

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.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 11th & July 12th, 2020



Sat	7/11 – Virginia Ryczak (RIP) Requested by Donna Geron	Fr. Oscar
Sun	7/12 – For the Parishioners of OLBS	Fr. Oscar
Mon	7/13 – No Mass	
Tue	7/14 – Phyllis Wyatt (RIP) Requested by Theresa D. Moody	Fr. Oscar
Wed	7/15 – Virginia Ryczak (RIP) Requested by Theresa D. Moody	Fr. Oscar
Thurs	7/16 – Von & Melvin Moody (RIP) Requested by Theresa D. Moody	Fr. Oscar
Fri	7/17 – Joe Sr, Elsie & Johnnie Drexler (RIP) Requested by Theresa D. Moody	Fr. Oscar
Sat	7/18 – John Gintout (RIP) Requested by David Seckora	Fr. Oscar
Sun	7/19 – For the Parishioners of OLBS	Fr. Oscar

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

Collections for July 4th & 5th, 2020

Parish Operations	\$3,443.00
Online Giving through 6/30/2020	50.00
Total	\$3,493.00
Amount needed weekly for Parish Operations is	\$3,940
Restricted, Special Use or Sent out of Parish	
Facilities Repairs and Maintenance Fund	\$660.00
Maintenance Savings Account	\$60.00
Haiti Fund	\$160.00

***Thank you to all the parishioners who have brought into the office, mailed, or given their weekly contributions at one of the Masses 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 give at one of the Masses or 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.

Mass Attendance – July 4th & 5th, 2020

Saturday Night Mass 5:30pm = 44
 Sunday Morning Mass 9:00am = 52
 Spanish Mass 4:00pm = 22

Masses Resume!!!

***Due to COVID-19, Mass is being live streamed for use on various Diocesan digital media accounts of the Catholic Diocese of Richmond, including, but not limited to, the websites of the Catholic Diocese of Richmond and the Catholic Virginian, and social media platforms of the Catholic Diocese of Richmond. Photography and/or screenshot images from the livestream may be used for the Catholic Virginian print edition. If you do not wish to be captured by live streaming, please refrain from attending that particular Mass time.

There will be some mandated changes to how we practice our Mass. 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 10 years and older attending Mass shall wear a Face Mask. Be sure the mask covers your nose and mouth. (Face mask should be removed only for Receiving Holy Communion.) ***Anyone who comes to any Mass (including daily 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.



Pray for Vocations

"Let everyone heed what they hear." Is the Lord inviting you to know, love, and serve Him more closely in the priesthood or 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)



PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND GOOD HEALTH

Emily Adams	Elizabeth Alley	Candace Barefoot
Virginia Becker	Paulette Berberich	Ron Blevins
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Linda Burch	Kevin Carson	Lucy Carson
Tim Collier	Meredith Crowe	Eric Crump
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Amanda Leigh Fincher	Henry Franzysheh	Kelli Gaeta
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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

- 7/13 thru 7/19 – Teresa Nguyen & Nguyen Sisters
- 7/20 thru 7/26 – Tom & Rowena Fauber
- 7/27 thru 8/2 – Gary & Jackie Silvia

***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.

***DUE TO COVID-19, we will not be offering traditional Vacation Bible School. We are currently working on "Bible School in a Bag" that can be done at home. All materials, including craft supplies, will be included. Details will be coming soon!

YARD SALE IS CANCELLED!!! July 25, 2020
YARD SALE IS CANCELLED due to the uncertainties with the coronavirus pandemic. We don't know if we will reschedule for the fall so if you were saving stuff for us, go ahead and donate it to a worthy cause. THANKS FOR YOUR INTEREST AND SUPPORT – OLBS WOMEN'S GROUP

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Each one of us is a sower of the Seed. As such, we need to equip ourselves with the basic knowledge of the Bible. We cannot give what we do not have. We cannot proclaim what we do not have a knowledge of. When we hear the Word of God without understanding it, the devil will snatch away from our heart what has been sown in it. We may hear the Word but if we fail to have roots, we will wither in spiritual dryness when troubles, persecutions, trials, and disappointments come. We may hear the Word but still remain fruitless because the worries of this world, pride, envy, and the glare of material things choke the Word in us, making us work less and less for God. What was sown in good soil corresponds to him who listens to the Word and understands it. He then draws other people to God, thus, bearing much fruit. The ears hear but it is the heart that listens. The ears catch the Seed and the heart nurtures it. It is amazing that the word ear is found inside the word heart. And if you put the left ear and the right ear together, they form a heart.

Adults: How do you provide "good soil" for the faith of others to grow?

Children: What are you doing to help the seeds of your faith grow each day?



To our couples with anniversaries in July: Dan & Amber Gibbs – 7/1/2006; Bob & Mary Cox – 7/5/1980; Ricardo & Elsie Letada – 7/22/1967; Tripp & Roberta Racioppi – 7/28/1973.

But some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. Help your marriage be like the rich soil by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on Jul 17-19, 2020 in Beaufort, SC and Aug 6-27, 2020 in ONLINE 3RE, SC. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: <https://renewmarriage-vasouth.org/>

THANK YOU! Andy Miller, Eagle Scout candidate from Quinton has picked up the last of the supplies collected for his Healthcare Workers care packages for which he is most grateful to the parishioners of OLBS who supported him on this project. He has promised that he will provide us with an update of the total packages prepared for the Healthcare workers once he has completed his project. A special thank you to all who provided support for this project!

DO YOU KNOW?

In 1997, the United States Supreme Court ruled there is no Constitutional right to assisted suicide, leaving states free to pass laws specifically prohibiting it. Under most state laws, helping someone commit suicide is a felony. Five states and the District of Columbia have passed laws legalizing assisted suicide in certain limited circumstances. Under Oregon's Death with Dignity Act, physicians can prescribe lethal medication that will allow terminally ill individuals to end their lives. There are very specific steps - including waiting periods and release forms - that must be followed before the medication can be prescribed. California, Colorado, Vermont, and Washington have similar laws. As Catholics, we believe in the sanctity of ALL life. "Catholic teaching views suicide as a grave offense against love of self, one that also breaks the bonds of love and solidarity with family, friends, and God." (Catechism of the Catholic Church [CCC], no. 2281). To assist another's suicide is to take part in "an injustice which can never be excused, even if it is requested" (John Paul II, *Evangelium Vitae*, no. 66). As Christians we go even further: Life is our first gift from an infinitely loving Creator. It is the most fundamental element of our God-given human dignity. Moreover, by assuming and sharing our human nature, the Son of God has more fully revealed and enhanced the sacred character of each human life. Therefore one cannot uphold human freedom and dignity by devaluing human life. A choice to take one's life is a supreme contradiction of freedom, a choice to eliminate all choices. And a society that devalues some people's lives, by hastening and facilitating their deaths, will ultimately lose respect for their other rights and freedoms. There is an infinitely better way to address the needs of people with serious illnesses. Our society should embrace what Pope John Paul II called "the way of love and true mercy"—a readiness to surround patients with love, support, and companionship, providing the assistance needed to ease their physical, emotional, and spiritual suffering. This approach must be anchored in unconditional respect for their human dignity, beginning with respect for the inherent value of their lives. Catholics should be leaders in the effort to defend and uphold the principle that each of us has a right to live with dignity through every day of our lives. As disciples of one who is

Lord of the living, we need to be messengers of the Gospel of Life. (USCCB)

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Kateri Tekakwitha was born the daughter of a Mohawk warrior and an Algonquin Christian in 1656. She was four years old when her family died of smallpox. The disease disfigured Kateri's face and weakened her eyes. She was adopted by two aunts and an uncle but though she lived the life of a Mohawk she never forgot the Christian teachings of her mother. A visit by Catholic missionaries led to her conversion. Tekakwitha was given the Christian name Kateri (Catherine) upon her baptism. Kateri incurred great hostility from her tribe as they regarded her devotion to God as an abandonment of their customs. Kateri fled to the new Christian colony of Indians in Canada. There she lived a life dedicated to prayer, penitential practices, and care for the sick and aged. Kateri was canonized in 2012, the first Native American to be declared a saint. Her feast day is July 14th. Also known as the "Lily of the Mohawks", she is the patroness of the environment and ecology.



An Abortion Testimony: The following words were written by one of the many women whose abortion testimonies can be found at www.AbortionTestimonies.com. "I went to Planned Parenthood for a pregnancy test. They didn't do ANY counseling about fetal development or alternatives. An abortion was "the answer" just because I didn't want to be pregnant yet, even though I was happily married and had no financial problems, etc. "I was treated like a cow. There was no explanation AT ALL by the abortionist regarding ANYTHING that could have helped me think twice about "my" decision to have an abortion. Of course, it wasn't really "my" decision at all. Everybody else decided for me. My husband didn't want me to abort, but all the professionals "knew better what was best for me." "I still cannot tell anyone else about it, even though it's been over 20 years now. It's made me very pro-life, because I KNOW the deceit that goes on in so-called "counseling." Not one day goes by that I don't think about it with regret and sorrow. "I also have accepted the Lord as my Savior, and that has helped." (Priests for Life)

Mass Readings: The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

Thus says the LORD: Just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to the one who sows and bread to the one who eats, so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

You have visited the land and watered it; greatly have you enriched it. God's watercourses are filled; you have prepared the grain.

R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

Thus have you prepared the land: drenching its furrows, breaking up its clods, Softening it with showers, blessing its yield.

R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

You have crowned the year with your bounty, and your paths overflow with a rich harvest; The untilled meadows overflow with it, and rejoicing clothes the hills.

R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

The fields are garmented with flocks and the valleys blanketed with grain. They shout and sing for joy.

R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters: I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us. For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God; for creation was made subject to futility, not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it, in hope that creation itself would be set free from slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God. We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now; and not only that, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, we also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

The Word of the Lord

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower. All who come to him will have life forever.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

On that day, Jesus went out of the house and sat down by the sea. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd stood along the shore. And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, where

it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, and when the sun rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of roots. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. Whoever has ears ought to hear." The disciples approached him and said, "Why do you speak to them in parables?" He said to them in reply, "Because knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven has been granted to you, but to them it has not been granted. To anyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. This is why I speak to them in parables, because *they look but do not see and hear but do not listen or understand*. Isaiah's prophecy is fulfilled in them, which says: *You shall indeed hear but not understand, you shall indeed look but never see. Gross is the heart of this people, they will hardly hear with their ears, they have closed their eyes, lest they see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their hearts and be converted, and I heal them*. "But blessed are your eyes, because they see, and your ears, because they hear. Amen, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it. "Hear then the parable of the sower. The seed sown on the path is the one who hears the word of the kingdom without understanding it, and the evil one comes and steals away what was sown in his heart. The seed sown on rocky ground is the one who hears the word and receives it at once with joy. But he has no root and lasts only for a time. When some tribulation or persecution comes because of the word, he immediately falls away. The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word, but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit. But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold."

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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