

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.

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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
March 26th & 27th, 2022



- Sat 3/26 – Richard & Anna Kozlowski (RIP) Fr. Oscar
 Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler
 Phil Liberato for Healing Fr. Oscar
 Requested by Marian Kopacki
- Sun 3/27 – Mildred Hite (RIP) Fr. Oscar
 Requested by Knights of Columbus Council #8116
 David Seckora (RIP) Fr. Oscar
 Requested by Marguerite Sturtz
- Mon 3/28 – No Mass
- Tue 3/29 – Joe Sr, Elsie & Johnnie Drexler (RIP)
 Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler Fr. Oscar
 Kathy Webster (RIP) Fr. Oscar
 Requested by Bill Webster
- Wed 3/30 – Waseta Maria Fredericks (RIP) Fr. Oscar
 Requested by Knights of Columbus Council #8116
- Thurs 3/31 – Mildred Hite (RIP) Fr. Oscar
 Requested by Knights of Columbus Council #8116
- Fri 4/1 – Waseta Maria Fredericks (RIP) Fr. Oscar
 Requested by Knights of Columbus Council #8116
- Sat 4/2 – David Seckora (RIP) Fr. Oscar
 Requested by Marguerite Sturtz
- Sun 4/3 – Mildred Hite (RIP) Fr. Oscar
 Requested Marian Kopacki

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.

***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.

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.

Week of March 28th – April 3rd

- Monday, March 28th** No Daily Mass
 Adoration Mercy Center Chapel 12pm - 10pm
- Tuesday, March 29th** – 8:30am Mass (Livestreamed)
 Adoration Mercy Center Chapel 12pm - 10pm
 ****Adult Bible Study* – 4:30pm - Boogaard Hall
- Wednesday, March 30th** – 8:30am Mass (Livestreamed)
- Thursday, March 31st** – 8:30am Mass (Livestreamed)
- Friday, April 1st** – 8:30am Mass (Livestreamed)
 Most Holy Rosary – 6:30pm in Church (Livestreamed)
 7:00pm - Stations of the Cross
 Led by Our Hispanic Community
- Saturday, April 2nd** - 5:30pm Mass
- Sunday, April 3rd**
 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

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

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.



Congratulations to Stella Jones, Cristal Silva Martinez, Vivian Nguyen, and Tazewell Rae on receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday, March 22nd. May the Holy Spirit guide your hearts and lead you in Faith and Truth!



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.	Andy Eshelman
Michelle Eshelman	Amanda Fincher	Don Fitzgerald
Cris Gay	Kelli Gaeta	Margaret Geron
Jim Gregory	Pat Hinkle	Kelly Hipple
Laurie Hite	Ellen Horseman	Gail Justin
Bob Kay	Bill Kessler	Roland Klisiewicz III
Gloria Kojcsich	Bonnie Kopacki	Joyce Kostrzewa
Gordon Langston	Helene Lawrence	Richard Lawrence
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 Pilog	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	Bill Webster	Andrea Berberich Wilson
Mary Wilson	Lois Wilson	Robert 'Bobby' Wilson
	Jody Zogran	

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY

Major Jonathan Culberson
Specialist Sydney Gay

Church Cleaning Schedule

3/21 thru 3/27 – Teresa Nguyen & Nguyen Sisters
3/28 thru 4/3 – Gary & Jackie Silvia
4/4 thru 4/10 – Our Hispanic Community



3/26 – Kevin Kopacki & Kody Kopacki
3/27 – Philip Henley & Craig Smith



3/26 – Lorraine Ryalls & Jackie Silvia
3/27 – Joe Pincus & Tiffany Smith



3/26 – Tom Fauber 3/27 – Susan Thompson

The Year of Grace with Divine Mercy

On the Sunday after Easter, April 24th, the entire Church is called to gather throughout the world to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. From St. Maria Faustina's Diary, it is clear that this Octave Day of Easter is a day chosen by Christ as a day of extraordinary graces - A complete outpouring of His mercy upon all who approach Him with great trust and expectant faith. To properly celebrate this great day, we need to prepare well. During Lent we begin to prepare for our celebration of Easter and Divine Mercy Sunday as the *eighth* day of thanksgiving (the Octave Day of Easter we especially focus on performing works of mercy, spending more time in prayer, doing penances, and giving alms). It is important to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent. Praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet and the Novena to the Divine Mercy can be helpful preparation as well. Many souls also benefit from doing more spiritual reading during Lent. An aspect of this could be learning more about the Divine Mercy message and devotion through reading books, viewing DVD's, and listening to CD's.

The Season of Lent

Lent and its Relationship to Baptism

Originating in the first three centuries of the Christian era, Christians would prepare for Easter by spending three days in prayer while fasting. It would later become a three-week period of intense spiritual and liturgical preparation for catechumens that were seeking to be baptized at Easter. As Christianity became more widespread and most people were being baptized in their infancy, Lent lost its connections with the baptizing of catechumens. That was until the Second Ecumenical Council of the Vatican, or Vatican II, restored the order of catechumens. Allowing for adult converts to be baptized at the Easter Vigil, which takes place after sundown on Holy Saturday.

Saint of the Week

March 26th - St. Didacus Joseph of Cadiz

This humble Capuchin, who could make no progress at school, was later on admired by the world as the savior of the Faith in Spain, as a second Paul, as the apostle of his century. His lineage dated from the Visigoth kings. After he had taken the habit of St. Francis with the Capuchins in Seville, he had been ordained to the priesthood. Having prepared himself by a holy life, he was appointed to the task of preaching. Everybody marveled at the singular power and unction of his words, which swayed his audiences and left an impression on their lives. But most astonished of all was the venerable Dominican, Antonio Querero, a fellow student of Didacus, who knew how difficult study had been for him. Because of his humility and virtue, the Holy Spirit had converted this unlearned man into the most celebrated preacher in Spain.



Pray for Vocations

“I am the light of the world, says the Lord.” Are you called to bring the Light of Christ to the world through a vocation to the priesthood? Call the Vocations Office at 804-359-5661 to speak with Fr. Brian Capuano, or write to vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

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. Call Erin at 804-843-3125 to volunteer. You can also help raise money for this event by taking the Miles for Meals Family Challenge.

*****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.



Pope and Patriarch Call For Defense of the Unborn:

Pope Francis and Russian Orthodox Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia met in Havana, Cuba on Friday, February 12, 2016, and signed an historic joint declaration. In that declaration they stated the following about the unborn: “We call on all to respect the inalienable right to life. Millions are denied the very right to be born into the world.

The blood of the unborn cries out to God
(cf. Gen 4:10). (n. 21)” (Priests for Life)

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

Mass Readings: Fourth Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Jos 5:9a, 10-12

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7.

2nd Reading: 2 Cor 5:17-21

Gospel Acclamation: Lk 15:18

Gospel Reading: Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

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.



Poor Clares Ministry

Thanks to All with Deer Fence Completion! With a lot of help, the deer fence around the Poor Clares’ garden area has been completed. Thanks to Paul McDonald, Gary Silvia, Eston Nguyen, the Simal Family (Frank, Melissa and children Michael, Andrew, and Katie), the Sprouse family (Ryan, Bernarda and children Alex, Eric, and Liam), Eric Ellingson, Larry Dzula, Richard Mountcastle, and Jim Vadas. Previously, Joe Drexler, David Seckora, and Jim Milby had also contributed to the project. The deer fence project began last fall at the request of the Poor Clares’ Sisters and was finished in time for seeds to go into the ground!



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:

April 1 Hispanic Community
April 8 Facilities Committee

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.

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.

Diocesan Annual Appeal

God’s mercy transforms our lives, and calls us to gratitude and generosity. Renewed in our gratefulness for the Lord’s many gifts, please support our Annual Diocesan Appeal this Lenten season. 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!

Collections for March 19th & 20th, 2022

Parish Operations	\$3,377.54
Supplemental Collection	244.00
Online Giving as of 3/15/2022	100.00
Easter Flowers	145.00
Total	\$3,866.54
Amount needed weekly for Parish Operations is	\$3,940
Restricted, Special Use or Sent out of Parish	
Capital Campaign	\$5,768.00
Cemetery Account	\$135.00

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 mkeenan@richmonddiocese.org.



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

Lenten Retreat

Our Lady of the Rosary of the Secular Franciscan Order invites you to a Lenten retreat and potluck lunch. The retreat will focus on “finding God in the Ordinary” and “Prayer.” Fr. Gregory Kandt is the presenter. The retreat will be April 9, 2022 from 9:00am until 12:00pm. We will begin gathering at 8:30am for fellowship. Mass will begin at 9:00am. The retreat will be at The Church of St. Therese at 6262 Main Street, Gloucester, VA 23061. **Please bring a dish to share at lunch time. Please RSVP to james22@aol.com. In the subject line, please put SFO retreat**



We are so saddened to have lost one of our long time, active parishioners. John Jones registered with our parish in 1951 and was one of our Knights of Columbus, taught religious education, and he sang in the choir among other activities in the parish. He remained active until his health would not allow him to be active. Our sincerest condolences to Bette Albert, Alfred Jones and family. 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
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