

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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
March 12th & 13th, 2022



- Sat 3/12 – Mary JoAn Klisiewicz (RIP) Fr. Oscar
 Requested by Janice McGowan
- Sun 3/13 – Natalee Franzysen (RIP) Fr. Oscar
 Requested by Janice McGowan
- Mon 3/14 – No Mass
- Tue 3/15 – Richard & Anna Kozlowski (RIP)
 Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler Fr. Oscar
- Wed 3/16 – Mary Ann Hooper (RIP) Fr. Oscar
 Requested by Frank & Mary Ann Fetterolf
- Thurs 3/17 – Joe Sr, Elsie & Johnnie Drexler (RIP)
 Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler Fr. Oscar
- Fri 3/18 – Waseta Maria Fredericks Fr. Oscar
 Requested by Knights of Columbus Council #8116
- Sat 3/19 – Esther Seckora (RIP) Fr. Oscar
 Anniversary of Birthday
 Requested by Paul & Valeria Seckora & Family
- Sun 3/20 – Waseta Maria Fredericks (RIP) Fr. Oscar
 Requested by Knights of Columbus Council #8116

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.

Parish Directories are available at the Parish Office. Please come by Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays between 9:00am and 4:30pm or call Pam at 804-843-3125 to get your directory.

***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. Just ask one of our ushers how it works. You can even use your own earphones to plug into the device.

***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 or pick one up at the back of the Church and leave your donation! These are beautiful books with the stories of our parishes in the Richmond Diocese.

Week of March 14th – March 20th

- Monday, March 14th** – No Daily Mass
 Adoration Mercy Center Chapel 12pm - 10pm
- Tuesday, March 15th** – 8:30am Mass (Livestreamed)
 Adoration Mercy Center Chapel 12pm - 10pm
 Adult Faith Formation – 4:30pm – Boogaard Hall
*****Lenten Penance Service 7:00pm*****
- Wednesday, March 16th** – 8:30am Mass (Livestreamed)
- Thursday, March 17th** – 11:00am Mass with Senior Luncheon Immediately to follow at Tony & George's Restaurant in West Point
*****Knights of Columbus Blood Drive 1-6pm Boogaard Hall – Call 1-800-733-2767**
- Friday, March 18th** – 8:30am Mass (Livestreamed)
 Most Holy Rosary – 6:30pm in Church (Livestreamed)
 7:00pm - Stations of the Cross
 Led by Parish Council
- Saturday, March 19th** – 5:30pm Mass
- Sunday, March 20th**
 9:00am Mass (Livestreamed)
 10:15am Children's Faith Formation - Hall
 10:15am Adult Faith Formation – Mercy Center
 11:30am Spanish Mass
 6:30pm Youth Group



To our couples with anniversaries in March:
 Shawn & Erin Lazar – 3/6/2004 and David & Donna Haviland – 3/7/1998

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The date is set, and it will be here before we know it. We will hold VBS July 25th – July 29th. Many volunteers are Needed! Please consider giving of your time and talents to help promote the faith to our parish children and community.
Contact: Erin Hayden at 804-843-3125 or 804-366-4435

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Saturday, March 5th – 65
 Sunday, March 6th - 131
 Spanish Mass, March 6th - 33

From the Cemetery Committee

Just a quick note to remind everyone that with Holy Week fast approaching, the Cemetery Committee has a Cemetery Clean-up the week prior to Holy Week. If there are items that anyone would like to keep that are left over from the Holidays, please try to get them prior to our clean-up. As always, if there are any questions, please feel free to contact any member of the committee.



PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND GOOD HEALTH

Emily Adams	Sharon Adams	Elizabeth Alley
Camb Ashley	Candace Barefoot	Virginia Becker
Paulette Berberich	Tom Berberich	Linda Blevins
Ron Blevins	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	Cris Gay	Kelli Gaeta
Margaret Geron	Jim Gregory	Pat Hinkle
Kelly Hipple	Laurie Hite	Ellen Horseman
John Jones	Gail Justin	Bob Kay
Bill Kessler	Roland Klisiewicz III	Gloria Kojcsich
Bonnie Kopacki	Joyce Kostrzewa	Gordon Langston
Patricia Lanuza	Ashley Larson	Melissa Leger
Philip Liberato	Denise Mason	Matt Matula
Lanci McCloud	Mary Leigh McDonald	Kenny McGinley
Beverly McGowan	Patrick McGowan	William Madigan III
Ron Martz	Jackie Mierle	Clara Morrow
Randy Morrow	Specialist Mullins	Larry Newtzie
Andrea Payton	Ka'varus Penticolas	Brett Pickens
Patricia Pulong	Pam Rigsby	Mark A. Roane
Vickie Roane	Leonard Romano	Debbie Royals
Jack Scaife	Barbara Schafer	Kay Shaw
James Simmons	The Solak Family	Levi Sturtz
Jim Tokarz	Mae Touray	Taylor Trimbath
Gloria Wajciechowski	Francis Watkins	Emmett White
James Wills	Andrea Berberich Wilson	Mary Wilson
Lois Wilson	Robert 'Bobby' Wilson	Jody Zogran

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY

Major Jonathan Culberson

Church Cleaning Schedule

- 3/7 thru 3/13 – Gary & Jackie Silvia
- 3/14 thru 3/20 – Our Hispanic Community
- 3/21 thru 3/27 – Teresa Nguyen & Nguyen Sisters



- 3/12 – Kevin Kopacki & Kody Kopacki
- 3/13 – Philip Henley & Jim Milby
- 3/19 – Volunteers Needed
- 3/20 – Jim Pyne & Daniel Duke



- 3/12 – Jackie Silvia & Volunteer Needed
- 3/13 – Colleen Rae & Scott Rae
- 3/19 – Tom Fauber & Pattie Vadas
- 3/20 – Pat Barron & Susan Thompson



- 3/12 – Gary Silvia
- 3/13 – Sarah Rae
- 3/19 – Jim Vadas
- 3/20 – Bill Madigan

The Year of Grace with St. Joseph
God Made St. Joseph Lord of His Household and Prince Over All His Possessions

"You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and the great ones make their authority over them felt. But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you shall be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave. Just so, the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many." Mt 20:25-28

What persons has the Father prepared to sit next to Jesus in heaven? Obviously, Mary, the mother of Jesus, sits on Jesus' right side. She is the Queen Mother of God's Kingdom. What about the other side? Who is that seat reserved for? It makes sense that it is reserved for St. Joseph. It is fitting that God would place St. Joseph on the left side of Jesus because no saint is greater than the father of Jesus Christ! Devotion to St. Joseph is one of the choicest graces that God can give to a soul, for it is tantamount to revealing the entire treasury of our Lord's graces. St. Peter Julian Eymard

(Pray the Litany of St. Joseph)

The Season of Lent

Jesus' temptation reveals the way in which the Son of God is Messiah, contrary to the way in which Satan proposes to Him and the way men wish to attribute to Him. This is why Christ vanquished the Tempter for us: "For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sinning. By the Solemn Forty days of Lent the Church unites herself each year to the mystery of Jesus in the desert. CCC540

Saint of the Week

March 14th - St. Mathilda

Saint Mathilda was born about 895, the daughter of a German count. When she was still quite young, her parents arranged her marriage to a nobleman named Henry. Soon after their marriage, Henry became king of Germany. As queen, Mathilda lived a simple lifestyle with times for daily prayer. Everyone who saw her realized how good and kind she was. She was more like a mother than a queen. She loved to visit and comfort the sick. She helped prisoners. Mathilda did not let herself be spoiled by her position, but tried to reach out to people in need. King Henry realized that his wife was an extraordinary person. He told her many times that he was a better person and a better king because she was his wife. Even though their marriage had been arranged, Henry and Mathilda really loved each other. Mathilda founded several Benedictine abbeys, and was free to use the treasures of the kingdom for charity. King Henry never questioned her. In fact, he became more aware of the needs of people. He realized that he had the power to ease suffering because of his position. The couple were happily married for twenty-three years. King Henry died quite suddenly in 936. The queen suffered the loss very much. She decided then and there to live for God alone. She gave the priest all the jewels she was wearing at King Henry's funeral. She did this to show that she meant to give up the things of the world from then on.



Pray for Vocations

"This is my beloved Son, hear Him." Is our Lord asking you to follow Him in tending His flock as a priest? Call the Vocations Office at 804-359-5661 to speak with Fr. Brian Capuano, or write to

vocations@richmonddiocese.org.



Help Pregnant Women in Need: "As Pope Francis reminds us, we are to offer support for pregnant and parenting moms letting them know that our parishes are, "islands of mercy in the midst of a sea of indifference". Everyone in the parish should know where to refer for help pregnant women in need. The US Catholic Bishops nationwide program, Walking with Moms in Need, helps nurture and protect lives. And women and men suffering due to an abortion need to be reminded that there is hope and healing through ministries such as Project Rachel and Raphael's Refuge. God's mercy and forgiveness is limitless, and we all need to be agents of God's mercy for others." - Texas "Heartbeat Law" Will Keep the Hearts of Thousands of Tiny Unborn Beating with Life, Bishop Michael Pfeifer, O.M.I., Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of San Angelo – September 8, 2021 (Priests for Life)

*Help is available: Call 1-800-712-HELP.

Mass Readings: Second Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14.

2nd Reading: Phil 3:17—4:1

Alleluia Acclamation: Cf. Mt 17:5

Gospel Reading: Lk 9:28b-36

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.

A Peek at Upcoming Events

May 21st – *Tea & Coffee with the Blessed Mother.* Mark your Calendars and look for more details to come!

May 28th – *Rise Against Hunger* – This is a Food Packaging Event that will take place in the Church Hall. You can help raise money for this event by taking the Miles for Meals Family Challenge.



Please remember that Good Friday is a Day of Fast and Abstinence and that ALL Fridays during Lent are Days of Abstinence.

We will have the Holy Rosary and Stations of the Cross every Friday of Lent. The Holy Rosary will be led by Father Oscar and begin at 6:30pm. The Stations of the Cross will begin at 7:00pm and will be led by members of the following committees:

March 18 Parish Council
March 25 Knights of Columbus
April 1 Hispanic Community
April 8 Facilities Committee

Please note that our **Lenten Penance Service** will be this Tuesday, March 15th at 7:00pm, another way during Lent to prepare ourselves to receive the Risen Lord at Easter.

Opportunities to Give during Lent

Lent Challenge – Want to do something as a family for Lent? Choose a challenge! “Miles for Meals” Rise Against Hunger or “Walk for Water” Rice Bowl. Pray for others that go without these necessities, locally and around the world. You can pick up your challenge at the back of the Church. One per household, please. Directions are included. ☺ Saturday, May 28th has been set for a meal packaging event here, to Rise Against Hunger.

Knights of Columbus Blood Drive – Our Knights will be sponsoring another Red Cross Blood Drive on Thursday, March 17, 2022 from 1:00pm until 6:00pm in the Boogaard Hall. Please call 1-800-REDCROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: knightswestpoint to schedule an appointment.

Easter Food Baskets for the Needy – We will be putting together some Easter Food Baskets for the needy in our community on April 9th in the Hall. We are in need of volunteers to help shop for and pack the baskets. We also need donations so we can purchase the food. You can put your donation in a plain envelope marked “Food Baskets” in the Offertory or give your donation to Pam Watkins, Erin Hayden, Deidra Kopacki, or Sandy Lam after Masses. Please include your envelope number so that you can get credit on your offertory statement for your donation. We also want to hear from you if you know of anyone who may need a Food Basket this Easter. Please call the Parish Office at 804-843-3125.

Collections for March 2, 5 & 6, 2022

Parish Operations Includes 3/2	\$5,371.00
Supplemental Collection	13.00
Parish Heating	60.00
Poor Box	40.00
Votive Candles	16.00
Easter Flowers	110.00
Total	\$5,610.00
Amount needed weekly for Parish Operations is	\$3,940
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Capital Campaign	\$1,204.00
Cemetery Account	\$565.00

Thank you for supporting our parish!

***Did you know that if you are 72 or older, you can make your Required Minimum Distribution from your IRA straight to our parish and most times it is excluded from your gross taxable income. To find out more, contact your financial advisor or Maggie Keenan at the Catholic Community Foundation – 804-622-5221 or mkeen@richmonddiocese.org.

Diocesan Annual Appeal

As you prayerfully discern how you can give this Lenten season, please consider contributing to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Our parish's goal this year is \$12,370.00.

Check out our \$5 Book Table and Give yourself something worth reading!

There is a variety of books to choose from. Make Lent the time to feed your soul with good things!

Want to Know More About Prayer?

Let's “Plug into the Power of Prayer!”

Mark Your Calendar

Join us at the hall on Saturday, March 26th, from 9:00am – 12pm. This retreat will give us the “Key” to open the door to the foundation of a relationship with the Lord, while allowing us to have open conversation and share with each other. *Food will be served! Retreat is Free!!! Sign up at the back of the Church or call the Parish Office at 804-843-3125.*



It is with the heaviest of hearts that we extend our most sincere condolences to the family of David Seckora. We will all miss his smiling face! May his life be an inspiration and example for all of us who hope to live holy lives here on earth and have eternal life with God in heaven. “Well done good and faithful servant...enter into the joy of your Master.” Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let 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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*New Members Welcomed

*Hall Rental Available

Contact
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(804) 366-4124

You Are Invited To



When: Saturday, March 26th

Time: 9 am. to 12 pm.

Where: At the Van Den Boogaard Hall

The Retreat is FREE!

Our Youth Group will be providing breakfast for that morning, please donate towards their fundraiser.

To Register: Call the Parish office 804-843-3125 or **Sign up in the Back of Church.
For questions or registering you can also call: Erin 804-366-4435**