

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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

April 2nd & 3rd, 2022



<p>Saturday, April 2 8:30 am</p>	<p>Mass for David Seckora (RIP) by Marguerite Sturtz</p>
<p>Sunday, April 3 9:00 am</p>	<p>Mass for Mildred Hite (RIP) by Marian Kopacki</p>
	<p>10:15 am Children's Faith Formation</p>
	<p>10:15 am Adult Faith Formation (MC)</p>
	<p>11:00 am Hispanic Mass</p>
	<p>6:30 pm Youth Group</p>
<p>Monday, April 4 No Mass</p>	
	<p>12 pm – 10 pm Adoration in Chapel</p>
	<p>7:00 pm Knights of Columbus</p>
<p>Tuesday, April 5 8:30 am</p>	<p>Mass for Mary Klisiencz (RIP) by Marian Kopacki</p>
	<p>12 pm – 10 pm Adoration in Chapel</p>
	<p>4:30 pm Adult Bible Study at VDB Hall</p>
<p>Wednesday, April 6 8:30 am</p>	<p>Mass for Mildred Hite (RIP) by Knights of Columbus</p>
<p>Thursday, April 7 8:30 am</p>	<p>Mass for Richard & Anna Kozlowski (RIP) by Joe & Linda Drexler</p>
<p>Friday, April 8 8:30 am</p>	<p>Mass for Natalee Franzyszen (RIP) by Marian Kopacki</p>
	<p>6:30 pm Most Holy Rosary</p>
	<p>7:00 pm Stations of the Cross led by Facilities Comm.</p>
<p>Saturday, April 9 5:30 pm</p>	<p>Mass for Joe, Sr., Elsie & Johnnie Drexler (RIP) by Joe & Linda Drexler</p>
	<p>Mass for "Charlie" Sturtz (RIP) 7th Anniversary of Death by Jeanie Sturtz</p>
<p>Sunday, April 10 9:00 am</p>	<p><u>PALM SUNDAY</u> Mass for James Geron (RIP) Anniversary of birthday By Donna Geron</p>
	<p>10:15 am Children's Faith Formation</p>
	<p>10:15 am Adult Faith Formation (MC)</p>
	<p>11:00 am Hispanic Mass</p>
	<p>6:30 pm Youth Group</p>

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.

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.

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.

Collections for March 26th & 27th, 2022

Parish Operations	\$2,852
Easter Flowers	<u>265</u>
Total	\$3,117

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

Diocese Collections	465
Cemetery Account	\$ 60

Thank you for supporting our Parish!

Church Cleaning Schedule

3/28 thru 4/3 – Gary & Jackie Silvia
4/4 thru 4/10 – Our Hispanic Community
4/11 thru 4/17 – Teresa Nguyen & Nguyen Sisters



4/2 – Shawn Lazar & Bob Ryalls
4/3 – Tuan Nguyen & Ralph Racioppi
4/9 – Dan Gibbs & Kevin Kopacki
4/10 – Jim Pyne & Philip Henley



4/2 – Pattie Vadas & Jackie Silvia
4/3 – Bill Madigan & Cydney Henley
4/9 – Jim Vadas & Lorraine Ryalls
4/10 – Pat Barron & Joe Pincus



4/2 – Erin Lazar
4/3 – Jim Pyne
4/9 – Joe Drexler
4/10 – Bill Madigan

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.

Attendance

March 26 Saturday Mass: 73
March 27 Sunday 9:00 am 126
Spanish Mass No Mass



The Year of Grace, with Divine Mercy

How do I prepare for Divine Mercy Sunday?

In addition to receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent, there are many other things we can do on a daily basis to prepare for Divine Mercy Sunday.

Here are a few suggestions:

- Show mercy to other by doing whatever spiritual and corporal works of mercy we can, depending upon our own personal circumstances;
- Pause for prayer during the 3 o'clock hour;
- Make a continuous Novena to the Divine Mercy;
- Play audio or DVD's that focus on Mercy;
- Read the Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska, and the Divine Mercy Message and Devotion booklet.
- Distribute pamphlets about the Divine Mercy Sunday such as Message of Divine Mercy, and Devotion to Divine Mercy.
- Tell others about God's mercy, especially as it has touches you in your own life and
- TRUST in Jesus even more

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.

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.



The Season of Lent

The importance of the 40 days in Lent

Following the legalization of Christianity in the Roman Empire during the fourth century, Lent had developed into its current length of *forty days*, forty-six if you count Sundays that are not actually included in Lent. Fasting during Lent is actually practiced for six days of the week over the six weeks of Lent, excluding Sundays.

Forty days in itself holds significance for Christians due to several biblical events:

- Moses receiving the Ten Commandments on top of Mount Sinai, "Moses was there with the Lord **forty days and forty nights** without eating bread or drinking water. And he wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant—the Ten Commandments" ([Exodus 34:28](#))
- Elijah's walk to Mount Sinai, "So he got up and ate and drank. Strengthened by that food, **he traveled forty days and forty nights** until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God" ([1 Kings 19:8](#))
- Most importantly when Jesus was tested in the wilderness, "Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, where for **forty days he was tempted by the devil**. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry" ([Luke 4:1-13](#)).

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

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 and Stations led by members of the following committees:

April 8 Facilities Committee

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.

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!

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. 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 a Knights of Columbus, taught religious education, and sang in the choir. 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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