

# 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 EASTER

May 7<sup>th</sup> & May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022

### Saturday, May 7

5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation  
5:30 pm Mass Offered for Yolanda Arci (RIP)  
by the Watkins Family  
& Offered for David Seckora (RIP)  
by Virginia Kopack

### Sunday, May 8

9:00 am Mass MOTHER'S DAY  
Offered for Herbert Sturtz, Sr. (RIP)  
Anniversary of Birthday  
NO Children's Faith Formation  
NO Adult Faith Formation (MC)  
11:30 am Mass Spanish Mass

### Monday, May 9

No Mass  
12 pm – 10 pm Adoration in Chapel

### Tuesday, May 10

8:30 am Mass Offered for David Seckora (RIP)  
by Bob & Lorraine Ryalls  
12 pm – 10 pm Adoration in Chapel  
4:30 pm Adult Faith Formation (Hall)

### Wednesday, May 11

8:30 am Mass Offered for Roland Klisiewicz, Jr.  
(RIP)  
Anniversary of Birthday (4/29)  
by the Watkins Family

### Thursday, May 12

8:30 am Mass Offered for David Seckora (RIP)  
by Frank & Mary Ann Fetterolf

### Friday, May 13

8:30 am Mass Offered for Patricia Gurganus  
by Bill Webster  
6:30 pm Most Holy Rosary

### Saturday, May 14

5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation  
5:30 pm Mass Offered for David Seckora (RIP)  
by the Watkins Family  
& Offered for Mike Bryant  
for Healing  
by Gary & Jackie Silvia

### Sunday, May 15

9:00 am Mass Offered for David Seckora (RIP)  
by Frank & Mary Ann Fetterolf  
10:15 am Children's Faith Formation  
10:15 am Adult Faith Formation (MC)  
11:30 am Mass Spanish Mass  
6:30 pm Youth Group

### 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.

### Annual Parish Scholarship

Every year the Parish offers a scholarship to a qualified high school senior who is a member of OLBS Parish. If you are interested, please call Tiffany Smith for an application at 804-840-7984.

### A Peek at Upcoming Events

#### Tea with the Blessed Mother-

Calling ladies of All ages!! You are Invited to join us for "Tea with the Blessed Mother" on May 21<sup>st</sup> from 11 am to 2 pm.

Bring your favorite Tea Sandwich, Tea Cake, Tea Cookie or Tea Favorite!!

Register in the back of church or call the office @ 804-843-3125. Please register by May 19<sup>th</sup> so we can reserve your seat at the table.

This is a great mother / daughter opportunity! A social event to honor our Blessed Mother.

All Hostesses and anyone that would like to help, are encouraged and welcomed to join!

Questions call: Erin (804)-366-4435

May 21<sup>st</sup> – *Tea & Coffee with the Blessed Mother.*

May 28<sup>th</sup> – *Rise Against Hunger*

### Rise Against Hunger

We will have a meal packaging event at the hall on May 28<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. until?? We will need many volunteers as we package 10,000 meals to be shipped to the poorest countries or those in most need. Sign up is by the meter bank in the back or you can register online. Invite a friend to help! It's a fun way to work together for good.

Please register:

<http://events.riseagainsthunger.org/OurLady2022>

### The Year of Grace, with Divine Mercy

St. Faustina's Mission- As His secretary and apostle of Divine Mercy, the Lord Jesus chose St. Faustina to proclaim His message of mercy to the world. He said to her: **"In the Old Covenant I sent prophets wielding thunderbolts to My people. Today I am sending you with My mercy to the people of the whole world. I do not want to punish aching mankind, but I desire to heal it, pressing it to My Merciful Heart** (Diary, 1588)." Sister Faustina's mission consist of the following three tasks:

-To Introduce and proclaim to the world the truth revealed in the Holy Scriptures about the merciful love of God for every human being.

-To entreat God's mercy for the whole world, especially through new forms of devotion to The Divine Mercy given by the Lord Jesus. These are: The Image of the Divine Mercy and the inscription: "Jesus, I trust in You"; the Feast of the Divine Mercy on the Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday); The Divine Mercy Chaplet; and the prayer and meditation on His Passion at the Hour of Great Mercy (3 o'clock in the afternoon).

-To inspire the apostolic movement of the Divine Mercy which continues St. Faustina's mission of proclaiming and entreating God's mercy for the world, as well as striving for perfection in the footsteps of St. Faustina. It consists in perfection in the footsteps of St. Faustina. It consists in showing childlike trust in God, in desiring to do His will, and in the attitude of mercy toward one's neighbor.

### Preschool News

#### End of the Year Preschool Graduation Program

Graduation will be held on Thursday May 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 a.m. in the church and will be a short program ending before 10:00 a.m. Refreshments will be on the veranda.

We are so thankful for such a great year! We appreciate the support of all parishioners in their prayers, love, and financial support.

We will continue to be able to bless the families of this community with a faith-filled early education start!

Thank you,  
From the Preschool Staff

The After School program will continue through June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Pre-School will begin again in September!

### **FAITH FORMATION**

#### Upcoming dates for May Calendar:

No Sunday school classes on Mother's Day, May 8<sup>th</sup>.

Youth Group- May 15th

Tea with the Blessed Mother May 21<sup>st</sup>.

Last Sunday School Class for this year is May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Rise Against Hunger Meal Packaging May 28th.

### Vacation Bible School

**The date is set,  
and it will be here before we know it.**

**We will hold VBS July 25<sup>th</sup> – July 29<sup>th</sup>.**

**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.**

## Our Lady of Fatima

### May 13<sup>th</sup> Feast Day

May 13th marks the Anniversary of the first of six apparitions of the Virgin Mary to three shepherd children of Fatima, Portugal. Lucia dos Santos and her cousins Francesco and Jacinta Marto. Our Lady of Fatima, also called (Lady of the Rosary) is the title given to Mary in connection with her apparitions to three shepherd children In Fatima, Portugal. Our Lady of Fatima told the shepherd children to pray the Rosary daily for the end of the war, for world conversion and peace. Our Lady shared 3 secrets with the children that would take place, a great warning being one. October 13, 1917, a miracle was given for people to believe, and over 70,000 people witnessed the Miracle of the Sun. The bishop of Leiria, [José Alves Correia da Silva](#) declared the events *worthy of belief* on October 13<sup>th</sup>, 1930.

### 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. Our parish's goal this year is \$12,370.00.

Check out our \$5 Book Table and give yourself some worthwhile reading!

There is a variety of books to choose from. Feed your soul with good things!

### Capital Campaign Update

To date, Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament has raised \$411,528.57 which includes pledges in the amount of \$376,250.00 and one-time gifts of \$35,278.57. We have collected \$128,391.57 in payments on pledges which leaves us \$247,858.43 remaining in pledges.

### Collections for April 24-25

#### Week's Amount

|                       |           |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| Parish Operations     | \$ 2,487  |
| Supplement Collection | 20        |
| Poor Box              | 90        |
| Votive Stand          | 63        |
| Good Friday           | <u>20</u> |
| Total                 | \$ 2,680  |

Restricted, Special Use, or Send Out of Parish:

|                  |       |
|------------------|-------|
| Haitian Ministry | \$ 40 |
|------------------|-------|

\*\*\*Thank you for supporting our Parish!\*\*\*

### Attendance

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|--|----|
| April 30 <sup>th</sup> Saturday 5:30 pm Mass | 93 |
| May 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday 9:00 am Mass      | 83 |
| Spanish Mass                                 | 52 |

### St. Theresa & St. John Kanti Cemeteries

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.

### May Wedding Anniversaries

|                        |              |
|------------------------|--------------|
| Greg & Denise DePompeo | May 2, 1981  |
| Pat & Wini Barron      | May 14, 1966 |
| Chris & Barbara Hite   | May 15, 1982 |
| Joe & Mary Pincus      | May 15, 1993 |
| Brian & Hope Kopacki   | May 17, 2008 |
| Dexter & Pam Dix       | May 24, 1992 |
| Jim & Pattie Vadas     | May 27, 1972 |

## Priests for Life

### Pro-Peace and Pro-Life

On receiving the Nobel Prize for Peace, Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta had the courage to say to the leaders of political communities: 'If we let a mother kill the fruit of her womb, what is left to us? It is the principle of abortion that endangers peace in the world'. It is true! There can be no true peace without respect for life, especially if it is innocent and defenseless as is that of the unborn child. Elementary coherence requires those who seek peace to safeguard life. No pro-peace activity can be effective unless attacks on life at all its stages, from conception until natural death, are as energetically opposed." (St. John Paul II to The Members of The Italian Pro-Life Movement, 22 May 2003).

### The People of Life

It is wondrous enough that someone rose from the dead by his own power. But the Lord Jesus, in rising from the dead, does not just conquer his death; he conquers ours. He overturns the entire kingdom of death. The entire ministry of the Church is focused on bringing us – and all humanity – the eternal life that flows from Christ and his Resurrection. This is the sense in which he is the Good Shepherd. Not only does he keep us from danger in this life; he shepherds us through death itself to the life that knows no end.



## Lay Ministers Needed

We are in need of more lay ministers for Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and Ushers/Greeters. It seems our numbers have dwindled over the past two years when changes were made due to the pandemic.

Our most urgent need is for the Saturday evening masses. When I took over the scheduling several years ago, my goal was to have each person only scheduled one time per month. That goal has not been possible on Saturdays (and some Sundays). If you regularly attend the Saturday mass, please give serious consideration to joining one of these ministries. Of course, I can use Sunday ministers as well.

Thank you for praying on this request and let me know if you have an interest. I will put you in touch with the proper person for training before scheduling.

Pattie Vadas  
[pbv0806@yahoo.com](mailto:pbv0806@yahoo.com)  
804-241-5009

The Church of St. Therese in Gloucester is seeking a faithful and passionate Catholic who loves Jesus and His Church for full-time employment as the Coordinator of Youth Ministry. Applicants should have at least a Bachelor's Degree in a related field and a minimum of three years' experience in youth ministry.

The position is responsible for overseeing the middle school and high school programs with vision, including sacramental preparation for Confirmation, with special attention given to empowering lay leadership among both adults and teens. Salary and benefits consistent with diocesan guidelines, qualifications, and experience.

Send cover letter, resume, and Richmond Diocesan application to the pastor, Fr. Gregory Kandt, at [fr.gregory@stthersglo.org](mailto:fr.gregory@stthersglo.org). For more information, you can call Father Gregory at 804-693-9043.

# 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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