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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.*

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 14th & December 15th, 2019



Sat	12/14 – Jackie Drayer (RIP) Requested by Bob & Lorraine Ryalls	Fr. Oscar
Sun	12/15 – Nancy & Mike Pausic Honor of Wedding Anniversary (10/29) Requested by Pausic Family	Fr. Oscar
Mon	12/16 – No Mass	
Tue	12/17 – No Mass Intention	
Wed	12/18 – Billy McGowan (RIP) Requested by Janice McGowan	Fr. Oscar
Thurs	12/19 – Joe, Sr, Elsie & Johnny Drexler(RIP) Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler	Fr. Oscar
Fri	12/20 – No Mass Intention	
Sat	12/21 – Thomas A. Trudeau (RIP) Anniversary of Death Requested by Edna Trudeau David “Charlie” Sturtz (RIP) By Jeanie Sturtz	Fr. Oscar
Sun	12/22 – Frank Waxmunski (RIP) Requested by Susan Todd	Fr. Oscar

*****You are invited to the weekday Masses at 8:30am
Tuesday-Friday every week*****

Collections for December 7th & 8th, 2019

Parish Operations	\$4,437.00
Supplemental Collection	50.00
Votive Stand	24.00
Christmas Flowers	150.00
Thanksgiving	75.00
Christmas	50.00
Solemnity of Mary	25.00
Total	\$4,811.00
Amount needed weekly for Parish Operations is	\$3,940
Restricted, Special Use or Sent out of Parish	
Facilities Repairs & Maintenance Fund	\$491.00
Haitian Ministry	\$50.00
Diocesan Collections – Catholic Charities	\$25.00

^^^ Please mark your envelopes with the amount you have put in them. This will help make the job of our wonderful volunteer counters much easier! We appreciate all they do for our parish!



Thank you for your support of your Parish!

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Saturday, December 7th - 78

Sunday, December 8th - 112

Spanish Mass, Sunday, December 8th - 60

Calendar for Week of December 16th, 2019

Monday – 12/16 – No Mass Adoration in MC Chapel
Knights of Columbus Meeting – 7:30pm
Tuesday – 12/17 – Mass 8:30am – Adoration in MC Chapel
Wednesday – 12/18 – Mass 8:30am
Preschool Christmas Program – 9:30am in Church
Thursday – 12/19 – Mass 11:00am – Christmas Senior
Luncheon at Nick's Restaurant Following Mass
Friday – 12/20 – Mass 8:30am
Saturday – 12/21 – 9:00am Shopping & Packing Food Baskets
Rosary 5pm Mass 5:30pm
Sunday – 12/22 – Mass 9:00 am Spanish Mass 11:30am



PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND GOOD HEALTH

Emily Adams	John Kellam
Elizabeth Alley	Gloria Kojcisch
Candace Barefoot	Bonnie Kopacki
Virginia Becker	Gordon Langston
Paulette Berberich	Patricia Lanuza
Ron Blevins	Kenny McGinley
Jon Boyette	Bill Madigan
Robin Bristow	Baby Vivian Mallis
Joan Buehler	Ron Martz
Linda Burch	Gladys Mierle
Lurene Burke	Clara Morrow
Kevin Carson	Randy Morrow
Lucy Carson	Specialist Mullins
Meredith Crowe	Marilyn Naggy
Eric Crump	Larry Newtzie
Vincent D'elia	Desiree Page
Denise DePompeo	Pam Rigsby
Dale Dippre	Mark A. Roane
Dexter Dix	Virginia Ryczak
Donna Donahue	Bill Scaife
Michelle Eshelman	Barbara Schafer
Amanda Leigh Fincher	Allen Smith
Henry Franzysen	Levi Sturtz
Sydney Gay	Jim Tokarz
Margaret Geron	Mae Touray
Jim Gregory	Gloria Wajciechowski
Pat Hinkle	Linda Webster
Kelly Hipple	Lois Wilson
Mary Ann Hooper	Robert 'Bobby' Wilson
Gail Justin	Jody Zogran
Helen Kaczmariski	

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY

Major Jonathan Culberson (Afghanistan)

***Our beautiful large star that sits in front of the Church during the Christmas Season is missing from in back of the Church! It seems to have been missing since before October. If anyone has any information or might know where the star is, please call the parish office at 804-843-3125.

We are looking for someone to coordinate the parish pot-luck on January 5th. For more information or to sign up, please contact Lorraine at DRE@olbs.hrcoxmail.com or call 843-3125



12/14 – Peter Nguyen & Oliver Owens
 12/15 – McKenna Kopacki & Adrian Vidal
 12/21 – Addy Gibbs & Jackson Gibbs
 12/22 – Elizabeth DiLandro & Tazewell Rae



12/14 – Gary Silvia, Cathy Fudella, & Jackie Silvia
 12/15 – Wini Barron, B.J. Bui, Chris Polcyn, Paula Polcyn, & Kathy Wills
 12/21 – Tom Fauber, Joe Drexler, & Jim Vadas
 12/22 – Kim DiLandro, Bill Madigan, Edwina Madigan, Mary Leigh McDonald, & Sarah Rae

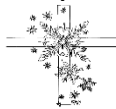


12/14 – Alfred Jones & Bob Ryalls
 12/15 – Tuan Nguyen & Craig Smith
 12/21 – Andrew Seckora & Paul Seckora
 12/22 – Jim Milby & Jim Pyne

Church Cleaning Schedule

12/9 thru 12/15 – Dan Gibbs Family
 12/16 thru 12/22 – Theresa Nguyen /Nguyen Sisters
 12/23 thru 12/29 – Tom & Rowena Fauber

***We will be creating the new Church cleaning list on 12/31/19. Please call the parish office if you need to have us make changes to this list or your participation. Thank you so much for all you do for our parish!



PARISHIONERS: As our faith community grows, we ask that we all take a moment before Mass and after Mass to say hello and welcome any new faces we see. As an extension of the Lord's grace, we should always seize the opportunity to say "hello" to a new person or family.



ARE YOU IN NEED OF PRAYER? DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE IN NEED OF PRAYER? Please contact the prayer chain to request any prayers needed. Anonymous Prayer Requests accepted. Contact: On Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays, please contact Pam Watkins at the Church office at 804-843-3125 from 10:15 am through 4:30 pm. Any other times, please contact Pam Watkins at 919-820-1986 (cell phone).

SOMETHING NEW FOR OUR CHILDREN: We now have Children's Mass Bulletins available for elementary age students. These are located in the wire basket where the Mass bags are located. Crayons and pencils are also located in the basket. These bulletins usually contain the Gospel reading, word puzzles about the reading and the story of patron saints.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Francis Xavier was born in Spain and together with St. Ignatius of Loyola was one of the seven who founded the Society of Jesuits. On his way to Asia, he spent six months preaching in Africa and then spent the remainder of his life preaching the Good News in Japan, India, China and the Philippines. Though he passed away at a relatively young age, Xavier had accomplished much in his life. He baptized an estimated 30,000 people. Xavier was beatified by Pope Paul V in 1619 and canonized by Pope Gregory XV in 1622. A famed missionary himself, he is now the patron saint of missionaries. His feast day is December 3rd.

DO YOU KNOW?

If Jesus had been born of two human parents like everyone else, where would the divinity be? The Church teaches that in being conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin, the Son of God was never separated from His Heavenly Father. Through her perpetual virginity Mary remains an "undivided" gift to God and the spiritual mother of us all. We can call upon our heavenly mother to comfort, guide, and support us. The virgin birth is accessible only to faith, meaning that like so many other aspects of faith, it is a mystery that cannot be fully understood in human terms and must be accepted as part of a larger mystery of God's plan. (CCC498)

Parents: Please consider having your children make a birthday card for Baby Jesus and bring it to whichever Christmas Mass you attend. These will be brought up during the offertory and placed in Jesus' crib. This is a great way to help your family emphasize the true meaning of Christmas.

*There is no Youth Group meeting on January 5th due to the parish pot-luck and pageant. The next meeting is 1/19/20.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Of all people we would never think would doubt, or should doubt, would be John the Baptist, who knew Jesus as a child, who knew Him and played with Him and was close to Him when he went off into the desert to become and prepare himself for the great role of the prophet, the one who is to come to prepare the way of the Messiah. John must have had deep thoughts when he was in prison. Perhaps

Jesus allowed him to have these doubts because he wanted we ordinary people not to be afraid at times to doubt even the most beautiful messages, to be afraid, to run away in fear from what they might demand of us. Doubting is something that we all have to deal with because its hard to believe in that which you cannot see or touch.

Adults: What can you do to strengthen your faith when doubts begin to creep in?

Children: What can you do to remember that Jesus is with you always, even when He seems far away?



If anyone has Rubbermaid type totes that they are no longer using, we'd be happy to put them to use for storing our pageant props and such. Contact Lorraine at 804-843-3125 if you have any to donate.

WE NEED ADDITIONAL CHILDREN'S LITURGY LEADERS AT BOTH MASSES. Lesson plans and materials are provided. This is a way that our little ones can learn more about God's Word on their level. If interested, please contact Lorraine Ryalls at 804-843-3125, Extension 103 or Dre@olbs.hrcoxmail.com.

Volunteers are needed for the Saturday Night and Sunday Morning (Both English & Spanish) Choirs. Please see Leda after any of the Masses or call the Parish Office at 804-843-3125 for more details.

***If you would like to help with the shopping and packing of Food Baskets, please call the parish office at 804-843-3125. Anyone can help, but we are asking that if children under the middle school age would like to help that a parent come with them. Please call the parish office to let us know you will be helping.

***The Little Blue Books for the Advent/Christmas Season are in the back of the Church. Please take one.



ADVENT AND PREGNANCY: "As we enter the second half of Advent, the liturgy focuses more specifically on the Incarnation and birth of Jesus at the first Christmas. We think about Mary's initial fear and uncertainty in the face of her unexpected pregnancy. Then, in every Church in the world, believers spiritually rush to her side to eagerly await with her the birth of the Savior. The best way for a parish to celebrate Christmas is to rush physically to the side of those in the community who, like Mary, are uncertain and afraid about their pregnancy. We are to accompany them through their pregnancy with support and encouragement, and help them experience the fact that every birth reflects the joy of the birth of Christ. Nationwide, pregnancy centers providing alternatives to abortion can be reached through the "Option Line," 1-800-712-HELP, or at www.pregnancycenters.org." (Priests for Life)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! – The Virginia March for Life will be held in Richmond on Thursday, February 13, 2020. It will start with a 9:15am Mass, then an 11:45am Rally at the State Capital and ends with a 12:45pm March for Life. Please call the parish office at 804-843-3125 for more details.



Congratulations to those couples celebrating their Wedding Anniversary in December: Glenn & Kay Shaw – 12/1/1972; Craig & Danielle Smith – 12/1/2007; Michael & Jan Bellanca – 12/29/1963; Chris & Paula Polcyn – 12/30/1988.

"Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you." Strengthen, renew, and rekindle your marriage sacrament by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on Mar 20-22, 2020 in FAIRFAX,, VA and Sep 18-20, 2020 in FAIRFAX,, VA. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: <https://renewmarriage-vasouth.org/>.



Do you rejoice in the Lord? Is He asking you to consider a vocation as a priest, deacon, or in the consecrated life? Call Father Brian Capuano at 804-359-5661 or email: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

***Diocesan Bicentennial Calendars and Parish Calendars are Available at the Back of the Church. Please take one per family.

*****Please note, there will be no adoration during the week of Christmas.**

*****The next Confirmation Class is scheduled for January 12th at 6:30pm in the Mercy Center Conference Room.**

FOOD BASKETS – We will be collecting money for Christmas Food Baskets for Families in Need in our Community through this weekend of December 14th & 15th. Please place in an envelope clearly marked – Food Baskets – and drop in collection or see Erin Hayden, Deidra Kopacki or Pam Watkins at one of the Masses. If you know someone in need of a Food Basket this year, please let Erin Hayden, Deidra Kopacki or Pam Watkins know before December 21st.



The Books commemorating the Bicentennial Celebration of the Diocese of Richmond are on their way to us and we should have them by Christmas. The Book, worth more than \$100, is being offered by the Diocese for a mere \$35 and will include information on all the parishes, bishops, priests and the Diocese from its inception until present. Please call the parish office to place your order now!

From Bill Palmer, Chaplain of the Town of West Point Police Department: If you are a senior citizen or a disabled citizen or know someone who may benefit from wellness checks, please consider enrolling yourself or them in our S.A.F.E. (Secure and Friendly Environment) Program. Please call the West Point Police Department at their non-emergency number, 804-843-2800 to find out more information. This is a FREE service to anyone who lives in the Town of West Point. (The Town of West Point offers no expressed liability for the failure of the program through emergency demands, personnel availability, or human error.)

For many years people have been asking for a follow up retreat from Cursillo. This retreat is for both men and women (couples are also welcome!) and starts on a Friday night and ends with Mass on early Sunday afternoon. The dates for the retreat are January 24-26, 2020. The location will be the cabins at the Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center. The cost for the weekend is \$150/person. This includes all food, lodging, and supplies for the weekend. This intent of this weekend is to dive deep into the Mass and the prayers of the Church. For more information or to sign up for the retreat, please reach out to Lisa Ranellone (lhrran75@aol.com) or David Reaves (dreaves@prismce.com).

*****PLEASE NOTE:** There are no Sunday classes on December 22nd or 29th due to the holiday weekends.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Sunday, December 15th - Parish Christmas Caroling begins at 6:00pm in the Hall.

Sunday, December 15th – Diocesan Youth Convention registration forms are due back to Lorraine so we can be eligible for the Early Bird Discount

Wednesday, December 18th – Preschool Christmas Program in Church at 9:30am

Thursday, December 19th – Senior Luncheon at Nick's Restaurant following 11:00am Mass

Saturday, December 21st – Shopping For & Packing Food Baskets – Meet at Parish Hall at 9:00am

Tuesday, December 24th – HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

CHRISTMAS EVE – 5:30PM & 9:00PM MASSES

Wednesday, December 25th – HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

CHRISTMAS DAY – 9:00AM MASS ONLY

Wednesday, January 1st – HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION – THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD ONLY ONE MASS AT 9:00AM

Sunday, January 5th – Annual Covered Dish & Christmas Pageant on the Feast of the Epiphany – Dinner At 5:30pm followed by the pageant at 6:30pm.

Parish Christmas Caroling is this Sunday, December 15th. Please meet at the Boogaard Hall at 6:00pm and bring cookies to share with hot chocolate (provided) when we return. If you know of someone who might appreciate a caroling visit, please contact Lorraine at 804-843-3125 or DRE@olbs.hrcocmail.com to add them to the list. YOUTH GROUP please note this takes the place of our regularly scheduled meeting. Please join us as we spread Christmas joy around town!

PRESCHOOL NEWS: Happy Holidays OLBS family. We are so excited for this season at preschool. We would like to welcome you to join us for our annual Christmas Program on Wednesday, Dec. 18th at 9:30am in the church. We will have fellowship and cookies following. Thank you for your continued support!

Our Annual Covered Dish and Christmas Pageant will be held on Feast of the Epiphany, Sunday, January 5th. Dinner at 5:30pm followed by the Pageant at 6:30pm. Please bring a dish to share and enjoy a time of parish fellowship as the children tell the story of Jesus' birth.

SPECIAL THANKS to all who gave so generously so that 49 children could something to unwrap at Christmas!!! The generosity of our parish family is so astounding! We have all been Blessed with much and so many of you have shared what you have with others! Thank you also, to anyone who helped set up, collect, and distribute everything. This has truly been a group effort! Our parish proves time and time again that when we work together for the glory of God, anything is possible!!!

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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JUSTICE & PEACE Chris & Paula Polcyn	843-3589
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LIBRARY Linda Drexler	843-2541

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