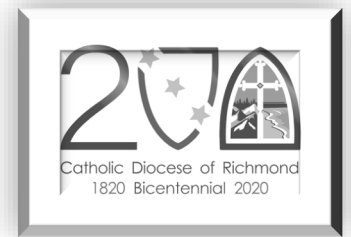


OUR LADY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 25th & July 26th, 2020



Sat	7/25 – Phyllis Wyatt (RIP) Requested by Theresa D. Moody	Fr. Oscar
Sun	7/26 – For the Parishioners of OLBS	Fr. Oscar
Mon	7/27 – No Mass	
Tue	7/28 – In Honor of Scotty Watkins On his Birthday Requested by The Watkins Family	Fr. Oscar
Wed	7/29 – Von & Melvin Moody (RIP) Requested by Theresa D. Moody	Fr. Oscar
Thurs	7/30 – Joe Sr., Elsie & Johnnie Drexler Requested by Theresa D. Moody	Fr. Oscar
Fri	7/31 – Special Intentions Requested by Theresa D. Moody	Fr. Oscar
Sat	8/1 – Francis Seckora (RIP) Anniversary of Death Requested by Paul & Valeria Seckora	Fr. Oscar
Sun	8/2 – Billy McGowan (RIP) Anniversary of Birthday Requested by Janice McGowan & Family	Fr. Oscar

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

Collections for July 18th & 19th, 2020

Parish Operations	\$2,795.00
Online Giving through 7/14/2020	100.00
Supplemental Collection	312.00
Poor Box	40.00
Total	\$3,247.00
Amount needed weekly for Parish Operations is	\$3,940
Restricted, Special Use or Sent out of Parish	
Facilities Repairs and Maintenance Fund	\$20.00
Haiti Fund	\$1,085.00

***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 18th & 19th, 2020

Saturday Night Mass 5:30pm = 38
 Sunday Morning Mass 9:00am = 53
 Spanish Mass 4:00pm = 20

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.



“Ask and you shall receive. Seek and you shall find. Knock and it will be opened to you.” Ask in prayer to know your vocation! Seek and find ways to serve! Knock on the doors of those who can help guide you! Do you think God may be offering you the grace of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Call Father Brian Capuano at 804-359-5661 or email: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

***VBS in a Bag take home lessons for children age 3 through 5th grade will be available after August 1st, 2020. Call Lorraine at 804-843-3125 or email her at dre@olbs-catholic.org for more information or to reserve a bag.



PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND GOOD HEALTH

Emily Adams	Elizabeth Alley	Candace Barefoot
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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 Franzyshe	Kelli Gaeta
Margaret Geron	Dawn Greggs	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	Melissa Leger
Kenny McGinley	Bill Madigan	Baby Vivian Mallis
Diane Agnes Martin	Ron Martz	Clara Morrow
Randy Morrow	Specialist Mullins	Marilyn Naggy
Larry Newtzie	Desiree Page	Ka'varus Penticolas
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Debbie Royals	Bill Scaife	Jack Scaife
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	Lois Wilson	Robert 'Bobby' Wilson
	Jody Zogran	

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY

Major Jonathan Culberson (Afghanistan)

Church Cleaning Schedule

- 7/27 thru 8/2 – Gary & Jackie Silvia
- 8/3 thru 8/9 – Our Hispanic Community
- 8/10 thru 8/16 – Dan Gibbs & Family



- 8/1 – Joe Drexler, Bob Ryalls & David Seckora
- 8/2 – Jim Milby, Tuan Nguyen & Craig Smith
- 8/8 – Joe Drexler, David Seckora & Bob Ryalls
- 8/9 – Jim Milby, Jim Pyne & Joe Drexler



- 8/1 – Joe Drexler & Lorraine Ryalls
- 8/2 – Pat Barron & Danielle Smith
- 8/8 – David Seckora & Jackie Silvia
- 8/9 – Kay Shaw & Bill Madigan

*****Please prayerfully consider helping in any way you can so that others may be able to take a much needed break. We are in desperate need of more ushers and people to clean the church after each of the Masses. Our happiness is greatest when we contribute most to the happiness of others.**

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

We are facing many challenges these days. It's the perfect time to bring our relationship with God front and center and realize that God and God's Kingdom are all that really matter. We forget that the Kingdom of God is not a static entity. It intrigues the human spirit and captures our attention because it never fades away and is ever new. It has inexhaustible riches that can be buried and found time and time again and never lose its luster.

No matter how challenging and complicated life gets we are never alone. We know what is not of God's Kingdom: violence, hatred, despair, exclusivity, privilege, power, inequity, fear, isolation, apathy, greed, and injustice. In understanding the root cause of the presence of these in all of our stories, we will discover a pearl and walk the path to joy. Come Holy Spirit, we desperately need your wisdom!

Adults: Today's Gospel reminds us that God's Kingdom is worth sacrifice. What do you need to sacrifice in order to follow God in your own life?

Children: What can you give up to follow God more closely?

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Though not specifically mentioned in scripture, Sacred Tradition tells us that Mary's parents are Anne and Joachim. Whether these are their real names or not - they represent that entire quiet series of generations who faithfully perform their duties, practice their faith, and establish an atmosphere for the coming of the Messiah, but remain obscure. We celebrate their feast day on July 26th.

DO YOU KNOW?

"Capital punishment" is another expression for the "death penalty," the legal execution of a criminal. The word *capital* comes from the Latin word for head. In ancient times, capital punishment was often carried out by beheading. This method has never been used in America. But criminals have been put to death by shooting, hanging, electrocution, poison gas, and lethal injection. Today, all states with the death penalty use lethal injection. Some states, however, allow one of these other methods as an option. The Catechism teaches, "in light of the Gospel, that 'the death penalty is inadmissible because it is an attack on the inviolability and dignity of the person.'"

While the death penalty "was long considered an appropriate response to the gravity of certain crimes," its use is no longer necessary to safeguard the common good. The Catechism notes that in our modern world, "more effective systems of detention have been developed, which ensure the due protection of citizens but, at the same time, do not definitively deprive the guilty of the possibility of redemption." No sin or crime is greater than God's mercy. The sacrifice of the Cross reveals that Christ's greatest desire is to forgive those with a repentant heart. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has long opposed the use of the death penalty in our country. While recognizing that the Church has previously permitted its use in extreme circumstances, the bishops have said that in the United States, there are other, non-lethal means of defense against unjust aggressors that should be used instead.



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)



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.

2020 Annual Appeal Update – As of 7/1/2020, we have received our first Parish Share check in the amount of \$1,383.17. Thank you so much to those who have contributed! If you have not yet contributed, please prayerfully consider doing so.



The First Human Right: Cardinal Renato Martino, when serving as President of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, said the following in an interview conducted for Priests for Life in May, 2004: "The Holy Father speaks of the protection of life as the fundamental realization and respect for human rights. Without that realization, without that respect for the right to life, no other discussion of human rights can continue; it must be based upon the foundation of human dignity and the right to life." (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 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Reading from the First Book of Kings

The LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream at night. God said, "Ask something of me and I will give it to you." Solomon answered: "O LORD, my God, you have made me, your servant, king to succeed my father David; but I am a mere youth, not knowing at all how to act. I serve you in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a people so vast that it cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong. For who is able to govern this vast people of yours?" The LORD was pleased that Solomon made this request. So God said to him: "Because you have asked for this—not for a long life for yourself, nor for riches, nor for the life of your enemies, but for understanding so that you may know what is right—I do as you requested. I give you a heart so wise and understanding that there has never been anyone like you up to now, and after you there will come no one to equal you."

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

R. Lord, I love your commands.

I have said, O LORD, that my part is to keep your words. The law of your mouth is to me more precious than thousands of gold and silver pieces.

R. Lord, I love your commands.

Let your kindness comfort me according to your promise to your servants. Let your compassion come to me that I may live, for your law is my delight.

R. Lord, I love your commands.

For I love your command more than gold, however fine. For in all your precepts I go forward; every false way I hate.

R. Lord, I love your commands.

Wonderful are your decrees; therefore I observe them. The revelation of your words sheds light, giving understanding to the simple.

R. Lord, I love your commands.

A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters: We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, so that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those he predestined he also called; and those he called he also justified; and those he justified he also glorified.

The Word of the Lord

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and

buys it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea, which collects fish of every kind. When it is full they haul it ashore and sit down to put what is good into buckets. What is bad they throw away. Thus it will be at the end of the age. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth. "Do you understand all these things?" They answered, "Yes." And he replied, "Then every scribe who has been instructed in the kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old." 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.

From the Desk of Andy Miller, Boy Scout Troop

562: Hello, this is Andy Miller from Troop 562.

Thank you very much for supporting my Eagle Scout project. As a result of your generosity, I was able to assemble 51 care packages, and delivered them to VCU Health on July 10th. Without your assistance, this project would not have been possible. So again, I thank you all from the bottom of my heart for the support that you have shown not only me, but the doctors and nurses who keep all of us safe during this time of need. Have a great rest of your week.

*****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.**

*****If you are receiving this bulletin through the mail and would like to discontinue receiving it that way, please call the parish office at 804-843-3125 Tues. through Thurs. 10am until 4:30pm to be taken off the mailing list for the bulletin.**

*****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.**

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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