

OUR LADY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS: SATURDAY 5:30 P.M.

SUNDAY 9:00 A.M.

11:30 A.M. (SPANISH MASS)

WEEKDAYS: 8:30 A.M. Tuesday - Friday

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SACRAMENT of RECONCILIATION

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Also by appointment

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday and Tuesday

Mercy Center Chapel

First Friday at the Mercy Center Chapel

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

OUTREACH

A food basket and donation box are in the church entry. Your donations provide the means to give direct help to the needy. We collect food on the first weekend of the month.

INFANT BAPTISM

Parent preparation classes are required for each couple planning to have their baby baptized. To schedule a preparation session, please call the church office.

MARRIAGE

OLBS sponsors a preparation program for couples who intend to marry. The Pastor must be contacted at least six months prior to the date of the wedding.

RECEPTION into the CHURCH

Those inquiring into the Catholic Faith or seeking Communion with the Church are invited to contact the Parish Office. Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is offered.

*The mission of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church,
centered in the Eucharist, is to Love God and His people
and to extend His Love to others through service and prayer.*

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 1st & 2nd, 2018

Sat	12/1	Thomas Sturtz, Sr. (RIP) – Anny. Of Death Requested by Marguerite Sturtz & Family	Fr. Oscar
Sun	12/2	Savio Duong (RIP) Requested by Huong Thi Bui	Fr. Oscar
Mon	12/3	No Mass	
Tue	12/4	Joe Sr., Elsie & Johnny Drexler (RIP) Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler	Fr. Oscar
Wed	12/5	Henry Kopacki, Jr. (RIP) – Anny. Of Death Requested by Children, Grandchildren, & Family	Fr. Oscar
Thur	12/6	Yen Nguyen (RIP) Requested by Vuong Bui	Fr. Oscar
Fri	12/7	Anna & Richard Kozlowski (RIP) Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler	Fr. Oscar
Sat	12/8	Jeff Applegate (RIP) Requested by Jeanie Sturtz	Fr. Oscar
Sun	12/9	Maria Kopacki (RIP) – Anny. Of Death Requested by Marian Kopacki & Family	Fr. Oscar

Collections for November 24th & 25th, 2018

Parish Operations (Personnel, Utilities, Office, Postage, Repair & Maintenance, etc.)	\$3,108.00
Supplementary Collection	38.00
Total	\$3,146.00
Amount needed weekly for Parish Operations is	\$3,940
Restricted, Special Use or Sent out of Parish	
Campaign for Human Development	\$ 20.00
Catholic Charities	45.00
Capital Improvements	25.00
Christmas Flowers	400.00
Votive Stand	20.45
Thanksgiving	185.00
Christmas	25.00
Solemnity	25.00
Cemetery	55.00

Thank you for your support of your Parish!

Church Attendance

Saturday – November 24 – 78
Sunday, November 25 – 120
Spanish Mass – 27

OLBS Church Cleaning Schedule

11/26 thru 12/2 – Theresa Nguyen/Nguyen Sisters
12/3 thru 12/9 – Araceli Roblero (Leader)/Rosy Gonzalez & Jose Velasquez

SAVE THE DATE: Ready to share the Good News? Then let's get together for Christmas Caroling on Sunday, December 16th. Bring your favorite cookie dish to share! We will meet in the church hall at 5:45 and be ready to Sing @6:00. Afterwards, we will return to the Hall for cookies and cocoa. All are invited to share the Joy of the Season!!

“The Lord is our righteousness.” Are you being called to bring the word of God as a priest? The Vocations Office, (804) 359-5661, to speak with Fr. Michael Boehling or Fr. Brian Capuano; or write to vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

Calendar for Week of December 3rd, 2018

Monday – 12/3 – No Mass

Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:30 pm

Tuesday – 12/4 – Mass 8:30 am - **Finance Mtg. 6:30 pm**

Bible Study 7:00 pm

Wednesday – 12/5 – Mass 8:30 am

Thursday – 12/6 – Mass 8:30 am

Friday – 12/7 – Mass 8:30 am and 7:00 p.m. (Vigil Mass for **Immaculate Conception Feast – Holy Day of Obligation**)

Saturday, 12/8 - Mass 5:30 pm

Knights of Columbus Christmas Party after Mass – VDB Hall

Sunday – 12/9 – Mass 9:00 am

CFC 10:15 am – Bible Study 10:15 am

Spanish Mass 11:30 am

Pot Luck 5:30 pm – Christmas Pageant 6:30 pm – VDB Hall

PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND GOOD HEALTH

Carolyn Alford	John Kellam
Elizabeth Alley	Gloria Kojcsich
Candace Barefoot	Bonnie Kopacki
Virginia Becker	Gordon Langston
Paulette Berberich	Patricia Lanuza
Ron Blevins	Baby Vivian Mallis
Jon Boyette	Ron Martz
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Linda Burch	Randy Morrow
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Kevin Carson	Larry Newtzie
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Julie Wilson Chungath	Pam Rigsby
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Eric Crump	Virginia Ryczak
Vincent D'Elia	Bill Scaife
Denise DePompeo	Barbara Schafer
Donna Donahue	Allen Smith
Amanda Leigh Fincher	Levi Sturtz
Brenda Frederick	Jim Tokarz
Helen Fudala	Mae Touray
Margaret Geron	Dorothy Ware
Jim Gregory	Linda Webster
Pat Hinkle	Shelli Whitehurst
Kelly Hipple	Lois Wilson
Mary Ann Hooper	Robert 'Bobby' Wilson
Helen Kaczmarek	Jody Zogran
Mary Leigh McDonald	Lucy Carson

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN NURSING HOME

Melvina Gooch - Helen Fudala

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY

Major Jonathan Culberson (Afghanistan)
Lt. Col. John Pilong – Afghanistan

Children who are 3 years old are invited to participate in the Christmas pageant. They will play the roles of sheep and possibly other animals. They would only be required to attend two rehearsals (December 2 and 9) that begin at 11:15 am. If you are interested in having your child participate, please contact Lorraine at lrkryalls@cox.net or 804-843-7315.

ALTAR SERVERS

12/1 – Mason Kopacki, Kody Kopacki, Oliver Owens
12/2 – Daniel Duke, Tazewell Rae, Adrian Vidal
11:30 am – Misael Hernandez, Jovany Velazquez
12/7 – 7:00 pm – Dawson Haviland, Peter Nguyen, Oliver Owens
12/8 – Daniel Gibbs, Jackson Gibbs, Peter Nguyen
12/9 – Clara DiLandro, Elizabeth DiLandro, Dawson Haviland
11:30 am – Misael Hernandez, Jovany Velazquez

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

12/1 – Tom Fauber, Joe Drexler, Cathy Fudella
12/2 – Bill Madigan, Wini Barron, Edwina Madigan, Chris Polcyn, Paula Polcyn
12/7 – 7:00 pm – Jim Vadas, Pattie Vadas, Mary Horton
12/8 – Jackie Silvia, Jom Fauber, Lorraine Ryalls
12/9 – Chris Polcyn, B.J. Bui, Jim Pyne, Kay Shaw, Kathy Wills

DO YOU KNOW

Advent is a time of simultaneously looking back and looking forward. We look back in remembrance of the birth of Christ our Savior more than 2000 years ago and we look forward to his coming again in glory. The Advent season lasts for four Sundays. It begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas, or the nearest Sunday to November 30. Advent ends on Christmas Eve and thus is not considered part of the Christmas season. The Advent celebration is both a commemoration of Christ's first coming and an anticipation of His second coming. As Israel longed for their Messiah to come, so Christians long for their Savior to come again.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Today's Gospel reminds us that it is important to be ready for the Second Coming of Christ, but it is also important to be prepared for his arrival into every moment of every day. He may come to us through a conversation, in the form of a beggar on the streets, through the words or actions of our children, or through the kindness of a stranger. Are our hearts open to receiving him? Advent affords us the opportunity to prepare our hearts and lives for Christ's coming today, at Christmas, and at the end of all time. This Advent, open your eyes, your ears, and your heart to the coming of Christ in ordinary and extraordinary ways.
Adults: What am I doing to prepare for Christ's coming, both at Christmas and at end times?
Child: How should I prepare for the birthday of Jesus?

SAVE THE DATE: The children of the parish will present the annual Christmas pageant on December 9. The potluck begins at 5:30 pm and the play will begin at 6:30 pm. Please contact the Church office at 843-3125 if you are able to help with the potluck, and please join us! The children are excited to be able to share the Good News of the birth of our Savior with you!

The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Christmas Party for all of the adult members of the church. Join us after Mass on December 8 for food, fellowship, and fun.

There will be no elementary youth group meeting on December 2 or 16. The children and their families are welcome to participate with the parish Christmas caroling event on the 16th. In the new year the group will change its format.

*Our Advent Penance Service is on Tuesday, December 11th at 7:00pm.

The older group will meet on December 2 at 6:30 as usual. We learn more about the Patroness of the Americas, Our Lady of Guadalupe, and enjoy Christmas goodies, fun and fellowship!

The LITTLE BLUE BOOKS for the Advent and Christmas Season are available at the back of the Church.

Because the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation falls on Saturday, December 8th, and we have no morning Mass on Saturday, a Vigil Mass will be held on Friday, December 7th at 7 p.m., which will fulfill your obligation for the Holy Day. You will still be required to fulfill your Sunday obligation on either Saturday at 5:30 or Sunday at 9 am.

The 2019 Catholic Calendars will be at the back of the Church starting this weekend. Please take one per family.

We are also including in this bulletin the Christmas Flowers flyer. Please have your form returned to the office by Tuesday, December 18th. If you have already returned the Christmas Flowers envelope along with your donation, you do not have to repeat the process.

The Knights of Columbus Christmas card sales have begun. These cards are designed to keep Christmas centered in the true meaning, Christ's birth. Proceeds go to the Knights' charitable causes. Please visit the card display at the back of the church.

The Sunday morning Bible Study will begin a new session on December 2 after Mass in the Mercy Center. The topic is the Book of First Corinthians from Ascension Press. In this study, we will learn about the early Christians in Corinth, and see how their struggles and challenges were not so different from our own. We will see how St. Paul addressed these struggles by introducing the Corinthians to God's greatest gift: the Eucharist. Please consider joining us!

A short-term study will be held on Sundays during Advent after Mass in the Boogaard Hall. The group will utilize the Rejoice! Advent Meditations with Mary also from Ascension Press. The meditations not only let you walk beside Mary during the first Advent but also lets you get to know her in a way you haven't before. If interested in participating, please contact Lorraine Ryalls (804-843-3125) or lrkryalls@cox.net so that she can ensure the proper amounts of meditation books are ordered. Cost is \$5 each.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE AND FOOD BASKETS: The Giving Tree will be in the back of the Church the weekend after Thanksgiving. If you wish to donate towards the food baskets which will be distributed to needy families during the Christmas holidays, please make your check payable to OLBS, mark "Christmas Food Basket" in the memo line, and place in the collection basket.

The next Senior Luncheon will take place on WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19TH following the 11 am Mass at Nick's Spaghetti House. Join us for good food and fellowship, and enjoy the beautiful Christmas decorations at Nick's. If you plan to attend, please call the office to have your name placed on the sign-up sheet.

The next Finance Committee Meeting will take place on Tuesday, December 4th at 6:30 pm.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

New members are asked to register at the Parish Office in the Mercy Center.

We invite all parishioners to join a ministry.
Contact the Chairperson of the ministry or call the Parish Office at
804.843.3125

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