

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

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 Adoration in the church

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

RECITATION of the MOST HOLY ROSARY

6:30 p.m. Every Friday in the church

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.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 28th & 29th, 2021



Sat	8/28 – Billy McGowan (RIP) Requested by Virginia Kopacki	Fr. Oscar
Sun	8/29 – Dinh Hong Nhi (RIP) 1 st Anniversary of Death (8/30) Requested by Eston & Teresa Nguyen Michael & Anna (RIP) & For Peace Requested by Anh & Thong Natalie & Henry Franzysen In Honor of their 49 th Wedding Anniversary (8/26)	Fr. Oscar Fr. Oscar Fr. Oscar
Mon	8/30 – No Mass	
Tue	8/31 – Dinh Hong Nhi (RIP) 1 st Anniversary of Death (8/30) Requested by Quan & Sandy Dinh	Fr. Oscar
Wed	9/1 – James H. Geron (RIP) Requested by Donna Geron	Fr. Oscar
Thurs	9/2 – No Mass Intention	
Fri	9/3 – No Mass Intention	
Sat	9/4 – Geralyn Klisiewicz Williams In Honor of Her Birthday Requested by The Watkins Family	Fr. Oscar
Sun	9/5 – Melvin A. Gooch (RIP) Anniversary of Death Requested by Edna Trudeau	Fr. Oscar

Collections for August 21st & 22nd, 2021

Parish Operations	\$2,959.00
Supplemental Collection	75.00
The Assumption	70.00
Religious Education	25.00
Votive Candles	30.95
Poor Box	41.61
Total	\$3,201.56
Amount needed weekly for Parish Operations is	\$3,940
Restricted, Special Use or Sent out of Parish	
Cemetery Fund	\$95.00
Maintenance Savings Fund	\$5.00
Haiti Fund	\$639.00
Capital Campaign	\$3,107.00

Thank you for supporting our parish!

***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 – August 21st & 22nd, 2021

Saturday, August 21st – 5:30pm = 77

Sunday, August 22nd – 9:00am = 146

No Spanish Mass, August 22nd

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.

Per the Virginia Department of Health:

1. Unvaccinated or not fully vaccinated individuals should wear masks in public indoor settings.
2. Fully vaccinated individuals do not need to wear a mask; however, masks should be worn in indoor settings in areas of substantial and high transmission.
3. Any person not wearing a mask shall not be required to produce documentation that they are vaccinated or that they have an underlying medical condition.

Schedule Week of Aug. 30th – September 4th

Monday, August 30th – No Daily Mass

Adoration Mercy Center Chapel 12pm - 10pm

Tuesday, August 31st – Mass 8:30am (Livestreamed)

Adoration Mercy Center Chapel 12pm - 10pm

Wednesday, Sept. 1st – Mass 8:30am (Livestreamed)

Thursday, Sept. 2nd – Mass 8:30am (Livestreamed)

Friday, September 3rd – Mass 8:30am (Livestreamed)

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

Saturday, September 4th – Mass – 5:30pm

Sunday, September 5th – Mass at 9:00am
(Livestreamed)

Our Hope, Our Home, Our Lady OLBS

Capital Campaign

Our Capital Campaign has been approved by Bishop Knestout for 5 years and any funds received designated for our “Capital Campaign” is not subject to the Diocesan Cathedralicum “tax”! That means all of those funds stay with our parish. Thank you for your generosity!!!

***If you have any questions about the Capital Campaign or the repairs needed on the parish grounds, please contact Bob Ryalls at businessmgr@olbs-catholic.org or call him at 757-207-0125. You can also contact Jim Pyne at facilitieschair@olbs-catholic.org.



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
Larry Dzula, Jr.	Michelle Eshelman	Amanda Fincher
Natalee Franzyshe	Maria Fredericks	Kelli Gaeta
Margaret Geron	Jim Gregory	Pat Hinkle
Kelly Hipple	Laurie Hite	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
Melissa Leger	Philip Liberato	Lanci McCloud
Kenny McGinley	Beverly McGowan	Patrick McGowan
William Madigan III	Ron Martz	Jackie Mierle
Clara Morrow	Randy Morrow	Specialist Mullins
Larry Newtzie	Desiree Page	Ka'varus Penticolas
Brett Pickens	Ray Rackley	Pam Rigsby
Mark A. Roane	Vickie Roane	Leonard Romano
Debbie Royals	Jack Scaife	Barbara Schafer
James Simmons	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

- 8/23 thru 8/29 – Dan Gibbs Family
- 8/30 thru 9/5 – Teresa Nguyen & Nguyen Sisters
- 9/6 thru 9/12 – Gary & Jackie Silvia



- 8/28 – Joe Drexler & Bob Ryalls
- 8/29 – Jim Milby & Jim Pyne
- 9/4 – Bob Ryalls & David Seckora
- 9/5 – Tuan Nguyen & Jim Milby



- 8/28 – Tom Fauber & David Seckora
- 8/29 – Susan Thompson & Bill Madigan
- 9/4 – David Seckora & Lorraine Ryalls
- 9/5 – Scott Rae & Colleen Rae



- 8/28 – Gary Silvia
- 8/29 – Sarah Rae
- 9/4 – Joe Drexler
- 9/5 – Sarah Rae

MEDITATION OF THE WEEK

Ear me, all of you, and understand.

Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile.” We tend to look and focus outwardly with our eyes of perception. Each individual is ultimately responsible for himself. Do we take time to reflect on the things within that keep us from God? Do we keep ourselves in awareness? In order to do this, we must make a good habit of daily prayer and meditation. We must reflect on the thoughts that come through our mind, the words that come out of our mouth, and the actions that we do. In measure, are they matching up to the image of Christ?

If we work on cleaning our inside, the outside will reflect this. It is not easy to follow a perfect example, but with Christ all things are possible. When we recognize our faults, Jesus is ready to lift us up again and make us clean, through the sacrament of Reconciliation. He sets the path that is perfect for us, dying to save us from the sin within.

THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

St. Joseph will make you a Knight of the Holy Queen!
 St. Joseph knows that Mary is worth living for, fighting for, and dying for. She is the Queen of the Kingdom of Heaven. To fight for her is to fight for the King. St. Joseph, the most valiant of knights, knows the surest, easiest, and fastest way to the King is through the Queen. His mission is to reveal this truth to souls. For her part, Mary has full confidence in the chivalrous love of St. Joseph, her knight. She completely trusts him. St. Joseph will teach you how to be a knight of the Holy Queen as well, making you capable of conquering hearts for the Kingdom of Heaven.

(Pray the Litany of St. Joseph)

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Pope St. Gregory the Great

(Pope and Doctor of the Church)

Gregory was born around 640 in Rome. Gregory was well educated and excelled in all his studies, he became an expert in law. He excelled so much he became the Prefect of Rome, just as his father had been. Gregory was only 33 years old. After Gregory's father died, Gregory had the family villa in Rome converted into a monastery, where he served his life as a monk. He sent many people out to bring many to Jesus and into the Church, he gave his alms to the poor, and he gave quite generously of the riches donated to the Church by the wealthy people of Rome. He also made certain to dine with a dozen poor people at each meal. Everything from money to land was given to the poor in some fashion. He made clear to his subordinates that their duty was to relieve the distress faced by the poor.



To our couples with anniversaries in August: Eric & Joanna Ellingson – 8/1/1992; Bob & Lorraine Ryalls – 8/5/1978; Camb & Wilma Ashley – 8/6/1977; Larry & Janie Dzula – 8/11/1973; Jim & Anne Duke – 8/12/1967; Philip & Karen Liberato – 8/16/1986; Greg & Erin Hayden – 8/21/1993; Gene & Bonnie Kopacki – 8/23/1975; Henry & Natalie Franzysen – 8/26/1972

Help Needed!!!

We are seeking Religious Education Teachers for the Fall year. Please Pray, and consider giving your time and talents for a most important ministry. Teacher guides and help will be provided. For more information or questions, please contact Erin Hayden at 804-843-3125, Ext. 103.

We are in need of parishioners to count the collections on Tuesday mornings. Please pray about this ministry and whether or not you might be able to help. For more information, please call Bob Ryalls at 757-207-0215.



From our bishops: "Things have gone too far...": "In the United States abortion is legal throughout pregnancy. Yet abortion is a violation of human rights incomparable in magnitude and an atrocity for the whole human family. While Roe v. Wade appeared to create a right with some limitations, Doe v. Bolton, which was decided the same day, erased those limitations by creating a "health" exception so broad that it effectively allows abortion for any reason at any time... Most Americans are surprised and shocked to learn about the lack of any meaningful legal limitations for abortion. Most know things have gone too far. Together with those from many other faith communities, we work to bring about a society that recognizes abortion for what it truly is" (A Matter of the Heart -- A Statement of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops on the Thirtieth Anniversary of Roe v. Wade) (Priests for Life)

Help Needed!!!

The Church of Saint Therese in Gloucester, Virginia, is seeking an Administrative Assistant. This is a 25 hour per week position and salary is according to diocesan scale. An application from the Richmond Diocese (available on the diocesan website at <https://richmonddiocese.org/office/office-of-human-resources/>.) must be submitted. For a position description, please contact Fr. Gregory Kandt, Pastor, at 804-693-9043 or fr.gregoray@stthersglo.org. Applications should likewise be submitted to Fr. Gregory. The successful candidate will begin employment by November 2, 2021.

Young Adult Fall Retreat 2021

Recharge and breathe again with God. October 22-24, 2021, Kill Devil Hills, NC Ramada Plaza Nags Head Oceanfront This retreat is intended for young adults ages 18-39. All attendees should be out of high school. Cost is \$125 per person. Registration closes on Sunday, September 19, 2021 at midnight. The fee includes two nights lodging at the hotel, all meals on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday in addition to retreat programming. For more information, call Erin Hayden (804-843-3125) ext. 103.

***Beginning in September, we will list the Sunday Readings, but will not print them.

Mass Readings: Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: "Now, Israel, hear the statutes and decrees which I am teaching you to observe, that you may live, and may enter in and take possession of the land which the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. In your observance of the commandments of the LORD, your God, which I enjoin upon you, you shall not add to what I command you nor subtract from it. Observe them carefully, for thus will you give evidence of your wisdom and intelligence to the nations, who will hear of all these statutes and say, 'This great nation is truly a wise and intelligent people.' For what great nation is there that has gods so close to it as the LORD, our God, is to us whenever we call upon him? Or what great nation has statutes and decrees that are as just as this whole law which I am setting before you today?"

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

R. The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

Whoever walks blamelessly and does justice; who thinks the truth in his heart and slanders not with his tongue.

R. The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

Who harms not his fellow man, nor takes up a reproach against his neighbor; by whom the reprobate is despised, while he honors those who fear the LORD.

R. The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

Who lends not his money at usury and accepts no bribe against the innocent. Whoever does these things shall never be disturbed.

R. The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

A Reading from the Letter of Saint James

Dearest brothers and sisters: All good giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no alteration or shadow caused by change. He willed to give us birth by the word of truth that we may be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures. Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls. Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

The Word of the Lord

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Father willed to give us birth by the word of truth that we may be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Holy Gospel According to Mark

When the Pharisees with some scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they observed that some of his disciples ate their meals with unclean, that is, unwashed, hands. —For the Pharisees and, in fact, all Jews, do not eat without carefully washing their hands, keeping the tradition of the elders. And on coming from the marketplace they do not eat without purifying themselves. And there are many other things that they have traditionally observed, the purification of cups and jugs and kettles and beds. — So the Pharisees and scribes questioned him, "Why do your disciples not follow the tradition of the elders but instead eat a meal with unclean hands?" He responded, "Well did Isaiah prophesy about you hypocrites, as it is written: *This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines human precepts.* You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition." He summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile. "From within people, from their hearts, come evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, licentiousness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance, folly. All these evils come from within and they defile."

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.



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 9:00am through 4:30pm. Any other times, please contact Pam Watkins at 919-820-1986 (cell phone).



Our sincerest condolences to Larry Dzula and family at the passing of his beloved sister, Wanda Adsit. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon her.



Our sincerest condolences to Jim Milby and family at the passing of his beloved mother, Audrey Milby. 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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