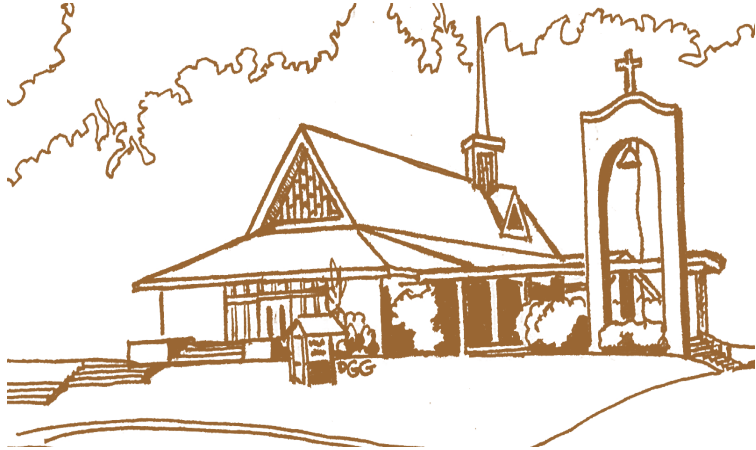


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MASS SCHEDULE

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.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 6th & 7th, 2024

Saturday, January 6th **THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD***

5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 pm Mass offered for Scott Watkins
Requested by the Watkins Family

Sunday, January 7th **THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD***

9:00 am Mass offered for William, Sr. & Mary Madigan (RIP)
Requested by Bill & Edwina Madigan

10:15 am Adult Bible Study

10:15 am Religious Education Sunday School

4:00 pm **Spanish Mass**

6:30 pm **Youth Group**

Monday, January 8th **THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

No Mass

12 pm-10 pm Adoration in Chapel

Tuesday, January 9th

9:30 am Mass – No Mass Intention

12pm-10pm Adoration in Chapel

4:30 pm Adult Bible Study (Mercy Center)

Wednesday, January 10th

9:30 am Mass – No Mass Intention

Thursday, January 11th

9:30 am Mass – No Mass Intention

Friday, December 12th

9:30 am Mass – No Mass Intention

6:30 pm Most Holy Rosary

Saturday, January 13th **SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***

11:00 am Lunch meeting: Plan International Dinner
& Cultural Prayer Gardens
at Boogaard Hall

5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

5:30 pm Mass – No Mass Intention

Sunday, January 14th **SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***

9:00 am Mass offered for Louis & Mary Taveres (RIP)
Requested by Edwina & Bill Madigan

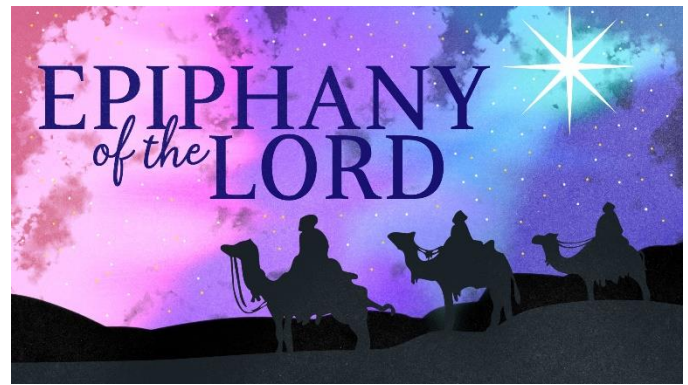
10:15 am Adult Bible Study

10:15 am Religious Education Sunday School

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

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.



Monthly Spanish Masses

On Sunday, January 7th, Father Oscar will be offering a Spanish Mass at 4 pm. Spanish Masses will be offered once a month on the first Sunday. This will continue as long as Father remains assigned as Chaplain at the Poor Clares Monastery due to the additional Masses he has there.

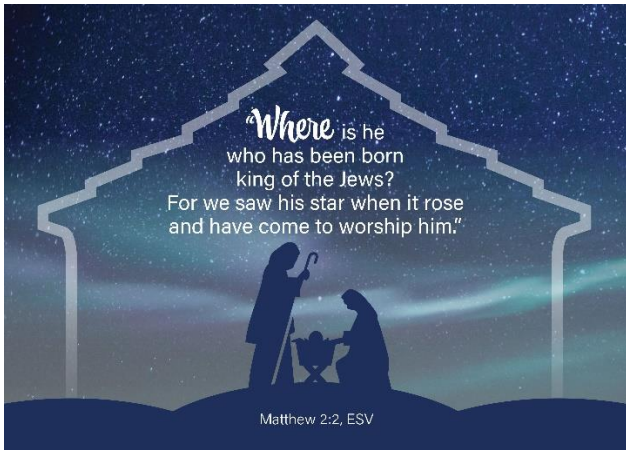
This weekend is Epiphany. Don't forget to pick up your Home Blessing Kit after Mass this weekend. Instructions for blessing your home are included, along with everything you need to properly bless your home for the new year.



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



Sadly, it is time to take down our Christmas decorations. Our Church was so beautiful for the Advent and Christmas Seasons! If you are available after Mass, consider helping to take the decorations down in preparation for Ordinary Time. Please meet in the Church immediately following Mass.



Dinner & Movie Night Hosted by the Youth Group!

"His Only Son" PG-13 – The Story based on Genesis 22 in the Old Testament, when the Lord tells Abraham to Sacrifice His only son, Isaac.

The Youth will be accepting donations for food items to help cover the cost of yearly retreats and activities: Hot dogs, chips, soup, drinks etc.
Thursday, January 18th @ 6:00 pm. @ the church

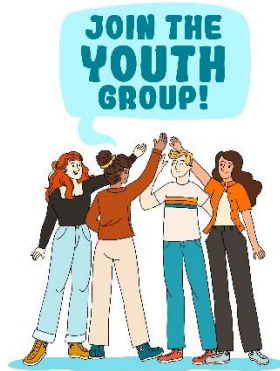
Religious Education & Adult Bible Study

Religious Education classes will resume on **January 7th**. Enjoy your Christmas break with family, focusing on the most important part, Jesus.

Adult Bible study will resume on January 7th.

Tuesday Adult Bible Study – Will resume on **January 9th**, 4:30 pm. @ the Mercy Center conference room.

The Youth Group will meet at the hall, **6:30 pm. on January 7th**! Let's celebrate the New Year Fun!
 No Youth Group on January 21st



The church was adorned with a beautiful display of Our Lady of Guadalupe in December.

International Dinner

Vietnamese, Polish, Filipino, Hispanic, and Italian! This is what Parish Council is planning for an upcoming International Dinner to be held on Saturday, February 3rd as a fundraiser for the Parish, mainly to raise money for the Cultural Prayer Gardens and additional funds needed for Mason Kopacki's Eagle Scout Project, the "Stations of the Cross" trail. A snow date would be February 17th.

Plan to meet for lunch at the Hall at 11:00 am on Saturday, January 13 for an organizational meeting.

We plan to ask for a donation or contribution to support these projects. This first event would be a Parish activity with making future International Dinners open to the public if we can get over some hurdles, mainly everything has to be made in a Health Dept approved kitchen. Anyone interested in helping can call or text Jim Vadas at 804-370-5341 or email jimvadas@yahoo.com.



Cultural Prayer Gardens

As part of our beautifying the wooded area behind the Church and VDB Hall, plans are in the works to develop outdoor prayer gardens for our culturally diverse Parish. Plan to meet for lunch at the Hall at 11:00 am on Saturday, January 13 for a planning meeting.

This is an effort to recognize our Vietnamese, Hispanic, Philippine, and Polish and European communities that make up our Parish, with each having a prayerful garden area with signage, statues, and shrub and tree plantings that will create beauty and a prayerful space while making use of the wooded acreage behind our Parish buildings. Anyone interested in helping can call or text Jim Vadas at 804-370-5341 or email jimvadas@yahoo.com.

New Procedure for Announcements

If you have an announcement that needs to be made at the end of Mass, you can type your announcement and place in the Orange Folder on the Cantor's Stand. The second lector will make announcements at the end of Mass. (If you need help typing your announcement, please send an email to adminassistant@olbs-catholic.org with your announcement by Wednesdays by 4:00pm.) For those who wish to make their own announcements, please be on the side waiting after Holy Eucharist so Father knows you need to make an announcement.

Attendance

December 20 th	Healing Mass	11:00 am Mass	40
December 23 rd	Saturday	5:30 pm Mass	113
December 24 th	Sunday	9:00 am Mass	110
	Christmas Eve	5:30 pm Mass	186
		9:00 pm Mass	84
December 25 th	Christmas Day	9:30 am Mass	69
December 30 th	Saturday	5:30 pm Mass	114
December 31 st	Sunday	9:00 pm Mass	117
January 1 st	New Year's Day	9:30 am Mass	70

Parish Needs Help in These Ministries

Anyone who would like to help with **Ministry to the Poor**, please call the office. This would involve reviewing requests the Parish gets from people who need help.

If you wish to **assist at Mass** as an Usher, Altar Server, Lector (Reader), Eucharistic Minister, or Collection of Money after Mass, please call Pattie Vadas 804-241-5009 or Joe Drexler at 804-366-7563.

Adoration in Mercy Center Chapel

Stop by the Mercy Center Chapel for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

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.

Collecting Old Palms

Please bring any of your Blessed and dried palms leaves and place in the basket at the back of the Church. These palms will be used for our Ashes on Ash Wednesday.



January Wedding Anniversaries

(Jerry) & Debbie Johnson	January 4, 1972
Quan & Sandy Dinh	January 18, 2020
Bill & Edwina Madigan	January 28, 1967

About Our Faith!

Mary Mother of the Church

...She is our Mother in the order of grace

Her role in relation to the Church and to all humanity goes still further. "In a wholly singular way she cooperated by her obedience, faith, hope, and burning charity in the Savior's work of restoring supernatural life to souls. For this reason, she is a mother to us in the order of grace." (CCC 969)

Priests for Life

Life: An "Epiphany" of God

"Life is always a good. ... Why is life a good? This question is found everywhere in the Bible, and from the very first pages it receives a powerful and amazing answer. The life which God gives man is quite different from the life of all other living creatures, inasmuch as man, although formed from the dust of the earth (cf. Gen 2:7, 3:19; Job 34:15; Ps 103:14; 104:29), is a manifestation of God in the world, a sign of his presence, a trace of his glory (cf. Gen 1:26-27; Ps 8:6). This is what Saint Irenaeus of Lyons wanted to emphasize in his celebrated definition: 'Man, living man, is the glory of God'. Man has been given a sublime dignity, based on the intimate bond which unites him to his Creator: in man, there shines forth a reflection of God himself" (The Gospel of Life, n. 34).

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

Meditation:

Jesus complained to me in these words, **Distrust on the part of souls is tearing at My insides. The distrust of a chosen soul causes Me even greater pain; despite My inexhaustible love for them they do not trust Me. Even My death is not enough for them. Woe to the souls that abuses these [gifts]** (Diary, 50)

My Prayer Response:

Jesus, open the hearts of distrusting souls, especially the hearts of chosen souls to Your mercy. As they receive Your mercy, may they give You joy!



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.

The presence of Christ by the power of his word and the Holy Spirit.

"Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised from the dead, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us," is present in many ways to his Church: In his word, in his Church's prayer, "Where two or three are gathered in my name," in the poor the sick, and the imprisoned, in the sacraments of which he is the author, in the sacrifice of the Mass, and in the person of the minister . But "he is present...most especially in the Eucharistic species."(CCC 1373)

Collection for December 23rd, 24th, & 25th 2023

Week's Amount

Total Offertory	\$ 4,975
Christmas Flowers	\$ 30
Votive Candles	\$ 66
Christmas Day	\$ 1,565

Total	\$ 6,636
Budgeted weekly average parish need	\$ 4,596

Restricted, Special Use, or Sent Out of Parish:

Capital Campaign	\$ 2,455
Poor Box	\$ 46
Catholic Charities	\$ 1,260
Facilities Repairs & Maintenance Fund	\$ 100

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Collection for December 30th, 31st, & January 1st, 2023

Week's Amount

Total Offertory	\$ 3,067
Supplemental Collection	\$ 10
Votive Candles	\$ 8
Christmas Day	\$ 115
The Solemnity of Mary (Jan. 1 st)	\$ 30

Total	\$ 3,230
Budgeted weekly average parish need	\$ 4,596

Restricted, Special Use, or Sent Out of Parish:

Capital Campaign	\$ 1,087
Poor Box	\$ 25
Catholic Charities	\$ 28
Facilities Repairs & Maintenance Fund	\$ 100
Cemetery Fund	\$ 25
Haiti Fund	\$ 100

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Knights of Columbus

Knights in Action at Poor Clares Monastery

Knights Jose Velazquez and Jim Vadas delivered and spread a load of white sand to fill in a heart-shaped garden dedicated to Mary in December at the Poor Clares Monastery.



Martin Luther King, Jr. Service

There will be a Martin Luther King, Jr. Service on Sunday, January 14th at 7:00pm at The Edge Church. This service is sponsored by the West Point Ministerial Association.

Lenten Soup & Sermon

The Soup & Sermon series sponsored by the West Point Ministerial Association will resume this year. The dates are all on Wednesdays: February 21st & 28th, and March 6th, 13th, & 20th. The Sermon will begin in St. John's Episcopal Church at Noon and a simple Soup luncheon will take place in their fellowship hall immediately following the Sermon. All are welcome. Our Church will work with St. John's Episcopal Church to provide soups and desserts for the Soup & Sermon on Wednesday, February 28th. Please call the Parish Office at 804-843-3125 if you are willing to volunteer to lead some of our ladies in providing whatever is needed for the Soup & Sermon or just want to volunteer.



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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