksburg. For more information or to apply, visit our website at [renewmarriage-vanorth.org](http://renewmarriage-vanorth.org) or call 703-378-4150.

**LET'S TALK POPE FRANCIS** Sunday, Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm, Fr Tuck Greenell, Pastor of Saint Peter in Washington, will give a talk on Pope Francis & the Church in the church.

**CATHOLIC NEWS** on your smart phone! Visit [bit.ly/ACHnewsletter](http://bit.ly/ACHnewsletter) to sign up for the *Arlington Catholic Herald's* e-newsletter. Don't forget to find us on Pinterest, Facebook, YouTube and Twitter.

**PLACEMENT TESTING** 8<sup>th</sup> grade students attending public schools or non-Catholic private schools who are interested in attending Catholic High Schools in the Diocese of Arlington need to take a placement test. The test is REQUIRED for:  
-Bishop Ireton High School, Alexandria  
-Bishop O'Connell High School, Arlington  
-Paul VI High School, Fairfax  
-Pope John Paul the Great High School, Dumfries  
Testing will take place on Saturday, Dec 6 (Snow Date - Dec 13) from 8:30am-12pm. The test can be taken at any of the 4 schools listed above for a fee of \$35. Students must fill out a High School Placement Test Registration Form (available under "School Forms" at <http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/catholicschools/parents.php>). The registration form must be submitted to the test site no later than Thursday, December 4, 2014. The \$35.00 fee should accompany the form.

**PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND** Fr. Brendan Bartlett, Parochial Vicar at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Winchester, VA, will lead a 9-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land from August 17-25, 2015. The itinerary includes 2 nights in Galilee and 5 nights in Jerusalem. Cost is \$2,800 per person. Package includes round-trip air from most East Coast/Midwest cities, superior tourist class hotels, daily breakfast and dinners, escorted guides, and air-conditioned motor coach. For additional information and brochures, please contact John Tagnesi, toll free at 1-888-544-4461 or [jtag1964@verizon.net](mailto:jtag1964@verizon.net)

**OUR THANKSGIVING PRAYER** Good and gracious God, we come before You today united with all who give You thanks and praise. Fill us with gratitude for Your many blessings, both physical and spiritual. We thank you in particular this day for the gifts of food and family. Bless this food, Lord, that it may nourish our bodies. Bless our family, especially those who can't be with us today. Also today, we remember those of our family who have gone to be with You. Grant us your spiritual blessings and help us pray daily for the grace to serve You in response to Your bountiful gifts to us. Bless all who serve you through the world. We pray this in the name of Jesus, Your Son, our Lord who gives all things freely according to our needs. Continue to Bless us and give us Your peace. Amen.

## CHRIST THE KING

**Most people may not realize it, but the feast we celebrate this Sunday, the Feast of Christ the King, is a very new one on the church calendar.** It was added by Pope Pius XI in 1925. He created this feast as a reaction against the prevailing attitudes of his day – a way to refute the growing threats of communism and secularism. Two “isms” that sought to make man, not God, the most powerful force in the world. Within a few years, of course, the world would have another “ism” to confront, totalitarianism – making this feast even more significant.

A century later, those threats have been replaced by others that tend to marginalize God—”isms” like materialism or relativism. But here and now, this feast still stands in defiance of our culture. And it stands before us as a challenge.

**It asks us: “Who – or WHAT — really rules our lives?”** That’s a question we could spend all of Advent asking ourselves, and praying over. And maybe we should.

That is where we encounter Christ the King in today’s gospel reading. In fact, this reading may hit us as a shock. Usually, we hear this gospel during Holy Week. But on this feast, when we celebrate Christ’s triumphant presence in the world, we don’t meet this all-powerful King in a moment of splendor. We meet Him at his most humble — and most humiliated. Stripped. Beaten. Dying on a cross. Yet, this is part of what we pray for when we pray “Thy kingdom come.”

This exchange has a unique place in all of scripture. In this passage, Christ isn’t called “rabbi” or “teacher.” In the last moments of his life, someone finally calls Him, simply “Jesus.” It is the only moment in the gospels where this happens: this is the only time that someone calls him by his given name.

The man hanging beside our Lord speaks to Him as a brother, as a friend. **He talks to him, literally, man to man.** “Jesus,” he says to Him, “remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

Those words, passed down through history, have become *our* words – the plea of anyone who has ever felt abandoned, or lonely, desperate or afraid. We pray that God doesn’t forget us. And that He gives us, somehow, His grace.

The very title “Christ the King” has outlasted most of the world’s monarchies. Kings, of course, have fallen out of fashion — there are only about 40 real monarchs now ruling in the world. Most of them are just figureheads. But the one we honor and celebrate today, of course, isn’t. As Paul describes him today: he is the “firstborn of all creation...for in him all the fullness was pleased to dwell.”

**This is the one we celebrate.** This is the one we prepare to welcome in a few weeks.

Read more: <http://www.patheos.com/blogs/deaconsbench/2013/11/homily-for-november-24-2013-christ-the-king/#ixzz3J4SbfqPY>