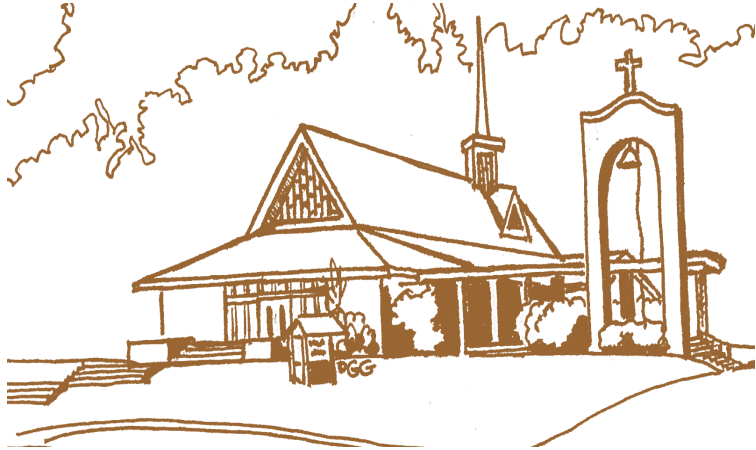


# OUR LADY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## MASS SCHEDULE

**WEEKENDS: SATURDAY 5:30 P.M.**

**SUNDAY 9:00 A.M.**

**WEEKDAYS: 9:30 A.M. Tuesday - Friday**

**HOLYDAYS: 9:30 A.M. & 7:00 P.M.**

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By Appointment

### 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.  
followed by the Most Holy Rosary - 6:30 p.m.

### RECITATION of the MOST HOLY ROSARY

6:30 p.m. Every Friday in the church

### 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

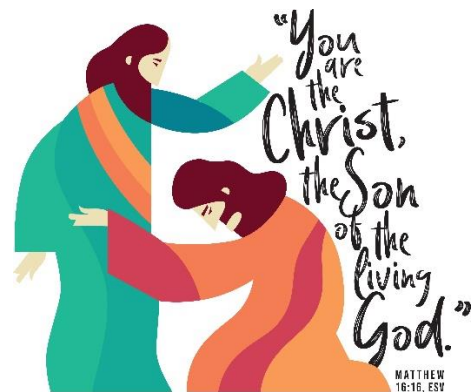
Those inquiring into the Catholic Faith or seeking communion with the Church are invited to contact the Parish Office. Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is offered.

## TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

August 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup> **TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY-ORDINARY TIME\***

5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation  
5:30 pm Mass Offered for Melvina Gooch (RIP)  
Anniversary of Birth  
Requested by Edna G. Trudeau  
Mass Offered for Dinh Hong Nhi (RIP)  
Anniversary of Death (3 Yrs.)  
Requested by Quan & Sandy Dinh  
Mass Offered for Larry Dzula, Jr. (RIP)  
Passed Away This Past Week



Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup> **TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY - ORDINARY TIME\***

9:00 am Mass Offered for Dinh Hong Nhi (RIP)  
Anniversary of Death (3 Yrs.)  
Requested by Quan & Sandy Dinh  
Mass Offered for Larry Dzula, Jr. (RIP)  
Passed Away This Past Week  
10:15 am Bible Study (Mercy Center)

Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup> *Saint Augustine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church*

No Mass

12 pm-10 pm Adoration in Chapel

Tuesday, August 29<sup>th</sup> *The Passion of St. John the Baptist \**

9:30 am No Mass  
12pm-10pm Adoration in Chapel  
4:30 pm Adult Bible Study (Mercy Center)

Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>

9:30 am No Mass  
6:30 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, August 31<sup>st</sup>

9:30 am No Mass

Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup>

9:30 am No Mass

Saturday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> **TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME\***

5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation  
5:30 pm Mass – No Mass Intention

Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> **TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME\***

9:00 am Mass – No Mass Intention  
10:15 am Adult Bible Study (Mercy Center)

*\*Color of letters indicates vestment colors for that Sunday or Saint's feast day. If no color, vestments are white.*

### Your Parish Needs Your Help

Help on the Committee for the Poor within our Parish.

Volunteer to serve on the Cemetery Committee.

There is at least one opening on Parish Council.

Consider reading as a Lector at Mass or serving as a Eucharistic Minister.



\*\*\*Please note a correction to August's Calendar - There will be no Daily Masses August 28<sup>th</sup> through September 29<sup>th</sup>, because of Father Oscar's vacation

### Altar Flower Donations

You can donate flowers for beside the Tabernacle and/ or in front of the Altar in honor of or in loving memory 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)



### Religious Education & Adult Bible Study

Catechetical Sunday is September 17<sup>th</sup>.  
Breakfast and a meeting will be held at the hall, following the 9 am. Mass.

Religious education classes will begin on September 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 am. Registration forms and letters have been sent home. Extra forms can be found on the hospitality table in the back of church.

Information will be coming available soon on VIRTUS "Protecting God's children." This program is a part of Safe Environments and offered to all grade levels K-12 grade. It provides safety lessons to children, helping to equip your child to recognize boundaries and to empower them to protect themselves when safe adults are not immediately available. The classes will show a short video, have an activity, discussions and role play. A sign up and parent consent form will be placed at the back of church if you would like your child to attend the session.

For more information, call: Erin Hayden.

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.

### Vacation Bible School-

Our fundraiser for Special Love (Organization helping kids with Childhood cancer) raised over \$1100! These funds will help cover the cost for kids to attend Camp Fantastic.

### Eucharistic Revival

This year is a National Eucharistic Revival movement for all parishes. This is a movement to restore understanding and devotion to this great mystery by helping us renew our worship of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist, the Most Blessed Sacrament.

#### Fact on the Eucharist

*Preservation from mortal sin:* While we should refrain from receiving the Eucharist when we are aware of being in a state of mortal sin, we should receive the Eucharist as much as possible when we are able because it *preserves* us from grave sin. It is as if the Eucharist's power washes away the venial sin in our souls and then covers us with a protective coat which helps us to stay away from serious sin.

The Eucharist destroys venial sin. Destroys! Through sin, the fervor of our charity can be dampened by venial sin. But when we receive the Eucharist we are united with Charity himself, which burns away the vestiges of our venial sins and leaves us cleansed and ready to begin again.



Sorry for Your Loss.

Our sincerest  
Condolences to  
Larry and Janie  
Dzula at the loss of  
their son,  
Larry Dzula, Jr.



### August Wedding Anniversaries

Eric & Joanna Ellingson	August 1, 1992
Bob & Lorraine Ryalls	August 5, 1978
Larry & Janie Dzula	August 11, 1973
Jim & Anne Duke	August 12, 1967
Philip & Karen Liberato	August 16, 1986
Greg & Erin Hayden	August 21, 1993
Gene & Bonnie Kopacki	August 23, 1975
Henry & (Natalee) Franzysen	August 26, 1972

### Attendance

August 19 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday 5:30 pm Mass	93
August 20 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday 9:00 am Mass	(Not taken)

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

#### Meditation:

I heard these words in my soul: Say unceasingly the chaplet that I have taught you. Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death. Priests will recommend it to sinners as their last hope of salvation. Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once he would receive grace from My infinite mercy. I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in My mercy. (Diary, 687).

#### My Prayer Response:

Lord Jesus, teach priests to love and pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. May they recommend it to sinners as their last hope of salvation and to all at the hour of death so as to receive great mercy.

**Collections for August 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Week's Amount**

Total Offertory	\$ 4,685
Votive Stand	\$ 11
Supplemental Collection	\$ 20
Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary	\$ 15
Religious Education	\$ 680
Total	\$ 5,411

Budgeted weekly average parish need \$ 4,596

**Restricted, Special Use, or Sent Out of Parish:**

Capital Campaign	\$ 776
Cemetery Fund	\$ 215
Poor Box	\$ 20
Facilities Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 110
Haitian Ministry	\$ 50

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

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



**Saint of the Week**

**Saint Joseph Calasanz**  
**August 26th**

From Aragon where he was born in 1556, to Rome where he died 92 years later, fortune alternately smiled and frowned on the work of Joseph Calasanz. A priest with university training in canon law and theology, respected for his wisdom and administrative expertise, he put aside his career because he was deeply concerned with the need for education of poor children.

When he was unable to get other institutes to undertake this apostolate at Rome, Joseph and several companions personally provided a free school for deprived children. So overwhelming was the response that there was a constant need for larger facilities to house their effort. Soon, Pope Clement VIII gave support to the school, and this aid continued under Pope Paul V. Other schools were opened; other men were attracted to the work, and in 1621 the community—for so the teachers lived—was recognized as a religious community, the Clerks Regular of Religious Schools—Piarists or Scolopi. Not long after, Joseph was appointed Superior for life.

A combination of various prejudices and political ambition and maneuvering caused the institute much turmoil. Some did not favor educating the poor, for education would leave the poor dissatisfied with their lowly tasks for society! Others were shocked that some of the Piarists were sent for instruction to Galileo—a friend of Joseph—as superior, thus dividing the members into opposite camps. Repeatedly investigated by papal commissions, Joseph was demoted; when the struggle within the institute persisted, the Piarists were suppressed. Only after Joseph's death were they formally recognized as a religious community. His liturgical feast is celebrated on August 25.

**Collections for August 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Week's Amount**

Total Offertory	\$ 2,868
Votive Stand	\$ 16
Supplemental Collection	\$ 560
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	\$ 498
Religious Education	\$ 80
Total	\$ 4,022

Budgeted weekly average parish need \$ 4,596

**Restricted, Special Use, or Sent Out of Parish:**

Capital Campaign	\$ 1,340
Cemetery Fund	\$ 115
Poor Box	\$ 20
Facilities Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 30
Haitian Ministry	\$ 20

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Pope Francis on Defense of the Unborn

"Nowadays efforts are made to deny them [unborn children] their human dignity and to do with them whatever one pleases, taking their lives and passing laws preventing anyone from standing in the way of this. Frequently, as a way of ridiculing the Church's effort to defend their lives, attempts are made to present her position as ideological, obscurantist and conservative. Yet this defense of unborn life is closely linked to the defense of each and every other human right. It involves the conviction that a human being is always sacred and inviolable, in any situation and at every stage of development" -- Pope Francis, Apostolic Exhortation "The Joy of the Gospel," November 24, 2013.

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

Being held: 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 [cbломstrom@olmc.org](mailto:cbломstrom@olmc.org)

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

Greetings from ASSE International Student Exchange Programs,

We would like to extend an invitation to you and your family to consider hosting one of our remaining exchange students for this coming school year or semester. Additionally, if you know of any outstanding families in your Congregation who would make great host families, we would greatly appreciate any referrals. Perhaps you would be willing to share the opportunity during church services?

Whether you are a young family, retired, a single parent, or empty nesters, hosting one of our students from countries like France, Italy, Ukraine, Denmark, and many others presents an extraordinary opportunity to personally experience their cultures and values while simultaneously sharing your own knowledge about the United States.

ASSE is fully committed to turning their dreams into reality, and we hope that you or someone in your Congregation would be interested in opening your/their home to a new family member this year.

Warm Regards,

Alina Clements, ASSE Eastern Regional Director

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website <https://host.asse.com>

From Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish:

"Please hold Rev. J. Scott Duarte, JCD, KHS, a former pastor of our parish, in prayer as he celebrates the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his priestly ordination on September 9, 2023, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in New Kent County. He has fond memories of his time serving in our parish and continues to pray for all our parishioners and families."

**Follow Your Vocation to Serve**

Do you think you may be called to serve the Church in a new role? The Office of the Permanent Diaconate is hosting three informational sessions this fall for men who might have a calling to ordained service to the Church and to the bishop as a permanent deacon, and are interested in discerning their calling while learning about the commitment it involves.



*Harm happens  
in isolation.*

*Healing can  
happen together.*

As a community, we strive to support survivors of child sexual abuse toward healing and wholeness. For those who have survived, the Catholic Diocese of Richmond, we invite you to join our community. Spouses and affected community members are also welcome. An independent facilitator, will offer a safe environment for sharing experiences, support, and heal. If you would like more information, please link, please call the Victim Assistance Coordinator at 804-781-1111 or [dana@atreeplanted.org](mailto:dana@atreeplanted.org)

# 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 804.843.3125

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