

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 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 5th & 6th, 2020



Sat	12/5 – Gilbert Silvia, Jr. (RIP)	Fr. Oscar
	Requested by Janice McGowan	
Sun	12/6 – Henry J. Kopacki, Jr. (RIP)	Fr. Oscar
	Anniversary of Death on 12/5	
	Requested by Marian Kopacki & Family	
Mon	12/7 – No Mass	
Tue	12/8 – Maria Kopacki (RIP)	Fr. Oscar
	Anniversary of Birthday 12/7	
	Requested by Marian Kopacki & Family	
Wed	12/9 – Anna & Richard Kozlowski (RIP)	Fr. Oscar
	Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler	
Thurs	12/10 – Mark Drexler, Jr. (RIP)	Fr. Oscar
	Requested by Janice McGowan & Family	
Fri	12/11 – Francis Xavier Dinh Hong NHI (RIP)	Fr. Oscar
	100 th Day Anniversary of Death	
	Requested by Quan Dinh & Sandy Lam Dinh	
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	

Collections for November 28th & 29th, 2020

Parish Operations	\$3,011.00
Online Giving as of 11/17/2020	150.00
Christmas Flowers	140.00
Poor Box	13.00
Votive Stand	41.00
Thanksgiving	260.00
Total	\$3,615.00
Amount needed weekly for Parish Operations is	\$3,940
Restricted, Special Use or Sent out of Parish	
Facilities Repairs and Maintenance Fund	\$25.00
Cemetery Fund	\$50.00
Haiti Fund	\$20.00
Archdiocese of the Military Service	\$25.00

***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.

Mass Attendance - November 28th & 29th, 2020

Saturday Night Mass 5:30pm = 25

Sunday Morning Mass 9:00am = 78

No Spanish Mass at 4:00pm

Thanksgiving Day Mass 9:00am 11/26 = 42

Our Church Calendars are here for 2021!!! Please look in the back of the Church for the new Calendars

*****HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: Tuesday, December 8th is the Feast of the immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and a Holy Day of Obligation – Masses are at 8:30am & 7:00pm.**



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
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Amanda Fincher	Natalee Franzyshe	Mrs. French
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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

- 12/7 thru 12/13 – Tom & Rowena Fauber
- 12/14 thru 12/20 – Gary & Jackie Silvia
- 12/21 thru 12/27 – Our Hispanic Community



- 12/5 – Shawn Lazar, Abby Lazar & Dan Gibbs
- 12/6 – Jim Milby, David Haviland & Dawson Haviland
- 12/8 – David Seckora, Joe Drexler & Bob Ryalls
- 12/12 – David Seckora, David Haviland & Dawson Haviland
- 12/13 – Craig Smith, Tuan Nguyen & Jim Pyne



- 12/5 – Pattie Vadas & Jim Vadas
- 12/6 – Bill Madigan & Pat Barron
- 12/8 – Lorraine Ryalls & Jackie Silvia
- 12/12 – Jackie Silvia & Tom Fauber
- 12/13 – Joe Pincus & Danielle Smith

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What is the message of John to us as we prepare for the faith-deepening experience of the Birth of Jesus, the Christ? The message is the same as John preached to the Jews: "Prepare by seeking forgiveness." What gets in the way of our appreciating God's gift of Jesus as Savior is that we have let idols clutter our lives as the Jews of old did.

Does our abundance, our need for recognition, and our longing for security become ends and not means? Have they become the little idols we worship? So John is inviting us to transformation of heart by acknowledging and confessing our sins so we can be attentive to the true "reason for the season."

Adults: What is cluttering your life that is keeping you from preparing for the coming of Christ?

Children: What is getting in your way of fully loving Jesus?

DO YOU KNOW?

Archbishop Wilton Gregory recently became the Catholic Church's first African American cardinal during an installation ceremony in Rome. He was one of 13 men - and the only American - elevated to the College of Cardinals. Because of the coronavirus pandemic, two of the bishops were not in Rome for the ceremony, another first in Church history, according to Vatican News. In keeping with the Pope's concerns for Catholics who have been historically marginalized, the other new cardinals include men from Rwanda, Brunei, Chile, and the Philippines.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Blessed Adolph Kolping grew up as the son of a shepherd. As the age of 18 he went to Cologne as a shoemaker's assistant. He was shocked by the living conditions of most people living there, which influenced his decision to become a priest. He was ordained on April 10, 1845. In 1847 he became the second president of the Catholic Association of Journeymen, which gave young journeymen religious and social support. In 1849 he returned to Cologne as vicar of the cathedral and helped establish Cologne's Association of Journeymen. Until his death he labored to spread the federation of journeymen associations. By the year of his death, 1865, there were more than four hundred journeymen associations worldwide. Blessed Kolping's feast day is December 6th and he is the patron of World Youth Day.



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

Visit our Website: To see a story, a timeline, pictures, and view the video of the rededication of the St. John of Kanti Cemetery Ceremony, please visit our Website at www.olbs-catholic.org. There you can see how the vision Kody Kopacki had for the revitalization of the Cemetery evolved and came to fruition. You can watch it all from the comfort of your own home. The transformation is astounding! What a wonderful gift to our parish! Thank you, Bob for putting everything on the Website so all can see how beautiful it is!



The Divine Child's Birth: Advent leads the Church to the Silent Night when God Himself is revealed as one of us. This season leads us to the joy of His birth. If God has joined His nature to ours, how can we ever allow our nature to be despised? If He has come to bring us Divine Life, and will return to take us to the skies, how can it be all right to throw people in the garbage? May His birth shed protection on all about to be born, and as we work to end abortion, may we "wait in joyful hope for the coming of Our Savior, Jesus Christ." (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: 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: There is just a handful of tags left on the tree and for those that are still on the tree, we will have until December 12th to return them. The generosity of this parish is unmatched and very much appreciated! **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.

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.

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.

Mass Readings: The Second Sunday of Advent

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her service is at an end, her guilt is expiated; indeed, she has received from the hand of the LORD double for all her sins. A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God! Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill shall be made low; the rugged land shall be made a plain, the rough country, a broad valley. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken. Go up on to a high mountain, Zion, herald of glad tidings; cry out at the top of your voice, Jerusalem, herald of good news! Fear not to cry out and say to the cities of Judah: Here is your God! Here comes with power the Lord GOD, who rules by his strong arm; here is his reward with him, his recompense before him. Like a shepherd he feeds his flock; in his arms he gathers the lambs, carrying them in his bosom, and leading the ewes with care.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what God proclaims; the LORD—for he proclaims peace to his people. Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him, glory dwelling in our land.

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

Kindness and truth shall meet; justice and peace shall kiss. Truth shall spring out of the earth, and justice shall look down from heaven.

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

The LORD himself will give his benefits; our land shall yield its increase. Justice shall walk before him, and prepare the way of his steps.

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

A reading from the Second Letter of Saint Peter

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day. The Lord does not delay his promise, as some regard “delay,” but he is patient with you, not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar and the elements will be dissolved by fire, and the earth and everything done on it will be found out. Since everything is to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be, conducting yourselves in holiness and devotion, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved in flames and the elements melted by fire. But according to his promise we await new heavens

and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

Therefore, beloved, since you await these things, be eager to be found without spot or blemish before him, at peace.

The Word of the Lord

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: All flesh shall see the salvation of God.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: *Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way. A voice of one crying out in the desert:*

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.”

John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. John was clothed in camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed: “One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

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.



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 sincerest condolences go out to Joe Pincus and family for the loss of his sister-in-law, Alice. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon her.

Please also pray for the family of Howard Langley, a long-time parishioner who passed on Thanksgiving Day. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon him.

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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