# OUR LADY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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

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

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SACRAMENT of RECONCILIATION

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Also by appointment

EUCHARISTIC 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.

## **SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

May 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021



Sat 5/29 – Joe Sr, Elsie & Johnnie Drexler (RIP) Fr. Oscar Requested Joe & Linda Drexler

Sun 5/30 – Tracy Lasch (RIP) Fr. Oscar Requested by Patty Knight, Linda Assessor & Joy Tanner

Mon 5/31 – No Mass

Tue 6/1 – Martha Hollowak (RIP) Fr. Oscar Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler

Wed 6/2 – Richard & Anna Kozlowski (RIP) Fr. Oscar Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler

Thurs 6/3 – No Mass Intentions

Fri 6/4 – No Mass Intentions

Sat 6/5 – Tony Gintout (RIP) Fr. Oscar
On Anniversary of Death

Requested David Seckora

Sun 6/6 – Healing for Philip Liberato Fr. Oscar Requested by the Watkins Family

Collections for May 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021

Parish Operations	\$3,264.00
Supplemental Collection	50.00
Online Giving as of 5/11/2021	175.00
Total	\$3,489.00
Amount needed weekly for Parish Operations is	\$3,940
Restricted, Special Use or Sent out of Parish	
OLBS Scholarship Fund	\$50.00
Facilities Repairs & Maintenance Fund	\$200.00
Maintenance Savings Account	\$270.00
Capital Campaign	\$200.00
Diocesan Home Missions	\$32.00

\*\*\*Thank you for supporting our parish! 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.

\*\*\*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 - May 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> - 5:30pm = 44 Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> - 9:00am = 71 Spanish Mass, May 23<sup>rd</sup> - 2:30pm = 28

## **Mass Updates**

\*\*\* 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 the 9am
Sunday Mass.

There will be some mandated changes to how we practice our Mass. Effective immediately:

- For those who continue to feel uncomfortable returning to Mass, Bishop Knestout has dispensed all Catholics in the Diocese from their Sunday Mass obligation until further notice.
- Everyone who is fully vaccinated may attend Mass without wearing a mask.
- Everyone 5 years and older who has not been fully vaccinated should wear a mask when attending Mass.
- 4. Continue to refrain from physical contact, such as holding hands during the Our Father and shaking hands during the Sign of Peace.
- 5. Bulletins will be available at Masses.

  \*\*\*We will continue to make the bulletins available online and mail bulletins to those without Internet access. Please help us to be able to continue to offer this service to our shut-ins and homebound parishioners. If you are attending Mass and can pick up your bulletin. please let us know so we can discontinue mailing bulletins to you and save postage.

Schedule - Week of May 31st - June 6th Monday, May 31st - No Daily Mass - Adoration Mercy Center Chapel 12noon until 10pm Tuesday, June 1st - Mass 8:30am - Adoration in Mercy Center Chapel 12noon until 10pm Wednesday, June 2nd - Mass 8:30am Thursday, June 3rd - Mass 8:30am Friday, June 4th - Mass 8:30am Most Holy Rosary - 6:30pm in Church (Livestreamed)

Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup> - First Penance - 2:00pm Mass - 5:30pm

Sunday, June 6th - Corpus Christi



First Holy Communion - Mass - 9:00am (Livestreamed) Spanish Mass - 2:30pm

Youth Group – 6:30pm - Hall



#### **PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND GOOD HEALTH**

**Emily Adams** Elizabeth Alley **Camb Ashlev Paulette Berberich Candace Barefoot** Virginia Becker **Linda Blevins Ron Blevins** Joan Buehler Linda Burch William Bush **Kathryn Carson Kevin Carson Lucy Carson** Tim Collier **Meredith Crowe Eric Crump** Vincent D'elia **Dexter Dix** Denise DePompeo **Dale Dippre** Michelle Eshelman **Amanda Fincher** Larry Dzula, Jr. Kelli Gaeta **Margaret Geron** Natalee Franzyshen **Earl Gravatt** Jim Gregory Pat Hinkle **Kelly Hipple Laurie Hite Tom Hollowak Ellen Horseman Gail Justin** Mary Ann Hooper **Bob Kay** John Kellam **Bill Kessler** Gloria Kojcsich **Bonnie Kopacki** Joyce Kostrzewa **Gordon Langston** Patricia Lanuza **Ashley Larson Philip Liberato** Lanci McCloud Melissa Leger Patrick McGowan **Kenny McGinley Beverly McGowan** William Madigan III **Diane Agnes Martin** Ron Martz **Specialist Mullins Clara Morrow Randy Morrow Larry Newtzie Desiree Page** Ka'varus Penticolas **Brett Pickens** Pam Rigsby Mark A. Roane **Leonard Romano Debbie Royals** Vickie Roane Joanna Ryalls Jack Scaife **Barbara Schafer James Simmons Allen Smith** The Solak Family **Levi Sturtz** Jim Tokarz **Mae Touray Taylor Trimbath** Gloria Wajciechowski **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**

5/24 thru 5/30 – Teresa Nguyen & Nguyen Sisters 5/31 thru 6/6 – Tom & Rowena Fauber 6/7 thru 6/13 – Gary & Jackie Silvia



5/29 – David Seckora, Bob Ryalls & Dan Gibbs 5/30 – Jim Milby, Tuan Nguyen & Jim Pyne 6/5 – Bob Ryalls, Joe Drexler & Dan Gibbs 6/6 – Jim Milby, Dave Haviland & Dawson Haviland



5/29 – Lorraine Ryalls & Tom Fauber 5/30 – Scott Rae & Colleen Rae 6/5 – David Seckora & Lorraine Ryalls 6/6 – Joe Pincus & Bill Madigan



5/30 – Sarah Rae 6/5 – Tom Fauber 6/6 – Susan Thompson

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

The command to "go make disciples of all nations" was not only given to the original eleven disciples. Nor were they exclusively for pastors and missionaries.

They are for every follower of Jesus Christ. If we are His disciples, then we are commanded to go and make disciples of others. It doesn't necessarily mean we need to cross the sea. But certainly a good start would be crossing the street to talk to a neighbor.

Adults: What can you do to proclaim the Good News of Jesus and help people fall in love with Him?

Children: What can you do to be a witness of Jesus and to live as His disciple?

#### SAINT OF THE WEEK

Justin Martyr never ended his quest for religious truth even when he converted to Christianity after years of studying various pagan philosophies. As a young man, he was principally attracted to the school of Plato. However, he found that the Christian religion answered the great questions about life and existence better than the philosophers. He became the first Christian philosopher. Justin is known as an apologist, one who defends in writing the Christian religion against the attacks and

misunderstandings of the pagans. For his staunch adherence to the Christian religion, Justin was beheaded in Rome in 165. He is the patron saint of

philosophers, apologists, and lecturers.

\*\*\*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!

#### DO YOU KNOW?

A human rights organization has reported that 428 Haitian children became orphans after their parents were killed in massacres in Bel Air and Cite Soleil between August 2020 and May 2021. The National Network for the Defense of Human Rights (RNDDH) also counted 125 deaths, 31 missing people and 262 residents went homeless after their homes were set on fire in those massacres. Haiti is the poorest country in Latin America and one of the poorest in the world. Gang violence and political unrest continue to oppress it citizens.



Youth Group for those in 6<sup>th</sup> grade through High School will begin meeting again! We will meet on June 6<sup>th</sup> and June 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in Boogaard Hall. Hope to see you there!



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).



To our couples with anniversaries in May: Pat & Wini Barron – 5/4/1966; Jim & Pattie Vadas – 5/27/1972; Greg & Denise DePompeo – 5/2/1981; Chris & Barbara Hite – 5/15/1982; Brian & Hope Kopacki – 5/17/2008

## Special Blessings

Beginning in June, Father's special blessings will resume. He will bless all birthdays on the first weekend of each month and bless all anniversaries on the second weekend of each month.



**Praise the Holy Trinity: Some truths, like the** very existence of God, can be known by human reason alone. Other truths, like the fact that God is One in Three Persons -Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – can only be known if God reveals them to us. We could never conclude on our own that God is a Trinity. Today's Feast is not only an opportunity for thanking God for telling us more about himself. It is an occasion to take courage as we strive for deeper unity within the human family. God reveals himself to us in order to make us more like himself – not just as individuals, but as families, nations, and an international community. We grow in unity as we give ourselves away to one another, just as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit give themselves to each other completely. (Priests for Life)

## **Help Needed!**

With things opening up a little more at Church, we need more volunteers. Please see below and call the parish office at 804-843-3125 if you are interested:

Ushers – Father would like to use 4 ushers for the Collection.

Altar Servers – Father has brought back altar servers in a limited capacity. You must have received your First Holy Communion to be eligible to serve.

Lectors – You must have been Confirmed in the Catholic Faith to be able to Lector.

Eucharistic Ministers – You must have been Confirmed in the Catholic Faith to be a Eucharistic Minister.

## Last Chance for Scholarship!!!

To be eligible for the OLBS
Scholarship, you must turn in your
application for the OLBS Scholarship
worth \$1000 by Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup>.
Applications are located downstairs
in the parish offices.

# Mass Readings: Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

#### A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: "Ask now of the days of old, before your time, ever since God created man upon the earth; ask from one end of the sky to the other: Did anything so great ever happen before? Was it ever heard of? Did a people ever hear the voice of God speaking from the midst of fire, as you did, and live? Or did any god venture to go and take a nation for himself from the midst of another nation, by testings, by signs and wonders, by war, with strong hand and outstretched arm, and by great terrors, all of which the LORD, your God, did for you in Egypt before your very eyes? This is why you must now know, and fix in your heart, that the LORD is God in the heavens above and on earth below, and that there is no other. You must keep his statutes and commandments that I enjoin on you today, that you and your children after you may prosper, and that you may have long life on the land which the LORD, your God, is giving you forever."

#### The Word of the Lord

#### Responsorial Psalm

## R. Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Upright is the word of the LORD, and all his works are trustworthy. He loves justice and right; of the kindness of the Lord the earth is full.

## R. Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

By the word of the LORD the heavens were made; by the breath of his mouth all their host. For he spoke, and it was made; he commanded, and it stood forth.

## R. Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

See, the eyes of the LORD are upon those who fear him, upon those who hope for his kindness, To deliver them from death and preserve them in spite of famine

## R. Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Our soul waits for the LORD, who is our help and our shield. May your kindness, O LORD, be upon us who have put our hope in you.

R. Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

## A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters: For those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a Spirit of adoption, through whom we cry, "Abba, Father!" The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if only we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him..

The Word of the Lord

#### R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

#### The Holy Gospel According to Matthew

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they all saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

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.



Many thanks go out to all those who have worked so hard to usher the Masses, clean between Masses, and keep our parishioners safe! Without these parishioners stepping up to get this done, we would not have been able to gather to participate in the Mass and receive the Blessed Eucharist! We are so appreciative of their time and talents!!! Please thank them for their service to us and the Lord!

Also, to our wonderful Director of Music, Leda and her wonderful Cantors who stepped up to make sure that we had music during a rather dreary year and almost a half, we would like to express our deepest appreciation! Music enhances our experience of God's graces!!!

During this last year and more, we have had countless parishioners to come forward to help where needed. Some have decorated our beautiful Church, some have made sure Father had everything he needed to be able to have Mass and livestream it, and some have done so many miscellaneous things that most of us don't even realize get done behind the scenes. You know who you are, please know we are asking God's Special Blessings for each and every one of you!!!

## 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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## **Memorial Day Quotes to Remember**

- "Those who have long enjoyed such privileges as we enjoy forget in time that men have died to win them."- Franklin D. Roosevelt
- "As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter the words, but to live by them." John F. Kennedy
- "No man is entitled to the blessings of freedom unless he be vigilant in its preservation."- General Douglas MacArthur
- "Freedom makes a huge requirement of every human being. With freedom comes responsibility."- Eleanor Roosevelt
- "Home of the free, because of the brave." Unknown
- "It doesn't take a hero to order men into battle. It takes a hero to be one of those men who goes into battle."- Norman Schwarzkopf
- "May we never forget freedom isn't free."- Unknown
- "This nation will remain the land of the free only so long as it is the home of the brave."- Elmer Davis
- "Heroism doesn't always happen in a burst of glory. Sometimes small triumphs and large hearts change the course of history."- Mary Roach
- "Patriotism is not short, frenzied outbursts of emotion, but the tranquil and steady dedication of a lifetime." Adlai Stevenson II
- "Without memory, there is no culture. Without memory there would be no civilization, no future."- Elie Wisel
- "I believe our flag is more than just cloth and ink. It is a universally recognized symbol that stands for liberty, and freedom. It is the history of our nation, and it's marked by the blood of those who died defending it."- John Thune
- "If you want to thank a soldier, be the kind of American worth fighting for." Unknown
- "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We did not pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free."- Ronald Reagan



# We will forever be grateful for the sacrifices of our dearly departed Veterans who fought to keep America, God's Country, Free!!!

Joseph Duke

William Duke

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Víctor Kaczmarskí

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