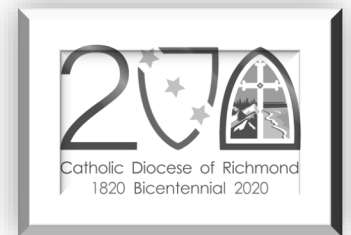


OUR LADY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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 EASTER
GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY**

May 2nd & May 3rd, 2020



Sat	5/2 – Joe, Sr., Elsie & Johnny Drexler (RIP)	Fr. Oscar
	Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler	
Sun	5/3 – No Mass Intention	
Mon	5/4 – No Mass	
Tue	5/5 – Special Intention	Fr. Oscar
	Requested by Edna Trudeau	
Wed	5/6 – No Mass Intention	
Thurs	5/7 – No Mass Intention	
Fri	5/8 – No Mass Intention	
Sat	5/9 – No Mass Intention	
Sun	5/10 – No Mass Intention	

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

*****Until Further notice, all Special Mass Intentions will be celebrated by Father Oscar during his daily private Masses on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. There will not be any Special Mass Intentions on Sundays until further notice.**

Collections as of April 28th, 2020

Parish Operations	\$2,515.00
Supplemental Collections	60.00
Online Giving April 6 th through April 28 th	1,155.00
Total	\$3,730.00
Amount needed weekly for Parish Operations is	\$3,940
Restricted, Special Use or Sent out of Parish	
Facilities Repairs and Maintenance Fund	\$10.00

Livestreamed Masses

Father Oscar will be livestreaming on our Church's Facebook Page his Sunday Masses at 9:00am each Sunday until further notice. If you would like to attend one of the Sunday Masses, please call the parish office or email to let us know the Sunday in which you are interested.

Please keep in mind we are still limited to 10 people. He will also livestream his Daily Private Masses on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays at 9:00am, as well.

***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.

*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/).

***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.

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.

Some Links for Masses

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

Prayer & Worship: www.cdrworship.org/coronavirus

2020 Annual Appeal Update: As of 4/23/2020: We have raised 72.14% of our \$10,080.00 goal or about \$7,271.71 and have collected 62.76% or about \$6,326.21. If you have not already given to the Annual Appeal, please prayerfully consider it. If you have already given, thank you for your support!



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 Crowe	Eric Crump
Vincent D'elia	Denise DePompeo	Dale Dippre
Dexter Dix	Donna Donahue	Larry Dzula, Jr.
Michelle Eshelman	Amanda Leigh Fincher	Henry Franzyshen
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 Rigbsy
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

- 5/4 thru 5/10 – Teresa Nguyen & Nguyen Sisters
- 5/11 thru 5/17 – Tom & Rowena Fauber
- 5/18 thru 5/24 – Gary & Jackie Silvia



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 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.



A special Thank You to our Knights of Columbus for their most generous donation of \$2000 to our parish! Our Knights of Columbus here are so active and generous to many, please support them any chance you can. If you are interested in joining our wonderful Knights, please contact Joe Drexler at 804-843-2541 or jdrexler1@verizon.net.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Jesus wants to keep us focused. It is too easy to get distracted by this world, as if all that is around us is what is of ultimate importance. It is not. If we pray to keep our focus on Christ and the example He gave us, our loving Good Shepherd will always keep us in His care and never let anyone distract us or lead us astray. If we allow ourselves to be distracted and lured by pastures that may at first appear greener, we can quickly lose our way. The world struggles with our Good Shepherd. It makes no sense to some why we would believe and pledge our devotion to a God who asks us to accept suffering, injustice, hardship, and death. Coming to a place of acceptance of this does not involve a satisfaction of our minds but a relationship that satisfies our souls and the truth of who we are. Adults: What worldly distractions keep you from hearing the Shepherd's voice? Children: Can you hear the Good Shepherd through the noise and clutter of the world?

DO YOU KNOW?

AS often as we have heard the word "transubstantiation", few Catholics fully know what it means. Transubstantiation means that the substance of bread and wine - what makes them bread and wine - is replaced by Christ. Transubstantiation describes how the physical qualities of bread and wine - their color, texture, taste and whatever else is perceived by the senses - remain, but they lose their substance because it is replaced by the whole Christ, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. In other words, we are not receiving bread and wine but the very Body and Blood of our Lord. Jesus tells us in John Chapter 6 "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in Me and I in him." The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Catholic faith and is necessary for our eternal salvation.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Joseph has two feast days on the liturgical calendar. The first is March 19th – Joseph, the Husband of Mary. The second is May 1st – Joseph, the Worker. To capture the devotion to Saint Joseph within the Catholic liturgy, in 1870, Pope Pius IX declared Saint Joseph the patron of the universal Church. In 1955, Pope Pius XII added the feast of Saint Joseph the Worker. This silent saint, who was given the noble task of caring for and watching over the Virgin Mary and Jesus, now cares for and watches over the Church and models for all the dignity of human work. Since Joseph does not appear in Jesus' public life, at His death, or Resurrection, many historians believe Joseph had probably died before Jesus entered public ministry. Joseph is the patron of many things, including the universal Church, fathers, the dying and social justice.



To our couples with anniversaries in May: Pat & Wini Barron – 5/14/1966; Chris & Barbara Hite – 5/15/1982; Brian & Hope Kopacki – 5/17/2008; Jim & Pattie Vadas – 5/27/1972.

“...I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.” Live your married lives “more abundantly” by participating 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/>



World Day of Prayer for Vocations: On this Good Shepherd Sunday we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life, especially for our diocese, that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst. Do you think God is calling you to serve the Church as a priest or in consecrated life? Call Father Brian Capuano at 804-359-5661 or email: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

Help Needed!!!

The counting ministry takes approximately 3-4 hours each week on Tuesday mornings to sort, count, and prepare our weekly offertory collection deposits. It is our hope that several of our parishioners will prayerfully consider becoming a member of our counting teams. We also have the need to fill the lead positions for our two teams. 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.

***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 2318. 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. Or, you can contact the parish office at 804-843-3125, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 10:00am until 4:30pm.



This year, the encyclical *Evangelium Vitae* (The Gospel of Life) is 25 years old. It was issued by St. John Paul II on March 25, 1995, the Feast of the Annunciation, because that was the event in salvation history in which Jesus became an unborn child. The encyclical draws on biblical sources to make clear the historic Christian teaching on the sanctity of life, and the obligation of families and governments to protect the smallest and weakest human beings, the children in the womb. Please be sure to read this document, and use the study guide created by Priests for Life, at www.GospelofLife.org. (Priests for Life)

CCD News

Packets of educational materials have been sent out to our elementary students by the Office of Christian Formation. We hope that these materials will help your child continue learning more about God's Word. For middle school and high schoolers, short videos were sent out during Holy Week and will continue on Sundays to help them continue learning more about their Catholic faith. If your child has not been receiving them, please contact Lorraine Ryalls at dre@olbs-catholic.org with their phone number or email (or yours if you prefer not to give out your child's information) and she will add them to her list.

OUR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

The Covid19 pandemic has affected all of us. As someone said, we aren't all in the same boat, but we are all in the same storm, meaning we haven't all been affected the same way but we all have been affected.

The Senior Class of 2020 has had many disappointments. They have missed the last few months of friendships, the excitement of attending their last prom, starring in their last musical, band and chorus concerts. There have been no spring sports and no possibilities of a championship title. Graduation ceremonies have been postponed, and they most likely will not be able to have the big family and friends party every graduate is so deserving of. These things may not seem important to some adults in view of the overall crisis but they are important to our young people. So please pray for our Seniors as they experience a very different senior year: Jocelin Corrales, Matthew Lyon, Edgar Olmeda-Gonzalez, Colleen Rae and Andrew Seckora.

The OLBS Faith-Based Scholarship

This scholarship, established in 2002, allows our Parish to recognize and reward a deserving high school senior parishioner. This scholarship reflects the service and leadership of the applicant within their faith community. The recipient will receive a \$1000 scholarship to help them pursue post high school educational opportunities. An application packet has been mailed to all known and registered high school seniors in our parish. Additional copies are available at the Parish Office. The applications must be returned to the Parish Office by May 31, 2020 addressed to the Scholarship Review Committee. Erin Hayden is the Chair of this committee. Jose Velazquez and Amanda Jones are serving on the Review Committee, as well. If you have any questions, you can call the Parish Office at 804-843-3125 or email OLBS@olbs-catholic.org.

Mass Readings: Good Shepherd Sunday – Fourth Sunday of Easter

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed: "Let the whole house of Israel know for certain that God has made both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and they asked Peter and the other apostles, "What are we to do, my brothers?" Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is made to you and to your children and to all those far off, whomever the Lord our God will call." He testified with many other arguments, and was exhorting them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand persons were added that day.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. or: R. Alleluia.

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose; beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. or: R. Alleluia.

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. or: R. Alleluia.

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. or: R. Alleluia.

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. or: R. Alleluia.

A Reading from the First Letter of Saint Peter

Beloved: If you are patient when you suffer for doing what is good, this is a grace before God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example that you should follow in his footsteps. *He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.* When he was insulted, he returned no insult; when he suffered, he did not threaten; instead, he handed himself over to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you had gone astray like sheep, but you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The Word of the Lord

R. Alleluia, alleluia. I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said: "Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber. But whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice. But they will not follow a stranger; they will run away from him, because they do not recognize the voice of strangers." Although Jesus used this figure of speech, the Pharisees did not realize what he was trying to tell them. So Jesus said again, "Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly."

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.

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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