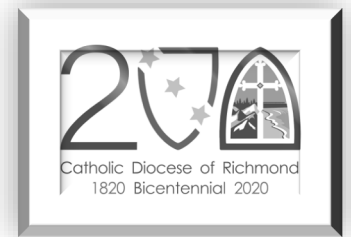


OUR LADY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 21st & 22nd, 2020



Sat	3/21 – Roger Staskiel (RIP) Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler	Fr. Oscar
Sun	3/22 – No Mass Intention	
Mon	3/23 – No Mass	
Tue	3/24 – No Mass Intentions	
Wed	3/25 – No Mass Intentions	
Thurs	3/26 – Joe, Sr; Elsie & Johnny Drexler (RIP) Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler	Fr. Oscar
Fri	3/27 – Richard & Anna Kozlowski (RIP) Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler	Fr. Oscar
Sat	3/28 – Norvell Thomson Audrey Millner (RIP) On the Anniversary of her Death Requested by David Seckora	Fr. Oscar
Sun	3/29 – Sergio Buffa (RIP) Requested by Cathy Fudella	Fr. Oscar

*****BY THE OFFICE OF THE BISHOP: ALL PUBLIC MASSES ARE SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

All Mass Intentions will be celebrated by Father Oscar during his daily private Mass.

Collections for March 14th & 15th, 2020

Parish Operations	\$1,062.00
Supplemental Collection	115.00
Parish Heating	37.94
Easter Flowers	120.00
Total	\$1,334.94
Amount needed weekly for Parish Operations is	\$3,940
Restricted, Special Use or Sent out of Parish	
Preschool Assistance	\$37.94
Facilities Repairs & Maintenance Fund	\$1,047.94
Maintenance Fund	\$37.94
Cemetery Fund	\$85.00

*****Your parish staff is doing all we can do to operate with limited resources at this time, but in order to continue critical operations, we still need our parishioners' donations. We realize it is not the ideal situation; however, our parish office remains open for you to be able to bring or mail your weekly donations. To mail your donations, please mail to Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, 207 West Euclid Blvd., West Point, VA 23181. Thank you for your continued support of our parish.**

Church Access for Prayers

Anyone who would like to pray or have other devotional practices in the Church between the hours of 9:00am and 4:00pm, Monday through Friday, are asked to please contact the Mercy Center Office at 804-843-3125 first or you may contact Father Oscar's cell phone 757-778-5118 to arrange for access to the Church.

(By Diocese of Richmond directive, no more than 50 people may be in the church at the same time and must maintain social distancing of at least 6 feet.)

Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

*****During this difficult time, many of the faithful are unable to attend Mass. To help them sanctify their day and to keep walking in the liturgical rhythm of the Church, we are honored to make our online version of the MAGNIFICAT temporarily available to everyone for FREE. Please help us spread this message with as many people as possible. Please access the free online version at www.magnificat.com/free. Free temporary access is also available in Spanish at www.magnificat.com/gratis.**



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)

*****If you would like to put something in the bulletin, please email to olbs@olbs-catholic.org no later than noon each Tuesday or call the parish office at 804-843-3125.**



PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND GOOD HEALTH

Emily Adams	Elizabeth Alley	Candace Barefoot
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Jim Gregory	Pat Hinkle	Kelly Hipple
Tom Hollowak	Mary Ann Hooper	Gail Justin
John Kellam	Gloria Kojcisch	Bonnie Kopacki
Gordon Langston	Patricia Lanuza	Kenny McGinley
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Gloria Wajciechowski	Linda Webster	Art West
Emmett White	James Wills	Lois Wilson
Robert 'Bobby' Wilson		Jody Zogran

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY

Major Jonathan Culberson (Afghanistan)

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Saturday, March 14th, 2020 – 63

Sunday, March 15th, 2020 – Mass Canceled

Spanish Mass, March 15th, 2020 – Mass Canceled

Church Cleaning Schedule

3/23 thru 3/29 – Dan Gibbs Family

3/30 thru 4/5 – Teresa Nguyen & Nguyen Sisters

4/6 thru 4/12 – Tom & Rowena Fauber



“The Lord looks on the heart.” Are you called to bring the Light of Christ to the world through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Call Father Brian Capuano at 804-359-5661 or email: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

“The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.” Let the Lord be the shepherd of your marriage. Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on **May 1-3, 2020 in Hickory, NC 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 KNOW?

What is the definition of the word “alms”? Alms are money or goods given to those in need as an act of charity. It comes from the Old English word aelmesse and ultimately from a Greek word meaning “pity, mercy”. In its original sense, when you give alms, you are dispensing mercy. Biblically, giving financially to those in need is an important expression of the Christian faith. However, we should make sure our giving is done out of a true love for God, without drawing attention to ourselves. When we invest what God has given us to impact the lives of others, we can trust that the results will make a difference both now and for eternity.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

In today's Gospel, Jesus heals the man who was blind since birth. However, this Gospel story is not just talking about physical blindness. The inner darkness of our fears, attachments, and beliefs is what keeps us from seeing. They cover our eyes like the mud on the eyes of the man born blind. In placing mud on the blind man's eyes Jesus is holding before him the reality of his blindness. He wears thick black lenses of fear, attachments, and beliefs. We all do. Those who know this are sent to wash in the pool, to be recreated, and to see with new eyes; this is what Baptism does. Once they were darkness but now in the Lord they are light. The rest will continue looking but never see, their faces caked with mud. Adults: What are you doing in your life right now to move toward light rather than darkness? Children: How can you let the light of your faith in Jesus shine for others to see?

EASTER FOOD BASKETS

Given the restrictions imposed on us, we will be unable to shop and distribute Food Baskets this Easter Season. However, in lieu of Food Baskets, we will be distributing Food Gift Certificates, which will allow families in need to purchase the food they need for their families. While this is not an ideal situation, this will still allow us to help those less fortunate in their time of need. If you have any questions or know of someone in need, please contact Pam Watkins at the Parish Office Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays from 10:00am until 4:30pm or contact Erin Hayden, Deidra Kopacki, or Pam Watkins.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Oscar Romero was born on August 15, 1917 in El Salvador. When he left school he became a carpenter but soon was called by God to the priesthood and served as an Archbishop during the 1960s and 1970s. After witnessing numerous violations of human rights, he became a spokesperson for the poor and for victims of terrorism by the government of El Salvador. On the night of March 24, 1980, Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero was shot through the heart as he was saying a memorial Mass for a friend's mother. He died within minutes. On March 23, 1980, the day before his death, he directly addressed the country's soldiers in his weekly sermon, pleading, "In the name of God, in the name of these suffering people whose cries rise to heaven more loudly each day, I implore you, I beg you, I order you: Stop the repression." He was canonized by Pope Francis in October, 2018.



To our couples with anniversaries in March: Shawn & Erin Lazar – 3/6/2004 and David & Donna Haviland – 3/7/1998.

2020 Annual Appeal Update: As of 3/12/2020, we have raised 38.12% or \$3,842.00 of our goal of \$10,080.00 and have collected 34.19% or \$3,446.00 of our goal.



Wisdom from a President: "Simple morality dictates that unless and until someone can prove the unborn human is not alive, we must give it the benefit of the doubt ...and, thus, it should be entitled to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." (President Ronald Reagan, 1982). (Priests for Life)

***Since Christ gives life, to stand with Christ means to stand with life, and therefore to stand against whatever destroys it. One simply cannot be a "pro-choice Christian." Finally, accepting Christ necessarily means repentance, which is concrete and "historical" in our lives. It includes a specific rejection of abortion. Any form of participation in abortion or of support for abortion is incompatible with the acceptance of Christ and the life of the baptized. (Priests for Life)

Catholic Charities Accepting Companion Care & Respite Care Clients Catholic Charities' is currently accepting clients for its Companion Care and Respite Care Programs. Respite Care provides caregivers with a short-term, affordable break from the rigors of 24/7 caregiving. Companion Care provides companionship, safety monitoring, medication reminders, and more while allowing seniors to live independently at home. (Overnight assistance available if needed.) For more information on either program, call 757-456-2366 or email vdunlap@cceva.org.



DIocese of RICHMOND THE Fifth BISHOP

FATHER John J Keane

Father John J Keane became the fifth Bishop of Richmond in 1878.

Father Keane was born in Ireland and served as pastor in Washington DC before becoming bishop. He was bishop of Richmond and vicar apostolic of North Carolina. The Diocese of Richmond began to expand into the western region of Virginia (Roanoke Valley). There were three major advances during Keane's tenure: the evangelization of African Americans, the development of parochial schools, and the promotion of lay spirituality.

Bishop Keane started evangelizing the African Americans by conducting prayer services and teaching them the faith in the basement of St. Peter's Cathedral.

Money was raised to further this missionary outreach and led to the first black church (St. Joseph's in Richmond).

Also during Bishop Keane's tenure, religious orders began operating parochial schools for white children. Student achievement and lay teacher qualifications were assessed by a board created for this purpose.

Parish missions and devotion to the Holy Spirit were promoted to foster lay spirituality.

Bishop Keane resigned as bishop of Richmond in 1888 to dedicate his time wholly on being the first rector of the Catholic University of America. Later, he was appointed archbishop of Dubuque, Iowa.

Mass Readings: Fourth Sunday of Lent

A Reading from the first Book of Samuel

The LORD said to Samuel: "Fill your horn with oil, and be on your way. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen my king from among his sons." As Jesse and his sons came to the sacrifice, Samuel looked at Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is here before him." But the LORD said to Samuel: "Do not judge from his appearance or from his lofty stature, because I have rejected him. Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the LORD looks into the heart." In the same way Jesse presented seven sons before Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any one of these." Then Samuel asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" Jesse replied, "There is still the youngest, who is tending the sheep." Samuel said to Jesse, "Send for him; we will not begin the sacrificial banquet until he arrives here." Jesse sent and had the young man brought to them. He was ruddy, a

youth handsome to behold and making a splendid appearance. The LORD said, "There—anoint him, for this is the one!" Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand, anointed David in the presence of his brothers; and from that day on, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

R. **The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

beside restful waters he leads me;

he refreshes my soul.

R. **The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

He guides me in right paths

for his name's sake.

Even though I walk in the dark valley

I fear no evil; for you are at my side

With your rod and your staff

that give me courage.

R. **The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

You spread the table before me

in the sight of my foes;

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

R. **The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

Only goodness and kindness follow me

all the days of my life;

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD

for years to come.

R. **The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians

Brothers and sisters: You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth. Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the fruitless works of darkness; rather expose them, for it is shameful even to mention

the things done by them in secret; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore, it says:

"Awake, O sleeper,

and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light."

The Word of the Lord

Verse Before the Gospel: I am the Light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life.

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

As Jesus passed by He saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him. We have to do the works of the one who sent me while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" —which means Sent—. So he went and washed, and came back able to see. His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said, "Isn't this the one who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is," but others said, "No, he just looks like him." He said, "I am." So

they said to him, "How were your eyes opened?" He replied, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and told me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went there and washed and was able to see." And they said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I don't know." They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees. Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath. So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see." So some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, because he does not keep the sabbath." But others said, "How can a sinful man do such signs?" And there was a division among them. So they said to the blind man again, "What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." Now the Jews did not believe that he had been blind and gained his sight until they summoned the parents of the one who had gained his sight. They asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How does he now see?" His parents answered and said, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. We do not know how he sees now, nor do we know who opened his eyes.

Ask him, he is of age; he can speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone acknowledged him as the Christ, he would be expelled from the synagogue. For this reason his parents said, "He is of age; question him." So a second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give God the praise! We know that this man is a sinner." He replied,

"If he is a sinner, I do not know. One thing I do know is that I was blind and now I see." So they said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples, too?" They ridiculed him and said,

"You are that man's disciple; we are disciples of Moses! We know that God spoke to Moses, but we do not know where this one is from." The man answered and said to them, "This is what is so amazing, that you do not know where he is from, yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if one is devout and does his will, he listens to him. It is unheard of that anyone ever opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he would not be able to do anything." They answered and said to him, "You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?" Then they threw him out. When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him. Then Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind." Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not also blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you are saying, 'We see,' so your sin remains. The Gospel of the Lord

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
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