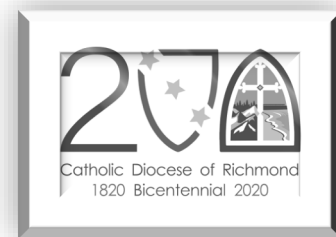


OUR LADY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 19th & 20th, 2020



Sat	12/19 – Mark Drexler, Jr. (RIP) Requested by Janice McGowan	Fr. Oscar
Sun	12/20 – Billy McGowan & Henry J. Kopacki, Jr. (RIP) Requested by McGowan & Kopacki Families	Fr. Oscar
Mon	12/21 – No Mass	
Tue	12/22 – Ed Kopacki - Husband (RIP) And David Kopacki – Grandson (RIP) Requested by Virginia Kopacki	Fr. Oscar
Wed	12/23 – Thomas A. Trudeau (RIP) Anniversary of Death Requested by Edna Trudeau	Fr. Oscar
Thurs	12/24 – 5:30pm - Tommy Sturtz, Jr (RIP) Thomas Sturtz, Sr. (RIP) Requested by Marguerite Sturtz & Family 9:00pm – Richard & Anna Kozlowski (RIP) Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler	Fr. Oscar
Fri	12/25 – Patsy Seckora (RIP) Anniversary of Birthday Requested by Paul & Valeria Seckora	Fr. Oscar
Sat	12/26 – David “Charlie” Sturtz (RIP) Requested by Jeanie Sturtz	Fr. Oscar
Sun	12/27 – Parishioners of OLBS	Fr. Oscar

Collections for December 12th & 13th, 2020

Parish Operations	\$2,994.07
Online Giving as of 12/4/2020	200.00
Supplemental Collection	20.00
Christmas Flowers	30.00
Total	\$3,244.07
Amount needed weekly for Parish Operations is	\$3,940
Restricted, Special Use or Sent out of Parish	
Facilities Repairs and Maintenance Fund	\$60.00
Haiti Fund	\$75.00

***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.

***Our Parish Offices will be Closed for the Christmas and New Year Holidays beginning Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24th through Monday, January 4th. We will reopen Tuesday, December 5th at 10:00am. In case of an emergency, please call Pam at 919-820-1986.

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 – December 12th & 13th, 2020

Tuesday, December 8th – 8:30am – 29

7:00pm Mass – Attendance Not Recorded

Saturday Night Mass 5:30pm = 38

Sunday Morning Mass 9:00am = 95

Spanish Mass = Attendance not Recorded



PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND GOOD HEALTH

Emily Adams	Elizabeth Alley	Camb Ashley
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
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)

Church Cleaning Schedule

12/21 thru 12/27 – Our Hispanic Community
 12/28 thru 1/3/2021 – Dan Gibbs Family
 1/4/21 thru 1/10/21 – Teresa Nguyen & Nguyen Sisters



12/19 – Bob Ryalls, Joe Drexler & Dan Gibbs
 12/20 – Jim Milby, Tuan Nguyen & Jim Pyne
 12/24 – 5:30pm - Abby Lazar, Shawn Lazar & Bob Ryalls
 12/24 – 9:00pm – Joe Drexler, Dan Gibbs & Jim Vadas
 12/25 – Tuan Nguyen, Jim Pyne & Jim Milby
 12/26 – Joe Drexler, Bob Ryalls & Dan Gibbs
 12/27 – Jim Milby, Tuan Nguyen & Jim Vadas



12/19 – David Seckora & Joe Drexler
 12/20 – Pat Barron & Kim DiLandro
 12/24 – 5:30pm – Scott Rae & Colleen Rae
 12/24 – 9:00pm – Jim Vadas & Pattie Vadas
 12/25 – Bill Madigan & Joe Pincus
 12/26 – Tom Fauber & Lorraine Ryalls
 12/27 – Kim DiLandro & Kay Shaw

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Mary is an example to us all as we face uncertain futures, or problems that seem bigger than our ability to cope. Mary is able to hear God's call to her above the noise which so easily could have drowned it out. We all have to try and ensure that we give space for God's voice to be heard in our own lives. The noise of the season can be overbearing – the rush to buy and wrap gifts, to get cards in the mail, to decorate and bake – all of this "noise" can easily cause us to not hear God when He is calling us.

Take some time this last week of Advent to be still and listen. Adults: How can you block out time this week to listen for God's voice? Children: When can you sit still this week to listen for God to speak to you in prayer?

DO YOU KNOW?

Greccio is the spot in central Italy where Saint Francis of Assisi created the first Christmas crib in the year 1223. Francis, recalling a visit he had made years before to Bethlehem, resolved to create the manger he had seen there. The ideal spot was a cave in nearby Greccio. He would find a baby – we're not sure if it was a live infant or the carved image of a baby – hay upon which to lay him, an ox and an ass to stand beside the manger. Word went out to the people of the town. At the appointed time, they arrived carrying torches and candles.

Our Church Calendars are here for 2021!!!

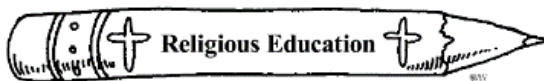
Please look in the back of the Church for the new Calendars

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Dominic of Silos was born in Spain around the year 1000 into a peasant family. He became a Benedictine priest. Following a dispute with the king, Dominic and two other monks were exiled. They established a new monastery that became one of the most famous houses in Spain. Many healings were reported there. About 100 years after Dominic's death, a young woman who experienced difficult pregnancies made a pilgrimage to his tomb. There Dominic of Silos appeared to her and assured her that she would bear another son. The woman was Joan of Aza, and the son she bore grew up to be the "other" Dominic - Dominic Guzman, the one who founded the Dominicans. For hundreds of years thereafter, the staff used by Saint Dominic of Silos was brought to the royal palace whenever a queen of Spain was in labor. That practice ended in 1931.



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



There are no Sunday Classes on December 27th. They will resume on January 3rd.

The next Confirmation Class is scheduled for January 3rd at 6:30pm in the Boogaard Hall.



The Incarnation: "By His incarnation the Son of God has united Himself in some fashion with every human being" (Vatican II, GS 22). This saving event reveals to humanity not only the boundless love of God who "so loved the world that He gave His only Son" (Jn 3:16), but also the *incomparable value of every human person*. The Church, faithfully contemplating the mystery of the Redemption, acknowledges this value with ever new wonder. She feels called to proclaim to the people of all times this "Gospel", the source of invincible hope and true joy for every period of history. *The Gospel of God's love for man, the Gospel of the dignity of the person and the Gospel of life are a single and indivisible Gospel*" (Pope John Paul II, The Gospel of Life, n.2). (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).

Advent & Christmas Mass Schedule

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.

Mass Readings: The Fourth Sunday of Advent

A reading from the Second Book of Samuel

When King David was settled in his palace, and the LORD had given him rest from his enemies on every side, he said to Nathan the prophet, "Here I am living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God dwells in a tent!" Nathan answered the king, "Go, do whatever you have in mind, for the LORD is with you." But that night the LORD spoke to Nathan and said: "Go, tell my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD: Should you build me a house to dwell in?' " "It was I who took you from the pasture and from the care of the flock to be commander of my people Israel. I have been with you wherever you went, and I have destroyed all your enemies before you. And I will make you famous like the great ones of the earth. I will fix a place for my people Israel; I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place without further disturbance. Neither shall the wicked continue to afflict them as they did of old, since the time I first appointed judges over my people Israel. I will give you rest from all your enemies. The LORD also reveals to you that he will establish a house for you. And when your time comes and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your heir after you, sprung from your loins, and I will make his kingdom firm. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me; your throne shall stand firm forever."

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

R. Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

The promises of the LORD I will sing forever; through all generations my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness. For you have said, "My kindness is established forever"; in heaven you have confirmed your faithfulness.

R. Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

"I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to David my servant: Forever will I confirm your posterity and establish your throne for all generations."

R. Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

"He shall say of me, 'You are my father, my God, the Rock, my savior.' Forever I will maintain my kindness toward him, and my covenant with him stands firm."

R. Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul of the Romans

Brothers and sisters: To him who can strengthen you, according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret for long ages but now manifested through the prophetic writings and, according to the command of the eternal God, made known to all nations to bring about the obedience of faith, to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ be glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. "Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." But Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?" And the angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you.

Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God." Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

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!!!

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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