

OUR LADY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

3570 KING WILLIAM AVENUE, WEST POINT VA 23181



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 7th & December 8th, 2019



Sat	12/7 – Thomas Sturtz, Sr. (RIP) Anniversary of Death Requested by Marguerite Sturtz & Family	Fr. Oscar
Sun	12/8 – Henry Kopacki, Jr. (RIP) Anniversary of Death (12/5) Requested by Marian Kopacki & Family	Fr. Oscar
Mon	12/9 – 8:30am Mass for the Immaculate Conception	
Tue	12/10 – Richard & Anna Kozlowski (RIP) Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler	Fr. Oscar
Wed	12/11 – Phyllis Wyatt (RIP) Requested by David Seckora	Fr. Oscar
Thurs	12/12 – No Mass Intention	
Fri	12/13 – Joe, Sr, Elsie & Johnny Drexler (RIP) Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler	Fr. Oscar
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

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

Collections for Nov. 30th & December 1st, 2019

Parish Operations	\$2,885.45
Supplemental Collection	35.00
Votive Stand	12.00
Poor Box	41.46
Religious Education	51.12
Christmas Flowers	266.12
Thanksgiving	251.00
Total	\$3,542.15
Amount needed weekly for Parish Operations is	\$3,940
Restricted, Special Use or Sent out of Parish	
Facilities Repairs & Maintenance Fund	\$731.12
Haitian Ministry	\$1,260.00
Maintenance Savings	\$70.00
Cemetery Fund	\$36.12
Diocesan Collections – Military Archdiocese	\$31.12



Thank you for your support of your Parish!

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Thanksgiving, November 27th - 72

Saturday, November 30th - 83

Sunday, December 1st - 114

Spanish Mass, Sunday, December 1st - 62

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

Calendar for Week of December 9th, 2019

Monday – 12/9 – Mass 8:30am – Immaculate Conception
Adoration in MC Chapel 12noon – 10pm

Tuesday – 12/10 – Mass 8:30am – Adoration in MC Chapel
***OLBS ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE – 7pm in Church

Wednesday – 12/11 – Mass 8:30am & Our Lady of
Guadalupe Vigil Mass at 7pm in Spanish

Thursday – 12/12 – Mass 8:30am – Our Lady of Guadalupe

Friday – 12/13 – Mass 8:30am

Saturday – 12/14 – Rosary 5pm Mass 5:30pm

Sunday – 12/15 – Mass 9:00 am Faith Formation 10:15am
Parish Council Meeting 10:15am Spanish Mass 11:30am
Christmas Caroling – Meet & Begin in Hall at 6pm



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 Franzyszen	Levi Sturtz
Sydney Gay	Gerrie Thomas
Margaret Geron	Jim Tokarz
Jim Gregory	Mae Touray
Pat Hinkle	Gloria Wajciechowski
Kelly Hipple	Linda Webster
Mary Ann Hooper	Lois Wilson
Gail Justin	Robert 'Bobby' Wilson
Helen Kaczmariski	Jody Zogran

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.

*Youth are reminded that the Diocesan Youth Convention Registration forms are due to Lorraine no later than December 15th so we can be eligible for the early bird discount.



12/7 – Daniel Gibbs & Philip Owens
 12/8 – Elizabeth DiLandro & Daniel Duke
 12/14 – Peter Nguyen & Oliver Owens
 12/15 – McKenna Kopacki & Adrian Vidal



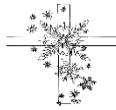
12/7 – Joe Drexler, Tom Fauber, & Lorraine Ryalls
 12/8 – Jim Vadas, Mary Leigh McDonald, Vickie Roane,
 Kay Shaw, & Pattie Vadas
 12/14 – Gary Silvia, Cathy Fudella, & Jackie Silvia
 12/15 – Wini Barron, B.J. Bui, Chris Polcyn, Paula Polcyn,
 & Kathy Wills



12/7 – Dan Gibbs & Scott Watkins
 12/8 – Jim Milby & Tripp Racioppi
 12/14 – Alfred Jones & Bob Ryalls
 12/15 – Tuan Nguyen & Craig Smith

Church Cleaning Schedule

12/2 thru 12/8 – Jorge Duran Family/Hugo Rojas/& Jose Velasquez
 12/9 thru 12/15 – Dan Gibbs Family
 12/16 thru 12/22 – Theresa Nguyen /Nguyen Sisters



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

Santa Lucia (Saint Lucy) was born in Syracuse, Sicily, in 283 AD and was martyred at the age of 20. Lucia was born into a wealthy Sicilian family. At a time of Christian persecution, Lucia vowed at a young age to live her life in the service of Christ. Lucia's mother attempted an arranged marriage for her daughter to a pagan man. When Lucia refused, the angry suitor reported her to Roman authorities, and Lucia subsequently was sentenced to life in a brothel and forced into prostitution.

Staunchly loyal to her faith, Lucia benefitted from Divine intervention: when it came time for her to be placed in the brothel by Roman guards, she became immovable; it was as if she had turned to stone and the guards could not move her. The soldiers then built piles of wood around her in an effort to burn her alive. Lucia was untouched by the flames and survived the inferno. Lucia ultimately met her death; however, when she was stabbed through the neck with a sword. Her feast day is December 13th.

DO YOU KNOW?

In biblical times betrothal involved a sort of "prenuptial agreement". Before witnesses, the young man and woman would enter into a formal betrothal. It was a legally binding contract, which gave the man legal rights over the woman. Once a couple entered this stage of betrothal, it could only be broken by a formal divorce. The terms "husband" and "wife" were used during this period, though the couple did not live together. Sexual relations were not permitted during this time, and if one was found to be unfaithful to the other, it was considered adultery. At the time of Jesus' birth, adultery was punishable by stoning. Also, if one of the young people died, the other would be considered a "widow" or widower".

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

In Matthew's Gospel, we learn of John's continued warning for us to be ready for Jesus when He comes again. It is not enough that we are sons and daughters of Abraham, but by our own desire, we want to live a life pleasing to God. The Gospel challenges us to bear fruit. It was not enough for the Sadducees nor is it enough for us to simply follow the rules and rituals of our faith. The very actions of lives must show what we believe about our faith. We Christians come in daily contact with other people whether at work, in our neighborhoods, or school. We have opportunities throughout the day to witness to our faith by our actions and words, but what greater audience do we have than our own family. It is important that we witness our faith to all we meet, but no audience is more important than our families. Sometimes we need to take some quiet "desert time" like we find in today's Gospel in order to focus our lives more intentionally on what is truly important.

Adults: What do you need to change so that others can learn from watching you that Christ Jesus walks among us?

Children: What could you do so that others will see in you what it means to follow Jesus?



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.



"Advent leads the Church to the Silent Night when God Himself is revealed as one of us. This season leads us to the joy of His birth. If God has joined His nature to ours, how can we ever allow our nature to be despised? If He has come to bring us Divine Life, and will return to take us to the skies, how can it be all right to throw people in the garbage? May His birth shed protection on all about to be born, and as we work to end abortion, may we "wait in joyful hope for the coming of Our Savior, Jesus Christ." (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.



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.

"Therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire." Make sure your marriage bears good fruit. Participate in a 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/>.



As John prepared the way of the Lord in the desert, might Jesus be calling you to prepare the way as a priest? Call Father Brian Capuano at 804-359-5661 or email: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!! - Gifts for the "Giving Tree" will need to be returned to us by the end of the last Mass this weekend, December 7th & 8th. You can return the gifts in a gift bag with tissue on top and the tag attached or you can wrap, but we need to have a list of what is wrapped attached with the tag. Thank you so much for your continued generosity!

FOOD BASKETS – We will be collecting money for Christmas Food Baskets for Families in Need in our Community through the 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 as soon as possible.

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



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 will be no adoration during the week of Christmas.**

Diocesan Annual Appeal Update: As of December 3rd, 2019, we have raised 88.96% or \$8,567.00 of our \$9,630.00 goal and have collected 85.66% or \$8,248.81 of our \$9,630.00 goal. Thank you so much for your generosity! The next Annual Appeal is set to begin in February of 2020.

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

December 7th & 8th – Giving Tree Gifts Due back at Church
Monday, December 9th – 8:30am Mass for the

Immaculate Conception

Tuesday, December 10th – 7pm Our Advent Penance Service

Wednesday, December 11th – 8:30am Daily Mass & 7pm

Mass – Our Lady of Guadalupe Vigil Mass in Spanish

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

Saturday, December 21st – Shopping For & Packing Food Baskets – Meet at Parish Hall 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 scheduled for 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 someone who would. If you know of someone who might appreciate a caroling visit, please contact Lorraine at 804-843-3125 or DRE@olbs.hrcoxmail.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.

Church Envelopes

We are terribly sorry that our church envelopes were not delivered as expected. We have been in contact with our envelope company. They have tracked our envelopes and said they went out from them on the 8th of November and for some reason took 10 days to finally land in Prince George, Maryland. They sat in Prince George, Maryland for 2 weeks and finally left there on the 30th of November. They were in Sandston on Tuesday, December 3rd. Hopefully, everyone has received their envelopes by now. If you have not received your envelopes by this weekend, please call the parish office on Tuesday, December 10th so that we can ask them to track your envelopes. Cathedral Envelopes was very apologetic, unfortunately, it was also out of their hands. They had several churches to call about the same issue. The representative thinks that a whole pallet of mail was temporarily lost and then recovered and ultimately shipped. They have profusely apologized for any inconvenience.

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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