

# 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.*

## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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)
- 10:15 am Parish Council Meeting

Monday, July 31<sup>st</sup> *Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest*

No Mass

- 12 pm-10 pm Adoration in Chapel

Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup> *Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop,  
Doctor of the Church*

- 9:30 am Mass Offered for Special Intentions  
Requested by Pam Watkins
- 12pm-10pm Adoration in Chapel

Wednesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> *Saint Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop  
Saint Peter Julian Eymard, Priest*

- 9:00 am Mass Offered for Special Intentions  
Requested by Pam Watkins
- 6:30 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>

- 9:30 am Mass Offered for Special Intentions  
Requested by Pam Watkins

Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup> *Saint John Vianney, Priest*

- 9:30 am Mass Offered for Joe, Sr., Elsie, & Johnnie  
Drexler (RIP)  
Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler
- 6:30 pm Holy Rosary (Fr. Oscar)

Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup> **THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD**

- 5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 5:30 pm Mass Offered for Laura Gladys Watkins (RIP)  
Requested by the Watkins Family

Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup> **THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD**

- 9:00 am Mass Offered for Marian Kopacki in Honor of  
Her Birthday (August 6<sup>th</sup>)  
Requested by the Kopacki Children &  
Families
- 10:15 am Bible Study (Mercy Center)

### 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.



### 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).



The Parish Office will be closed from Thursday, August 10<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>. The office will reopen on Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup>.

### 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.

# VacATION BIBLE SCHOOL

## VBS "Special Love" Thank You

Thank you to all who gave donations towards our VBS "Special Love" for children with cancer.

The donations will be used to help fund children the opportunity to have a great time at camp! There are many activities to help them enjoy just being a kid! Our raffle winner will be announced in next week's bulletin. God Bless!



## 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!

**Note: No Bible study on Tuesday, August 1st.**

## Altar Flower Donations

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)



\*\*\*\*\* 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](http://ANGEL.COM/Freedom) and get your tickets free.



## Knights of Columbus

### Knights Planning a Breakfast on August 20<sup>th</sup>

#### Along with Celebration of Fr. Oscar's 42<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary

After Mass on Sunday August 20<sup>th</sup>, the Knights will serve a breakfast for the parishioners at the Boogaard Hall. Also to be observed is Father Oscar's 42<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of Ordination. All are invited and there is no cost.

### 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).

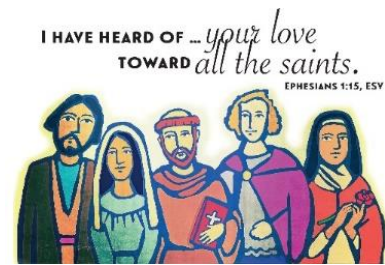
### Knights of Columbus Insurance

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.



**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



**Saint of the Week**

**Saint Peter Julian Eymard**  
**Feast Day- August 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Born in La Mure d'Isère in southeastern France, Peter Julian's faith journey drew him from being a priest in the Diocese of Grenoble in 1834, to joining the Marists in 1839, to founding the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament in 1856.

In addition to those changes, Peter Julian coped with poverty, his father's initial opposition to Peter's vocation, serious illness, a Jansenistic overemphasis on sin, and the difficulties of getting diocesan and later papal approval for his new religious community.

His years as a Marist, including service as a provincial leader, saw the deepening of his Eucharistic devotion, especially through his preaching of Forty Hours in many parishes.

Inspired at first by the idea of reparation for indifference to the Eucharist, Peter Julian was eventually attracted to a more positive spirituality of Christ-centered love. Members of the men's community which Peter founded alternated between an active apostolic life and contemplating Jesus in the Eucharist. He and Marguerite Guillot founded the women's Congregation of the Servants of the Blessed Sacrament.

Peter Julian Eymard was beatified in 1925 and canonized in 1962, one day after Vatican II's first session ended.

**Collections for July 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023**  
**Week's Amount**

Total Offertory	\$ 3,812
Supplemental Collection	\$ 50
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,862</b>
<b>Budgeted weekly average parish need</b>	<b>\$ 4,596</b>
<b>Restricted, Special Use, or Sent Out of Parish:</b>	
Capital Campaign	\$ 2,685
Haiti Fund	\$ 50

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

**Attendance**

July 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Saturday	5:30 pm Mass	55
July 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Sunday	9:00 am Mass	136

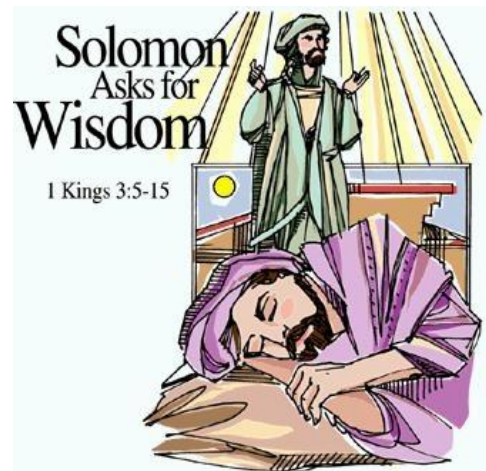
**Year of Grace and Divine Mercy**  
**(From The Diary of St. Faustina)**

**Meditation:**

Know this, My daughter: If you strive for perfection you will sanctify many souls; and if you do not strive for sanctity, by the same token, many souls will remain imperfect. Know that their perfection will depend on your perfection, and the grater part of the responsibility for these souls will fall on you (Diary, 1165).

**My Prayer Response:**

Thank you, St. Faustina, for listening to and obeying the Lord by striving for great sanctity. May I and all the readers of this exhortation of the Lord follow your example of striving for great sanctity. Lord, give us the grace to be saints like St. Faustina.





Priests for Life

The First Human Right

Cardinal Renato Martino, when serving as President of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, said the following in an interview conducted for Priests for Life in May, 2004:

"The Holy Father speaks of the protection of life as the fundamental realization and respect for human rights. Without that realization, without that respect for the right to life, no other discussion of human rights can continue; it must be based upon the foundation of human dignity and the right to life."



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

Deuteronomy 30:19, NRSV

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 [cbloomstrom@olmc.org](mailto:cbloomstrom@olmc.org)

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

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.



# 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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