

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.

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 28th & 29th, 2023

Saturday, January 28th

5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 pm Mass Offered for Joe, Sr., Elsie & Johnny
Drexler (RIP)
Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler

Sunday, January 29th

9:00 am Mass – No Mass Intention

10:15 am Religious education classes for
Children & Adult faith formation
10:15 am Parish Council Meeting (MC)

Monday, January 30th

No Mass
12pm-10pm Adoration in Chapel

Tuesday, January 31st

8:30 am Mass Offered for Richard & Anna
Kozlowski (RIP)
Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler
Mass Offered for Buddy Walton (RIP)
Anniversary of Birthday
Requested by Paul & Valeria Seckora
4:30 pm Adult Faith Formation (Mercy Center)
12pm-10pm Adoration in Chapel

Wednesday, February 1st

8:30 am Mass Offered for Joe, Sr., Elsie, & Johnny
Drexler (RIP)
Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler

Thursday, February 2nd

8:30 am Mass – No Mass Intention

Friday, February 3rd

8:30 am Mass Offered for Joe Seckora (RIP)
Requested by Paul & Valeria Seckora
6:30 pm Most Holy Rosary

Saturday, February 4th

5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 pm Mass Offered for Tommy Sturtz, Jr. (RIP)
Anniversary of Death Feb. 5th
Requested by Marguerite Sturtz &
Family

Sunday, February 5th

9:00 am Mass – No Mass Intention
10:15 am Religious education classes for
Children & Adult faith formation
11:30 am Spanish Mass
6:30 pm Youth Group at the Hall



Presentation of the Lord / Candlemas

Feast Day- February 2nd

Is observance of the Presentation of the Lord – or the day in which Joseph and Mary presented Jesus to the priests and elders in the Temple. For years, this feast – which in the United States is only formally celebrated when it falls on a Sunday – marked the end of the Christmas season.

In old days, the Presentation was often referred to as “Candlemas” and was celebrated by a candle-lit procession into the church, signifying Christ as the “light of nations.” Known originally as the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord is a relatively ancient celebration. We know that the Church at Jerusalem was observing the feast as early as the first half of the fourth century, and likely earlier.

According to Jewish law, the firstborn male child belonged to God, and the parents had to “buy him back” on the 40th day after his birth, by offering a sacrifice of “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons” (Luke 2:24) in the temple — thus the “presentation” of the child. On that same day, the mother would be ritually purified — thus the “purification.”

St. Mary and St. Joseph kept this law, even though, since St. Mary remained a virgin after the birth of Christ, she would not have had to go through ritual purification. In his Gospel, Luke (2:22-39) recounts the story.

When Christ was presented in the temple, “there was a man in Jerusalem named Simeon, and this man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel.” When St. Mary and St. Joseph brought Christ to the temple, Simeon embraced the Child and prayed the Cantic of Simeon: “Now thou dost dismiss thy servant, O Lord, according to thy word in peace; because my eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all peoples: a light to the revelation of the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel” (Luke 2:29-32). Because of the words of the cantic — “a light to the revelation of the Gentiles” — by the 11th century, the custom had developed in the West of blessing candles on the Feast of the Presentation. The candles were then lit, and a procession took place through the darkened church while the Cantic of Simeon was sung. Because of this, the feast also became known as Candlemas.

FAITH FORMATION

Religious Education

Religious Education & Adult Bible Study

Start your year with a new good habit! Join us for Bible Study @ 10:15 am at the hall on Sundays or Tuesday nights, 4:30 pm. @ the Mercy Center conference room. Bible study group is a great way to learn and grow in your faith. It also builds a great bond with parish family.



Youth Ministry: Welcome Back!

Youth Group

Our next Youth Group will meet @ the hall on February 5th @ 6:30 pm. Any middle school and high school student from 6th- 12th grade are invited to attend!



Start your year with a new good habit! Bible Study is held at the church hall on Sunday's, following the 9 am. Mass. All are invited to join! It's a great opportunity for parents, while kids are in Sunday school class.

There is also a Bible Study on Tuesday's, held at the Mercy Center conference room @ 4:30 pm.

Bible study group is a great way to learn and grow in your faith. It also builds a great bond with parish family. Come join us!

A Very Big Thank You!

Thank you to Lorraine and Bob Ryalls for purchasing new Bibles for our Confirmation classes to use. These Bibles will help our teens and children breakdown and understand the Word of God with more easily and how to live the Word in our daily lives.



Save the Dates-

Every Wednesday of March:

March 1st to March 29th @ 6:00 pm.

A Lenten Bible Retreat on the Eucharist. We will share a Lenten meal of bread and broth.

March 11th: Saturday Retreat on Divine Mercy (Know the gift and be ready to receive it on Divine Mercy Sunday).

May 27th: Tea with the Blessed Mother (Interested in Hosting? Call Erin @ the office)

From OLBS Preschool:

Hello Church family! The preschool is experiencing a wonderful year so far. Fall enrollment for next school year will be opening to the Church on February 14th. Please reach out to the preschool for a registration form. Our 3-year-old and 4-year-old programs are wonderful. The preschool number is 804-843-4177 or you can call the Church office for more information.

preschool registration



ANNIVERSARIES THIS MONTH

Quan & Sandy Dinh
Bill & Edwina Madigan

January 18, 2020
January 28, 1967



2023 Parish Calendars

The Parish calendars are here! Please pick up a calendar at the back of the church.

Altar Flowers

If you are interested in ordering flowers for the altar, please call the parish office to let Pam know what weekend and whether or not you will be bringing the flowers in or need her to order for you.

You can do either the flowers on both sides of the Tabernacle or those in front of the Altar or both.

The Parish office is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9:00am until 4:30pm.

Priests for Life

“Make no mistake, abortion-on-demand is not a right granted by the Constitution. No serious scholar, including one disposed to agree with the Court's result, has argued that the framers of the Constitution intended to create such a right. Shortly after the *Roe v. Wade* decision, Professor John Hart Ely, now Dean of Stanford Law School, wrote that the opinion "is not constitutional law and gives almost no sense of an obligation to try to be." Nowhere do the plain words of the Constitution even hint at a "right" so sweeping as to permit abortion up to the time the child is ready to be born. Yet that is what the Court ruled. As an act of "raw judicial power" (to use Justice White's biting phrase), the decision by the seven-man majority in *Roe v. Wade* has so far been made to stick. But the Court's decision has by no means settled the debate. Instead, *Roe v. Wade* has become a continuing prod to the conscience of the nation.” – President Ronald Reagan, in his book *Abortion and the Conscience of the Nation* (1983).

Notice: Good Neighbor Center

The Good Neighbor Center is unable to accept donations of Food at this time. Please hold all donations for now. They will resume accepting donations again as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation and generosity.

Blessing of Candles

Father Oscar will be Blessing candles the weekend of January 28th & 29th. Please bring any candles you would like to have Blessed with you to Mass that weekend.

Feast of Saint Blaise

The Feast of St. Blaise is on February 3rd this year. Father Oscar will be Blessing throats after each of the Masses on the weekend of February 4th & 5th.

Requesting Old Palms

Please bring any old palms you might have and put in the basket at the back of the Church. Each year, these palms are burned to create our ashes for Ash Wednesday. Please bring them in by the weekend of February 11th & 12th.

I want to thank my parish family for your prayers, lovely cards, and visits to the hospital and at home. Special thank you to Father Oscar. God Bless. Marguerite Sturtz.



Knights of Columbus

Knights' Friday Lenten Dinners

The Knights' have scheduled three Friday Lenten dinners:

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| Friday, February 24 th | Fish Dinner |
| Friday, March 17 th | Shrimp Dinner |
| Friday, March 31 st | Crab Cake Dinner |

Please mark your calendars!

Becoming a Knight

Father Jakubowski Council 8116 always welcomes practicing Catholic men (18 and older) to join. You can either talk to one of the Knights or simply complete an online application. Go to www.kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-kofc.html.

Knights of Columbus Insurance

Do you have life insurance, long-term care insurance, an annuity, or other retirement needs? Knights of Columbus had their origins in 1882 to help those in need, especially to for working class families if something happened to the family provider. Knights' members can get a free consultation with our local insurance agent, Todd Curtis, by contacting him at 866-868-1492.

2023 Parish Calendars Provided by the Knights

The Knights have once again generously donated the parish calendars. The Parish calendars are here! Please pick up a calendar at the back of the church.

Collections for January 21st & 22nd, 2023

Week's Amount

Parish Operations	\$ 2,438
Supplemental Collection	\$ 75
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 10

Total **\$ 2,523**

Restricted, Special Use, or Sent Out of Parish:

Capital Campaign	\$ 765
Respect Life Diocesan Collection	\$ 322

*****Thank You for Supporting our Parish*****

Attendance

January 21 st	Saturday	5:30 pm Mass	76
January 22 nd	Sunday	9:00 am Mass	126

No Spanish Mass

The Year of Grace, with Divine Mercy

From the Diary of St. Faustina

Let souls who are striving for perfection particularly adore My mercy, because the abundance of graces which I grant them flows from My mercy. I desire that these souls distinguish themselves by boundless trust in My mercy. I Myself will attend to the sanctification of such souls. I will provide them with everything they will need to attain sanctity (Diary, 1578).

My Prayer Response:

Lord Jesus, I am striving for perfection, but I really need more of Your mercy. I am nothing without You. Teach me and all soul striving for sanctity how to adore Your mercy and to trust in You still more!

(Want to learn more about the Feast of Divine Mercy? Join the Retreat on March 11th from 9 am.- 12 pm. @ our VDB hall. More information to come)

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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