

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.

PALM SUNDAY
April 9th & 10th, 2022



Saturday, April 9
 10:00 am Community Food Baskets
 (Meet in VDB Hall)
 5:30 pm Mass for Joe, Sr., Elsie, &
 Johnnie Drexler (RIP)
 by Joe & Linda Drexler
 Mass for "Charlie" Sturtz (RIP)
 7th Anniversary of Death
 by Jeanie Sturtz

Sunday, April 10
PALM SUNDAY
 9:00 am Mass for James Geron (RIP)
 Anniversary of birthday
 by Donna Geron
 10:15 am Children's Faith Formation
 10:15 am Adult Faith Formation (MC)
 11:00 am Hispanic Mass

Monday, April 11
HOLY MONDAY
 No Mass No Mass
 12 pm – 10 pm Adoration in Chapel
 6:00 pm Chrism Mass – Cathedral

Tuesday, April 12
HOLY TUESDAY
 8:30 am Mass for Ed Kopacki (RIP)
 Anniversary of Death
 by Janice McGowan & family
 12 pm – 10 pm Adoration in Chapel

Wednesday, April 13
HOLY WEDNESDAY
 8:30 am Mass for Joe, Sr., Elsie, &
 Johnnie Drexler (RIP)
 by Joe & Linda Drexler
 7:00 pm Tenebrae Service

Thursday, April 14
HOLY THURSDAY
 7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
 Mass for Mildred Hite (RIP)
 by the Liberato family
 Mass for David Seckora (RIP)
 by Theresa Moody
 10:00 pm End of Adoration in Church

Friday, April 15
GOOD FRIDAY
 3:00 pm Stations of the Cross
 7:00 pm Service of the
 Passion of the Lord
 Mass for Mildred Hite (RIP)
 by the Watkins family

Saturday, April 16
 11:00 am HOLY SATURDAY
 Blessing of the Easter Food
 Baskets
 8:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass
 Mass for Francis Seckora (RIP)
 Anniversary of Death
 by David Seckora

Sunday, April 17
 9:00 am EASTER SUNDAY
 Easter Mass
 Mass for Ed Kopacki (RIP)
 10th Anniversary of Death
 by Virginia Kopacki & children
 Mass for David Seckora (RIP)
 by Parishioners
 No Children's Faith Formation
 No Adult Faith Formation
 No Hispanic Mass

Hearing Assistance

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.

Special Collection
Diocesan Collection for Ukraine & Eastern Europe

At the Masses on April 23rd & 24th, Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish is asking for your donation to the Richmond Diocese special collection to support the Ukrainian people.

The Diocese collection will be for both the Church in Central and Eastern Europe and the Archdiocese of Kosice in Slovakia, whose efforts are to reach those suffering in Ukraine and assist the millions who have fled into adjoining countries.

Further, 80% of the funds will go to the networks the Church in Central and Eastern Europe have established with Ukraine. The Diocese of Kosice shares a border with Ukraine and has experienced an influx of refugees.

Church Cleaning Schedule

4/4 thru 4/10 – Our Hispanic Community

4/11 thru 4/17 – Teresa Nguyen & Nguyen Sisters

4/18 thru 4/24 – Gary & Jackie Silvia



4/9 – Dan Gibbs & Kevin Kopacki

4/10 – Jim Pyne & Philip Henley

4/14 – HOLY THURSDAY – Dan Gibbs & Tuan Nguyen

4/15 – GOOD FRIDAY – Shawn Lazar & Bob Ryalls

4/16 – EASTER VIGIL – Kevin Kopacki & Kody Kopacki

4/17 -- EASTER SUNDAY – Tuan Nguyen & Ralph Racioppi



4/9 – Jim Vadas & Lorraine Ryalls

4/10 – Pat Barron & Joe Pincus

4/13 – TENEBRAE – Lorraine Ryalls, Kay Shaw, Danielle Smith, Susan Thompson

4/14 – HOLY THURS – Joe Drexler & Lorraine Ryalls

4/15 – GOOD FRIDAY – Jackie Silvia & Bill Madigan

4/16 – EASTER VIGIL – Kay Shaw, Danielle Smith, and Jim Vadas

4/17 -- EASTER SUNDAY – Tiffany Smith & Cydney Henley



4/9 – Joe Drexler

4/10 – Bill Madigan

4/13 – TENEBRAE – None Needed

4/14 – HOLY THURS – Jim Vadas

4/15 – GOOD FRIDAY – Gary Silvia

4/16 – EASTER VIGIL – Susan Thompson

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The Year of Grace, with Divine Mercy

Why celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday?

Jesus gave an extraordinary promise of grace to all those who would receive Holy Communion in the state of grace on Divine Mercy Sunday., saying they would “obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment” (Diary, 699). That means not only is the person forgiven for any mortal or venial sins they may have committed, but also that they will receive a complete remission of the temporal punishment due for sin- that is , no Purgatory. The great theologian Fr. Ignacy Rozycki compared the graces of Divine Mercy Sunday to a “second baptism.” How great is the Divine Mercy!

The first Sunday after Easter is the Feast of Mercy, but there must also be acts of mercy. “I demand from you deeds of mercy, which are to arise out of love for Me. You are to show mercy to your neighbors always and everywhere. You must not shrink from this or try to excuse or absolve yourself from it. (742)

To fittingly observe the Feast of Mercy, we should:

1. Celebrate the Feast on the Sunday after Easter;
2. Sincerely repent of all our sins;
3. Place our complete trust in Jesus;
4. Go to Confession, preferably before that Sunday;
5. Receive Holy Communion on the day of the Feast;
6. Venerate* the image of the Divine Mercy; and
7. Be merciful to others, through our actions, words, and prayers on their behalf.

**To venerate a sacred image or statue simply mean to perform some act or make some gesture of deep religious respect toward it because of the person whom it represents-in this case, our Most Merciful Savior.*

Attendance

April 2 nd Saturday Mass:	101
April 3 rd Sunday Mass:	100
Spanish Mass	32

Collections for March 2nd & 3rd, 2022

Week's Amount

Parish Operations	\$ 2,487
Debt Supplement Collection	40
Easter Flowers	<u>145</u>
Total	\$*2,672

*Amount needed weekly for Parish Operations is \$3,940

Restricted, Special Use, or Send Out of Parish:

Diocesan (Cath. Relief Svcs.)	70
Cemetery Account	25

Thank you for supporting our Parish!



Our prayers and sympathies to Pam Watkins and her family for the loss of her brother, Roland Klisiewicz III, in North Carolina. Roland was buried with Naval Honors having served on the nuclear submarine, USS Snook for four years. He was 61 on March 22nd. This follows the loss of Pam's mother in December.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon him.

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.

Jesus' Death is Our Example

"Jesus, who upon entering into the world said: "I have come, O God, to do your will" (cf. Heb 10:9), made himself obedient to the Father in everything and, "having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end" (Jn 13:1), giving himself completely for them. He who had come "not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Mk 10:45), attains on the Cross the heights of love: "Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends" (Jn 15:13). And he died for us while we were yet sinners (cf. Rom 5:8). In this way Jesus proclaims that life finds its center, its meaning and its fulfillment when it is given up. At this point our meditation becomes praise and thanksgiving, and at the same time urges us to imitate Christ and follow in his footsteps (cf. 1 Pt 2:21). We too are called to give our lives for our brothers and sisters, and thus to realize in the fullness of truth the meaning and destiny of our existence." *St. John Paul II, The Gospel of Life, n. 51.*

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.

St. Theresa & St. John Kanti Cemeteries

With Holy Week fast approaching, the Cemetery Committee will have a cemetery clean-up during the week before Holy Week.

If there are items that are left over from the Christmas season, please remove them prior to our clean-up. As always, if there are any questions, please feel free to contact any member of the committee.

Please be aware that no permanent plantings of any flowers, shrubbery, or trees are permitted in the cemeteries. Such items will be removed. If you have planted something and wish to keep it, please remove them as soon as possible. Any questions should be addressed to members of the Cemetery Committee or see the posted rules on the bulletin board in the Church foyer.



The Season of Lent

- Hosanna Means "Save, Please!"
- In moments like this, we realize we cannot save ourselves and we need to connect to our source of security quickly. In the firecracker example, that security is the person with the firecracker in their hand. In our spiritual lives though, that security is in God. In its purest form, this is worship as we feel we have to come to the end of ourselves and we need God to intervene.

Hosanna Means "Salvation! Thank You!"

- Throughout different translations and edits, the original plea to *"please, save us!"* changed to a proclamation of "Salvation! Thank you!" We read in Psalms 118:25, *"Lord, grant salvation! Lord, grant good fortune!"* This is the only time this plea is used. Right after that, in verse 26, there is a shift from concern to confidence.
- Verse 26 says, *"Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."* This is a great example of faith and a demonstration of the shift from Old Testament to New Testament. Today, we hear songs like the ones described in the opening and read scriptures in the New Testament where "hosanna" is used more as a term of adoration and praise.

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

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.

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 VDB 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. Call the Parish Office at 804-843-3125.

FAITH FORMATION

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.

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!

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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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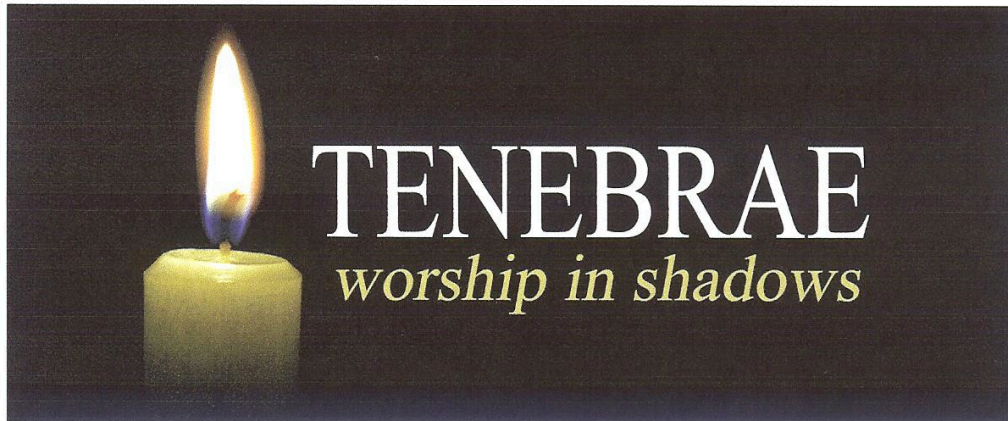
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- † This worship service is based on an early Christian service called Tenebrae. The word Tenebrae is the Latin word for "darkness" or "shadows."
- † The mood is somber and mournful.
- † We feel a small part of Christ's pain during His Passion and His crucifixion.
- † At the beginning of the service, the church lights are on. On the altar, there is a single candle between two candelabras. The single candle is called the Christ candle. All candles are lit.
- † There are seven meditations: 4 scripture readings and 3 sung meditations. After each meditation, a candle on each candelabra is extinguished. Midway through the meditations, the church lights are dimmed. After the seventh meditation, the altar lights are put out making the church darker.
- † As it gets darker and darker, we reflect on the great emotional and physical pain Jesus must have felt.
- † At the end of the service, the Christ candle is taken out of view, making it appear as if the forces of evil have won over good.
- † A loud noise (*strepitus*) is heard signifying the stone closing the tomb.
- † The Christ candle is then restored to its place on the altar, indicating the promise of Christ's triumph over sin and darkness.
- † By this single light, we all depart the service in silence.

A Short History of Tenebrae

Tenebrae – the Latin word for darkness – has been celebrated by the church since medieval times. It was usually celebrated during Matins and Lauds during the Holy Triduum and was a service for the Monastic communities. Now, it is most often celebrated on the evening of the Wednesday before Holy Thursday, which is referred to as “Spy Wednesday.”

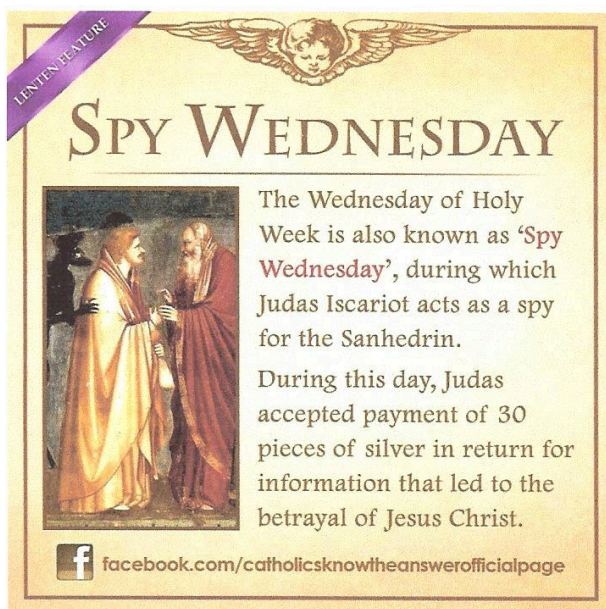
The scripture meditations, as well as the sung meditations, give us a sense of Christ’s passion; the agony and ridicule He endured. There is not only an impending sense of doom but also one of darkness.

“Tenebrae gradually began disappearing after Pope Pius XII’s reform of the Paschal Triduum, because the reformed rubrics really did not accommodate Tenebrae as it had come to exist. Tenebrae was supposed to be an anticipation of Lauds and Matins, but the revision of the Paschal Triduum restored Lauds and Matins to the morning, and it’s hard to have a Service of Shadows in the morning. Later, revision of the Liturgy of the Hours also further displaced Tenebrae.

Still, Tenebrae – at least in some adapted form – appears to be making a comeback.”


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During Tenebrae, the vanishing light from the extinguished candles reminds us that we, as sinners, without Christ, “dwell in darkness.”




LENTEN FEATURE

SPY WEDNESDAY



The Wednesday of Holy Week is also known as ‘Spy Wednesday’, during which Judas Iscariot acts as a spy for the Sanhedrin.

During this day, Judas accepted payment of 30 pieces of silver in return for information that led to the betrayal of Jesus Christ.

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SPY WEDNESDAY is a good day to look inward to analyze our motives and our intentions.

Judas sold out Jesus for 30 pieces of silver. Have you sold him out? And for what? No time to pray, but you have time to play computer games? Skipping Mass while on vacation or for a social event? Doing these things show that we put more value on the them than we do on Jesus.

This is a good day to do a thorough examination of conscience. Perhaps we will find that we need to make another confession before entering Holy Week.