

# 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

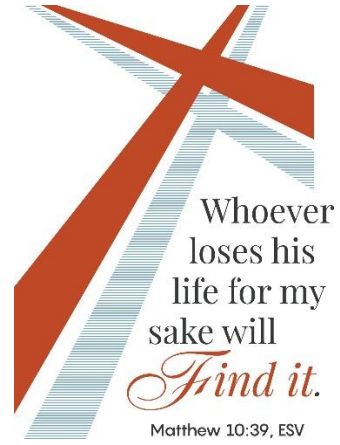
Those inquiring into the Catholic Faith or seeking communion with the Church are invited to contact the Parish Office. Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is offered.

*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.*

**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**July 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023**

- Saturday, July 1<sup>st</sup> THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation  
5:30 pm Mass Offered for Cornell Adams (RIP)  
Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler
- Sunday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
9:00 am Mass Offered for Billy McGowan (RIP)  
Anniversary of Death (7/4/2016)  
Requested by Janice McGowan & Family  
Mass Offered Patricia C. Copeland Lanuza  
(RIP) Anniversary of Death (6/29)  
Requested by Dennis Lanuza  
10:15 am Bible Study (Mercy Center)
- Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> SAINT THOMAS, APOSTLE**  
No Mass  
12pm-10pm Adoration in Chapel
- Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>**  
9:30 am Mass Offered for Linda Ridenhour (RIP)  
Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler  
12pm-10pm Adoration in Chapel  
4:30 pm Adult Bible Study (Mercy Center)
- Wednesday, July 5<sup>th</sup> St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest**  
*Saint Elizabeth of Portugal*  
11:00 am Mass Offered for Cornell Adams (RIP)  
Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler  
6:30 pm Choir Practice
- Thursday, July 6<sup>th</sup> St. Maria Goretti, Virgin, Martyr**  
9:30 am Mass Offered for Anna Carol Hollins (RIP)  
Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler
- Friday, July 7<sup>th</sup>**  
9:30 am Mass Offered for Forest Connor –  
Prayers that his cancer surgery goes well  
& he has complete recovery  
Requested by Mike & Nancy Pausic  
6:30 pm Holy Rosary (Fr. Oscar)
- Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup> FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation  
5:30 pm Mass Offered for Edward Kopacki (RIP)  
Anniversary of Birthday  
Requested by Virginia Kopacki
- Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup> FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
9:00 am Mass Offered for Cornell Adams (RIP)  
Requested by the Watkins Family  
10:15 am Bible Study (Mercy Center)



**Catholic Cemetery Information & Survey**  
Surveys on cremation and whether there is a need for a columbarium are still available at the back of the church. Please submit your survey, if you have not already done so, about interest in a "columbarium" for St. Theresa's Cemetery. St. Theresa's Cemetery has a space that the Cemetery Committee is reserving for future columbariums. **Please return the survey in the collection basket, drop off at the parish office, or in the basket in the church entrance.**

Please look through the Lost & Found basket and see if any of the items belong to you. If the items haven't been claimed by July 10, they will be given a new home.



The rosary is said by Father Oscar each Friday evening at 6:30 pm in the church. Please consider coming and praying together with your parish family.

**Adoration in Mercy Center Chapel**  
Stop by the Mercy Center Chapel for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and enjoy the comfort of the new kneelers. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament usually takes place on Mondays and Tuesdays. The Chapel can also be opened for you during Parish Office hours on Tuesday through Thursday.

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### Vacation BIBLE SCHOOL

#### Looking for help!

Vacation Bible School is set for the week of **July 24th to the 28th** from **6:00 pm. to 8:00 pm.** We are still in need of many volunteers for: Teaching, decorating, setting up, and games. Please consider sharing your time and talents.

Volunteer sign up is on the back table, or call the office. Even if you can only commit one day, it will be appreciated!

**We are looking for donated items:** pieces of leftover carpet rolls, paper towel rolls, and extra-large pieces of cardboard.

#### Religious Education & Adult Bible Study

Bible Study is in the Mercy Center, front Parlor room after the Sunday, 9 am. Mass. If our group grows, we may move to the Conference room. The Bible study is on the **Book of Revelation**. We hope you can join us in learning the faith!

Tuesday night Bible study is at 4:30 pm. in the Mercy Center Conference room. We are in the Book of Revelation.



#### Congratulations to our High School Seniors!

Daniel Duke will be attending VMI in the Fall, pursuing an Economics Degree

Phong Nguyen plans to attend VCU in the Fall, pursuing a Nursing Degree

Adrian Vidal plans on attending RCC in the Fall, pursuing a Computer Science Degree. Adrian is the recipient of this year's OLBS Scholarship...Congratulations!

Congratulations to all of these hardworking individuals! We are so very proud of you and can't wait to see how God uses your talents/ gifts to be instruments of Christ's love for the world.



#### First Communion

Congratulations to the following:

Logan Chestnutt, William Henley, Juliana Inga, Jacqueline Jordan, Alex Lorenzo-Sprouse, Maddox McDonald, Bear McLane, Dat Nguyen, Alejandro Quezada, Cesar Quezada, Justin Woodcock

**On Your First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion! May you grow in your love for the Sacraments that unite us most closely with Jesus!**

And a big thank you to Erin Hayden and Cydney Henley preparing our First Communicants for the reception of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion. How wonderful to have such a large class taking their next step in growing in our faith!

#### From Our Parish Scholarship Winner

Thank you note to the Parish from Adrian Vidal, the 2023 OLBS Scholarship Winner:

Thank you for giving me the opportunity!!  
Sincerely, Adrian Vidal

#### Permanent Diaconate: Might You Be A Candidate?

A new cohort for the Permanent Diaconate will be announced in the July 10, 2023 issue of the Catholic Virginian. Men who have an interest are directed to discuss this possible vocation with their Pastor. Information sessions will begin in mid-October.

Interested persons should be active in parish ministries, in good standing with the Church, currently between the ages of 30 and 59 years old, is interested in serving the Church with the support of his wife (if married).

#### Parish Council Meeting Minutes

In this week's bulletin, you will find a copy of the minutes of the May 2023 Parish Council meeting. Please contact any member of the Council should you have any questions on what was discussed.

**Altar Flower Donations**

The Flowers beside the Tabernacle and in front of the Altar this weekend, July 1<sup>st</sup> & July 2<sup>nd</sup> were donated by Bette Albert & Alfred Jones in Loving Memory of their parents John & Caroline Jones on the Anniversary of Caroline’s Birthday and John & Caroline’s Wedding Anniversary.

You, also, can donate flowers for beside the Tabernacle and in front of the Altar in honor of a loved one. 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](mailto:adminassistant@olbs-catholic.org)

**Poor Clares Monastery**

The Poor Clares Sisters invite everyone to attend daily Mass at the Monastery which is usually at 8:00 am. The monastery address is 5500 Holly Fork Road, Barhamsville 23011 in New Kent. If you wish to leave a message or a prayer intention for the Sisters, or learn of upcoming events, the phone number is (757)566-1684.

**Your Parish Needs Your Help**

The Finance Council would like to find someone to head up the Committee for the Poor within our Parish. If someone is interested in helping those in need, please contact the Parish Office @ 804-843-3125 Tuesdays – Thursdays from 9:00am until 4:30pm for further information.

There remains a need for someone to work with Boogaard Hall rentals. Not a lot of time is involved but are important roles in the functioning of our Parish!

Also, with the Holy Eucharist under both species, host and blood, at all masses, there is a need for additional Eucharistic Ministers. Also, additional lectors are needed for Saturday evening masses. Training sessions are being planned.

**Attendance**

June 24 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	5:30 pm Mass	84
June 25 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	9:00 am Mass	127

**Collections for June 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Week’s Amount**

Total Offertory	\$ 3,352
Supplemental Collection	\$ 35
Votive Stand	\$ 18
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,405</b>
Budgeted weekly average parish need	\$ 4,596
<b>Restricted, Special Use, or Sent Out of Parish:</b>	
Capital Campaign	\$ 471
OLBS Scholarship Fund	\$ 20
Peter’s Pence	\$ 5
Poor Box	\$ 61

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



**July Wedding Anniversaries**

Dan & Amber Gibbs	July 1, 2006
Bill & (Kathy) Webster	July 12, 1956
Vincent & (Marina) D’elia	July 21, 1963
Tripp & Roberta Racioppi	July 28, 1973

**Year of Grace and Divine Mercy**  
**(From The Diary of St. Faustina)**

**Meditation:**

During Vespers, I heard these words: **My daughter, I want to repose in your heart, because many souls have thrown Me out of their hearts today. I have experienced sorrow unto death. I tried to comfort the Lord, by offering Him my love a thousand times over. I felt, within my soul, a great disgust for sin (Diary, 866).**

During prayer, I heard these words: **My daughter, let your heart be filled with joy. I, the Lord, am with you. Fear nothing. You are in My heart.** At that moment, I knew the great majesty of God, and I understood that nothing could be compared with one single perception of God. Outward greatness dwindles like a speck of dust before one act of a deeper knowledge of God (Diary, 1133).

**My Prayer Response:**

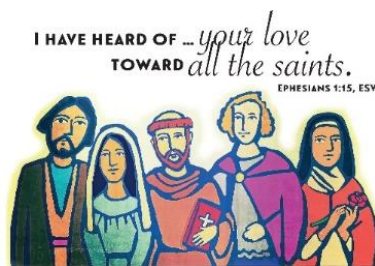
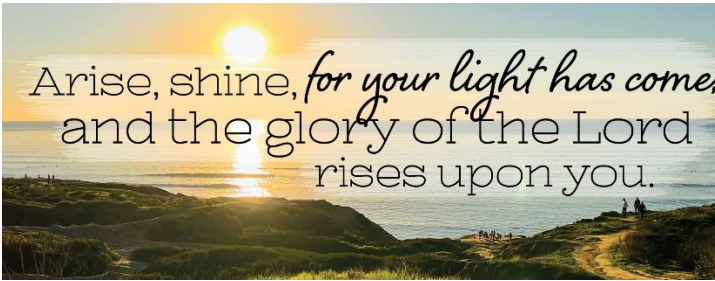
Lord Jesus, I welcome You into my heart. May my heart be a consolation to You today as You fill me with Your joy.

## Priests for Life

We are now witnessing the gradual restructuring of American culture according to ideals of utility, productivity and cost-effectiveness.

It is a culture where moral questions are submerged by a river of goods and services and where the misuse of marketing and public relations subverts public life...The losers in this ethical sea change will be those who are elderly, poor, disabled and politically marginalized. None of these pass the utility test; and yet, they at least have a presence. They at least have the possibility of organizing to be heard.

*Those who are unborn, infirm and terminally ill have no such advantage. They have no "utility," and worse, they have no voice" (US Bishops, Living the Gospel of Life, 1998, n. 3-4).*



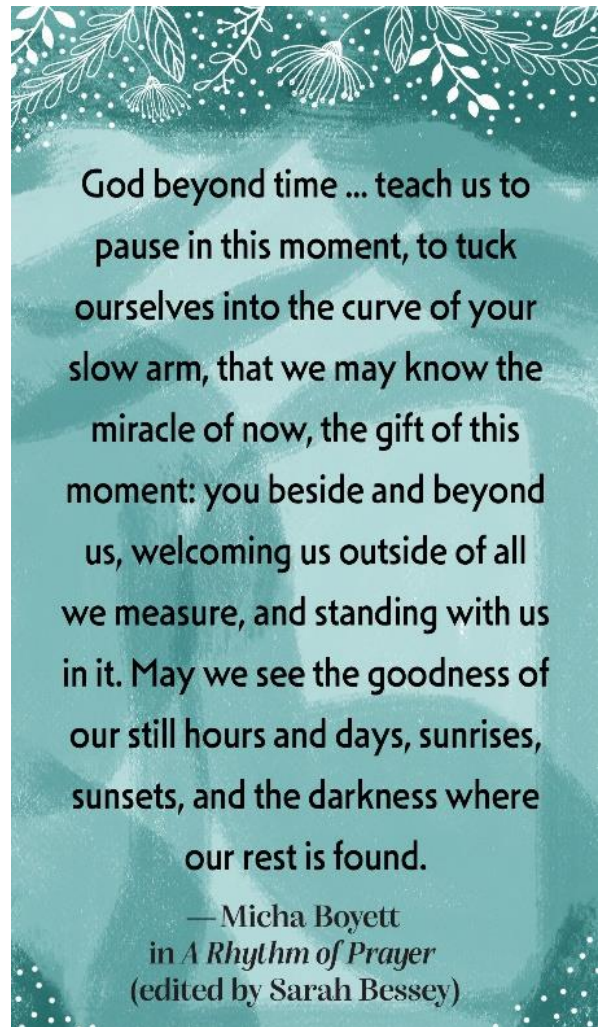
Saint Oliver Plunkett  
Feast Day- July 2nd

The name of today's saint is especially familiar to the Irish – and the English—and with good reason. The English martyred Oliver Plunkett for defending the faith in his native Ireland during a period of severe persecution.

Born in County Meath in 1629, Oliver studied for the priesthood in Rome and was ordained there in 1654. After some years of teaching and service to the poor of Rome, he was appointed Archbishop of Armagh in Ireland.

Four years later, in 1673, a new wave of anti-Catholic persecution began, forcing Archbishop Plunkett to do his pastoral work in secrecy and disguise and to live in hiding. Meanwhile, many of his priests were sent into exile, schools were closed, Church services had to be held in secret, and convents and seminaries were suppressed. As archbishop, Plunkett was viewed as ultimately responsible for any rebellion or political activity among his parishioners.

Archbishop Plunkett was arrested and imprisoned in Dublin Castle in 1679, but his trial was moved to London. After deliberating for 15 minutes, a jury found him guilty of fomenting revolt. He was hanged, drawn, and quartered in July 1681. Pope Paul VI canonized Oliver Plunkett in 1975.



# 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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