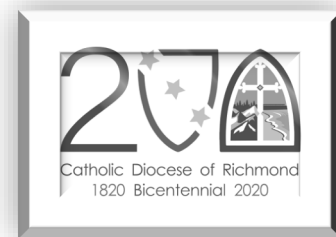


OUR LADY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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

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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.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The Ascension of the Lord

May 23rd & May 24th, 2020



Sat	5/23 – Buddy Walton (RIP) Anniversary of his Death Requested by Valeria & Paul Seckora	Fr. Oscar
Sun	5/24 – For the Parishioners of OLBS	Fr. Oscar
Mon	5/25 – No Mass	
Tue	5/26 – Richard & Anna Kozlowski (RIP) Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler	Fr. Oscar
Wed	5/27 – Joe Sr, Elsie & Johnnie Drexler (RIP) Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler	Fr. Oscar
Thurs	5/28 – Richard & Anna Kozlowski (RIP) Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler	Fr. Oscar
Fri	5/29 – Joe Sr, Elsie & Johnnie Drexler (RIP) Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler	Fr. Oscar
Sat	5/30 – Richard & Joan Kozlowski (RIP) Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler	Fr. Oscar
Sun	5/31 – For the Parishioners of OLBS	Fr. Oscar

***All Special Mass Intentions on Sunday will be for the Parishioners of OLBS until Further Notice.

Collections as of May 19th, 2020

Parish Operations	\$1,600.00
Supplemental Collections	147.00
Good Friday Outreach	14.09
Poor Box	47.43
Total	\$1,808.52
Amount needed weekly for Parish Operations is	\$3,940
Restricted, Special Use or Sent out of Parish	
Facilities Repairs and Maintenance Fund	\$49.09
Maintenance Savings Account	\$10.00
OLBS Scholarship Fund	\$105.00
Haiti Ministry	\$14.09
Diocesan Home Missions	\$6.00
Peter's Pence	\$25.00

***Thank you to all the parishioners who have brought into the office or mailed their weekly contributions allowing us to continue critical operations. Our parish office remains open for you to be able to bring or mail your weekly donations. To mail your donations, send 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 the latest information, visit our Website at www.olbs-catholic.org or our Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/237765969363/>.

Masses to Resume!!!

Masses will resume with no more than 50% capacity. There will be some mandated changes to how we practice our Mass.

***Please call the Parish Office at 804-843-3125 or email us at olbs@olbs-catholic.org to let us know which Mass you will be attending each weekend until further notice.

Effective immediately:

1. You are asked to stay home if you are ill, elderly, anxious, or immunocompromised. Bishop Knestout has dispensed all Catholics in the Diocese from their Sunday Mass obligation.
2. If you have a fever or symptoms of Covid-19, you will not be permitted to enter the building.
3. You should arrive at least 30 minutes prior to the start time for Mass to allow time for temperature testing, vetting and being seated by the ushers. The ushers will let each pew know the staggered process for exiting the Church once Mass is over.
4. Everyone shall maintain six feet of social distance from others who are not from the same household at all times while in Church or on Church property.
5. Everyone 3 years and older attending Mass shall wear a Face Mask. Be sure the mask covers your nose and mouth. (Face mask should be removed for Receiving Holy Communion.) Anyone who comes to Mass without a face mask, will not be admitted to Mass.
6. Look for direction from the ushers when going up to receive Holy Communion. Holy Communion should be received in the hand until further notice. There will be no distribution of the Blood of Christ until further notice.
7. Refrain from physical contact, such as holding hands during the Our Father and shaking hands during the Sign of Peace.
8. Singing by the congregation is strongly discouraged.
9. Sanitize hands when entering and leaving Church. Bring personal supply of hand sanitizer to use before receiving Holy Communion, if possible.
10. No bulletins will be available at Masses. *We will continue to make the bulletins available online, through email, and mail bulletins to those without Internet access.
11. The Church will be available Monday-Friday from 9am 'til 4pm for prayer. Call Parish Office at 804-843-3125 first, if no answer, try Father on his cell at 757-778-5118.
12. Father Oscar will continue to livestream on our Facebook page, the Sunday morning Mass at 9:00am until further notice.
13. Mass Schedule beginning May 23rd:
Daily Mass: Tuesday-Friday 8:30am
Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:30pm
Sunday Mass: 9:00am
Spanish Mass: 4:00pm



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
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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
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Linda Webster	Art West	Emmett White
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Jody Zogran		

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY

Major Jonathan Culberson (Afghanistan)

***MAGNIFICAT is now offering a \$5 3-Month Trial Subscriptions available to enable the faithful to participate at Mass with a personal worship aid. Details are available at www.magnificat.com/free.

Church Cleaning Schedule

5/25 thru 5/31 – The Hispanic Community
6/1 thru 6/7 – Dan Gibbs Family
6/8 thru 6/14 – Teresa Nguyen & Nguyen Sisters



"They received the Holy Spirit." The Blessed Virgin Mary intercedes for your faithfulness to the vocation to which the Spirit is leading you. Do you think God may be offering you the grace of serving Him and His people as a priest or in the 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).

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives this mission to all the believers: *"Go out to the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature."* This mission is not given to a select few but to all believers. To be a Christian is to be a proclaimer and an evangelizer. There is a difference between preaching and proclaiming. *"We preach with words but we proclaim with our lives."* As we celebrate the Lord's return to His Father in Heaven – His Ascension – we are being commissioned to go forth and proclaim the Gospel of life and love, of hope and peace, by the witness of our lives. On this day of hope, encouragement and commissioning, let us renew our commitment to be true disciples everywhere we go, beginning with our family and our parish, *"living in a manner worthy of the call we have received."* Adults: What in your life needs to change so that you can better proclaim the Good News? Children: What can you do to live your life so that others can see Jesus?

DO YOU KNOW?

The most important difference between the Ascension and the Assumption is who the active party is. In the Ascension, Jesus ascends of His own power and will. Because He is divine, He acts of His own volition to ascend to the Father. On the other hand, Mary is passive. She does not raise herself – God raises her. This is a good reminder that although Mary is worthy of our devotion as God's greatest saint, she is not herself divine. Only God could raise her into Heaven. Just like all of humanity, Mary still needed a Savior. The difference is that she was saved before she sinned through the Immaculate Conception. Having stayed free from sin, God preserved her body from the corruption of death by raising her to Himself, Mary taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, when the course of her earthly life was finished.

***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.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Pierre Toussaint was born and raised as a Catholic slave in Haiti when it was still a French colony. To escape the slave rebellions that eventually drove out the French government, Toussaint's owners fled, with him, to New York. He was assigned as an apprentice to one of the city's leading hairdressers, and became quite successful. When his slave-owner died, Toussaint quietly supported his owner's widow. She, in gratitude, freed Toussaint from his slave status. Toussaint later married and used his considerable wealth to support charitable causes, including work against religious and racial prejudice. Toussaint's death in 1853, at age 87, sparked widespread mourning.

Just 13 years ago, Pope John Paul II declared Pierre Toussaint, Venerable – the first step to becoming a saint. He died on June 30, 1853 of natural causes. He was originally buried at Old Saint Patrick's Cemetery in New York but Father Charles McTague rediscovered the grave that has been abandoned and ignored. Pierre's body was exhumed and re-interred in the crypt below the altar in St. Patrick's Cathedral.



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.

"And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." Find ways to let the Lord deeper into your marriage by going on 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!!!

***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.



Human Life Exalted: Jesus prayed on the night before he died, "Father, give me the glory I had with you before the world began." How is the glory he has in the Ascension different from the glory he had "before the world began?" It differs only in that now, he has it in a human nature. Our humanity has been taken to the heights of heaven, fulfilling the destiny God intended for human life from the beginning. Revelation 3:21 declares, "To the one who gains the victory, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne." God's plan for us is not just that we will gather around the throne or fall down before the throne, but that we will sit with him on the throne! This hope extended to the human family by the Gospel is directly contradicted when the same human beings destined for the heights of heaven are attacked by violence, degraded in their dignity, or put to death by things like abortion. The human nature Jesus brings to glory in the Ascension is the same human nature you and I share, and the same human nature that the babies in the womb share. Celebrating the Ascension in daily life means treating each human life as one destined to sit with Christ on his throne. (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: Seventh Sunday of Easter – The Ascension of our Lord

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In the first book, Theophilus, I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day he was taken up, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. He presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While meeting with them, he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for “the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” When they had gathered together they asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” He answered them, “It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven.”

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord. or: R. Alleluia.

All you peoples, clap your hands, shout to God with cries of gladness, For the LORD, the Most High, the awesome, is the great king over all the earth.

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord. or: R. Alleluia.

God mounts his throne amid shouts of joy; the LORD, amid trumpet blasts. Sing praise to God, sing praise; sing praise to our king, sing praise.

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord. or: R. Alleluia.

For king of all the earth is God; sing hymns of praise. God reigns over the nations, God sits upon his holy throne.

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord. or: R. Alleluia.

A Reading from the Letter to the Ephesians

Brothers and sisters: May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him. May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened,

that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call, what are the riches of glory in his inheritance among the holy ones, and what is the surpassing greatness of his power for us who believe, in accord with the exercise of his great might, which he worked in Christ, raising him from the dead and seating him at his right hand in the heavens, far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion, and every name that is named not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things beneath his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way.

The Word of the Lord

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Go and teach all nations, says the Lord;

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, “All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.”

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.

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8:30am

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:30pm

Sunday Mass: 9:00am

Spanish Mass: 4:00pm

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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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