

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.*

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 8th & 9th, 2018

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
Mon	12/10	No Mass	
Tue	12/11	Special Intention Requested by Ricardo & Elsie Letada	Fr. Oscar
Wed	12/12	Billy McGowan (RIP) Requested by Janice McGowan & Family	Fr. Oscar
Thur	12/13	Kay Getman (RIP) Requested by Mary Ann & Frank Fetterolf	Fr. Oscar
Fri	12/14	Dick Zimmerman (RIP) Requested by David Seckora	Fr. Oscar
Sat	12/15	Kay Getman (RIP) Requested by David Seckora	Fr. Oscar
Sun	12/16	For Our Parishioners	Fr. Oscar

Collections for December 1st & 2nd, 2018

Parish Operations (Personnel, Utilities, Office, Postage, Repair & Maintenance, etc.)	\$3,471.00
Supplementary Collection	50.00
Total	\$3,521.00
Amount needed weekly for Parish Operations is	\$3,940
Restricted, Special Use or Sent out of Parish	
Capital Improvements	\$ 988.00
Christmas Flowers	240.00
Votive Stand \$6.00/Poor Box \$10.00	16.00
Christmas	50.00
Solemnity of Mary	50.00
Haitian Ministry	210.00

Thank you for your support of your Parish!

Church Attendance

Saturday – December 1 – 86
 Sunday - December 2 - 140
 Spanish Mass – 42

OLBS Church Cleaning Schedule

12/3 thru 12/9 – Araceli Roblero (Leader)/Rosy Gonzalez & Jose Velasquez
 12/10 thru 12/16 – Rosa Mercado Family (Leader)/Eric Gonzelez

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!!

Is the Holy Spirit asking you to be "a shepherd he feeds his flock" in the priesthood? The Vocations Office (804-359-5661) – ask to speak with Fr. Michael Boehling or Fr. Brian Capuano; or write to vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

Calendar for Week of December 10th, 2018

Monday – 12/10 – No Mass
 Tuesday – 12/11 – Mass 8:30 am
Advent Penance Service – 7:00 pm
 Wednesday – 12/12 – Mass 8:30 am
Our Lady of Guadalupe – Procession 6:30 pm – Mass 7 pm
 Thursday – 12/13 – Mass 8:30 am
 Friday – 12/14 – Mass 8:30 am
 Saturday, 12/15 – **Rosary 4:45 pm - Mass 5:30 pm**
 Sunday – 12/16 – Mass 9:00 am
CFC 10:15 am – Bible Study 10:15 am – Parish Council 10:15
 Spanish Mass 11:30 am
Christmas Caroling – 5:45 pm VDB Hall – Singing 6:00 pm

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
Robin Bristow	Doris Modr
Joan Buehler	Clara Morrow
Linda Burch	Randy Morrow
Lurene Burke	Specialist Mullins
Kevin Carson	Larry Newtzie
Kate Cheney	M.C. 'Sam' O'Connor
Julie Wilson Chungath	Pam Rigsby
Meredith Crowe	Phyllis Russell
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 Kaczmariski	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.

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

ALTAR SERVERS

12/8 – Daniel Gibbs, Jackson Gibbs, Peter Nguyen
12/9 – Clara DiLandro, Elizabeth DiLandro, Dawson Haviland
11:30 am – Misael Hernandez, Jovany Velazquez
12/15 – Mason Kopacki, Kody Kopacki, Ryan Sprouse
12/16 – Daniel Duke, Tazewell Rae, Adrian Vidal
11:30 am – Misael Hernandez, Jovany Velazquez

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

12/8 – Jackie Silvia, Jom Fauber, Lorraine Ryalls
12/9 – Chris Polcyn, B.J. Bui, Jim Pyne, Kay Shaw, Kathy Wills
12/15 – Gary Silvia, Cathy Fudella, Jim Vadas
12/16 – Paula Polcyn, Wini Barron, Kim DiLandro, Bill Madigan, Edwina Madigan

DO YOU KNOW

There are 1.2 billion Catholics in the world. There are sixty-seven million Catholics in America – that's more than it takes to elect an American president. Every day the Catholic Church feeds, houses, and clothes more people, takes care of more sick people, visits more prisoners, and educates more people than any other institute could ever hope to. (Matthew Kelly: Rediscover Catholicism.)

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Our own role is not unlike that of John the Baptist. Like him, each one of us has a mission to communicate the Spirit of Christ and his message of hope, love and mercy to others. To help people fill their valleys and make their rough paths smoother. A word of affirmation and encouragement can work wonders. To have a naturally cheerful disposition can be a real witness of Christian joy. Although our own Baptism was something which may have taken place a long time ago, what happened then has to constantly be renewed. We need to re-affirm our commitment to the Christian community, to the Body of Christ, through which we go to God and through which our God comes to us. We need to open ourselves to further conversion, to an ever deeper change of heart, to a deeper listening to what Jesus is asking of us, "Lord, what do you want me to do, to be?"

Adults: What can I do this advent season to joyful witness of Christ?

Child: How can I show my friends that Jesus loves them?

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 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.

No Sunday formation classes on December 23 and 30 due to the Christmas holidays.

The Mercy Center Offices will be CLOSED Christmas week, from the 24th thru to the 28th. The office will also be closed New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

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

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.

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Sam O'Connor, who died on November 28th. May his soul rest in peace and perpetual light shine upon him.

The family of Kay Getman wish to sincerely thank the parishioners of OLBS for their kind expressions of sympathy. We especially appreciate the preparations for the funeral Mass and luncheon which followed. Her deep faith and strong church ties remained the guiding influences of her life. For that we are grateful

CORNUCOPIA BASKET – I am trying to reunite a cornucopia basket with its donor that was used as a centerpiece for our 100th Anniversary Celebration. Please, if anyone knows how to contact Barbara Huddleston (or a family member), let her know that her basket is in the church foyer on the lower shelf of the table to the left of the sanctuary doors.

OLBS WOMEN'S GROUP – Our newly formed women's group has enjoyed a productive year in 2018...with meetings, honoring several parishioners with sacramental gifts and cards, hosting the Father's Day Breakfast, assisting with VBS during the Family Night Dinner, enjoying a field trip, gathering in fellowship; and most recently, experiencing our first Christmas on the Town with awesome success. Our success at Christmas on the Town was possible due to our membership (including our dedicated and passionate event co-chairs), the Knights of Columbus, families of the Knights...and YOU (our parishioners) who supported this activity. Thank You! There is so much that we can do in 2019...Have a blessed Advent and a Joyous Christmas season!

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE AND FOOD BASKETS - Thank you to all who have supported our Giving Tree and Food Baskets. The gifts for the Giving Tree should be back under the tree this weekend (December 8th & 9th) by the end of the Spanish Mass. The Food Baskets will be purchased and put together by some of the youth on December 15th at the Knights Hall. You can still donate to the baskets and if you would like to volunteer to help put together or deliver, please contact Pam at the parish office this week to find out more details.

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.

Following the listening sessions held throughout the diocese in October, Bishop Barry C. Knestout renewed his commitment to leading the Diocese of Richmond with transparency, faith and direct action. A webpage has been created to help the faithful stay informed of the diocese's response to the present crisis in the Church. A video interview with the Bishop as he answers the faithful's most frequently asked questions, a timeline of actions take within the diocese to address the crisis, and resources to learn how Bishop Knestout is answering the call for accountability is available at www.richmonddiocese.org/diocese-response.

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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