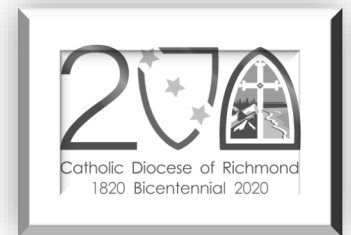


OUR LADY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 9th & May 10th, 2020



Sat	5/9 – No Mass Intention	
Sun	5/10 – No Mass Intention	
Mon	5/11 – No Mass	
Tue	5/12 – No Mass Intention	
Wed	5/13 – No Mass Intention	
Thurs	5/14 – No Mass Intention	
Fri	5/15 – No Mass Intention	
Sat	5/16 – In Loving Memory of Patricia Webster Gurganus Requested by Bill Webster	Fr. Oscar
Sun	5/17 – No Mass Intention	

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

*****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.**

*****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 May 5th, 2020

Parish Operations	\$2,900.00
Supplemental Collections	120.00
Online Giving for the week of May 5 th , 2020	125.00
Total	\$3,145.00
Amount needed weekly for Parish Operations is	\$3,940
Restricted, Special Use or Sent out of Parish	
Facilities Repairs and Maintenance Fund	\$900.00
Haiti ministry	\$160.00
Maintenance Savings Account	\$10.00
OLBS Scholarship Fund	\$50.00

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.

*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 4/30/2020: We have raised 72.14% of our \$10,080.00 goal or about \$7,271.71 and have collected 63.12% or about \$6,362.50. 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.
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Kelli Gaeta	Margaret Geron	Jim Gregory
Pat Hinkle	Kelly Hipple	Tom Hollowak
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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 Rigbsby
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Mae Touray	Chris Vincent, Sr.	Gloria Wajciechowski
Linda Webster	Art West	Emmett White
James Willis	Lois Wilson	Robert 'Bobby' Wilson
Jody Zogran		

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY

Major Jonathan Culberson (Afghanistan)

Church Cleaning Schedule

- 5/11 thru 5/17 – Tom & Rowena Fauber
- 5/18 thru 5/24 – Gary & Jackie Silvia
- 5/25 thru 5/31 – The Hispanic Community



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.



"I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life." How will you manifest your discipleship? Consider bringing others to the Lord as a priest, deacon, sister, or brother. Call Father Brian Capuano at 804-359-5661 or email:

vocations@richmonddiocese.org

DO YOU KNOW?

More than 1,500 visions of Mary have been reported around the world, but in the past century only nine cases have received Church approval as worthy of belief. Determining the veracity of an apparition falls to the local bishop, and the Vatican's doctrinal congregation established the norms to guide the process. Granting approval is never brief, with some cases taking hundreds of years. Visionaries and witnesses must be questioned and the fruits of the apparitions, such as conversions, miracles and healings, must be examined. According to the norms, the local bishop should set up a commission of experts, including theologians, canonists, psychologists and doctors, to help him determine the facts, the mental, moral and spiritual wholesomeness and seriousness of the visionary, and whether the message and testimony are free from theological and doctrinal error. A bishop can come to one of three conclusions: he can determine the apparition to be true and worthy of belief; he can say it is not true, which leaves open the possibility for an appeal; or he can say that at the moment he doesn't know and needs more help. In the last scenario, the investigation is brought to the country's bishop's conference. If that body cannot come to a conclusion, the matter is turned over to the pope, who delegates the doctrinal congregation to step in and give advice or appoint others to investigate.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Bernadette Soubirous was born in 1844, the first child of an extremely poor miller in the town of Lourdes in southern France. The family was living in the basement of a dilapidated building when on February 11, 1858, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to Bernadette in a cave above the banks of the Gave River near Lourdes. Bernadette, 14 years old, was known as a virtuous girl though a dull student who had not even made her first Holy Communion. In poor health, she had suffered from asthma from an early age.

There were 18 appearances in all, the final one occurring on the feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, July 16th. Although Bernadette's initial reports provoked skepticism, her daily visions of "The Lady" brought great crowds of the curious. The Lady, Bernadette explained, had instructed her to have a chapel built on the spot of the visions. There, the people were to come to wash in and drink of the water of the spring that had welled up from the very spot where Bernadette had been instructed to dig. Her feast day is April 16th.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, and we don't have to search far to find He is always with us. He journeys alongside our darkness and our joy. He is the embodiment of the unseen God. If we have seen Him, then we have seen the Father. We don't need to search far to find signs and wonders of God. We can witness His almighty love in a sunrise, the sweet smile of a child, and the peace which comes in prayer. "Amen, Amen, I say to you, whoever believes in Me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father," (John 14:11). Amen, this is where hope prevails amid the most challenging and uncertain times.

Adults: In a challenge you face right now, what will it mean to live the way of Jesus Christ?

Children: What are some ways you can imitate Jesus when you are on the playground or on a sports team?



Our sincerest condolences to Donna Haviland and her family in the recent loss of her father. May he rest in peace and the perpetual light shine upon him.



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.

Happy Mother's Day! Husbands, give the mother of your children a weekend away with you. Grow more in love than ever on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends 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!!!

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.



Politics and Religion do Mix: The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, in its doctrinal note "On some questions regarding the participation of Catholics in political life" (2002) said about St. Thomas More: "[He] gave witness by his martyrdom to the inalienable dignity of the human conscience. Though subjected to various forms of psychological pressure, Saint Thomas More refused to compromise, never forsaking the constant fidelity to legitimate authority and institutions which distinguished him; he taught by his life and his death that 'man cannot be separated from God, nor politics from morality.'" (Priests for Life)

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: Fifth Sunday of Easter

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

As the number of disciples continued to grow, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. So the Twelve called together the community of the disciples and said, "It is not right for us to neglect the word of God to serve at table. Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men, filled with the Spirit and wisdom, whom we shall appoint to this task, whereas we shall devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." The proposal was acceptable to the whole community, so they chose Stephen, a man filled with faith and the Holy Spirit, also Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicholas of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these men to the apostles who prayed and laid hands on them. The word of God continued to spread, and the number of the disciples in Jerusalem increased greatly; even a large group of priests were becoming obedient to the faith.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. or: R. Alleluia.

Exult, you just, in the LORD; praise from the upright is fitting. Give thanks to the LORD on the harp; with the ten-stringed lyre chant his praises.

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. or: R. Alleluia.

Upright is the word of the LORD, and all his works are trustworthy. He loves justice and right; of the kindness of the LORD the earth is full.

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. or: R. Alleluia.

See, the eyes of the LORD are upon those who fear him, upon those who hope for his kindness, To deliver them from death and preserve them in spite of famine.

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. or: R. Alleluia.

A Reading from the First Letter of Saint Peter

Beloved: Come to him, a living stone, rejected by human beings but chosen and precious in the sight of God, and,

like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it says in Scripture: *Behold, I am laying a stone in Zion, a cornerstone, chosen and precious, and whoever believes in it shall not be put to shame.* Therefore, its value is for you who have faith, but for those without faith: *The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone, and A stone that will make people stumble, and a rock that will make them fall.* They stumble by disobeying the word, as is their destiny. You are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own, so that you may announce the praises" of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

The Word of the Lord

R. Alleluia, alleluia. am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going you know the way." Thomas said to him, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me is doing his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else, believe because of the works themselves. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father."

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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