

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.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 8th & 9th, 2021



Sat	5/8 - – Savario “Sam” Patullo (RIP)	Fr. Oscar
	Requested by The Liberato Family	
Sun	5/9 – Anna Kozlowski (RIP)	Fr. Oscar
	Requested by Anna’s Daughters	
Mon	5/10 – No Mass	
Tue	5/11 – Robin Seeterlin (RIP)	Fr. Oscar
	Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler	
Wed	5/12 – Joan Buhler (RIP)	Fr. Oscar
	Requested by The Liberato Family	
Thurs	5/13 – Martha Hollowak (RIP)	Fr. Oscar
	Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler	
Fri	5/14 – Stanley & Eloie Zuraw (RIP)	Fr. Oscar
	Requested by Stan & Marilyn Zuraw	
Sat	5/15 - – Patricia Arsenault (RIP)	Fr. Oscar
	Requested by The Liberato Family	
Sun	5/16 – Art West (RIP)	Fr. Oscar
	Requested by Knights of Columbus Father Jakubowski Council #8116	

Collections for May 1st & 2nd, 2021

Parish Operations	\$4,204.00
Supplemental Collection	25.00
Good Friday	25.00
Total	\$4,254.00
Amount needed weekly for Parish Operations is	\$3,940
Restricted, Special Use or Sent out of Parish	
Facilities Repairs & Maintenance	\$741.02
Haiti Fund	\$185.00
Maintenance Savings Fund	\$60.00
Scholarship Fund	\$5.00

***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.

***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.

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 - Week of May 10th – May 16th

Monday, May 10th – No Daily Mass – Adoration
Mercy Center Chapel 12noon until 10pm
Tuesday, May 11th – Mass 8:30am – Adoration in
Mercy Center Chapel 12noon until 10pm
Wednesday, May 12th – Mass 8:30am
Thursday, May 13th – Solemnity of the
Ascension of the Lord (Celebrated May 16th)
Mass 8:30am
Friday, May 14th – Mass 8:30am
Most Holy Rosary – 6:30pm in Church
(Livestreamed)
Saturday, May 15th – Mass – 5:30pm
Sunday, May 16th – Seventh Sunday of Easter
Mass – 9:00am (Livestreamed)
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	William Bush	Kathryn Carson
Kevin Carson	Lucy Carson	Tim Collier
Meredith Crowe	Eric Crump	Vincent D'elia
Denise DePompeo	Dale Dippre	Dexter Dix
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Earl Gravatt	Jim Gregory	Pat Hinkle
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Ellen Horseman	Gail Justin	Bob Kay
John Kellam	Bill Kessler	Gloria Kojcsich
Bonnie Kopacki	Joyce Kostrzewa	Gordon Langston
Patricia Lanuza	Ashley Larson	Melissa Leger
Lanci McCloud	Kenny McGinley	Beverly McGowan
Patrick McGowan	William Madigan III	Diane Agnes Martin
Ron Martz	Clara Morrow	Randy Morrow
Specialist Mullins	Larry Nowtzie	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	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

- 5/3 thru 5/9 – Gary & Jackie Silvia
- 5/10 thru 5/16 – Our Hispanic Community
- 5/17 thru 5/23 – Dan Gibbs Family



- 5/8 – Joe Drexler, David Seckora & Bob Ryalls
- 5/9 – Tuan Nguyen, Jim Pyne & Craig Smith
- 5/15 – Joe Drexler, Bob Ryalls & Dan Gibbs
- 5/16 – Jim Milby, Jim Pyne & Jim Vadas



- 5/8 – Pattie Vadas & Jim Vadas
- 5/9 – Kay Shaw & Pat Barron
- 5/15 – David Seckora & Lorraine Ryalls
- 5/16 – Kim DiLandro & Joe Pincus



- 5/9 – Bill Madigan
- 5/16 – Jim Vadas

*****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!**

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Today's Gospel reveals that love is sacrificial. Laying down your life clearly shows that love requires a sort of death to self. It requires we look to the other first, putting their needs before ours. We lay down our lives for others in many ways. Some small, some big. Most importantly, we must foster an attitude of deep concern for the good of every person. Small acts of kindness, words of affirmation, a listening ear, help with a chore, etc. are a few of the small ways we give of ourselves every day. Greater acts may include a heroic forgiveness, love when we do not feel like being loving, giving mercy when it appears undeserved, and going out of our way to be there for a person when we do not have time in our busy schedule. The bottom line is that giving of ourselves until it hurts turns any small or large sacrifice we give into a blessing for them and a glorious reward for us. Living a sacrificial life is fulfilling on many levels and is ultimately what we are made for. Adults: Is God calling you to give sacrificial love to someone you find unlovable? Children: How can you show love to someone who you don't consider a friend?

DO YOU KNOW?

The idea of a month dedicated specifically to Mary can be traced back to baroque times. Although it wasn't always held during May, Mary Month included thirty daily spiritual exercises honoring Mary. It was in this era that Mary's month and May were combined, making May the Month of Mary with special devotions to organized on each day throughout the month. This custom became especially widespread during the nineteenth century and remains in practice until today.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Isidore had deep religious instincts. He rose early in the morning to go to church and spent many a holiday devoutly visiting the churches of Madrid and surrounding areas. All day long, as he walked behind the plow, he communed with God. His devotion, one might say, became a problem, for his fellow workers sometimes complained that he often showed up late because of lingering in church too long. He was known for his love of the poor, and there are accounts of Isidore's supplying them miraculously with food. He had a great concern for the proper treatment of animals. Isidore has become the patron of farmers and rural communities. In particular, he is patron of Madrid, Spain, and of the United States National Rural Life Conference. His feast day is celebrated on May 15th.



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

Attendance – May 1st & 2nd, 2021

Saturday, May 1st – 5:30pm = 50

Sunday, May 2nd – 9:00am = 84

Spanish Mass, May 2nd – 2:30pm = 37



A Prayer for Those Afraid of their Motherhood:
Lord God, we thank you, the Source of Life, for all those who have welcomed and nurtured our lives. In particular, we thank you for our mothers, who with trust in you and self-sacrifice beyond description, have made it possible for us to live and praise you today. Give them the reward of their labors. Today, Lord, we also pray for mothers who are afraid of being mothers. We pray especially for those carrying a child within them, but afraid to bring that child to birth. Look with favor on these, your daughters, and give them trust and strength. Enable them to give themselves to their children, as you give yourself to us, and to experience the joys of motherhood. Enable us to do our part to encourage them and provide for their needs. We ask this through Christ our Lord. For more prayers, see www.PrayerCampaign.org. (Priests for Life)

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.

Mass Readings: Sixth Sunday of Easter

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When Peter entered, Cornelius met him and, falling at his feet, paid him homage. Peter, however, raised him up, saying, "Get up. I myself am also a human being." Then Peter proceeded to speak and said, "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him." While Peter was still speaking these things, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the word. The circumcised believers who had accompanied Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit should have been poured out on the Gentiles also, for they could hear them speaking in tongues and glorifying God. Then Peter responded, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit even as we have?" He ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power. or: R. Alleluia.

Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done wondrous deeds; His right hand has won victory for him, his holy arm.

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power. or: R. Alleluia.

The LORD has made his salvation known: in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice. He has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness toward the house of Israel.

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power. or: R. Alleluia.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation by our God. Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands; break into song; sing praise.

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power. or: R. Alleluia.

A Reading from the First Letter of Saint John

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love. In this way the love of God was revealed to us: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might have life through him. In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins.

The Word of the Lord

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him and we will come to him.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Holy Gospel According to John

Jesus said to his disciples: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love.

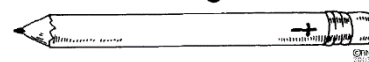
"I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy might be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another."

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.

School Registration



New Catholic Virtual Academy - Saint Vincent de Paul Academy (SVVA) is opening this fall for students in grades 8-12 throughout the Diocese of Richmond. It will be administered by the faculty and staff at Peninsula Catholic High School who have experience delivering their curriculum virtually since 2016. Applications are being accepted for high school students seeking a dynamic virtual learning experience built on Catholic values. Join us for our Virtual Open House on Monday, May 10th at 6pm via Zoom. Contact Alyson LeMaster, Director of Enrollment, at 757-596-7247 ext. 106 to register or visit our Website: [Saint Vincent de Paul Virtual Academy \(peninsulacatholic.org\)](http://SaintVincentdePaulVirtualAcademy.peninsulacatholic.org) to learn more about SVVA.

Help Wanted!

The Catholic Diocese of Richmond is seeking a Director of Facilities Management! This is a full-time position with some evening and weekend work required, along with overnight travel. For details, please visit the Website for the Catholic Diocese of Richmond at www.richmonddiocese.org. Interested candidates should please send a cover letter, resume, and completed Diocese of Richmond Employment Application to jobs@richmonddiocese.org

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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You are invited to participate in an ecumenical Novena to the Holy Spirit, May 13-22, commemorating the 120th anniversary of the Pentecostal movement! The movement began in 1897 when Pope Leo XIII decreed that this novena would occur annually prior to Pentecost Sunday. Catholic bishops and Pentecostal leaders will lead us in prayer for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit on our world to change hearts and overcome what divides us. The concluding event will be the Pentecostal Vigil celebrated by Pope Francis at 9 p.m. Rome time (3 p.m. EDT). More information, including resources and instructions on how to participate in the international prayer service, can be found at www.Pentecost.cmax.tv.