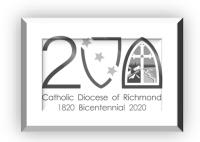
OUR LADY OF THE **BLESSED SACRAMENT** CATHOLIC CHURCH



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

EUCHARISTIC 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.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 18th & July 19th, 2020



Sat	7/18 – John Gintout (RIP) Requested by David Seckora	Fr. Oscar
Sun	7/19 – For the Parishioners of OLBS	Fr. Oscar
Mon	7/20 – No Mass	
Tue	7/21 – Melvin A. Gooch (RIP) Anniversary of Birthday Requested by Edna Trudeau	Fr. Oscar
Wed	7/22 – Thomas H. Trudeau (RIP) Anniversary of Birthday Requested by Edna Trudeau	Fr. Oscar
Thurs	7/23 – Special Intention Requested by Theresa D. Moody	Fr. Oscar
Fri	7/24 – Richard Edwards (RIP) Requested by Theresa D. Moody	Fr. Oscar
Sat	7/25 – Phyllis Wyatt (RIP) Requested by Theresa D. Moody	Fr. Oscar
Sun	7/26 – 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 11th & 12th, 2020

Parish Operations	\$4,408.00	
Online Giving through 7/7/2020	250.00	
Supplemental Collection	2,635.00	
Total	\$7,293.00	
Amount needed weekly for Parish Operations is	\$3,940	
Restricted, Special Use or Sent out of Parish		
Facilities Repairs and Maintenance Fund	\$395.00	
Haiti Fund	\$765.00	

***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 11th & 12th, 2020
Saturday Night Mass 5:30pm = 49
Sunday Morning Mass 9:00am = 58
Spanish Mass 4:00pm = 23

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:

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Sanitize hands when entering and leaving Church. Bring personal supply of hand sanitizer to use before receiving Holy Communion, if possible.
- 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.



"It is He whom we proclaim." Are you being called to proclaim Christ and the Word of God? 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** 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** Larry Dzula, Jr. Michelle Eshelman Amanda Leigh Fincher Natalee Franzyshen Kelli Gaeta **Margaret Geron Dawn Greggs** Jim Gregory **Kelly Hipple** Tom Hollowak Pat Hinkle Mary Ann Hooper Gail Justin John Kellam **Bill Kessler** Gloria Kojcisch **Bonnie Kopacki Gordon Langston Patricia Lanuza** Melissa Leger **Kenny McGinley Bill Madigan Baby Vivian Mallis Diane Agnes Martin** Ron Martz Clara Morrow **Specialist Mullins Randy Morrow** Marilyn Naggy **Ka'varus Penticolas Larry Newtzie Desiree Page Brett Pickens** Mark A. Roane Pam Rigsby **Bill Scaife Jack Scaife Debbie Royals Barbara Schafer James Simmons Allen Smith** The Solak Family **Levi Sturtz** Jim Tokarz **Mae Touray** Chris Vincent, Sr. Gloria Wajciechowski **Linda Webster Art West Emmett White** James Wills Robert 'Bobby' Wilson **Lois Wilson Jody Zogran**

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY Major Jonathan Culberson (Afghanistan)

Church Cleaning Schedule

7/20 thru 7/26 – Tom & Rowena Fauber 7/27 thru 8/2 – Gary & Jackie Silvia 8/3 thru 8/9 – Our Hispanic Community

***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

There is no room in a good field for weeds and rubbish, so in the Kingdom of Heaven, there is no room for all things that provoke offences, and all who do evil. They must be got rid of, for the sake of the good wheat, for the sake of the good subjects of the Kingdom. But this weeding out will not take place until harvest time - in case one piece of good wheat is destroyed with the weeds. This shows the mercy of God: everyone has chance after chance to prove that they are wheat, not darnel; there are no quick judgements in the Kingdom of Heaven, and things are never as black and white as we think. Only at the end of time will evil stand out clearly, so that it can be disposed of, and only the Son of God can judge.

Adults: What can you do to spread the mercy of God to others?
Children: How can you show Jesus' love, even when people make you mad?

DO YOU KNOW?

As in human communication, our communication with God can be expressed in a variety of ways. We communicate with God using words and songs, in imagination and silence, and ritually or spontaneously. We can pray in church, our gardens, our cars, or while in the shower. We can also pray lying in bed, as the first thing we do when we awake, and as the last thing we do as we drift off to sleep. One of the characteristics of prayer we as Catholics believe is that with the right intention every moment of the day - all our hopes, works, joys, and sufferings - can become our prayer.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Bridget married into the Swedish royal family and lovingly raised eight children, one of whom came to be known as St. Catherine of Sweden. Bridget and her husband followed her father's example of caring for people in need. It is said that she even arranged for a hospital to be built on their estate. The hospital was open to all. When her husband died, Bridget gave away all her possessions. She founded a double monastery for men and women who lived apart, but worshipped together. The religious order was known as the Order of the Most Holy Saviour, or the Brigittines. When Bridget learned of an epidemic in Rome, she made a pilgrimage there to assist the sick and dying. While in Rome, she spoke out against the injustices she saw and worked to change situations that kept all people from living a good life. Her words and actions influenced government and Church officials, even the pope! Her feast day is July 23rd.



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.

Just as a small mustard seed can become a large and elaborate bush, discover how a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend can encourage our marriage to blossom and provide a lifetime of joy. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends are Aug 6-27, 2020 in VIRTUAL 3RE, SC and Sep 11-13, 2020 in Hickory, NC. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: https://renewmarriage-vasouth.org/

2020 Annual Appeal Update - As of 7/9/2020, we have raised 73.58% or \$7,416.86 of our \$10,080.00 goal and we have collected 68.40% or \$6,894.72 or our goal. Thank you so much to those who have contributed! If you have not yet contributed, please prayerfully consider doing so.



Pope Benedict on Life: "The causes that lead to such painful decisions as abortion are of course many and complex. If, on the one hand, faithful to her Lord's commandment, the Church never tires of reaffirming that the sacred value of every human being's life originates in the Creator's plan, on the other hand, she encourages the promotion of every initiative in support of women and families in order to create the favorable conditions in which to welcome life, and the protection of the family institution founded on the marriage between a man and a woman. Not only has permitting recourse to the termination of pregnancy not solved the problems that afflict many women and a fair number of families, but it has also made another wound in our society, unfortunately, already burdened by deep suffering" (Address of Pope Benedict XVI to Italy's Pro-life Movement, May 12, 2008). (Priests for Life)

IT HAS NEVER BEEN MORE IMPORTANT THAN NOW TO VOTE AS A CHRISTIAN!!!

This year, on Election Day, November 3rd, Virginians will have the opportunity to elect candidates for President, U.S. Senator, and U.S. Representative – and in some localities – for "down-ballot" offices. In Faithful Citizenship, the U.S. Catholic Bishops have reminded us to exercise our voice and our vote in public life. To VOTE on Tuesday, November 3, 6:00am until 7:00pm (General Election)

- Register/Update Address by: Tuesday, October 13, 2020
- Request Absentee Ballot by mail by:
 5:00pm Tuesday, October 27, 2020
- Request Absentee Ballot in Person by:
 5:00pm Saturday, October 31, 2020
- Vote Early In Person from September 18th to October 31, 2020

In prayer and in public, your voices are urgently needed to bring Gospel values to bear on vital decisions being made by those who represent you. The Virginia Catholic Conference is the public agency representing Virginia's Catholic bishops and their two dioceses.

Mass Readings: The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Reading from the Book of Wisdom

There is no god besides you who have the care of all, that you need show you have not unjustly condemned. For your might is the source of justice; your mastery over all things makes you lenient to all. For you show your might when the perfection of your power is disbelieved; and in those who know you, you rebuke temerity. But though you are master of might, you judge with clemency, and with much lenience you govern us; for power, whenever you will, attends you. And you taught your people, by these deeds, that those who are just must be kind; and you gave your children good ground for hope that you would permit repentance for their sins.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.

You, O LORD, are good and forgiving, abounding in kindness to all who call upon you. Hearken, O LORD, to my prayer and attend to the sound of my pleading.

R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.

All the nations you have made shall come and worship you, O LORD, and glorify your name. For you are great, and you do wondrous deeds; you alone are God.

R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.

You, O LORD, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in kindness and fidelity. Turn toward me, and have pity on me; give your strength to your servant.

R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.

A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters: The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groanings. And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit, because he intercedes for the holy ones according to God's will.

The Word of the Lord

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. R. Alleluia, alleluia.

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus proposed another parable to the crowds, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everyone was asleep his enemy came and sowed weeds all through the wheat, and then went off. When the crop grew and bore fruit, the weeds appeared as well. The slaves of the householder came to him and said, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where have the weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' His slaves said to him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?' He replied, 'No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, "First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn." He proposed another parable to them. "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a person

took and sowed in a field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, yet when full-grown it is the largest of plants. It becomes a large bush, and the 'birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches." He spoke to them another parable. "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed with three measures of wheat flour until the whole batch was leavened." All these things Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables. He spoke to them only in parables, to fulfill what had been said through the prophet: I will open my mouth in parables, I will announce what has lain hidden from the foundation of the world. Then, dismissing the crowds, he went into the house. His disciples approached him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field." He said in reply, "He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. Just as weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all who cause others to sin and all evildoers. They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears ought to hear."

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.



Many thanks go out to all those who have worked so hard to reopen our Church to be able to celebrate Masses, again! There are many restrictions and regulations that had to be met and it took some hard work but a handful of our parishioners stepped up and got it done! We are forever grateful to them for ensuring our ability to, once again, celebrate Mass together!

***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.

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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 804.843.3125

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