

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.

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 9th & 10th, 2021



Sat	1/9 – Art West (RIP) Requested by Catherine Fudella	Fr. Oscar
Sun	1/10 – Virginia Ryczak (RIP) Requested by Janice McGowan Art West (RIP) Requested by the Watkins Family	Fr. Oscar
Mon	1/11 – No Mass	
Tue	1/12 – Virginia Ryczak (RIP) Requested by Catherine Fudella	Fr. Oscar
Wed	1/13 – Richard & Anna Kozlowski (RIP) Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler	Fr. Oscar
Thurs	1/14 – Joe Sr, Elsie & Johnnie Drexler (RIP) Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler	Fr. Oscar
Fri	1/15 – Kellie Anne Watkins In Honor of Birthday Requested by The Watkins Family	Fr. Oscar
Sat	1/16 – Gaetano Buffa (RIP) Requested by Catherine Fudella	Fr. Oscar
Sun	1/17 – Gaetano & Joe Buffa (RIP) Requested by The Watkins Family	Fr. Oscar

Collections for December 24th, 25th, 26th & 27th 2020, and January 1st, 2nd, and 3rd 2021

Parish Operations	\$5,737.00
Online Giving as of 12/22/2020	100.00
Supplemental Collection	15.00
Christmas Flowers	123.00
Christmas	2,470.00
Poor Box	23.00
Votive Candles	30.00
All Saints Day	2.00
All Souls Day	2.00
Initial Offering	214.00
Solemnity of Mary	545.00
Total	\$9,261.00
Amount needed weekly for Parish Operations is Restricted, Special Use or Sent out of Parish	\$3,940
Facilities Repairs and Maintenance Fund	\$1,570.00
Haiti Fund	\$160.00
Maintenance Savings Fund	\$60.00
Catholic Charities	\$435.00

***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.

Masses Continue to be Offered!

***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 early 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 24th through January 3rd, 2021

Christmas Eve 5:30pm	= 113
Christmas Eve 9:00pm	= 51
Christmas Day 9:00am	= 40
Saturday, December 26 th 5:30pm	= 40
Sunday, December 27 th 9:00am	= 78
Solemnity of Mary, January 1 st 9:00am	= 42
Saturday, January 2 nd 5:30pm	= 47
Sunday, January 3 rd 9:00am	= 96
Spanish Mass, January 3 rd 4:00pm	= 28



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	Nancy Caramucci	Sal Caramucci
Kathryn Carson	Kevin Carson	Lucy Carson
Tim Collier	Meredith Crowe	Eric Crump
The D'Alema Family	Vincent D'elia	Denise DePompeo
Dale Dippre	Dexter Dix	Larry Dzula, Jr.
Michelle Eshelman	Amanda Fincher	Natalee Franzyszen
Kelli Gaeta	Margaret Geron	Jim Gregory
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Mary Ann Hooper	Gail Justin	Bob Kay
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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

- 1/4/21 thru 1/10/21 – Teresa Nguyen & Nguyen Sisters
- 1/11 thru 1/17 – Tom & Rowena Fauber
- 1/18 thru 1/24 – Gary & Jackie Silvia



- 1/9 – Abby Lazar, Shawn Lazar & David Seckora
- 1/10 – Dave Haviland, Dawson Haviland & Tuan Nguyen
- 1/16 – Abby Lazar, Shawn Lazar & Bob Ryalls
- 1/17 – Jim Milby, Jim Pyne & Craig Smith



- 1/9 – Jim Vadas & Pattie Vadas
- 1/10 – Scott Rae & Colleen Rae
- 1/16 – Lorraine Ryalls & Joe Drexler
- 1/17 – Kay Shaw & Bill Madigan



- 1/10 – Sarah Rae
- 1/24 – Bill Madigan
- 1/17 – Jim Vadas
- 1/31 – Sarah Rae

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Jesus' baptism by John was a mystical experience that Jesus felt deep within His soul at the crucial turning point in His life. The opening of the Heavens with the Holy Spirit descending as a Dove upon Jesus and the voice declaring of Him, "This is My beloved Son with Whom I am well pleased" are God's revelation to mankind of the Mystery that He is Triune. The Presence of the Triune God at this baptism reveals Jesus' true identity and mission. The Heavens' opening also indicates that this was a moment of God's powerful intervention in human history and in the life of His Son. At our baptism we, too, are marked with the Trinity and become beloved children of God. Adults: Does your daily life reflect that you are God's beloved? Children: Do you live your life so that others know you are a child of God?

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Born in London, William Carter served as apprentice to well-known Catholic printers. William served time in prison following his arrest for "printing lewd (i.e., Catholic) pamphlets" as well as possessing books upholding Catholicism. He offended public officials by publishing works that aimed to keep Catholics firm in their faith. Officials who searched his house found various vestments and suspect books, and even managed to extract information from William's distraught wife. Over the next 18 months, William remained in prison, suffering torture and learning of his wife's death. He was eventually charged with printing and publishing the *Treatise of Schisme*, which allegedly incited violence by Catholics and which was said to have been written by a traitor and addressed to traitors. While William calmly placed his trust in God, the jury met for only 15 minutes before reaching a verdict of guilty. William, who made his final confession to a priest who was being tried alongside him, was hanged, drawn, and quartered the following day: January 11, 1584. He was beatified in 1987.

DO YOU KNOW?

Episcopal/Episcopate pertains to the office of bishop (*Greek: episkopos*), hence episcopal consecration, the episcopal college, episcopal conferences. Episcopate is a collective noun referring to all those who have received sacramental ordination as bishops.



To our couples with anniversaries in January:
 Quan Dinh & Sandy Lam – 1/18/2020; Bill &
 Edwina Madigan – 1/28/1967

***Thanks to the generosity of our Local Knights of Columbus, we have Church Calendars at the back of the Church. Please take one for your family. If you are unable to attend Mass and would like for us to mail a Calendar for 2021, please contact the Parish Office at 804-843-3125 Tuesday – Thursday. Or send an email to adminassistant@olbs-catholic.org.



News from the Knights of Columbus Council #8116

Even in the midst of COVID-19, the Knights have been active:

- ✓ With the help of local businesses, in addition to the Knights' contribution, the "Coats for Kids" donated 72 new coats to the local school. With that success, we plan to expand to King William and King & Queen next winter.
- ✓ The Red Cross Blood Drive was held December 21st at the Boogaard Hall where 28 donations were made. A big thank you to those Knights and parishioners who helped or donated!
- ✓ The Knights made a \$500 donation to the West Point Volunteer Fire Department.
- ✓ The Knights, as has been their tradition for the past few years, donated the funds for the parish to purchase the 2021 Parish Calendars for all of our parishioners.



Baptism and Life: "Whoever is moved by love begins to perceive what "life" really is. He begins to perceive the meaning of the word of hope that we encountered in the Baptismal Rite: from faith I await "eternal life" - the true life which, whole and unthreatened, in all its fullness, is simply life. Jesus, who said that he had come so that we might have life and have it in its fullness, in abundance (cf. Jn 10:10), has also explained to us what "life" means: "this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent" (Jn 17:3). Life in its true sense is not something we have exclusively in or from ourselves: it is a relationship. And life in its totality is a relationship with him who is the source of life. If we are in relation with him who does not die, who is Life itself and Love itself, then we are in life. Then we 'live'" – Pope Benedict XVI, Encyclical on Hope, November 30, 2007. (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).



A special thank you to Tom & Rowena Fauber; David Seckora; Joe Drexler; Kevin, Deidra, Kody, & Mason Kopacki; Jacinta & Misael Hernandez; Bernarda Lorenzo; and Werclain Salas for all your time and efforts with helping to make the Church beautiful as we celebrated the birth of our Lord and Savior! The Stunning beauty created certainly captured the Spirit of Christmas for all of us! Thank you all so much!!!

Mass Readings: The Baptism of the Lord

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

Thus says the LORD: All you who are thirsty, come to the water! You who have no money, come, receive grain and eat; come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and milk! Why spend your money for what is not bread, your wages for what fails to satisfy? Heed me, and you shall eat well, you shall delight in rich fare. Come to me heedfully, listen, that you may have life. I will renew with you the everlasting covenant, the benefits assured to David. As I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander of nations, so shall you summon a nation you knew not, and nations that knew you not shall run to you, because of the LORD, your God, the Holy One of Israel, who has glorified you. Seek the LORD while he may be found, call him while he is near. Let the scoundrel forsake his way, and the wicked man his thoughts; let him turn to the LORD for mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. As high as the heavens are above the earth so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts. For just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to the one who sows and bread to the one who eats, so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

R. You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

God indeed is my savior; I am confident and unafraid. My strength and my courage is the LORD, and he has been my savior. With joy you will draw water at the fountain of salvation.

R. You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

Give thanks to the LORD, acclaim his name; among the nations make known his deeds, proclaim how exalted is his name.

R. You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

Sing praise to the LORD for his glorious achievement; let this be known throughout all the earth. Shout with exultation, O city of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel!

R. You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

A reading from the First Letter of Saint John

Beloved: Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God, and everyone who loves the Father loves also the one begotten by him. In this way we know that we love the children of God when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And

the victory that conquers the world is our faith. Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came through water and blood, Jesus Christ, not by water alone, but by water and blood. The Spirit is the one who testifies, and the Spirit is truth. So there are three that testify, the Spirit, the water, and the blood, and the three are of one accord. If we accept human testimony, the testimony of God is surely greater. Now the testimony of God is this, that he has testified on behalf of his Son.

The Word of the Lord

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

John saw Jesus approaching him, and said: Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark

This is what John the Baptist 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." It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

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.



Our sincerest condolences to Margaret Varboncoeur and the Varboncoeur Family at the recent loss of Laura Varboncoeur Glidewell to cancer. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let the Perpetual Light shine upon her.

Also, our condolences to Mildred Hite and her family at the loss of her sister-in-law. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let the Perpetual Light shine upon her.

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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