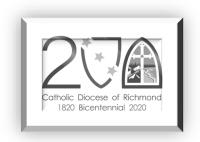
OUR LADY OF THE **BLESSED SACRAMENT** CATHOLIC CHURCH



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

PARISH OFFICES at the MERCY CENTER

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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.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 29th & 30th, 2020



Sat	8/29 – Mark Drexler, Jr. (RIP) Requested by Donna Geron	Fr. Oscar
Sun	8/30 – Parishioners of OLBS	Fr. Oscar
Mon	8/31 – No Mass	
Tue	9/1 – Anthony Gintout (RIP) Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler	Fr. Oscar
Wed	9/2 – Frank Piersa, Jr. (RIP) Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler	Fr. Oscar
Thurs	9/3 – Francis & Esther Seckora (RIP) Fr. Oscar Anniversary of Wedding Anniversary Requested by Paul & Valeria Seckora	
Fri	9/4 – Anthony Gintout (RIP) Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler	Fr. Oscar

Sat 9/5 – Frank Piersa, Jr. (RIP) Fr. Oscar Requested by joe & Linda Drexler Sun 9/6 – Melvin A. Gooch (RIP) Fr. Oscar

Sun 9/6 – Melvin A. Gooch (RIP) Fr. Oscar Anniversary of Death Requested by Edna Trudeau

You are invited to the weekday Masses at 8:30am Tuesday-Friday every week

Collections for August 22nd & 23rd, 2020

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Parish Operations	\$3,596.00
Supplemental Collection	40.00
Online Giving as of 8/11/2020	100.00
Religious Education Collection	5.00
The Assumption of Mary	25.00
Total	\$3,766.00
Amount needed weekly for Parish Operations is	\$3,940
Restricted, Special Use or Sent out of Parish	
Facilities Repairs and Maintenance Fund	\$310.00
Haiti Fund	\$236.00
The Cemetery Account	\$73.00

*Money collected from the Poor Box will continue to be given to the Good Neighbor Center as our community outreach for those in need in the West Point and surrounding areas.

***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.

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 covering, 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.

Mass Attendance – August 22nd & 23rd, 2020
Saturday Night Mass 5:30pm = 29
Sunday Morning Mass 9:00am = 68
Spanish Mass 4:00pm = Not Recorded



"What profit would a man show if he were to gain the whole world and ruin himself in the process?" Are you being called to be a priest or deacon, brother or sister? Call Father Brian Capuano at 804-359-5661 or email: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.



PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND GOOD HEALTH

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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			
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 Marti	n Ron Martz	Clara Morrow			
Randy Morrow	Specialist Mullins	Marilyn Naggy			
Larry Newtzie	Desiree Page	Ka'varus Penticolas			
Brett Pickens	Pam Rigsby	Mark A. Roane			
Debbie Royals	Joanna Ryalls	Bill Scaife			
Jack Scaife	Barbara Schafer	James Simmons			
Allen Smith	The Solak Family	Levi Sturtz			
Jim Tokarz	Mae Touray	Chris Vincent, Sr.			
Gloria Wajciechow	Art West				
Emmett White	James Wills	Lois Wilson			
Robert 'Bobby' Wil	Jody Zogran				

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

Church Cleaning Schedule

8/31 thru 9/6 – Gary & Jackie Silvia 9/7 thru 9/13 – Our Hispanic Community 9/14 thru 9/20 – Dan Gibbs & Family

***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.



To our couples with anniversaries in August: Eric & Joanna Ellingson – 8/1/1992; Bob & Lorraine Ryalls – 8/5/1978; Camb & Wilma Ashley – 8/6/1977; Larry & Janie Dzula – 8/11/1973; Jim & Anne Duke – 8/12/1967; Philip & Karen Liberato – 8/16/1986; Greg & Erin Hayden – 8/21/1993; Gene & Bonnie Kopacki – 8/23/1975; Henry & Natalee Franzyshen – 8/26/1972.

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For our marriage to be the best it can be, we must follow Jesus. Join us on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on Sep 11-13, 2020 in VIRTUAL WEEKEND, 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/

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Jesus makes the point strongly - not only is He destined to suffer but those who follow Him are going to suffer too. The true followers of Jesus will, like Him, have to shoulder the burdens of suffering and death. They could avoid it by conforming to the things that the world values - but, in the end, they can only do this by losing their integrity - the person they were created to be. But, the promise Jesus offers at the end shows that this is not empty suffering - or pain for its own sake. In the end, the followers will be vindicated - rewarded by the Father with eternal life. Adults: What are the crosses that you are asked to bear? How does today's Gospel offer you hope?

Children: When has it been hard for you to follow Jesus?

DO YOU KNOW?

Candles have always been used in the Church in a symbolic way. From ancient times the lighted candle has been seen as a symbol of the light of Christ. This is clearly expressed at the Easter Vigil, when the deacon or priest enters the darkened church with the single Easter candle. Jesus came into our world of sin and death to bring the light of God to us. He expressed this idea clearly in the Gospel of John: "I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (John 8:12) There are some who also point to the use of candles as a remembrance of the early Christians who celebrated Mass in the catacombs by candlelight. It is said that this should remind us of the sacrifice they made as well as the possibility that we too could be in a similar situation, celebrating Mass under threat of persecution.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Blessed Gabriel of St. Magdalen was a Franciscan martyr of Japan. A native of Foncesa, Spain, he was sent as a Franciscan lay brother to Manila,

Philippines, in 1612 where he studied medicine. In Japan, he ministered to the sick despite the persecution of Christians. Gabriel was scalded with boiling water and then burned alive in Nagasaki, Japan. He was beautified in 1867. His feast day is September 3rd.



News from the Knights of Columbus

The Knights are a fraternal Catholic men's organization dedicated to works of charity. The founder of the Knights, Father Michael J. McGivney, will soon be declared "Blessed" by Pope Francis. A miracle has been attributed to Fr. McGivney and is a step towards recognition as a saint.

New officers of our Father Jakubowski Council 8116 are the leadership team of Phil Liberato, James Milby, and Jim Vadas.



Pope Francis: Church Cannot Abandon Human

Life: "Reason alone is sufficient to recognize the inviolable value of each single human life, but if we also look at the issue from the standpoint of faith, "every violation of the personal dignity of the human being cries out in vengeance to God and is an offence against the creator of the individual" (John Paul II, Christifideles Laici, 37). Precisely because this involves the internal consistency of our message about the value of the human person, the Church cannot be expected to change her position on this question. I want to be completely honest in this regard. This is not something subject to alleged reforms or 'modernizations'"-- Pope Francis, Apostolic Exhortation "The Joy of the Gospel," November 24, 2013. (Priests for Life)

Resource for Women in Crisis

HOPE Pregnancy Care Center: located at 1315 Jamestown Rd., Suite 202, Williamsburg, VA 23185 Phone: 757-229-6472 Open: Monday – Thursday 10:30 am to 3:00 pm. (Wednesdays - 10:30am - 3pm, and 6:30pm - 8:30pm)

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.



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)

Catholic Charities is Hiring! CCEVA is hiring several Companion Care workers to provide companionship to clients enrolled in the Companion Care. Successful applicants will have two or more years of recent experience in caring for the elderly. Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) or have successfully completed a Home Care Training Program is preferred. Candidates should be dependable, people-oriented, have attention to detail, and ability to work independently. Must have an insured vehicle and a valid Virginia Driver's License in good standing, a High School Diploma or equivalent, and be First Aid/CPR certified. Applicants should have a working telephone with voicemail, must have a clean background check, a negative TB test, a negative drug test and must complete a 25-hour training course. The physical requirements of the job are the ability to bend over, the ability to stand for extended periods of time, lift 10 lbs., push a vacuum, and climb stairs. Please call (757) 456-2366 for more information or visit www.cceva.org.

Mass Readings: The Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah

You duped me, O LORD, and I let myself be duped; you were too strong for me, and you triumphed. All the day I am an object of laughter; everyone mocks me. Whenever I speak, I must cry out, violence and outrage is my message; the word of the LORD has brought me derision and reproach all the day. I say to myself, I will not mention him, I will speak in his name no more. But then it becomes like fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones; I grow weary holding it in, I cannot endure it.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

mouth shall praise you.

R. **My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**O God, you are my God whom I seek; for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.
Thus have I gazed toward you in the sanctuary to see your power and your glory, For your kindness is a greater good than life; my lips shall glorify you.
R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.
Thus will I bless you while I live; lifting up my hands, I will call upon your name. As with the riches of a banquet shall my soul be satisfied, and with exultant lips my

R. **My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.** You are my help, and in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy. My soul clings fast to you; your right hand upholds me.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship. Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.

The Word of the Lord

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, that we may know what is the hope that belongs to our call.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised. Then Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him, "God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you." He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but

whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life? For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father's glory, and then he will repay all according to his conduct."

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 usher the Masses, clean between Masses, and keep our parishioners safe! If you are able to help in any way, please let one of the ushers know. Without these parishioners stepping up to get this done, we would not be able to gather to participate in the Mass and receive the Blessed Eucharist! Please thank them for their service to us and the Lord!

***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.

The Books commemorating the Bicentennial Celebration of the Diocese of Richmond are here! The book is \$35.00. Please call the parish office to place your order now or place your order at the back of the Church! You can look over a copy at the back of the Church.



Our preschool will be open for the children to return on Tuesday, September 15, 2020. Please keep our teachers in your prayers as they work to spread the love of Jesus. And, please keep the children in your prayers as they learn more about Jesus and His unconditional love!

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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