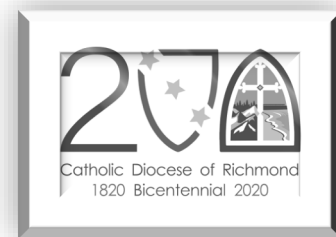


OUR LADY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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.

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 12th & 13th, 2020



Sat	12/12 – Joe, Sr, Elsie & Johnnie Drexler(RIP)	Fr. Oscar
	Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler	
Sun	12/13 – Gian Duong & An Bui (RIP)	Fr. Oscar
	Requested by Vuong & Annie Bui	
Mon	12/14 – No Mass	
Tue	12/15 – Anna & Richard Kozlowski (RIP)	Fr. Oscar
	Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler	
Wed	12/16 – Hung (Savio) Duong (RIP)	Fr. Oscar
	Requested by Vuong & Annie Bui	
Thurs	12/17 – Joe, Sr, Elsie & Johnnie Drexler(RIP)	Fr. Oscar
	Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler	
Fri	12/18 – Xuan Mai Huynh (RIP)	Fr. Oscar
	Requested by Vuong & Annie Bui	
Sat	12/19 – Mark Drexler, Jr. (RIP)	Fr. Oscar
	Requested by Janice McGowan	
Sun	12/20 – Billy McGowan & Henry J. Kopacki, Jr. (RIP)	Fr. Oscar
	Requested by McGowan & Kopacki Families	

Collections for December 5th & 6th, 2020

Parish Operations	\$3647.00
Online Giving as of 11/24/2020	100.00
Supplemental Collection	10.00
Christmas Flowers	390.00
Thanksgiving	40.00
Christmas Day	20.00
Total	\$4,207.00
Amount needed weekly for Parish Operations is	\$3,940
Restricted, Special Use or Sent out of Parish	
Facilities Repairs and Maintenance Fund	\$853.00
Haiti Fund	\$495.00
Maintenance Savings Account	\$60.00
Catholic Charities	\$10.00

***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@olbs-catholic.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.

*****Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration will be held Friday, December 11th at 7:00pm. The Rosary begins at 6:00pm. Weather permitting, there will be a procession to begin at 6:30pm. Then, Mass will be celebrated at 7:00pm. Come honor Mary!**



PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND GOOD HEALTH

Emily Adams	Elizabeth Alley	Candace Barefoot
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
Dexter Dix	Larry Dzula, Jr.	Michelle Eshelman
Amanda Fincher	Natalee Franzysen	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	Beverly McGowan	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 Wajciechowski	Linda Webster
Emmett White	James Wills	Andrea Berberich Wilson
Lois Wilson	Robert 'Bobby' Wilson	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

12/14 thru 12/20 – Gary & Jackie Silvia
 12/21 thru 12/27 – Our Hispanic Community
 12/28 thru 1/3/2021 – Dan Gibbs Family



12/12 – David Seckora, David Haviland & Dawson Haviland
 12/13 – Craig Smith, Tuan Nguyen & Jim Pyne
 12/19 – Bob Ryalls, Joe Drexler & Dan Gibbs
 12/20 – Jim Milby, Tuan Nguyen & Jim Pyne



12/12 – Jackie Silvia & Tom Fauber
 12/13 – Joe Pincus & Danielle Smith
 12/19 – David Seckora & Joe Drexler
 12/20 – Pat Barron & Kim DiLandro

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

John was not the light: he came only as a witness to the true light that, the only light that can truly dispel the darkness of this world. We need to be like John. Scripture says that we are to let our light shine, but we need to remember that "our Light" is Jesus.

We are not the light, we are just mirrors that reflect His Light.

Adults: When do you find it harder to reflect the Light of Jesus to others?

Children: How can you show Jesus' Light to your friends and family?

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint John of the Cross was born in Avila, Spain in 1542. As a child, John was sent to a boarding school for poor and orphaned children. He was given a religious education from a young age and chose to follow a religious path. He became an expert in the Bible and dared to translate the Song of Songs into Spanish, an act which was controversial since the Church forbade the translation of the Bible from Latin - a measure to protect the original meanings in the scripture. Among the Church's contemplatives, St. John is one of the acknowledged masters of mystical theology. Indeed, perhaps no other writer has had greater influence on Catholic spirituality. Together with St. Teresa of Avila, he founded the Discalced Carmelites, an order devoted to service of the Blessed Mother through prayer and penance. His feast day is December 14th.

DO YOU KNOW?

Disalced is a term applied to those religious congregations of men and women, the members of which go entirely barefoot or wear sandals, with or without other covering for the feet.

These congregations are often distinguished on this account from other branches of the same order.

The custom of going unshod was introduced into the West by Francis of Assisi for men and Clare of Assisi for women.



To our couples with anniversaries in December: Glenn & Kay Shaw – 12/1/1972; Craig & Danielle Smith – 12/1/2007; (Francis) & Cathy Fudella – 12/13/1971; Michael & Jan Bellanca – 12/29/1963; and Chris & Paula Polcyn – 12/30/1988

Congratulations to Hughie Owens, son of Helen and Edward Owens, who was confirmed on December 4th at the morning Mass. May the Gifts of the Holy Spirit lead him on the continuation of his spiritual journey.

Advent & Christmas Mass Schedule

December 12th & 13th – Oplatki blessed at Weekend Masses

December 24th, Christmas Eve– Mass at 5:30pm and Mass at 9:00pm (Livestreamed)

December 25th, Christmas Day– Mass at 9:00am (Livestreamed)

December 26th & 27th – Mass of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

January 1st, 2021 – Holy Day of Obligation – The Solemnity of Mary – Mass at 9:00am (Livestreamed)

January 2nd & 3rd – Epiphany of the Lord

January 9th & 10th – Baptism of the Lord – the End of the Christmas Season

Still Need Christmas Cards?

Knights of Columbus Christmas Cards can still be bought! Please contact Philip Liberato at 804-843-4420 and leave a message.



Christmas: A Gift of Life: "The Gospel of life is at the heart of Jesus' message. Lovingly received day after day by the Church, it is to be preached with dauntless fidelity as "good news" to the people of every age and culture. At the dawn of salvation, it is the Birth of a Child which is proclaimed as joyful news: "I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord" (Lk 2:10-11). The source of this "great joy" is the Birth of the Saviour; but Christmas also reveals the full meaning of every human birth, and the joy which accompanies the Birth of the Messiah is thus seen to be the foundation and fulfilment of joy at every child born into the world (cf. Jn 16:21)" (Pope John Paul II, "The Gospel of Life," n.1). (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)



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).

Our Church Calendars are here for 2021!!!

Please look in the back of the Church for the new Calendars

Mass Attendance – December 5th & 6th, 2020

Saturday Night Mass 5:30pm = 43

Sunday Morning Mass 9:00am = 97

Spanish Mass at 4:00pm = Attendance not Recorded

Mass Readings: The Third Sunday of Advent

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to announce a year of favor from the LORD and a day of vindication by our God. I rejoice heartily in the LORD, in my God is the joy of my soul; for he has clothed me with a robe of salvation and wrapped me in a mantle of justice, like a bridegroom adorned with a diadem, like a bride bedecked with her jewels. As the earth brings forth its plants, and a garden makes its growth spring up, so will the Lord GOD make justice and praise spring up before all the nations.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

R. My soul rejoices in my God.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked upon his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed:

R. My soul rejoices in my God.

The Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name. He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation.

R. My soul rejoices in my God.

He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has come to the help of his servant Israel for he has remembered his promise of mercy.

R. My soul rejoices in my God.

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul of the Thessalonians

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good. Refrain from every kind of evil. May the God of peace make you perfectly holy and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will also accomplish it.

The Word of the Lord

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light. And this is the testimony of John. When the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to him to ask him, "Who are you?" He admitted and did not deny it, but admitted, "I am not the Christ." So they asked him, "What are you then?"

Are you Elijah?" And he said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No." So they said to him, "Who are you, so we can give an answer to those who sent us? What do you have to say for yourself?"

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.

Opportunities Give This Season of Love!!!

Food Baskets: Thank you to everyone who has given donations to the Food Baskets for this Christmas! Your generosity will allow us to shop the best buys and pack each Food Basket with as much food as possible. Thank you so much!!!

*****Please let us know if you or anyone you know are in need of a Christmas Food Basket this year! Please call the parish office to let us know.**

Giving Tree: Thanks so much to the generous people who gave donations so that we could take care of the last few children whose tags were still on the tree! Christmas through the eyes of a child is so special!!! Thank you so much for making sure that all the children will have a Merry Christmas! If you have any questions, please contact Pam Watkins at the Church Office or call 919-820-1986.

Blood Drive: Our Knights of Columbus will host a blood drive on Monday, December 21st from 1-6pm. Several precautions have been added the process for the safety of 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. Appointments are required to donate, we will not accept walk-ins in order to properly follow social distancing rules. You can make an appointment by calling 1-800-REDCROSS or by clicking this link <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=knightswestpoint>

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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