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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

PARISH OFFICES at the MERCY CENTER

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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.*

**THE SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF
THE LORD**

JANUARY 4th & 5th, 2019



Sat	1/4 – James H. Geron (RIP) Requested by Donna Geron	Fr. Oscar
Sun	1/5 – No Mass Intention	
Mon	1/6 – No Mass	
Tue	1/7 – No Mass Intention	
Wed	1/8 – No Mass Intention	
Thurs	1/9 – No Mass Intention	
Fri	1/10 – No Mass Intention	
Sat	1/11 – No Mass Intention	
Sun	1/12 – No Mass Intention	

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

Collections for December 21st & 22nd, 2019

Parish Operations	\$3,698.00
Supplemental Collection	53.00
Votive Stand	7.62
Poor Box	20.00
Christmas	80.00
Total	\$3,858.62
Amount needed weekly for Parish Operations is	\$3,940
Restricted, Special Use or Sent out of Parish	
Facilities Repairs & Maintenance Fund	\$125.00
Haiti Ministry	\$50.00
Diocesan Collections – Catholic Charities	\$50.00

Collections for December 24th, 25th, 28th & 29th, 2019

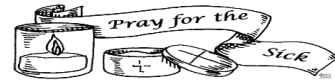
Parish Operations	\$2,955.00
Supplemental Collection	2,545.00
Votive Stand	36.00
Poor Box	23.69
Christmas	3,459.69
Initial Offering	165.00
Solemnity of Mary	50.00
Total	\$9,234.38
Amount needed weekly for Parish Operations is	\$3,940
Restricted, Special Use or Sent out of Parish	
Facilities Repairs & Maintenance Fund	\$496.69
Haiti Ministry	\$225.00
Diocesan Collections – Catholic Charities	\$964.69
Diocesan Collections – Respect Life	\$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!

Calendar for Week of January 6th, 2019

Monday – 1/6 – No Mass Adoration in MC Chapel
Knights of Columbus Meeting – 7:30pm – Knights Hall
Tuesday – 1/7 – Mass 8:30am Adoration in MC Chapel
Liturgy Committee Meeting – 6pm – Mercy Center
Wednesday – 1/8 – Mass 8:30am
Thursday – 1/9 – Mass 8:30am
Friday – 1/10 – Mass 8:30am
Saturday – 1/11 – Rosary 5pm Mass 5:30pm
Sunday – 1/12 – Mass 9:00 am Faith Formation 10:15am
Spanish Mass 11:30am
Confirmation Class 6:30pm in Mercy Center



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	Clara Morrow
Lurene Burke	Randy Morrow
Kevin Carson	Specialist Mullins
Lucy Carson	Marilyn Naggy
Meredith Crowe	Larry Newtzie
Eric Crump	Desiree Page
Vincent D'elia	Brett Pickens
Denise DePompeo	Pam Rigsby
Dale Dippre	Mark A. Roane
Dexter Dix	Virginia Ryczak
Donna Donahue	Bill Scaife
Larry Dzula, Jr.	Barbara Schafer
Michelle Eshelman	James Simmons
Amanda Leigh Fincher	Allen Smith
Henry Franzyszen	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)

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Saturday, December 21st – 85
Sunday, December 22nd - 157
Tuesday, December 24th – 5:30pm – 126
Tuesday, December 24th – 9:00pm – 85
Wednesday, December 25th – 73
Saturday, December 28th - 63
Sunday, December 29th – 140
Spanish Mass, December 29th - 46



- 1/4 - Addy Gibbs & Daniel Gibbs
- 1/5 - Elizabeth DiLandro & Daniel Duke
- 1/11 - Kody Kopacki & Mason Kopacki
- 1/12 - McKenna Kopacki & Tazewell Rae



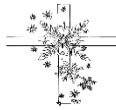
- 1/4 - Jim Vadas, Gary Silvia, & Pattie Vadas
- 1/5 - Bill Madigan, B.J. Bui, Chris Polcyn, Paula Polcyn, & Kathy Wills
- 1/11 - Tom Fauber, Cathy Fudella, & Erin Lazar
- 1/12 - Jim Pyne, Wini Barron, Mary Leigh McDonald, Sarah Rae, & Vickie Roane



- 1/4 - Dan Gibbs & Alfred Jones
- 1/5 - Tuan Nguyen & Jim Pyne
- 1/11 - Bob Ryalls & Scott Watkins
- 1/12 - Jim Milby & Tripp Racioppi

Church Cleaning Schedule

- 12/30 thru 1/5/20 - Gary & Jackie Silvia
- 1/6/20 thru 1/12/20 - The Hispanic Community
- 1/13/20 thru 1/19/20 - Dan Gibbs Family
- 1/20/20 thru 1/26/20 - Teresa 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.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Thomas Becket was born in 1120, the son of a prosperous London merchant. Becket's talents were noticed by Henry II, who made him his chancellor and the two became close friends. In 1161, Henry made Becket archbishop. The king and his archbishop's friendship was put under strain when it became clear that Becket would now stand up for the Church in its disagreements with the king. In 1164, realizing the extent of Henry's displeasure, Becket fled into exile in France, and remained in exile for several years. He returned in 1170. On the 29th of December, 1170, four knights, believing the king wanted Becket out of the way, confronted and murdered Becket in Canterbury Cathedral.

DO YOU KNOW?

Many Christians speak of the importance of a personal relationship with Jesus, which is very true. But it is primarily through the Eucharist that we can truly have an intimate encounter with the Person of Jesus. Benedict XVI once pointed out this connection: "Today, there is a need to rediscover that Jesus Christ is not just a private conviction or an abstract idea, but a real person, whose becoming part of human history is capable of renewing the life of every man and woman. Hence, the Eucharist, as the source and summit of the Church's life and mission, must be translated into spirituality, into a life lived 'according to the Spirit' " (Sacramentum Caritatis).

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

The Feast of the Epiphany lifts our eyes from the family celebrations and demands so we should include in our vision "all the ends of the earth". Like the three wise men, we should have the courage to follow the light of the star we have seen, however hazardous the journey; that the light of our faith should be so strong that we are able to see and recognize our Lord and Ruler in however unexpected a way He may present Himself to us; and that having recognized Him, we should bow down and adore Him, offering Him our total loyalty. Moreover, Epiphany demands that like these wisemen we should follow a different path once we've encountered Christ, carrying to all those we meet the Light of Christ. The Light of Christ has indeed risen, and we have the responsibility to radiate that Light in the darkness of our own world.

Adults: Where are you willing to take the Light of Christ in today's dark world?
 Children: How can you be like a star to show the Light of Jesus to others?



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.



AN EPIPHANY OF GOD: "Life is always a good. ... Why is life a good? This question is found everywhere in the Bible, and from the very first pages it receives a powerful and amazing answer. The life which God gives man is quite different from the life of all other living creatures, inasmuch as man, although formed from the dust of the earth (cf. Gen 2:7, 3:19; Job 34:15; Ps 103:14; 104:29), is a manifestation of God in the world, a sign of his presence, a trace of his glory (cf. Gen 1:26-27; Ps 8:6). This is what Saint Irenaeus of Lyons wanted to emphasize in his celebrated definition: 'Man, living man, is the glory of God'. Man has been given a sublime dignity, based on the intimate bond which unites him to his Creator: in man there shines forth a reflection of God himself" (The Gospel of Life, n. 34) (Priests for Life)

Catholic Charities of Eastern Virginia is in desperate need of size 5 & 6 Diapers and pullups for families in their parenting support program! Diapers can be dropped off at their main office at 5361 Virginia Beach Blvd., Virginia Beach or 12829 Jefferson Ave., Newport News office. Thank you for your generous support!

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 Bill & Edwina Madigan who are celebrating their Wedding Anniversary in January – 1/28/67.

DON'T FORGET! Our Parish Pot-Luck and Pageant is this weekend, Sunday, January 5th beginning at 5:30pm. Join us for good food, good fellowship and good entertainment by the children of the parish as they retell the story of Jesus' birth.

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

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



The Books commemorating the Bicentennial Celebration of the Diocese of Richmond are here! 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! They are beautiful and will be a keepsake for many years to come!

*****Our Adult Faith Exploration Series Continues Tuesday, January 14th at 7pm in the Mercy Center. This session will be on Capital Punishment. Any adults interested in this subject are welcome to join us!**

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.



"Opening their treasure chests, they offered Him gifts." Are you beginning to see your life as a gift to be given to the Lord as a priest, deacon, religious brother or sister?" Call Father Brian Capuano at 804-359-5661 or email: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.



Please take time to see and thank Bob Ryalls who has so graciously agreed to fill the position of Business Manager for our parish! Effective January 1st, 2020, Bob brings his vast knowledge and wisdom to assist Father Oscar, our staff, and our parish in important parish matters.



A special Thank You to the Faubers and whoever helped them to make our Church so beautiful all throughout Advent and the Christmas Season! Many, many comments on 'how beautiful the Church is' have been heard from so many. Thank you!

A huge Thank You to our very generous parishioners for their donations. And, Joshua Hayden, Jackie Hernandez, Misael Hernandez, Mason Kopacki, Hannia Rodriguez, and Andrew Seckora for helping to shop for and pack the 12 Food Baskets that were distributed to families in need this Christmas. The baskets were worth a little more than \$100 each and had enough food in them for a whole week or more, depending on the size of the family. Thank you so much for helping to spread Christ's Light during the Christmas Season! Our parish proves time and time again that when we work together for the glory of God, anything is possible!!!

A Special Thank You goes out to our choir members for providing beautiful music for our Christmas Masses! Your dedication is greatly appreciated! Also, thank you for all of the wonderful gifts! Leda

And, last, but certainly not least, many tasks to support parish life are completed every day, sometimes without us even seeing or knowing about them. Many, many sincere thanks to ALL of our volunteers who devote their time and talents to keeping our parish going! You are truly earning your wings in Heaven!!!

Parish Liaison to the Diocese for Bicentennial Year Celebration: *Linda Drexler* has been selected to represent *Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish* as our Bicentennial Parish Liaison to the Diocese of Richmond for the 2020 Bicentennial year, which celebrates the 200th anniversary of the founding of the Diocese of Richmond. There are many exciting activities planned in the commemorative year ahead, including special, diocesan-wide Masses; pilgrimages to historic churches; service opportunities; and a monumental celebration of the Eucharist never before held in Virginia called a Eucharistic Congress. Thank you, *Linda*, for keeping us informed on the exciting activities in the year ahead! 2020.richmonddiocese.org for more information.



All are invited to join Bishop Barry C. Knestout for the

Bicentennial Regional Mass

Commemorating the arrival of our first Bishop of Richmond, Patrick Kelly, and the opening of our Bicentennial

Saturday, January 18, 2020 at 10:30 am

Mass in Recognition of the Catholic Presence in the Eastern Vicariate with Reception to Follow

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
520 Graydon Ave, Norfolk, VA 23507

In addition to the Bicentennial Regional Mass in the Eastern Vicariate, the weekend of January 18/19, parishes across the Diocese will use the Mass setting "For the Particular Church" from the Roman Missal to commemorate Bishop Patrick Kelly's arrival to Virginia and the opening of the 2020 Year. This Mass setting will also include special readings, intercessions, as well as the reciting of the Diocesan Bicentennial prayer.

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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).

Mark your Calendars! We will have a parish pot-luck dinner on Saturday, January 25th immediately following Mass. Please bring your favorite dishes (enough for your family and two people more) to share with our parish family! Drinks will be provided. Dishes can be dropped off at the parish hall before Mass. Please come and enjoy the fellowship!

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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