

# 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.*

## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023



Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> **SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation  
5:30 pm Mass Offered for Anna & Richard  
Kozlowski (RIP)

Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler

Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> **SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

9:00 am Mass Offered for Lewis & Mary Tavares (RIP)  
Requested by Bill & Edwina Madigan  
10:15 am Bible Study (Mercy Center)

Monday, July 24<sup>th</sup> **St. Sharbel Makhluif, Priest**

No Mass

12 pm-10 pm Adoration in Chapel  
6 pm- 8 pm VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup> **SAINT JAMES, APOSTLE**

9:30 am Mass Offered for Joe, Sr., Elsie, & Johnnie  
Drexler (RIP)

Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler

12pm-10pm Adoration in Chapel  
No Bible Study due to VBS  
6 pm- 8 pm VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Wednesday, July 26<sup>th</sup> **Saints Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Blessed Mother**

9:00 am Mass Offered for Special Intentions  
Requested by Pam Watkins

6:30 pm Choir Practice  
6 pm- 8 pm VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup>

9:30 am Mass Offered for Anna & Richard  
Kozlowski (RIP)

Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler

6 pm- 8 pm VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Friday, July 28<sup>th</sup>

9:30 am Mass Offered for William & Mary Madigan, Sr.  
(RIP)

Requested by Bill & Edwina Madigan

6:30 pm Holy Rosary (Fr. Oscar)  
6 pm- 8 pm VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup> **SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY - ORDINARY TIME**

5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation  
5:30 pm Mass Offered for John E. Holston, Jr (RIP)  
Requested by the Hollowak Family

Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup> **SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY - ORDINARY TIME**

9:00 am Mass Offered for Billy McGowan (RIP)  
Anniversary of Birthday (August 1)  
Requested by Janice McGowan & Family  
10:15 am Bible Study (Mercy Center)



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.

### Vacancies on the Cemetery Committee

If you might be interested on serving on the Cemetery Committee, please let Father Oscar, Bob Ryalls, or the Parish Office know. The Committee meets every few months and oversees the operation and maintenance of both St. Theresa's Cemetery in West Point and St. John of Kanti Cemetery in Barhamsville (New Kent).

### Altar Flower Donations

Thank You to Larry & Janie Dzula for all the beautiful flowers they continue to share with us when flowers are not ordered by parishioners!

You can donate flowers for beside the Tabernacle and/ or 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)

### 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.

# Vacation BIBLE SCHOOL

## Looking for help!

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Vacation Bible School is set for the week of **July 24th to the 28th** from **6:00 pm. to 8:00 pm.** Registration Forms are out and can be found on the table at the back of church.

### **There is No Bible study on July 25th.**

Decoration Set up for VBS will be at the hall on Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, following the 9 am. Mass. Anyone wishing to help is welcome. Feel free to bring a change of clothes.

We will be setting up for a Marketplace. If you are interested, contact: Erin (804-366-4435).



### 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!

### Attendance

July 15 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	5:30 pm Mass	82
July 16 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	9:00 am Mass	103



\*\*\*\*\* A movie worth seeing, **"Sound of Freedom."** Based on a true story.

A former government agent (Tim Ballard) played by Jim Caviezel, quits his job in order to devote his life to rescuing children from global sex traffickers. The message needs to be shared and people need to be made aware of this in order to be the voice and protection for all children.

Angel Studios is promoting, pay it forward. If you can't afford tickets and would like to see the movie, go to: [ANGEL.COM/Freedom](https://ANGEL.COM/Freedom) and get your tickets free.



### 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



### Knights of Columbus

#### 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](http://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.

*With Sympathy*

Condolences from the Parish for Vickie Roane and her husband, John, at the loss of his sister, Jean Roane Jenkins.

I HAVE HEARD OF *...your love*  
TOWARD *all the saints.*  
EPHESIANS 1:15, ESV



### Saint of the Week

Saint Sharbel Makhlof  
Feast Day- July 24<sup>th</sup>

Although this saint never traveled far from the Lebanese village of Beka-Kafra where he was born, his influence has spread widely. Joseph Zaroun Maklouf was raised by an uncle because his father, a mule driver, died when Joseph was only three. At the age of 23, Joseph joined the Monastery of St. Maron at Annaya, Lebanon, and took the name Sharbel in honor of a second-century martyr. He professed his final vows in 1853, and was ordained six years later.

Following the example of the fifth-century Saint Maron, Sharbel lived as a hermit from 1875, until his death. His reputation for holiness prompted people to seek him to receive a blessing and to be remembered in his prayers. He followed a strict fast and was very devoted to the Blessed Sacrament. When his superiors occasionally asked him to administer the sacraments to nearby villages, Sharbel did so gladly.

He died in the late afternoon on Christmas Eve. Christians and non-Christians soon made his tomb a place of pilgrimage and of cures. Pope Paul VI beatified Sharbel in 1965, and canonized him 12 years later. Many miracles have been attributed to his intercession in our times.

### Collections for July 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023

#### Week's Amount

Total Offertory	\$ 3,082
Supplemental Collection	\$ 225
Total	\$ 3,307
Budgeted weekly average parish need	\$ 4,596
Restricted, Special Use, or Sent Out of Parish:	
Capital Campaign	\$ 696
Haiti Fund	\$ 115
Facilities, Repairs & Maintenance Fund	\$ 100

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

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

#### Meditation:

Listen, My daughter, although all the works that come into being by My will are exposed to great sufferings, consider whether any of them has been subject to greater difficulties than that work which is directly Mine—the work of Redemption. You should not worry too much about adversities. The world is not as powerful as it seems to be; its strength is strictly limited (Diary, 1643).

#### My Prayer Response:

Lord Jesus, may I not worry and lose my peace when I face difficulties in promoting Your mercy to souls in need. May I be inspired in the struggle by the words of the Great Mercy Pope: "The ultimate limit to evil is Divine Mercy" (Pope John Paul II, Memory and identity, pg. 55).



*The Parable of the Sower*



Priests for Life

An Abortion Testimony

The following words were written by one of the many women whose abortion testimonies can be found at [www.AbortionTestimonies.com](http://www.AbortionTestimonies.com).

"I went to Planned Parenthood for a pregnancy test. They didn't do ANY counseling about fetal development or alternatives. An abortion was "the answer" just because I didn't want to be pregnant yet, even though I was happily married and had no financial problems, etc. etc.

"I was treated like a cow. There was no explanation AT ALL by the abortionist regarding ANYTHING that could have helped me think twice about "my" decision to have an abortion. Of course, it wasn't really "my" decision at all. Everybody else decided for me. My husband didn't want me to abort, but all the professionals "knew better what was best for me."

"I still cannot tell anyone else about it, even though it's been over 20 years now. It's made me very pro-life, because I KNOW the deceit that goes on in so-called "counseling." Not one day goes by that I don't think about it with regret and sorrow.

"I also have accepted the Lord as my Savior, and that has helped."

Emmaus Journey: A Retreat Serving the Spiritual Needs of Grieving Parents -

Being held: August 12, 2023 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Newport News and October 21, 2023 at Saint Edward the Confessor, North Chesterfield

Of all the pains that life can hand us, arguably the most searing is the death of a child. A parent's world irrevocably changes forever. As Jesus joined his distraught disciples on the road to Emmaus, we ask him to join us as we struggle through this journey of grief.

To meet the spiritual needs of parents whose children of any age have died by any cause, no matter how long ago, the Diocese of Richmond now offers the Emmaus Journey. The Emmaus Journey is a faith-based, day-long, spiritual retreat for grieving parents led by a team that includes grieving parents, spiritual directors, clergy, and parish leaders. The Emmaus Journey offers a safe place to seek peace, comfort, and hope.

Gather with us in a warm and loving environment with others who know something of your pain.

If you would like to speak with someone about the retreat, contact Christa at 757-595-0385 x107 or email [cblomstrom@olmc.org](mailto:cblomstrom@olmc.org)

To register, visit: <https://evangelizerichmond.org/family/emmaus-journey/>



"I have set before you  
LIFE and DEATH ....  
CHOOSE LIFE so that  
you and your descendants may live."

Deuteronomy 30:19, NRSV



Novena to Mother St. Clare

Everyone is invited to the annual novena to the foundress of the order of all Poor Clares, after the 8:00 a.m. Holy Mass at their chapel from August 2-10.

Mass on August 11, 2023, the solemnity of St. Clare, is at 8:00 a.m.

The monastery is located at 5500 Holly Fork Road in Barhamsville, New Kent Co.

**OLBS sent a donation of \$5,000 to the Parish of Sts Peter and Paul in Haiti. The message below was received on 09 JUN from Fr. Bernard. The message below accompanied his distribution report.**

“Sisters and brothers, I come to wish you in this moment a good time for the Lent in the name of Jesus our Savior and Lord.

The situation is very difficult more in more here. Much people are hungry. We need to give something all the time because with the insecurity, the people can't go to the market; no activities for them.

As ever, In the name of the Parishioners of St Peter and St Paul, I would like to thank you so much for helping us. Your solidarity and your generosity are very important for the Mission. We will ever very appreciate your support because together, we work for the Glory of God. Blessing for you and all the America !”

**This message was sent to me via What's App on 29 JUN:**

“I would like you help me to do a bearable project with the faithfull of the parish in the agriculture.

The people become more in more poor. Now, we have many problems for food. But, I think if we help the people to do the garden this year, the problem will be improved next year. Help us please! The time is bad here ! May God continue to bless you all the time!

Fr. Bernard”



To the OLBS Parishioners:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the OLBS Parishioners who contributed to our mission to support our Twining Parish of Sts Peter and Paul in Haiti. In response to his request, I will be sending down an additional donation designated to assist in helping his parishioners to establish their home gardens.

Attached is Fr Bernard's distribution report and some pictures of the celebration of the Feast of Sts Peter and Paul on 29 JUN.

Again, thank you for your generosity and continued support of this ministry.

May God Bless you all,

Ralph Racioppi

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Diocese de Hinche, Haiti  
P.O. Box 1594.**

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E-mail : pdrbmarmont@gmail.com**

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Jun 9, 2023.

**Contribution report (1)**

**Donation dated to May 18, 2023.**

**Funds received from Our Lady of Blessed of Sacraments**

**Amount US: 4,971.00 \$; Amount Haitian: 646,230 Gourdes; Exchange Rate: 130 Gourdes**

## **Expenses**

### **Church and Chapels**

- Liturgical Materials (Hosts, wine, Candles, Incense): 30,500.00 gourdes or US\$ 234,61
- Church cleaning: 20,500 gourdes or US\$ 157,69
- Pastoral Training (family and young people): 45,000 gourdes or US\$ 346,15
- 2 months of 2 ladies employees' salary; 7,500.00 gourdes/month: 30,000.00 or US\$ 230,76
- 2 months keeper's salary: 6000.00 gourdes/month: 12000.00 gourdes or US 92,3
- Food : 58,000 gourdes or US\$ 446,15

### **School**

- 2months salary of 10 teachers: 7,500.00 gourdes/2months: 150,000.00 gourdes or US\$ 1,153.84
- Principal Salary: 10,000.00 gourdes/ for 2 months :20,000.00 gourdes or US\$ 153,84
- Canteen 2 cooks' salary: 4,000.00 gourdes/2month : 16,000.00 gourdes or US\$ 123,07
- Canteen Condiment: 10,000.00 gourdes or US\$ 76,92
- 1 tank of 100lbs of propane gas: 12,000 gourdes/or US\$ 92,3
- 1 guardian salary : 3,500.00 gourdes/2months : 7,000.00 gourdes or US\$ 53,84
- School supplies ( teaching materials, office equipment, copy) 15,000,00 g or US\$ 115,38

### **Vehicle**

- Garage and vehicle service : 13,500.00 gourdes or US\$ 103,84
- Diesel : 28,000.00 gourdes or US\$ 215,38

### **Electricity**

- Generator service : 14,000.00 gourdes or US\$ 107,69
- Diesel : 28,000.00 gourdes or US\$ 215,38
- Public electricity : 12,000.00 gourdes or US\$ 92,3
- Internet: 15,000.00 gourdes or US\$ 115,38
- Charity at the poor: 121,742 Gourdes or US\$ 936,48

**Founds spent : 646,230.00 gourdes or US\$ 4,971.00**

# 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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