

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 17th & 18th, 2021



Sat	4/17 – Charlie Sturtz (RIP) 6 th Anniversary of Death 4/12/2016 Requested by Jeanie Sturtz	Fr. Oscar
Sun	4/18 – Ed Kopacki (RIP) Anniversary of Birthday 4/13 Requested by Virginia Kopacki	Fr. Oscar
Mon	4/19 – No Mass	
Tue	4/20 – Patricia Seckora (RIP) Anniversary of Death Requested by David Seckora	Fr. Oscar
Wed	4/21 – Roland Klisiewicz, Jr. (RIP) Anniversary of Birthday Requested by The Watkins Family	Fr. Oscar
Thurs	4/22 – Joe, Elsie & Johnnie Drexler (RIP) Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler	Fr. Oscar
Fri	4/23 – Rose Seckora (RIP) Anniversary of Death Requested by David Seckora	Fr. Oscar
Sat	4/24 – Joe Buffa (RIP) Requested by Knights of Columbus Fr. Jakubowski Council #8116	Fr. Oscar
Sun	4/25 – Gaetano Buffa (RIP) Requested by Knights of Columbus Fr. Jakubowski Council #8116	Fr. Oscar

Collections for April 10th & 11th, 2021

Parish Operations	\$3,273.00
Supplemental Collection	15.00
Online Giving as of 3/30/2021	300.00
Holy Thursday	10.00
Good Friday	20.00
Votive Stand	10.00
Poor Box	2.00
Total	\$3,630.00
Amount needed weekly for Parish Operations is	\$3,940
Restricted, Special Use or Sent out of Parish	
Facilities Repairs & Maintenance	\$285.00
Haiti Fund	\$574.00

***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. For those who have not received a vaccine and continue to feel uncomfortable returning to Mass, 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 discouraged.
9. Sanitize hands when entering & leaving Church.

10. Bulletins will be available at Masses.

***We will continue to make the bulletins available online and mail bulletins to those without Internet access. Please let us know if we can discontinue mailing bulletins to you.**

Schedule for the Week of April 19th – 25th

Monday, April 19th – No Daily Mass – Adoration
Mercy Center Chapel 12noon until 10pm

Tuesday, April 20th – Mass 8:30am – Adoration in
Mercy Center Chapel 12noon until 10pm

Wednesday, April 21st – Mass 8:30am

Thursday, April 22nd – Mass 8:30am

Friday, April 23rd – Mass 8:30am

**Most Rosary – 6:30pm in Church
(Livestreamed)**

Saturday, April 24th – Mass – 5:30pm

Sunday, April 25th – Fourth Sunday of Easter
Mass – 9:00am (Livestreamed)
Faith Formation – 10:15am – Hall
Parish Council – 10:15am
Spanish Mass – 2:30pm



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 Nowtzie	Desiree Page
Ka'varus Penticolas	Brett Pickens	Pam Rigsby
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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

- 4/12 thru 4/18 – Dan Gibbs Family
- 4/18 thru 4/25 – Teresa Nguyen & Nguyen Sisters
- 4/26 thru 5/2 – Tom & Rowena Fauber



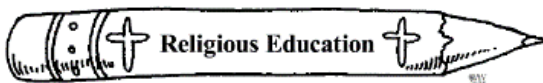
- 4/17 – David Seckora, Joe Drexler & Bob Ryalls
- 4/18 – Craig Smith, Jim Pyne & Tuan Nguyen
- 4/24 – Dan Gibbs, David Seckora & Joe Drexler
- 4/25 – Jim Pyne, Craig Smith & Tuan Nguyen



- 4/17 – Jim Vadas & Pattie Vadas
- 4/18 – Scott Rae & Colleen Rae
- 4/24 – Lorraine Ryalls & Joe Drexler
- 4/25 – Susan Thompson & Kim DiLandro



- 4/18 – Sarah Rae
- 4/25 – Jim Pyne



May 2nd is the last class for Sunday morning Christian Formation.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Like the disciples, our strength comes from the peace that Christ bestows on us – not as the world gives it, but as Jesus does. Worldly peace depends entirely on circumstances. It is contingent on things going well for us. God's peace means that even if the whole world is against us, it really doesn't matter. He has overcome the world. He is with us, for us, defending and advocating for us. Jesus doesn't mean that once we have this conviction, our troubles will cease, that there will be no further cause for sorrow and worry, but that we will have the peace to take it all with the strength that comes from His victory. We will hear the Lord's voice come across our troubled waters, through locked doors, through fear and trembling, saying: "Peace, be still. I am Risen and with you always."

Adults: Do you sometimes forget that Jesus is with you when the going gets rough?

Children: Do you remember that Jesus is with you in good times and bad?

OLBS Scholarship

***It is time to Apply for the OLBS Scholarship! You must be a graduating high school senior and an active member of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church parish. Please call the parish office at 804-843-3125 or email to olbs@olbs-catholic.org for more information or to have an application sent to you. This is a faith-based scholarship which reflects the service and leadership of the applicant within our faith community. There is a single \$1,000 scholarship. *This year's scholarship applications must be returned to the Mercy Center Offices no later than May 31, 2021 and addressed to the Scholarship Review Committee.* Additional copies of the application are available at the Mercy Center Office. Please call the parish office at 804-843-3125 with any questions.

DO YOU KNOW?

Seven people, Catholic priests and nuns, were kidnapped in Haiti on Sunday, April 11th and are being held for ransom. The five priests and two nuns were abducted at Croix-des-Bouquets, a suburb of Haiti's capital of Port-au-Prince. According to local news, they were taken while on the way to attend the installation of a parish priest. According to Haitian media, the "400 Mawozo" gang admitted culpability for the kidnapping, and is demanding \$1 million in ransom. Bishop Pierre-Andre Dumas told AFP that "the Church prays and stands in solidarity with all the victims of this heinous act. This is too much," he said. "The time has come for these inhuman acts to stop." The Archdiocese of Port-au-Prince warned in a statement that gang violence has reached "unprecedented" levels in the country. (Please pray for a peaceful solution for those involved.)

SAINT OF THE WEEK

In less than 40 years, Gianna Beretta Molla became a pediatric physician, a wife, a mother and a saint! She became a doctor and specialized in pediatrics. Early in her fourth pregnancy, doctors discovered that Gianna had both a child and a tumor in her uterus. She allowed the surgeons to remove the tumor but not to perform the complete hysterectomy that they recommended, which would have killed the child. Seven months later in April 1962, Gianna Emanuela Molla was born at the hospital in Monza, but post-operative complications resulted in an infection for her mother. The following week Gianna Molla died at home, and was buried in the cemetery of Mesero. We celebrate her feast day on April 28th. She is the patron of mothers, physicians and unborn children.



Easter is a Season: Just as Sunday is one day out of seven, so the Easter season, a period of 50 days, is approximately one-seventh of the year. The Easter season, a time of special rejoicing and celebration of the Resurrection of Christ, is the "Great Sunday" of the year. The liturgical prayers and readings focus on the Resurrection and the effects that it has on believers and on the world. The Acts of the Apostles is a book of Scripture that provides the source of most of the readings of the Easter Season, and it shows the vigor with which the apostles proclaimed the Resurrection and brought many to the waters of baptism to share the new life of Christ. This season is a celebration of life, and leads us all to a deeper commitment to proclaim, celebrate, and serve the gift of human life. (Priests for Life)

***If you are having difficulty hearing the Mass in Church, please arrive a few minutes early and speak with one of the ushers, as the parish has purchased hearing assistance devices for our parishioners.

Attendance – April 10th & April 11th, 2021

Saturday, April 10th – 5:30pm = 57

Sunday, April 11th – 9:00am = 80

Spanish Mass Sunday, April 11th – 2:30pm = 40



To our couples with anniversaries in April: Paul & Valeria Seckora – 4/5/1997; Thomas & Paulette Berberich – 4/11/1964; (Thomas, Sr.) & Marguerite Sturtz – 4/15/1945; Billy & Katie Fudella – 4/25/2015



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).

***Diocesan Bicentennial Books are still available and can be purchased for a donation amount of your choice. Please call the Parish Office at 804-843-3125 to reserve one, today!

Mass Readings: Third Sunday of Easter

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter said to the people: "The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and denied in Pilate's presence when he had decided to release him. You denied the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead; of this we are witnesses. Now I know, brothers, that you acted out of ignorance, just as your leaders did; but God has thus brought to fulfillment what he had announced beforehand through the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer. Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away."

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

R. Lord, let your face shine on us. or: R. Alleluia.

When I call, answer me, O my just God, you who relieve me when I am in distress; have pity on me, and hear my prayer!

R. Lord, let your face shine on us. or: R. Alleluia.

Know that the LORD does wonders for his faithful one; the LORD will hear me when I call upon him.

R. Lord, let your face shine on us. or: R. Alleluia.

O LORD, let the light of your countenance shine upon us! You put gladness into my heart.

R. Lord, let your face shine on us. or: R. Alleluia.

As soon as I lie down, I fall peacefully asleep, for you alone, O LORD, bring security to my dwelling.

R. Lord, let your face shine on us. or: R. Alleluia.

A Reading from the First Letter of Saint John

My children, I am writing this to you so that you may not commit sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one. He is expiation for our sins, and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world. The way we may be sure that we know him is to keep his commandments. Those who say, "I know him," but do not keep his commandments are liars, and the truth is not in them. But whoever keeps his word, the love of God is truly perfected in him.

The Word of the Lord

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us; make our hearts burn while you speak to us.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Holy Gospel According to Luke

The two disciples recounted what had taken place on the way, and how Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of bread. While they were still speaking about this, he stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." But they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. Then he said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have." And as he said this, he

showed them his hands and his feet. While they were still incredulous for joy and were amazed, he asked them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of baked fish; he took it and ate it in front of them. He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

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.

*****What do we know about the Risen Lord Jesus? Well, we know He can walk through walls, can disappear and reappear in an instant, and can appear in a dazzling light to disguise His appearance. Here, in the wake of the Resurrection, Jesus is reminding us that He is God, and that He had won the victory over death. And yet, Jesus also chooses to remind His Apostles, and us today, that He is also fully human: He not only eats fish, but He interrupts a post-Resurrection moment of catechesis to ask for it! In doing so, and also showing the wounds of His crucifixion, Jesus is reminding us how close He is to us and our humanity. Because when you love something, you don't hold back; you draw close and are willing to be bold, to have some "skin in the game." We have an opportunity to follow Christ's lead in our own parish community, by supporting the Diocesan Annual Appeal and our parish Capital Campaign. We may belong to this parish, but are we really invested? Supporting the parish financially is a great way to put our love into action, to allow it to take flesh, as God did among us through His Incarnation. Let's ask God for the clarity to see how He wants us to "incarnate" our love for our parish.**

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
804.843.3125

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