

# 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.

2:30 P.M. (SPANISH MASS)

WEEKDAYS: 8:30 A.M. Tuesday - Friday

HOLIDAYS: 8:30 A.M. & 7:00 P.M.

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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.

**PALM SUNDAY**  
**March 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021**



Sat	3/27 – Von & Melvin Moody (RIP)	Fr. Oscar
	Requested by Theresa Drexler Moody	
Sun	3/28 – No Mass intention	
Mon	3/29 – No Mass	
Tue	3/30 – Joe Sr, Elsie & Johnny Drexler (RIP)	Fr. Oscar
	Requested by Theresa Drexler Moody	
Wed	3/31 – No Mass Intention	
Thurs	4/1 – No Mass Intention	
Fri	4/2 – No Mass Intention	
Sat	4/3 – No Mass Intention	
Sun	4/4 – Happy Easter!!!	

**\*\*\*There will be no Daily Masses or Mass Intentions the week of April 5<sup>th</sup> through April 9<sup>th</sup>. However, there will still be the Rosary Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.**

Collections for March 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021

Parish Operations	\$2,850.40
Supplemental Collection	266.44
Online Giving as of 3/9/2020	150.00
Easter Flowers	40.00
Votive Candles	3.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,309.84</b>
<b>Amount needed weekly for Parish Operations is</b>	<b>\$3,940</b>
Restricted, Special Use or Sent out of Parish	
Facilities Repairs & Maintenance	\$235.00
Cemetery Fund	\$35.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$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.

Attendance – March 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021

Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup> - 5:30pm = 40  
 Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup> - 9:00am = 102  
 Spanish Mass on March 21<sup>st</sup> - 2:30pm = 34

**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 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 & leaving Church.
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.



Holy Week Schedule

Wednesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> – Tenebrae – 7:00pm  
 Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup> – Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7:00pm  
 Good Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> – Rosary – 2:30pm  
 Stations of the Cross – 3:00pm  
 Liturgy of the Lord's Passion – 7:00pm  
 Holy Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> – Blessing of the Food Baskets – 11:00am  
 Easter Vigil – 8:00pm  
 Easter Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup> – Easter Mass – 9:00am



**PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND GOOD HEALTH**

Emily Adams	Elizabeth Alley	Camb Ashley
Candace Barefoot	Virginia Becker	Paulette Berberich
Linda Blevins	Ron Blevins	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 Franzyszen
Kelli Gaeta	Margaret Geron	Jim Gregory
Pat Hinkle	Kelly Hipple	Tom Hollowak
Mary Ann Hooper	Ellen Horseman	Gail Justin
Bob Kay	John Kellam	Bill Kessler
Gloria Kojcsich	Bonnie Kopacki	Joyce Kostrzewa
Gordon Langston	Patricia Lanuza	Ashley Larson
Henry 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	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	Jim Tokarz
Mae Touray	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

- 3/22 thru 3/28 – Tom & Rowena Fauber
- 3/29 thru 4/4 - Gary & Jackie Silvia
- 4/5 thru 4/11 – Our Hispanic Community



- 3/27 – Joe Drexler, David Seckora & Dan Gibbs
- 3/28 – Jim Pyne, Craig Smith & Tuan Nguyen
- 3/31 – Joe Drexler, David Seckora & Bob Ryalls
- 4/1 – Dan Gibbs, David Haviland & Dawson Haviland
- 4/2 – Jim Vadas, David Seckora & Joe Drexler
- 4/3 – Bob Ryalls, Dan Gibbs & Craig Smith
- 4/4 – Jim Pyne, Tuan Nguyen & Jim Vadas



- 3/27 – Jim Vadas & Pattie Vadas
- 3/28 – Bill Madigan & Kim DiLandro
- 3/31 – Joe Drexler, Lorraine Ryalls, David Seckora & Kay Shaw
- 4/1 – Jim Vadas & Pattie Vadas
- 4/2 – Jackie Silvia & Joe Pincus
- 4/3 – Joe Drexler, Lorraine Ryalls, Kay Shaw & Danielle Smith
- 4/4 – Scott Rae & Colleen Rae



- 3/28 – Sarah Rae
- 4/1 – Jim Vadas
- 4/2 – Gary Silvia

- 4/3 – Joe Drexler
- 4/4 – Bill Madigan

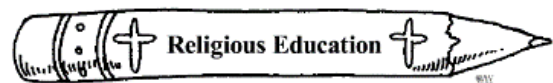
**QUESTION OF THE WEEK**

Let us take a fresh look at the events of Palm Sunday. It could change us forever because the Passion of Jesus shows us that we are sinners who have crucified Jesus, and we are able to turn to Jesus again and ask for His mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It is through the Passion of Jesus we receive forgiveness, *"through His wounds we are healed."*

- Adults: What relationships in your life need to be reconciled?
- Children: What can you do to show others the love of Jesus?

**SAINT OF THE WEEK**

Some Franciscan saints led fairly public lives; Catharine of Bologna represents the saints who served the Lord in obscurity. While a student she developed some interest and talent in painting. In later years as a Poor Clare, Catharine sometimes did manuscript illumination and also painted miniatures. In 1456, she and 15 other sisters were sent to establish a Poor Clare monastery in Florence. As abbess, Catharine worked to preserve the peace of the new community. Her reputation for holiness drew many young women to the Poor Clare life. She was canonized in 1712. Her feast day is March 28<sup>th</sup> and she is the patron of artists.



There are no classes on Easter Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup>.

## DO YOU KNOW?

In Medieval Europe, Christians would abstain from eating eggs and meat during Lent. Eggs laid during that time were often boiled to preserve them and were given as Easter gifts to children and servants. Some traditions claim the Easter egg is symbolic of the Resurrection of Jesus, with the shell of the egg representing the sealed Tomb and cracking the shell representing the Resurrection. Christians in the Middle East and in Greece painted eggs bright red to symbolize the blood of Christ.

### Job Announcement for OLBS

Coordinator of Christian Formation  
Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament parish in West Point is seeking applicants for the position of Coordinator of Christian Formation. The successful applicant must be a practicing Catholic in good standing. The position is responsible for overseeing the faith formation programs for pre-school through adult, sacramental preparation, RCIA and youth ministry. This is a 20 hour per week part-time position with flexible hours to include nights and weekends, available July 1, 2021. Salary is negotiable based upon qualifications and experience. Submit a completed Diocese of Richmond employment application with a cover letter to *Father Oscar Paraiso, Pastor, Our lady of the Blessed Sacrament catholic Church, 207 West Euclid Blvd., West Point, VA 23181* no later than April 14, 2021.



To our couples with anniversaries in March: Shawn & Erin Lazar – 3/6/2004 and David & Donna Haviland – 3/7/1998.



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 10:15am through 4:30pm. Any other times, please contact Pam Watkins at 919-820-1986 (cell phone).



The People of Life, Born from the Cross: "When Jesus had received the vinegar, he said, 'It is finished'; and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit" (Jn 19:30). Afterwards, the Roman soldier "pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water" (Jn 19:34). Everything has now reached its complete fulfillment. The "giving up" of the spirit describes Jesus' death, a death like that of every other human being, but it also seems to allude to the "gift of the Spirit", by which Jesus ransoms us from death and opens before us a new life. It is the very life of God which is now shared with man. It is the life which through the Sacraments of the Church - symbolized by the blood and water flowing from Christ's side - is continually given to God's children, making them the people of the New Covenant. From the Cross, the source of life, the "people of life" is born and increases" (The Gospel of Life, n.51). (Priests for Life)



Our sincerest condolences to Arlene Lasch and family at the loss of her daughter-in-law, Tracy Lasch. God be with the family as they travel for the services. And may she rest in peace and the Perpetual Light shine upon her.



News from the Knights of Columbus  
Another Red Cross Blood Drive will be held at the Boogaard Hall on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 from 1:00pm to 6:00pm. The event is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Those wishing to donate blood must make an appointment with the Red Cross online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) or by calling 1-800-733-2767.



## **Mass Readings: Palm Sunday**

### **A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah**

The Lord GOD has given me a well-trained tongue, that I might know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them. Morning after morning he opens my ear that I may hear; and I have not rebelled, have not turned back. I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting. The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame.

### **The Word of the Lord**

#### **Responsorial Psalm**

##### **R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

All who see me scoff at me; they mock me with parted lips, they wag their heads: "He relied on the LORD; let him deliver him, let him rescue him, if he loves him."

##### **R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

Indeed, many dogs surround me, a pack of evildoers closes in upon me; They have pierced my hands and my feet; I can count all my bones.

##### **R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

They divide my garments among them, and for my vesture they cast lots. But you, O LORD, be not far from me; O my help, hasten to aid me.

##### **R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

I will proclaim your name to my brethren; in the midst of the assembly I will praise you: "You who fear the LORD, praise him; all you descendants of Jacob, give glory to him; revere him, all you descendants of Israel!"

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#### **A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians**

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

### **The Word of the Lord**

#### **Verse before the Gospel**

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## **The Passion of our Lord according to Mark**

The Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread were to take place in two days' time. So the chief priests and the scribes were seeking a way to arrest him by treachery and put him to death. They said, "Not during the festival, for fear that there may be a riot among the people." When he was in Bethany reclining at table in the house of Simon the leper, a woman came with an alabaster jar of perfumed oil, costly genuine spikenard. She broke the alabaster jar and poured it on his head. There were some who were indignant. "Why has there been this waste of perfumed oil? It could have been sold for more than three hundred days' wages and the money given to the poor." They were infuriated with her. Jesus said, "Let her alone. Why do you make trouble for her? She has done a good thing for me. The poor you will always have with you, and whenever you wish you can do good to them, but you will not always have me. She has done what she could. She has anticipated anointing my body for burial. Amen, I say to you, wherever the gospel is proclaimed to the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her." Then Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, went off to the chief priests to hand him over to them. When they heard him they were pleased and promised to pay him money. Then he looked for an opportunity to hand him over. On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, his disciples said to him, "Where do you want us to go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?" He sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the city and a man will meet you, carrying a jar of water. Follow him. Wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says, "Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?'" Then he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready. Make the preparations for us there." The disciples then went off, entered the city, and found it just as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover. When it was evening, he came with the Twelve. And as they reclined at table and were eating, Jesus said, "Amen, I say to you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me." They began to be distressed and to say to him, one by one, "Surely it is not I?" He said to them, "One of the Twelve, the one who dips with me into the dish. For the Son of Man indeed goes, as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed. It would be better for that man if he had never been born." While they were eating, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, and said, "Take it; this is my body" Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many. Amen, I say to you, I shall not drink again the fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." Then, after singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them, "All of you will have your faith shaken, for it is written: *I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be*

*dispersed.* But after I have been raised up, I shall go before you to Galilee." Peter said to him, "Even though all should have their faith shaken, mine will not be." Then Jesus said to him, "Amen, I say to you, this very night before the cock crows twice you will deny me three times." But he vehemently replied, "Even though I should have to die with you, I will not deny you." And they all spoke similarly. Then they came to a place named Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." He took with him Peter, James, and John, and began to be troubled and distressed. Then he said to them, "My soul is sorrowful even to death. Remain here and keep watch." He advanced a little and fell to the ground and prayed that if it were possible the hour might pass by him; he said, "Abba, Father, all things are possible to you. Take this cup away from me, but not what I will but what you will." When he returned he found them asleep. He said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep watch for one hour? Watch and pray that you may not undergo the test. The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak." Withdrawing again, he prayed, saying the same thing. Then he returned once more and found them asleep, for they could not keep their eyes open and did not know what to answer him. He returned a third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough. The hour has come. Behold, the Son of Man is to be handed over to sinners. Get up, let us go. See, my betrayer is at hand." Then, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived, accompanied by a crowd with swords and clubs who had come from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. His betrayer had arranged a signal with them, saying, "The man I shall kiss is the one; arrest him and lead him away securely." He came and immediately went over to him and said, "Rabbi." And he kissed him. At this they laid hands on him and arrested him. One of the bystanders drew his sword, struck the high priest's servant, and cut off his ear. Jesus said to them in reply, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs, to seize me? Day after day I was with you teaching in the temple area, yet you did not arrest me; but that the Scriptures may be fulfilled." And they all left him and fled. Now a young man followed him wearing nothing but a linen cloth about his body. They seized him, but he left the cloth behind and ran off naked. They led Jesus away to the high priest, and all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes came together. Peter followed him at a distance into the high priest's courtyard and was seated with the guards, warming himself at the fire. The chief priests and the entire Sanhedrin kept trying to obtain testimony against Jesus in order to put him to death, but they found none. Many gave false witness against him, but their testimony did not agree. Some took the stand and testified falsely against him, alleging, "We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple made with hands and within three days I will build another not made with hands.'" Even so their testimony did not agree. The high priest rose before the assembly and

questioned Jesus, saying, "Have you no answer? What are these men testifying against you?" But he was silent and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked him and said to him, "Are you the Christ, the son of the Blessed One?" Then Jesus answered, "I am; and 'you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power and coming with the clouds of heaven.'" At that the high priest tore his garments and said, "What further need have we of witnesses? You have heard the blasphemy. What do you think?" They all condemned him as deserving to die. Some began to spit on him. They blindfolded him and struck him and said to him, "Prophecy!" And the guards greeted him with blows. While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the high priest's maids came along. Seeing Peter warming himself, she looked intently at him and said, "You too were with the Nazarene, Jesus." But he denied it saying, "I neither know nor understand what you are talking about." So he went out into the outer court. Then the cock crowed. The maid saw him and began again to say to the bystanders, "This man is one of them." Once again he denied it. A little later the bystanders said to Peter once more, "Surely you are one of them; for you too are a Galilean." He began to curse and to swear, "I do not know this man about whom you are talking." And immediately a cock crowed a second time. Then Peter remembered the word that Jesus had said to him, "Before the cock crows twice you will deny me three times." He broke down and wept. As soon as morning came, the chief priests with the elders and the scribes, that is, the whole Sanhedrin held a council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate questioned him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" He said to him in reply, "You say so." The chief priests accused him of many things. Again Pilate questioned him, "Have you no answer? See how many things they accuse you of." Jesus gave him no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed. Now on the occasion of the feast he used to release to them one prisoner whom they requested. A man called Barabbas was then in prison along with the rebels who had committed murder in a rebellion. The crowd came forward and began to ask him to do for them as he was accustomed. Pilate answered, "Do you want me to release to you the king of the Jews?" For he knew that it was out of envy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate again said to them in reply, "Then what do you want me to do with the man you call the king of the Jews?" They shouted again, "Crucify him." Pilate said to them, "Why? What evil has he done?" They only shouted the louder, "Crucify him." So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas to them and, after he had Jesus scourged, handed him over to be crucified. The soldiers led him away inside the palace, that is, the praetorium, and assembled the whole cohort. They clothed him in purple and, weaving a crown of thorns, placed it on him. They began to salute him with, "Hail, King of the

Jews!" and kept striking his head with a reed and spitting upon him. They knelt before him in homage. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple cloak, dressed him in his own clothes, and led him out to crucify him. They pressed into service a passer-by, Simon, a Cyrenian, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross. They brought him to the place of Golgotha— which is translated Place of the Skull —, They gave him wine drugged with myrrh, but he did not take it. Then they crucified him and divided his garments by casting lots for them to see what each should take. It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." With him they crucified two revolutionaries, one on his right and one on his left. Those passing by reviled him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself by coming down from the cross." Likewise the chief priests, with the scribes, mocked him among themselves and said, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also kept abusing him. At noon darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And at three o'clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "*Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?*" which is translated, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Some of the bystanders who heard it said, "Look, he is calling Elijah." One of them ran, soaked a sponge with wine, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink saying, "Wait, let us see if Elijah comes to take him down." Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. *Here all kneel and pause for a short time.* The veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom. When the centurion who stood facing him saw how he breathed his last he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!" There were also women looking on from a distance. Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of the younger James and of Joses, and Salome. These women had followed him when he was in Galilee and ministered to him. There were also many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem. When it was already evening, since it was the day of preparation, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a distinguished member of the council, who was himself awaiting the kingdom of God, came and courageously went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate was amazed that he was already dead. He summoned the centurion and asked him if Jesus had already died. And when he learned of it from the centurion, he gave the body to Joseph. Having bought a linen cloth, he took him down, wrapped him in the linen cloth, and laid him in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. Then he rolled a stone against the entrance to the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses watched where he was laid.

**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.**

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