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## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
*(also by appointment)*

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday and Tuesday in the  
Mercy Center Chapel

## FIRST FRIDAY BLESSING AND ADORATION

In the church at 6:00 p.m.  
*(followed by the Most Holy Rosary  
at 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.

## HOME VISIT WITH FATHER OSCAR

To schedule, please call the church  
office at the number below.

## Mass Schedule

### WEEKENDS

Saturday 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday 9:00 a.m.  
Spanish Mass 4:00 p.m.  
*(first Sunday of the month)*

### WEEKDAYS

Tuesday – Thursday 9:30 a.m.  
Friday 5:30 p.m.  
*(followed by the Rosary —  
first Friday of the month  
is followed by a holy hour)*

### HOLIDAYS

9:30 a.m.  
7:00 p.m.

## Parish Offices

### CONTACT

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### OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday – Thursday  
9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

**March 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024**

**Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> EASTER VIGIL \***

- 11:30 am Blessing of Food/Easter Baskets
- 7:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 8:00 pm Mass offered for Catherine Prince (RIP)  
Requested by Catherine J. Smith

**Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup> EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD\***

- 6:30 am Sunrise Service at Beach Park, Ministerial Association
- 9:00 am Mass offered for Frank & Stella Staskiel, Joyce Richardson, Lucy Peterson, Paul McDonald, & Spencer Adsit (All RIP)  
Requested by Edmund & Patti Staskiel

**Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup>**

- No Mass
- 12 pm-10 pm Adoration in Chapel
- 6:30 pm Chrism Mass- Cathedral of Sacred Heart

**Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

- No Mass
- 12pm-10pm Adoration in Chapel

**Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

- No Mass
- 6:30 pm **Choir Practice**

**Thursday April 4<sup>th</sup>**

No Mass

**Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>**

- 5:30 pm **First Friday Mass**  
Offered for David Seckora (RIP)  
Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler
- 6:00-7:00 pm **Holy Hour**

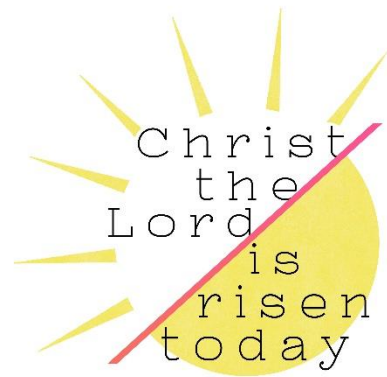
**Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> DIVINE MERCY VIGIL MASS\***

- 5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 5:30 pm Mass offered for Mark Drexler, Jr. (RIP)  
Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler

**Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY\***

- 9:00 am Mass offered for Roger Staskiel (RIP)  
Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler
- 4:00 pm **Spanish Mass**

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



**Divine Mercy Sunday**

The first Sunday after Easter is Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, following the 9 am. Mass, we will have the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and an opportunity to venerate the image of Divine Mercy. Take advantage of the graces given. This gift does not take away from Easter, but fulfills the message of Easter. Take advantage of the Sacraments, reconcile with God and Receive Him in Holy Communion, and start life in the newness of His Divine Will. [More information on the table at the entrance.](#)

**Spanish Mass**

As next Sunday is the first Sunday in April, the Spanish Mass will be held at 4:00 pm Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>.

**If You Need a Visit from Father Oscar**

With Father Oscar's added responsibilities serving as Chaplain for the Poor Clares Monastery, his availability has been more restricted. If you or a parishioner or family who is in need of a visit from Father Oscar, please call the parish office Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays from 9:00am until 4:30pm to give us the name, phone number, address, and the best time to visit.

**Change in Friday's Daily Mass Schedule**

Each Friday Daily Mass will be at 5:30pm followed by the Rosary.  
Each FIRST Friday Mass will be at 5:30pm followed by the Holy Hour.



**Hearing Assistance**

If you are having difficulty hearing the Mass in Church, please speak with one of the ushers, as the parish has hearing assistance devices for our parishioners.

## Religious Education & Adult Bible Study

**Religious Education:** No Classes on Easter, March 31<sup>st</sup> or April 7<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy your family time.

A Big thank you to our parishioners who filled eggs, teens who hid the eggs and helped with activities and teachers who are always so generous in giving of their time and talents with our parish kids. Thank you to those who helped to clean up Palm Sunday. Our kids had a wonderful time and they learned a message of Love.



**Thank you!**- to all our parishioners, teachers, teens and volunteers for our helping or leading our Easter activities during religious ed. on Palm Sunday. The kids were able to enjoy an egg hunt, plant flower seeds and make cards for our friend, Logan. Older kids were able to play some Lent 'Scattergories' and 'Trivia' games. A good time for bonding and sharing the message of love with each other.

**Adult Bible study** No Adult Bible study on March 24<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> or April 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Tuesday Adult Bible Study** – No Adult Bible Study on March 26<sup>th</sup> or April 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will resume with our Session, Lectio Salvation on April 9<sup>th</sup>.



Open to all 6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> Grade. No Youth Group on March 31<sup>st</sup> or April 7<sup>th</sup>. We will meet again on April 14<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm.

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

**Meditation:**

Today bring to Me All DEVOUT AND FAITHFUL SOULS, and immerse them in the ocean of My mercy. These souls brought Me consolation on the Way of the Cross. They were that drop of consolation in the midst of an ocean of bitterness. (Diary, 1214).

**My Prayer Response:**

Most Merciful Jesu, from the treasure of Your mercy, You impart Your graces in great abundance to each and all. Receive us into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart and never let us escape from it. We beg this grace of You by that most wondrous love for the heavenly Father with which Your Heart burns so fiercely (Diary, 1215).

## The Mysteries of Jesus' Public Life "The Kingdom of God is at hand"

"Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God, and saying: "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent, and believe in the gospel." "To carry out the will of the Father Christ inaugurated the kingdom of heaven on earth. "Now the Father's will is to raise up men to share in his own divine life." He does this by gathering men around his Son Jesus Christ. This gathering is the Church, "on earth the seed and beginning of that Kingdom." (CCC 541)



### From the Preschool

Registration is now open to the Parish. If there are any families looking for a program for 3-year olds, we have open spots. Thank you again for all your support over the years and your prayers. We appreciate them.

### Join the Lawn Mowing Crew!

As you may know, those mowing the Parish grass each week are volunteers. We are now down to two teams and need one or two more. Volunteers can use their own mower or one of the church's mowers. Four crews would mean each team would mow once a month! **Call Chris Polcyn to learn more at 804-366-5316.**



"I put in a jelly bean for pastor."





**April Wedding Anniversaries**

Paul & Valeria Seckora	April 5, 1997
Thomas & Paulette Berberich	April 11, 1964
(Thomas, Sr.) & Marguerite Sturtz	April 15, 1945
Billy & Katie Fudella	April 25, 2015

**Attendance**

March 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Saturday	5:30 pm Mass	90
March 24 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	9:00 am Mass	144

**Collection for March 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

Total Offertory	\$ 3,612
Ash Wednesday	\$ 20
Holy Thursday	\$ 25
Good Friday	\$ 55
Parish Heating	\$ 10
Easter Flowers	\$ 50
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,772</b>
Budgeted weekly average parish need	\$ 4,596
Restricted, Special Use, or Sent Out of Parish:	
Capital Campaign	\$ 599
Facilities Repairs & Maintenance Fund	\$ 100
Cemetery Fund	\$ 175

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

Update for Capital Campaign: As of 3/26/2024, we have raised a total of \$471,359.41 which includes \$381,250.00 in Pledges and One-Time Gifts in the amount of \$90,109.41. We have received \$273,958.16 in Payments on Pledges which leaves \$107,291.84 to receive. We are so Blessed to be a part of this most generous parish family!

**Announcement about Announcements!**

If you have any 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](mailto:adminassistant@olbs-catholic.org) with your announcement no later than Wednesdays at 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.



**Knights of Columbus**

The Knights thank everyone who bought tickets and came out for the Seafood Combo Dinner, the third of three Lenten dinners and all the Knights and their families who helped make the dinners a success.



**Becoming a Knight!!**

Charitable causes are our reason for fundraising. The 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).

Please consider joining the Committee for the Poor. There are funds available, but we need someone willing to meet and assess the needs of those seeking help. Please pray on this and if you are interested in helping those in need, please contact the Parish Office @ 804-843-3125



**Eucharistic Revival**

**"Take this and eat it, all of you": Communion**

Before so great a sacrament, the faithful can only echo humbly and with ardent faith the words of the Centurion: "Domine, non sum dignus ut intres sub tectum meum, sed tantum dic verbo, et sanabitur anima mea" ("Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul will be healed."). And in the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom the faithful pray in the same spirit: O Son of God, bring me into communion today with your mystical supper. I shall not tell your enemies the secret, nor kiss you with Judas' kids. But like the good thief I cry, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." (CCC 1386)

**Priests for Life**  
Our Easter Mission

"Have no fear. The outcome of the battle for life is already decided, even though the struggle goes on against great odds and with much suffering... "Christ is now raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep ... so in Christ all will come to life again" (1 Cor. 15:20-22). The paradox of the Christian message is this: Christ - the head - has already conquered sin and death. Christ in his body - the pilgrim people of God - continually suffers the onslaught of the Evil One and all the evil which sinful humanity is capable of.

"The liberating message of the Gospel of life has been put into your hands. And the mission of proclaiming it to the ends of the earth is now passing to your generation. Like the great apostle Paul, you too must feel the full urgency of the task: "Woe to me if I do not evangelize" (1 Cor. 9:16). Woe to you if you do not succeed in defending life. The church needs your energies, your enthusiasm, your youthful ideals, in order to make the Gospel of life penetrate the fabric of society, transforming people's hearts and the structures of society in order to create a civilization of true justice and love."

– Pope John Paul II to Youth, August 15, 1993, Denver, Colorado.



**THE SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE**




**Retirement Planning Webinar**

Tuesday, April 2, 8:00 pm

<http://tinyurl.com/KofCApril2>

Knights of Columbus, your premier Catholic partner for financial services, is pleased to invite you to an informational webinar. This special live webinar, "Retirement Savings and Distribution Planning," features nationally recognized speaker, television personality and best-selling author, Ed Slott.

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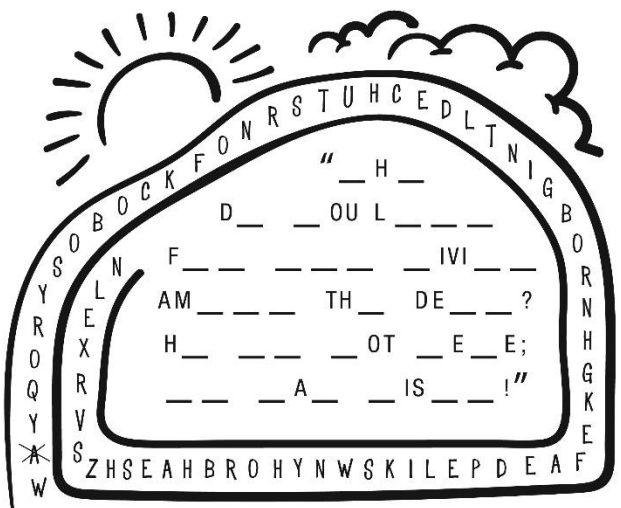
## PUZZLE

### EASTER MORNING message

Early Sunday morning, some women who followed Jesus encountered a great surprise. Solve the puzzle to see what the angels told them.

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*Directions: Cross out every other letter in the maze. Write the remaining letters in order to complete Luke 24:5-6, NIV.*



LUKE 24:5-6, NIV

Answer: "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!" Luke 24:5-6, NIV

# 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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