

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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME

September 4th & 5th, 2021



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
Mon	9/6 – No Mass	
Tue	9/7 – No Mass Intention	
Wed	9/8 – No Mass Intention	
Thurs	9/9 – No Mass Intention	
Fri	9/10 – No Mass Intention	
Sat	9/11 – Art West (RIP) Requested by Knights of Columbus Father Jakubowski – Council #8116	Fr. Oscar
Sun	9/12 – Audrey Milby (RIP) Requested by Janice McGowan	Fr. Oscar

Collections for August 28th & 29th, 2021

Parish Operations	\$3,322.00
Supplemental Collection	20.00
The Assumption	10.00
Online Giving as of 8/17/2021	175.00
Total	\$3,527.00
Amount needed weekly for Parish Operations is \$3,940	
Restricted, Special Use or Sent out of Parish	
Cemetery Fund	\$95.00
Facilities Repairs & Maintenance Fund	\$30.00
Haiti Fund	\$155.00
Capital Campaign	\$1,487.00
Haiti Emergency Disaster Collection	\$1,056.00

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 28th & 29th, 2021

Saturday, August 28th – 5:30pm = 60

Sunday, August 29th – 9:00am = 131

No Spanish Mass, August 29th

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 September 6th – 12th

Monday, September 6th – No Daily Mass
Adoration Mercy Center Chapel 12pm - 10pm

Tuesday, Sept. 7th – Mass 8:30am (Livestreamed)
Adoration Mercy Center Chapel 12pm - 10pm
***Liturgy Committee Meeting 6:30pm Mercy Center

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

Thursday, Sept. 9th – Mass 8:30am (Livestreamed)

Friday, Sept. 10th – Mass 8:30am (Livestreamed)
Most Holy Rosary – 6:30pm in Church
(Livestreamed)

Saturday, September 11th – Mass – 5:30pm

Sunday, September 12th – Mass at 9:00am
(Livestreamed)

****Ministry Sunday, September 12th immediately following 9:00am Mass! Fellowship & Light Refreshments will be available along with the opportunity to sign up and share your God-given gifts in service to our parish family.*

Spanish Mass at 11:30am

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.



PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND GOOD HEALTH

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| 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 |
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| 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

- 8/30 thru 9/5 – Teresa Nguyen & Nguyen Sisters
- 9/6 thru 9/12 – Gary & Jackie Silvia
- 9/13 thru 9/19 – Our Hispanic Community



- 9/4 – Bob Ryalls & David Seckora
- 9/5 – Tuan Nguyen & Jim Milby
- 9/11 – Joe Drexler & Bob Ryalls
- 9/12 – Jim Milby & Tuan Nguyen



- 9/4 – David Seckora & Lorraine Ryalls
- 9/5 – Scott Rae & Colleen Rae
- 9/11 – Jackie Silvia & Tom Fauber
- 9/12 – Pat Barron & Susan Thompson



- 9/4 – Joe Drexler
- 9/5 – Sarah Rae
- 9/11 – Gary Silvia
- 9/12 – Bill Madigan

MEDITATION OF THE WEEK

Ephphatha-that is, "Be Opened!" God makes the deaf man hear and the mute man speak. We are the deaf and mute. We hear the words God has given us, but we do not listen to them and apply them. We don't spend time meditating on what God is asking of us, submitting ourselves to Him in actions, words and deeds. Therefore, they fall on deaf ears. Instead of sharing the truth with a neighbor about a wrong, standing for the truth or sharing what we know of Christ, we choose to be mute. We first think of how it may offend our neighbor. We are here to serve God first, above all things, then we are called to love and help our neighbor. When God comes to us, He will open our ears to hear His words in truth, and our eyes, so that the world around us is transformed. Suddenly, our lives will take on a new meaning, where Jesus is at the center of it all.

THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

St. Joseph is a New Adam.

Saint Joseph is, after Christ, the new head of the human family. As such, we are obliged to obey the Fourth Commandment in his regard: "Honor your father and your mother" (Ex20:12). Failure to love and honor St. Joseph is an offense against God. In fact, the fatherhood of St. Joseph is so important for us that our spiritual growth depends on it. If Jesus himself increased in wisdom and knowledge through the fatherhood of St. Joseph, we need St. Joseph's fatherhood to help us acquire the "proper attire" needed for entrance into the wedding feast of heaven (see Mt. 22:12). The greatest thing any father can do for his children is help them get to heaven. St. Joseph's fatherhood, elevates us and helps us to enter heaven.
(Pray the Litany of St. Joseph)

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Peter Claver was born at Verdu, Catalonia, Spain, in 1580. He studied at the Jesuit college of Barcelona, entered the Jesuit novitiate at Tarragona in 1602 and took his final vows on August 8th, 1604. While studying philosophy at Majorca, the young religious was influenced by Alphonsus Rodriguez to go to the Indies and save "millions of perishing souls". After his ordination in 1616, he dedicated himself by special vow to the service of the Negro slaves - a work that was to last for thirty-three years. He labored unceasingly for the salvation of the African slaves and the abolition of the Negro slave trade, and the love he lavished on them was something that transcended the natural order. Through his efforts three hundred thousand souls entered the Church. Furthermore, he did not lose sight of his converts when they left the ships, but followed them to the plantations to which they were sent, encouraged them to live as Christians, and prevailed on their masters to treat them humanely. He died in 1654. (Feast Day: September 9th)



To our couples with anniversaries in September: (Paul) & Gaye Tamulynas – 9/13/1986; (Billy) & Janice McGowan – 9/14/1974; Gary & Jackie Silvia – 9/17/1988



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).



From the Catechism: C2270 Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person -- among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life. "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you" (Jer 1:5; cf Job 10:8-12; Ps 22:10-11). "My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately wrought in the depths of the earth" (Ps. 139:15). 2271 Since the first century the Church has affirmed the moral evil of every procured abortion. This teaching has not changed and remains unchangeable. Direct abortion, that is to say, abortion willed either as an end or a means, is gravely contrary to the moral law: "You shall not kill the embryo by abortion and shall not cause the newborn to perish" (Didache 2, 2). (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.

Mass Readings: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Is 35:4-7a

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10

2nd Reading: Jas 2:1-5

Alleluia Acclamation: Mt 4:23

Gospel Reading: Mk 7:31-37

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.

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 Cathedraticum "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.

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.

Are you a new volunteer? This is for you!

Any and all Parishioners are welcome to Join our VIRTUS Training session on Saturday, September 18th @ 10:00 am in the Hall. Training is provided for awareness of the safety of our children, in the parish and Community. Please contact Erin Hayden for more information and sign up. 804-843-3125 Ext. 103.

The Office of Social Ministries and Respect Life invites you to join the virtual JustFaith commencement and informational gathering on Tuesday, September 14th from 6:30-8:00pm. Learn more about the powerful faith formation programs that inspire action around contemporary social issues. Registration required: <https://bit.ly/JustFaith2021>. *Transforming Hearts and Structures – ZOOM.* JustFaith Ministries connects and prepares people of faith for the life-changing, world-changing work of the Gospel by offering small-group programs that deepen faith, invite learning, and inspire action around contemporary social issues. For more information about JustFaith programs, please contact Renee McCarthy at reneemccarthy44@gmail.com or call 757-486-3375.



Our sincerest condolences to Virginia Kopacki and family at the loss of her sister, Betty Ward. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon her.



Our sincerest condolences to Tiffany Smith and family at the loss of her grandfather. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon him.

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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Pat Hite
(804) 366-2026

Sometimes we take for granted the very items/tasks that are essential to the celebrating of our Masses and practicing our Faith in others ways, as well.

- The Church gets cleaned – bathrooms are cleaned, pews wiped down, furniture dusted, and floors swept, mopped & vacuumed. Sometimes, the Church is deep cleaned.
- Altar Linens, Priest's Albs, & Altar Server Attire gets cleaned and placed back in Church for Masses
- Decorating the Church for Mass and special occasions
- Rentals of the Hall are Handled and Cleanliness of the Hall is maintained.
- Of course, we all know about Ushers, Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Choir Members, etc. but did we know that sometimes they practice? Someone trains our Altar Servers and Leda works diligently to make sure that Choir Members have everything they need so we can have beautiful music.
- Did you know there is a Ministry Scheduler who juggles scheduling everyone for the different ministries while keeping in mind parishioners' limitations during the month?
- Envelopes are put in pews and books neatened.
- Votive Candles & Altar Candles are Refreshed and ready for Masses
- Parishioners volunteer at the Parish Office. Bulletins get printed and folded and taken to the Church, along with the Mass Intentions for Father Oscar, and Prayers of the Faithful get put into the notebook for the Lectors. Some Bulletins are mailed to our Shut-ins.
- How does the information on the front and the back of the bulletins get there?
- Greeting Cards are sent to parishioners who may be Shut-in, sick, having surgery, have lost a loved one, or just need prayer and to know someone is thinking of them.
- The Liturgy has to be planned and a group of people meet to do so for Ordinary Time, Holy Days and Liturgical Seasons.
- The wine and hosts for the Consecration at each Mass are replenished. Everything is laid out just right for each Mass.
- Keeping the Children's Mass Bags for small children with items that promote Faith.
- Coffee is made and goodies laid out for Hospitality after the 9:00am Masses. Set up before hand and Clean up afterwards always had to be done.
- Offertory is collected after each Mass and bagged and taken to the Night Deposit at the Bank.
- Night Deposit Bags are picked up at the Bank on Tuesdays and a group of volunteers counts the offertory so the Lead Counter can deposit into the various bank accounts.
- The history of our Church has been carefully preserved and beautifully laid out in books and exhibits at which we can marvel.
- Prayer Shawls for the sick and those in need of prayer, Baby blankets and Christening garments are carefully stitched and made with love for fellow parishioners and new lives added to our parish.
- Work with our Preschool Program and Before/After School Program to promote the Love of Jesus Christ to the children – OUR FUTURE – of our community.
- Leaky roofs, filling in holes between the bricks on the buildings and walls, any small repairs that can be done do get done so the Church saves money.
- Parish Picnics and parish gatherings are planned and implemented for the fellowship of our parish.
- Parish Yard Sales have been planned and taken place to benefit the parish.
- When the need is there, funeral receptions have been planned and implemented beautifully to allow our families of parishioners to mourn their death and gather with family for healing.
- Both Cemeteries are lovingly monitored and cared for ensuring the families of our loved ones buried there have a beautiful place to visit when they feel the need.
- Systems within the parish – phone systems, alarm systems, heating & air systems, etc. are monitored and improved where needed.

- Buildings and grounds are monitored for needed upkeep and repairs. Contracts are implemented and with proper follow-up.
- Grass on the entire Church campus is mowed regularly and flowers maintained.
- The Mercy Center Chapel is set up for Adoration and parishioners keep watch with Christ and pray.
- If Father or other staff need anything, someone is there to help them.
- The Senior Luncheon was planned and implemented each month.
- Fills the Religious Goods case with Religious Items we might not otherwise be able to purchase or think about purchasing.
- Plans programs to inspire and teach our children about God.
- Plans service projects to be able to teach our children about being disciples of Christ.
- Organizing & Implementing Outreach to our Community such as Food Baskets and The Giving Tree with the assistance of our generous parishioners, the youth of our parish and adults devoted to helping others.
- Christmas Pageant enjoyed by so many. Planning, practicing, making costumes, cleaning costumes, and bringing it to the parish for our enjoyment and reminder of why there is Christmas and what we believe.
- Meeting with People who are interested in the faith at the time they can meet, no matter when that is.
- Planning receptions for celebrating Sacraments with the whole parish.
- Our Parish Library in the vestibule is kept stocked with “good reads” about our faith, saints and our personal growth through God’s Love.
- Cleaning the Faith Formation Classrooms and bathrooms each week.
- Our children – OUR FUTURE – are instructed in the Catholic Faith so that the world around them does not influence them into a Godless life.
- Volunteers work with our youth to chaperone off-site events, plan lessons, offer games and refreshments for meetings.
- Vacation Bible School needs to be planned and implemented when possible.
- Hours spent determining details on each of the Cemeteries and putting together packages for families in need of burial plots and putting systems in place for the care and upkeep of our Cemeteries.
- Ordering/Changing the automatic defibrillator batteries and checking the fire extinguishers annually. (I think we all want these to be in working order at all times.)
- Someone even takes the food donated by our parishioners over to the Good Neighbor Center.

There is no chore too small, too large or too difficult for our devoted Parishioners who do ordinary, everyday, thankless, but necessary things that keep this parish running seamlessly and smoothly. These parishioners are truly spreading the Love of Christ and are living the Christian life we are all called to live. Do you see something on this list that you can help with?

Join us: Sunday, September 12th, after the 9 am. Mass

Where: At the Van Den Boogaard Hall

For: a parish wide ministry sign up

Fellowship and light refreshments will be available.