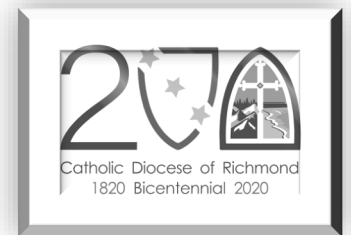


OUR LADY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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 EASTER
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
APRIL 18th & 19th, 2020**



Sat	4/18 – Patricia Seckora (RIP) Anniversary of her Death Requested by David Seckora	Fr. Oscar
Sun	4/19 – In Honor of Alan DeNardo Requested by Elaine DeNardo	Fr. Oscar
Mon	4/20 – No Mass	
Tue	4/21 – Joe, Elsie & Johnny Drexler (RIP) Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler	Fr. Oscar
Wed	4/22 – In Honor of Alan DeNardo Requested by Elaine DeNardo	Fr. Oscar
Thurs	4/23 – Rose Seckora (RIP) Anniversary of her Death Requested by David Seckora	Fr. Oscar
Fri	4/24 – Anna & Richard Kozlowski (RIP) Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler	Fr. Oscar
Sat	4/25 – In Honor of Alan DeNardo Requested by Elaine DeNardo	Fr. Oscar
Sun	4/26 – In Honor of Alan DeNardo Requested by Elaine DeNardo	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 as of April 14th, 2020

Parish Operations	\$3,032.00
Holy Thursday	292.00
Good Friday	365.00
Total	\$3,689.00
Amount needed weekly for Parish Operations is	\$3,940
Restricted, Special Use or Sent out of Parish	
Facilities Repairs & Maintenance Fund	\$90.00
Haiti Ministry	\$390.00

***Thank you to all the parishioners who have brought into the office or mailed their weekly contributions allowing us to continue critical operations. 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. Or, you can drop your offertory in the white box marked 'Boogaard Hall' located on the back porch of the Mercy Center. You can also temporarily give online at <https://offertory.richmonddiocese.org/>. Choose our Parish through the Drop-Down - OLBS #623. This will ensure the proceeds go only to our parish. Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

Livestreamed Masses

Father Oscar will be livestreaming on our Church's Facebook Page his Sunday Private Masses at 9:00am each Sunday until further notice. He will also livestream his Daily Private Masses on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 9:00am, as well.

*For the latest information, visit our Website at www.olbs-catholic.org or our [Facebook Page at https://www.facebook.com/groups/237765969363/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/237765969363/).

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.

***During this difficult time, we all continue to look for ways to remain close to Jesus, His Blessed Mother, and His Church. In addition to its online edition, MAGNIFICAT is now offering complimentary access to its iOS and Android Apps throughout May. To register for FREE access in English, visit www.magnificat.com/free. For FREE access in Spanish, visit and register at www.magnificat.com/gratis. We are also happy to make available complimentary access to MAGNIFIKID. Visit www.magnifikid.com/free to view and download each weekly booklet of their colorful Sunday missalette for children ages 6-12. While so many children are missing formal religious instruction and are unable to attend Mass, MagnifiKid! Can be their special guide, accompanying them through each week as they prepare to attend Mass or watch it at home.

***By Diocese of Richmond directive, no more than 10 people may be in the church at the same time and must maintain social distancing of at least 6 feet.

Some Links for Masses

www.CatholicTV.org/Masses
<https://DailyTVMass.com>
<https://wordonfire.org>
<https://theSundayMass.org>

Prayer & Worship: www.cdrworship.org/coronavirus

***If you would like to be added to the weekly phone chain or email to stay informed and connected to our parish, please call the parish office Tuesdays-Thursday 10am until 4:30pm at 804-843-3125.



PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND GOOD HEALTH

Emily Adams	Elizabeth Alley	Candace Barefoot
Virginia Becker	Paulette Berberich	Ron Blevins
Jon Boyette	Robin Bristow	Joan Buehler
Linda Burch	Kevin Carson	Lucy Carson
Tim Collier	Meredith Crow	Eric Crump
Vincent D'elia	Denise DePompeo	Dale Dippre
Dexter Dix	Donna Donahue	Larry Dzula, Jr.
Michelle Eshelman	Amanda Leigh Fincher	Henry Franzyszen
Kelli Gaeta	Margaret Geron	Jim Gregory
Pat Hinkle	Kelly Hipple	Tom Hollowak
Mary Ann Hooper	Gail Justin	John Kellam
Bill Kessler	Gloria Kojcisch	Bonnie Kopacki
Gordon Langston	Patricia Lanuza	Kenny McGinley
Bill Madigan	Baby Vivian Mallis	Ron Martz
Clara Morrow	Randy Morrow	Specialist Mullins
Marilyn Naggy	Larry Newtzie	Desiree Page
Ka'varus Penticolas	Brett Pickens	Pam Rigsby
Mark A. Roane	Debbie Royals	Virginia Ryczak
Bill Scaife	Jack Scaife	Barbara Schafer
James Simmons	Allen Smith	Levi Sturtz
Jim Tokarz	Mae Touray	Chris Vincent, Sr.
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 Cleaning Schedule

- 4/20 thru 4/26 – Our Hispanic Community
- 4/27 thru 5/3 – Dan Gibbs Family
- 5/4 thru 5/10 – Teresa Nguyen & Nguyen Sisters



“Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.” Do you have an interest to share the Lord’s saving mission as a priest, deacon or in consecrated life? Call Father Brian Capuano at 804-359-5661 or email: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.



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).

DO YOU KNOW?

In 1931 in Poland a sister of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938), is said to have been personally visited by Jesus. According to her diary an image was revealed to her of the Risen Lord, from whose heart shone two rays, one red (representing blood) and the other “pale” (symbolizing water), with the words “Jesus, I trust in You” at the bottom. Faustina wrote in her diary that Jesus told her, “I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish.” When she was canonized in 2000 under the direction of fellow countryman Pope John Paul II, he proclaimed that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be known as Divine Mercy Sunday, thereby widely promoting the devotional practices associated with Faustina’s visions, already popular in many communities. The celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday is an opportunity to reflect on the theme of how God’s mercy can overcome sin. It is a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind will experience in the years to come.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

In today’s Gospel, Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus also commissions His disciples to continue the work that He has begun. Today, let’s remember that we are the disciples of Jesus. His directive to us to continue His work is an essential element of the Church. Jesus gives us the means to accomplish His mission through the eternal gift of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit binds us together as a community of faith, inspires us to see Him each day, and strengthens us to bear witness to His Resurrection.

Adults: What are you doing to continue Jesus’ mission?

Children: What can you do to help others know about Jesus?

SAINT OF THE WEEK

We don't know very much about Saint Mary Clopas, other than that she loved Jesus, she's the mother of two sons (James and Joseph) and the wife of Cleophas. Her son James was one of the Apostles, and some scholars think that her husband was the brother of Saint Joseph, our Lord's foster-father. This would explain her sometimes being called the "sister of Mary" - meaning sister-in-law. Mary Clopas was with the Blessed Mother and Mary Magdalene at the Crucifixion (John 19:25), and she also accompanied Mary Magdalene to the Lord's tomb to anoint His body (Matthew 28:1), so she was one of the first to find out about His Resurrection. We celebrate her feast day on April 24th.



To our couples with anniversaries in April: Paul & Valeria Seckora – 4/5/1997; Thomas & Paulette Berberich – 4/11/1964; Billy & Katie Fudella – 4/25/2015.

Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." Bring the peace of Christ into your marriage by taking part in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on **Sep 11-13, 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/>

Help Needed!!!

After several years of serving on the OLBS Counting Team Ministry, several members are looking to turn in their calculators and take a well-deserved break. Therefore, we need volunteers to replace them. This ministry takes approximately 3-4 hours each week (usually Tuesday mornings) to sort, count, and prepare our weekly offertory collection deposits. WE currently have two teams on an every-other-week rotation with each team having a lead counter. There are 4-5 additional volunteers who serve as substitutes when needed. It is our hope that several of our parishioners will prayerfully consider becoming a member of our counting teams. Since two of our lead counters are among those wishing to take a break from this ministry, we also have the need to fill those positions, after proper orientation to the process already established, as well. If you feel that you would be willing to serve in our Counting Team Ministry, either as a counter of lead counter, please contact Father Oscar by email at oparaiso@richmonddiocese.org or phone at 757-778-5118 or Bob Ryalls by email: businessmgr@olbs-catholic.org or phone 757-207-0215.

***The West Point Meals on Wheels is in desperate need of local volunteer drivers for Wednesday delivery of Meals. Right now there are 8 deliveries with 2 stops that have 3 deliveries. It only takes about an hour out of your Wednesday. Please contact the West Point Meals on Wheels at 804-843-3884. For more information, you can call David Seckora at 804-843-2969 and leave a message. You will get a return call. King William is also in need of volunteers.



As we continue to experience the difficulties of the COVID-19 pandemic within our community, we ask that you prayerfully consider providing some additional support for our local Good Neighbor Center, sponsored by the West Point Ministerial Association, housed in our Mercy Center facility at 207 West Euclid Blvd, West Point, VA 23181. In speaking with the GNC coordinator, Mrs. Frances Thornton, she advised that her cupboards are quickly being depleted of basic staples and canned goods. If you are financially able, we ask that you consider providing food donations of basic staples and canned goods to help the GNC continue to provide support to our local community during this health crisis. Please contact Mrs. Thornton at the GNC Office: 804-843-4339 during the following hours: Mondays 10am until 2pm or Wednesdays 12:30pm until 2:30pm.



Divine Mercy and Pro-life: Pope Saint John Paul II declared the Sunday after Easter to be Divine Mercy Sunday. Many of the faithful pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy regularly. There is a link between this devotion and the pro-life movement. Fr. Seraphim Michalenko, MIC, who was a principal translator of St. Faustina's diary, and the postulator of her cause of canonization, writes the following: "*On at least three occasions, from 8:00-11:00 in the evening, she felt like her insides were being torn apart. She suffered so much that she thought she was going to die. The doctors couldn't figure out what was ailing her, and no medication was able to alleviate her sufferings. Later, she was given to understand that she was undergoing those pains for mothers who were aborting their children (Diary, 1276). "On another occasion, she had a vision of an angel coming with thunderbolts to destroy one of the most beautiful cities of her country. And she felt powerless to do anything about it (Diary, 474). What antidote did the Lord give her? The Chaplet of Divine Mercy. [She explained] that the city was to be chastised for its sins, primarily the sin of abortion.*" ("Wombs of Mercy," Marian Helpers Bulletin, Summer 1995, p.13). (Priests for Life)

Mass Readings: Divine Mercy Sunday

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their property and possessions and divide them among all according to each one's need. Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple area and to breaking bread in their homes. They ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of heart, praising God and enjoying favor with all the people. And every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

R. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, his love is everlasting. or: R. Alleluia.

Let the house of Israel say, "His mercy endures forever." Let the house of Aaron say, "His mercy endures forever." Let those who fear the LORD say, "His mercy endures forever."

R. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, his love is everlasting. or: R. Alleluia.

I was hard pressed and was falling, but the LORD helped me. My strength and my courage is the LORD, and he has been my savior. The joyful shout of victory in the tents of the just:

R. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, his love is everlasting. Or R. Alleluia.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By the LORD has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes. This is the day the LORD has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it.

R. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, his love is everlasting. or: R. Alleluia.

A Reading from the First Letter of Saint Peter

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy gave us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you who by the power of God are safeguarded through faith, to a salvation that is ready to be revealed in the final time. In this you rejoice, although now for a little while you may have to suffer through various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith, more precious than gold that is perishable even though tested by fire, may prove to be for praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Although you have not seen him you love him; even though you do not see him now yet believe in him, you rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, as you attain the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

The Word of the Lord

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord; blessed are they who have not seen me, but still believe!

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Now, Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord

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.



*****Through the kindness and generosity of our wonderful parishioners, we were able to bless 10 families in need each with a \$70 gift certificate to Food Lion. While we were not able to provide the groceries this Easter, we hope they will be able to purchase what they need for their families. Thank you so much for your generosity!!!**

*****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.**

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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