

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.

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY**

April 15th & 16th, 2023

Saturday, April 15th

- 5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 5:30 pm Mass Offered for Ed Kopacki (RIP)
Anniversary of Death (April 15)
Requested by Virginia Kopacki
- Mass Offered for Charlie Sturtz (RIP)
Anniversary of Passing (April 12)
Requested by Jeanie Sturtz

Sunday, April 16th

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

- 9:00 am Mass Offered for Frank Seckora (RIP)
Anniversary of Death
Requested by Paul & Valeria Seckora
- 10:15 am Religious education classes for
Children & Adult faith formation
- 6:30 pm Youth Group (VDB Hall)

Monday, April 17th

- No Mass
- 12pm-10pm Adoration in Chapel

Tuesday, April 18th

- 9:30 am Mass Offered for Patricia Seckora (RIP)
Anniversary of Death
Requested by Paul & Valeria Seckora
- 12pm-10pm Adoration in Chapel
- 4:30 pm Adult Bible Study (Mercy Center)

Wednesday, April 19th

- 11:00 am Mass Offered for Joe, Sr., Elsie &
Johnnie Drexler (RIP)
Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler
- 12:00 pm Senior Luncheon at El Rancho
Mexican Restaurant, 3182 King Wm Ave

Thursday, April 20th

- 9:30 am Mass Offered for Richard & Anna
Kozlowski (RIP)
Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler

Friday, April 21st

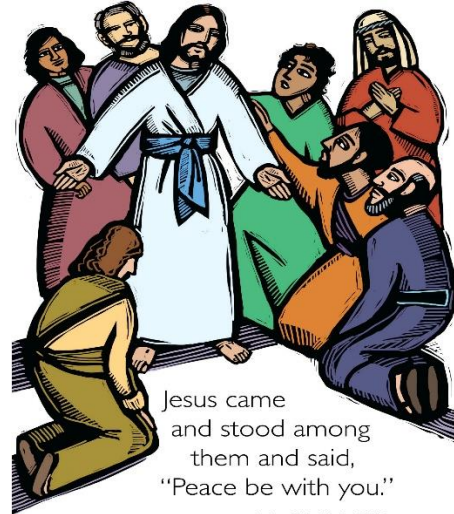
- 9:30 am Mass Offered for Roland Klisiewicz, Jr.
(RIP)
Anniversary of Birthday
Requested by the Watkins Family

Saturday, April 22nd

- 7:30 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 8:00 pm Mass Offered for David Seckora (RIP)
Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler

Sunday, April 23rd

- 9:00 am Mass Offered for Rose Seckora (RIP)
Anniversary of Death
Requested by Paul & Valeria Seckora
- 10:15 am Religious education classes for
Children & Adult faith formation



Jesus came
and stood among
them and said,
"Peace be with you."

John 20:19, NRSV

Change in Masses Starting in April

Father Oscar has been named temporary Chaplain of the Poor Clares Monastery. Because of celebrating Mass there daily and weekends, there will be changes in the Parish Mass schedule.

Weekday Masses will be at 9:30 am beginning Tuesday, April 18th and there will be **no Spanish Masses beginning in April** for at least the next several months (until further notice).

Father Oscar will continue as Pastor of this Parish, but has also been assigned to the Poor Clares Monastery for the foreseeable future. He will say daily Mass at the Monastery at 8:00 am, including Saturdays and Sundays. **OLBS Sunday Mass will continue at 9:00 am as it has been.**



FAITH FORMATION

Religious Education & Adult Bible Study

Parish families are welcome to Join us during religious ed. at the Hall, 10:15 am.

Classes will resume this Sunday, April 16th, following the 9 am Mass.

Our Tuesday Afternoon Bible study will resume on April 18th, 4:30 pm. @ the Mercy Center Conference room. Our study is on Revelation. All are welcome!



Youth Group

Our next Youth Group will meet on April 18th @ 6:30 pm. at the VDB hall. Any youth from 6th grade through high school is welcome to join!

Parish Scholarship Available

It is the time of year for students to apply for the Parish Scholarship. The Scholarship is based on activity in the Parish as well as school academics and participation. Contact Tiffany Smith for an application at 804-840-7984.



Looking for help!

Vacation Bible School is set for the week of **July 23rd to the 28th**. We need many volunteers for: Decorating, setting up, teaching, art, crafts, bible stories, music, games and snacks. Please consider sharing your time and talents. If everyone could commit to 1 day, we will be covered. There is still time, but it comes up so quickly, the date needs to be saved 😊



May 27th: Tea with the Blessed Mother

If you are interested in hosting a table or would like more details, please call: Erin (804-366-4435)

June 17th: Reconciliation

June 18th : First Holy Communion

Hispanic Youth Event

On Saturday, April 22, the Office of Hispanic Ministry will be having a Youth Encuentro at the Westin Richmond Hotel (6631 West Broad St in Richmond). This event is for Hispanic/ Latino youth ages 14-18. Please see the following link for the flyer, registration, and all the information needed for this event: <http://conta.cc/3SLjQyU>

FORMED Is Still Free to Parishioners

Look for one of the "FORMED" cards on the table in the back of the church and scan the Code to get to the sign-up page for FORMED, enter our parish zip code or name. You'll find a wealth of Catholic movies and programs.

Little White Books

Get your Little White Easter / Resurrection books! They are available on the book table in the back. These provide daily meditations on the glory of the Easter season.

A Special Thank you to Joe & Linda Drexler, Erin Hayden, Sandy Lam, Lorraine Ryalls and everyone who played a part in making our Church look so beautiful and elegant for Easter! Your hard work to enhance everyone's Easter experience is much appreciated!

April Senior Luncheon!

Please call Jeanie Sturtz at 804-370-5821 by Monday, April 17th at noon to make your reservation at El Ranchero Mexican Restaurant on Wednesday, April 19th after the Senior Mass at 11:00am.

Openings on Parish Council



Several parishioners will be going off Parish Council in June after serving several years. Elections will be held in a few months. If you have an interest in guiding and advising on the direction of the Parish and its activities, please consider a seat on the Council. Let Father Oscar or any Parish Council member know of your interest.



Hall Rental Coordinator

We are seeking someone who is willing to take on the responsibility of handling rentals for our parish hall (van den Boogaard Center), which involves meeting potential renters, showing the hall, and filling out the rental paper work. Please contact the parish office if interested in this ministry. Rentals are an important financial benefit to the Parish.

Capital Campaign Status

To date, we have raised a total of \$448,281.41 which includes pledges in the amount of \$381,250.00 and one-time Gifts of \$67,031.41. We have collected payments on pledges in the amount of \$225,243.89 leaving us \$156,006.11 in payments on pledges to collect.

Annual Diocesan Appeal

Your gift to the Annual Diocesan Appeal Strengthens Catholic Communities

Your gift to the Annual Diocesan Appeal Empowers the Next Generation

Your gift to the Annual Diocesan Appeal Provides for those in Need

The parish sharing formula for the 2023 Appeal is as follows:

Non-mission parishes, such as OLBS, receive 20% for anything collected up to each parish's target and 50% for anything collected over target.

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 to show you how it works. You can even bring your own earphones to plug into the device.

Collections for April 8th & 9th, 2023

Week's Amount

Total Offertory	\$ 3,413
Supplemental Collection	\$ 20
Easter Flowers	\$ 25
Votive Candles	\$ 42
Holy Thursday	\$ 867
Good Friday	<u>\$ 516</u>
Total	<u>\$ 4,883</u>

Budgeted weekly average parish need \$ 4,596

Restricted, Special Use, or Sent Out of Parish:

Capital Campaign	\$ 1,110
Poor Box	\$ 20
Haiti Ministry	\$ 256
Cemetery Fund	\$ 25

Thank You for Supporting our Parish

Attendance

April 5 th	TENEBRAE	39
April 6 th	HOLY THURSDAY MASS OF LAST SUPPER	84
April 6 th	GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS GOOD FRIDAY MASS	30 87
April 8 th	EASTER VIGIL Saturday 8:00 pm Mass	150
April 9 th	EASTER Sunday 9:00 am Mass	132
	No Spanish Mass	

Notice: Good Neighbor Center

The Good Neighbor Center is unable to accept donations of any kind, food or other items, due to a structural problem with the storage area floor.



Promises for Divine Mercy Sunday

May Crowns for Mother Mary Statues

Beginning the week after Easter, we will be taking orders for anyone who would like to sponsor May Crowns for our Blessed Mother Mary statues and flowers for beside the Tabernacle and in front of the Altar.

We will order 3 May Crowns each weekend in May. You can sponsor 1 or more in loving memory of someone or in honor of someone. We will order 1 – 3” Crown that will cost \$15.00 and 2 – 6 ¼” Crowns that will be \$25.00 each.

The crowns for Mother’s Day Weekend will be a little more special and will be \$20.00 and \$30.00 each respectively.

We will also have flowers beside the Tabernacle and in front of the Altar each weekend in May. The vases beside the Tabernacle are \$75.00 each plus \$15.00 delivery and the arrangement in front of the Altar is \$100.00 plus a \$15.00 delivery fee. You can sponsor the vases beside the Tabernacle or the Arrangement in front of the Altar or everything in memory of a loved one or in honor of a loved one.

If interested, please call the parish office at 804-843-3125, Tuesdays-Thursdays from 9:00am until 4:30pm. Or email Pam at adminassistant@olbs-catholic.org.

Happy Easter! We are now at the Octave of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday! Saturday vigil mass and Sunday mass, we celebrate this great feast that holds to fulfilled message of Easter. Jesus said to Faustina, “On that day ALL the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet.”

Did you notice the word “ALL” in the promise Jesus gave to Faustina notates here? Yes, Jesus promises that “ALL the divine floodgates” are open. What does that mean?

That means there are many ways MERCY will flow upon souls and the world on the Feast of Mercy. Some may receive more, and some may receive less, but Jesus made it clear that He wants to pour His mercy upon the whole world, especially great sinners. Now is our chance to go for it!

What do I need to do?

The Divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC:

A - Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

B - Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

C - Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that all the graces of His mercy can only be received by our trust. The more we open the door of our hearts and lives to Him with trust, the more we can receive.

“People forget that we are forgiven of our sins in the confessional, but most likely, the punishment remains. The Lord promises that on the Feast of Divine Mercy, if you go to confession asking for forgiveness and receive Holy Communion, you will be forgiven of your sins *and* all punishment for those sins is wiped away. “Never will your soul be cleaner than it is on that day, other than your original baptism.”

Jesus, I trust in you!

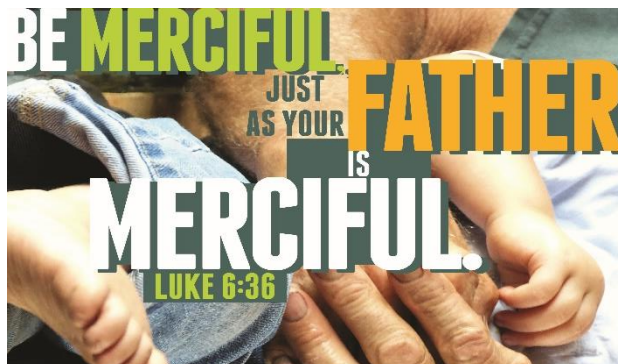
Year of Grace and Divine Mercy

(The Diary of St. Faustina)

Meditation:

I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My mercy. Then He said to me, My daughter, fear nothing. I am always with you, even if it seems to you that I am not. Your humility draws Me down from my lofty throne, and I unite Myself closely with you (Diary, 1109)

My Prayer Response: Lord Jesus, draw all souls, especially poor sinners, to turn to Your mercy on the Feast of Mercy and receive complete pardon! Help us to fear nothing and place our trust in You.



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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