## OUR LADY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH



## 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.

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
November $28^{\text {th }} \& \mathbf{2 9}^{\text {th }}, 2020$


| Requested by Marguerite Sturtz \& Family |  |  |
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| Sun | 11/29 - Parishioners of OLBS | Fr. Oscar |
| Mon | 11/30 - No Mass |  |
| Tue | 12/1 - Joe, Sr, Elsie \& Johnnie Drexler Requested by Joe \& Linda Dr | RIP) Fr. Oscar xer |
| Wed | 12/2 - Anna \& Richard Kozlowski (RIP) Requested by Linda \& Joe Dr | Fr. Oscar |
| Requested by Bill Webster |  |  |
| Requested by Joe \& Linda Drexler |  |  |
| Sat | 12/5 - Gilbert Silvia, Jr. (RIP) <br> Requested by Janice McGow | Fr. Oscar |
| Sun | 12/6 - Henry J. Kopacki, Jr. (RIP) Anniversary of Death on 12/5 Requested by Marian Kopac | Fr. Oscar <br> Family |
| Collections for November $\mathbf{2 1}^{\text {st }}$ \& 22 ${ }^{\text {nd }}, 2020$ |  |  |
| Parish | Operations | \$5,483.00 |
| Supple | mental Collection | 25.00 |
| Online | Giving as of 11/10/2020 | 100.00 |
| Christm | as Flowers | 230.00 |
| Religio | us Education | 290.00 |
| Thanks | giving | 55.00 |
| Total |  | \$6,183.00 |
| Amoun | t needed weekly for Parish Operations is | \$3,940 |
| Restricted, Special Use or Sent out of Parish |  |  |
| Faciliti | sepairs and Maintenance Fund | \$265.00 |
| Cemet | ry Fund | \$55.00 |
| Haiti F |  | \$1,100.00 |
| Archdi | cese of the Military Service | \$50.00 |

***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.
***The Counting Team Ministry still needs members to assist with the weekly offertory collections. Please prayerfully consider becoming a member of this team. If interested, please contact Bob Ryalls, Business Manager by phone 757-207-0215 or by email businessmgr@olbscatholic.org to join this important parish team.

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 5 years and older attending Mass shall wear a Cloth Face Mask. Those who cannot wear a cloth mask may wear a face shield. 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.
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.
Mass Attendance - November 21 ${ }^{\text {st }} \& \mathbf{2 2}^{\text {nd }}, 2020$ Saturday Night Mass 5:30pm = 57 Sunday Morning Mass 9:00am = 78 No Spanish Mass at 4:00pm
Annual Appeal Update as of 11/19/2020 We have raised $98.68 \%$ of our $\$ 10,080.00$ goal or \$9,946.94 and have collected $95.49 \%$ or $\$ 9,625.39$. Thank you so much for your generosity!


PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND GOOD HEALTH

| Emily Adams | Elizabeth Alley | Candace Barefoot |
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| Virginia Becker | Linda Blevins | Ron Blevins |
| Jon Boyette | Joan Buehler | Linda Burch |
| Kathryn Carson | Kevin Carson | Lucy Carson |
| Tim Collier | Meredith Crowe | Eric Crump |
| Vincent D'elia | Denise DePompeo | Dale Dippre |
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| Amanda Fincher | Natalee Franzyshen | Mrs. French |
| Kelli Gaeta | Margaret Geron | Dawn Greggs |
| Jim Gregory | Pat Hinkle | Kelly Hipple |
| Tom Hollowak | Mary Ann Hooper | Gail Justin |
| Bob Kay | John Kellam | Bill Kessler |
| Gloria Kojcsich | Bonnie Kopacki | Joyce Kostrzewa |
| Gordon Langston | Patricia Lanuza | Henry Lasch |
| Tracy Lasch | Melissa Leger | Lanci McCloud |
| Kenny McGinley | Patrick McGowan | William Madigan III |
| Baby Vivian Mallis | Diane Agnes Martin | Ron Martz |
| Clara Morrow | Randy Morrow | Specialist Mullins |
| Marilyn Naggy | Larry Newtzie | Desiree Page |
| Ka'varus Penticolas | Brett Pickens | Pam Rigsby |
| Mark A. Roane | Vickie Roane | Leonard Romano |
| Debbie Royals | Joanna Ryalls | Jack Scaife |
| Barbara Schafer | James Simmons | Allen Smith |
| The Solak Family | Levi Sturtz | Alan Tate |
| Jim Tokarz | Mae Touray | Chris Vincent, Sr. |
| Gloria Wajciechow | ki Linda Webster | Emmett White |
| James Wills And | ea Berberich Wilson | Lois Wilson |
| Robert 'Bobby' Wils |  | Jody Zogran |

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY
Major Jonathan Culberson (Afghanistan)
***We will be creating another cleaning schedule. Please let us know if you would like to be added to the cleaning schedule list or if you need to be taken off the list. Please let us know by December 19th.
Church Cleaning Schedule
11/30 thru 12/6 - Teresa Nguyen \& Nguyen Sisters
12/7 thru 12/13 - Tom \& Rowena Fauber
12/14 thru 12/20 - Gary \& Jackie Silvia


11/28 - David Seckora \& Joe Drexler 11/29 - Jim Milby, Tuan Nguyen \& Craig Smith


11/28 - Jackie Silvia \& Joe Drexler
11/29 - Kim DiLandro \& Danielle Smith
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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 804-8433125 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

Jesus will return again, in all splendor and glory, to judge the living and the dead. We profess that fact every Sunday in our Creed. So, even though Advent is a time for the preparation of the celebration of the first coming of Jesus in the flesh, it is also a time to acknowledge that His first coming is ultimately fulfilled in His final glorious coming. Jesus reminds that though we don't know the time of His return, there is nothing to fear as long as we stay vigilant and ready ourselves. Adults: Are you preparing for His second coming with the same fervor that you prepare for Christmas through shopping, cooking, decorating, etc.?
Children: What are you doing during Advent to prepare not only to celebrate Jesus' birth but also to be ready when He comes again?

## SAINT OF THE WEEK

Francis Xavier was born in Spain in 1506. Together with Saint Ignatius of Loyola, he became one of the seven who founded the Society of the Jesuits. He preached for six months in Africa on his way to Asia. He spent the remainder of his life spreading the Word of Godin India, Japan and the Philippines. Wherever he went, Xavier lived with the poorest people,
sharing their food and rough accommodations. He spent countless hours ministering to the sick and the poor, particularly to lepers. Very often he had no time to sleep or even to say his breviary but, as we know from his letters, he was filled always with joy. His feast day is December $3^{\text {rd }}$ and he is the patron of Japan, jewelers, missions, and sailors.

The historic origin of Advent is not for certain; no evidence exists of a specific time of preparation around the Feast of the Nativity of the Lord before the end of the fourth century. Several homilies and synods made mention of a specific liturgical time before Christmas, but no rule existed until a note on the Mass parts appeared during the time of Pope St. Gregory VII from 1073-1085. Much like a Lenten period of fasting and sacrifice, the early Church urged Christians to dedicate this time to readying themselves for Christ. Their practices remind us that we are also called to be attentive to the message of repentance and the end times.


To our couples with anniversaries in November: Paul \& Erin Borszich - 11/3/2007; Richard \& Margaret Mountcastle - 11/6/1971; Shane \& Donna Donahue 11/10/2001; Jody \& Bobbi Drexler - 11/15/2003; Stanley \& Geraldine Thomas - 11/22/1959; Joe \& Linda Drexler-11/23/1968
Help Needed in Haiti! Fr. Banive in Haiti has emailed that COVID-19 has even severely, negatively impacted our brothers and sisters in Haiti. Our Twin Parish would like to purchase food and distribute to its most needy families for Christmas. If you would like to help 'Jesus' in our Haiti brothers and sisters, please clearly mark an envelope for Haiti so that we can send some help to make Christmas a little better for their most needy. If you have been blessed through this crisis, please consider helping our friends in Haiti.


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!


Active Waiting: The Second Vatican Council reflects upon the relationship between the coming of Christ and our activity to prepare for it. In the Constitution on the Church in the Modern World, we read, "Far from diminishing our concern to develop this earth, the expectancy of a new earth should spur us on, for it is here that the body of a new human family grows, foreshadowing in some way the age which is to come....When we have spread on earth the fruits of our nature and our enterprise -- human dignity, brotherly communion and freedom -- according to the command of the Lord and in his Spirit, we will find them once again, cleansed this time from the stain of sin, illuminated and transfigured, when Christ presents to his Father an eternal and universal kingdom...." (\#39). In other words, the spirit of Advent should naturally bolster our pro-life efforts, and the progress we make in promoting human dignity becomes the "building blocks" for the eternal kingdom. (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)

Opportunities Give This Season of Love!!!
Food Baskets: We will be collecting money for Christmas Food Baskets. Adults will be doing the shopping and anyone who wants to help sort and put together the Food Baskets will be able to meet us at Boogaard Hall, Saturday,
December $19^{\text {th }}$ about $1: 30 \mathrm{pm}$. More details to come. Any children under 18 who would like to assist with the shopping will need to have a parent accompany them and drive them to the store. Please call Pam Watkins with any questions at the Church Office or at 919-820-1986.
***Anyone wishing to donate funds for the Food Baskets can put in a plain envelope clearly marked for Food Baskets and put in regular offertory or drop by the office. Giving Tree: The Giving Tree is up! We will have only until Sunday, December $6^{\text {th }}$ to get the gifts back to the Church so that we can get them to those who will distribute them. Due to Covid-19, this year they are asking that all gifts be put in Black trash or Leaf Bags with a detachable list of what is included. The gifts inside the bags may be wrapped. If you have any questions, please contact Pam Watkins at the Church Office or call 919-820-1986.

***There are no Sunday Classes on Sunday, November $29^{\text {th }}$ due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Mass Readings: The First Sunday of Advent
A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah You, LORD, are our father, our redeemer you are named forever. Why do you let us wander, O LORD, from your ways, and harden our hearts so that we fear you not? Return for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your heritage. Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, with the mountains quaking before you, while you wrought awesome deeds we could not hope for, such as they had not heard of from of old. No ear has ever heard, no eye ever seen, any God but you doing such deeds for those who wait for him. Would that you might meet us doing right, that we were mindful of you in our ways! Behold, you are angry, and we are sinful; all of us have become like unclean people, all our good deeds are like polluted rags; we have all withered like leaves, and our guilt carries us away like the wind. There is none who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to cling to you; for you have hidden your face from us and have delivered us up to our guilt. Yet, O LORD, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter: we are all the work of your hands.
The Word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.
O shepherd of Israel, hearken, from your throne upon the cherubim, shine forth. Rouse your power, and come to save us.
R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.
Once again, O LORD of hosts, look down from heaven, and see; take care of this vine, and protect what your right hand has planted the son of man whom you yourself made strong.
R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.
May your help be with the man of your right hand, with the son of man whom you yourself made strong. Then we will no more withdraw from you; give us new life, and we will call upon your name.
R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.
A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians
Brothers and sisters: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always on your account for the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ Jesus, that in him you were enriched in every way, with all discourse and all knowledge, as the testimony to Christ was confirmed among you, so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will keep you firm to the end, irreproachable on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
The Word of the Lord
R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Show us Lord, your love; and grant us your salvation. R. Alleluia, alleluia.

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark Jesus said to his disciples: "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. It is like a man traveling abroad. He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his own work, and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch. Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'"
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.
> ***Remember to pray the Rosary fervently to our Blessed Mother Mary for her intercession and the protection of our country during these uncertain times.


Knights of Columbus - West Point has partnered with the American Red Cross to save lives by hosting a blood drive on Monday, December 21 ${ }^{\text {st }}$ from 1-6pm. If you are healthy and willing, please consider donating life-saving blood to someone in need. Several precautions have been added to the blood donation process in order to prioritize the safety of both donors and staff. Temperatures will be taken upon arrival. Please wear a mask when you come to the blood drive, if you do not have one, you will be provided with one. The Red Cross will be testing all donations for COVID-19 Antibodies. Results will be communicated 7 to 10 days after donation through your online donor portal.

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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## Monday, December 21 ${ }^{\text {st }} 2020$ 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

APPOINTMENTS ARE REQUIRED TO DONATE, WALK INS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.
PLEASE WEAR A MASK, OR WE CAN PROVIDE YOU WITH ONE.

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