

# Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church



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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 BENEDICTION 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

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### OFFICE HOURS

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

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

April 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> **THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER\***

- 5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 5:30 pm Mass offered for Katherine Crump (RIP)  
Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler

Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> **THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER\***

- 9:00 am Mass offered for Anthony Gintout (RIP)  
Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler  
and offered for Joyce Richardson (RIP)  
on the Anniversary of Death (4/9/2018)  
Requested by Edmund & Patti Staskiel
- 10:15 am Adult Bible Study
- 10:15 am Religious Education Sunday School
- 6:30 pm **Youth Group**

Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>

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

Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>

- 9:30 am Mass Offered for Grace Bernoski (RIP)  
Requested by Lorraine & Bob Ryalls
- 4:30 pm Adult Bible Study
- 12pm-10pm Adoration in Chapel

Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>

- 9:30 am Mass Offered for David Seckora (RIP)  
Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler
- 6:30 pm **Choir Practice**

Thursday April 18<sup>th</sup>

- 9:30 am Mass Offered for Mark Drexler, Jr. (RIP)  
Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler

Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>

- 5:30 pm Mass Offered for Katherine Crump (RIP)  
Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler
- 6:00 pm **Most Holy Rosary**

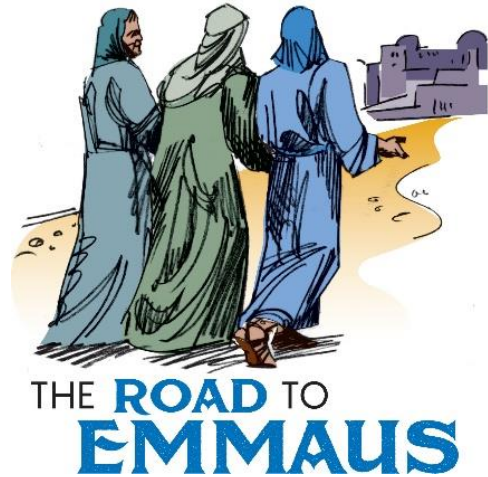
Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER\***

- 5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 5:30 pm Mass offered for Laurie Hite (RIP)  
Requested by Lorraine & Bob Ryalls

Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER\***

- 9:00 am Mass offered for Roland Klisiewicz, Jr. (RIP)  
Anniversary of Birthday  
Requested by the Watkins Family
- 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.*

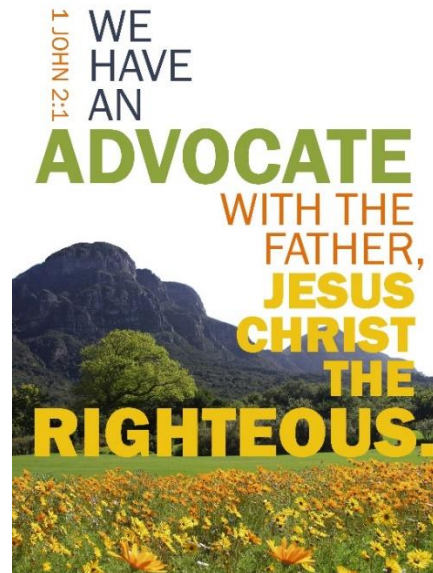


**If You Need a Visit from Father Oscar**

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



## Religious Education & Adult Bible Study

**Religious Education:** Our Last Religious Ed. Class will be on May 5<sup>th</sup>!

**Reconciliation and First Holy Communion-** will be on June 1<sup>st</sup> and June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Adult Bible Study-** Will Resume on Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Tuesday Adult Bible Study** – 4:30 pm. Join us for a Bible study on Lectio Salvation

### Youth Group News

Open to all 6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> Grade.

We will meet again on April 14<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm.

### OLBS Scholarship

In 2004 a scholarship was created by Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament to be awarded to a graduating high school senior from our parish. This scholarship is to be used for continued education at an accredited college, university or vocational school.

The determination of the recipient is based on parish and faith-based activities, service and leadership in their school and community. Two Letters of recommendation should be submitted, along with an essay answering the questions "How does my faith impact my life?" and "What is your future faith-based plans and/or endeavors?"

Applications may be obtained in the back of the church or through the Mercy Center. Applications should be completed and returned no later than Sunday, May 5, 2024.

If you have any questions, please contact Kay Shaw, Scholarship Committee Chair at 804-366-7518.

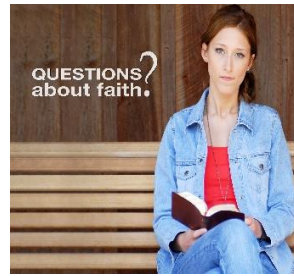
### From The Diary of St. Faustina

#### Meditation:

Say, My daughter, that the Feast of My Mercy has issued forth from My very depths for the consolation of the whole world (Diary, 1517).

#### My Prayer Response:

Thank You., Lord Jesus, that the Feast of Mercy is now available. May the Feast be celebrated, so souls in need would receive consolation. Lord Jesus, Son of the Living God, have mercy on us and on the whole world!



### The Proclamation of Kingdom of God

Everyone is called to enter the kingdom. First announced to the children of Israel, this Messianic kingdom is intended to accept men of all nations. To enter it, one must first accept Jesus' word: The word of the Lord is compared to a seed which is sown in a field; those who hear it with faith and are numbered among the little flock of Christ have truly received the kingdom. They by its own power, the seed sprouts and grown until harvest. (CCC 543)

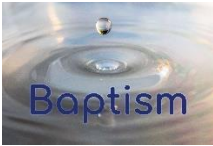
**Thank you!** For the signed banner, all the goodies and beautiful cards that were donated to the Easter basket for Logan Chestnutt. The basket brought many smiles. Logan read every card and told his mom, "That's a whole lot of Love." Please continue to keep Logan and family in your prayers.



**Congratulations to Isaac Velazquez on receiving the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion. May you continue to be led by the Holy Spirit and lead souls to follow!**

**Tea with the Blessed Mother** It's around the corner! **May 11<sup>th</sup>, from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm.** We hope all ladies will join us for this fun event on Mother's Day weekend. Everyone brings their favorite tea dish to share, we learn a little about Our Blessed Mother, socialize, have games and carry away faith and friendship. This year, we will honor our Blessed Mother under the title of Our Lady of Good Success. Sign up is on the back table or call the office. Don't forget to grab a ticket when you sign up for our prize drawing. Are you interested in hosting a table? All you need is a tea set. All information is provided. Don't hesitate to bring a friend! **Contact:** Erin 804-366-4435 or Sandy: 562-607-1422.





**Congratulations to:** to the Mendoza family on the baptism of their son, Leonel Martinez Mendoza on April 7<sup>th</sup>. Welcome to the Catholic Christian family. May your light of Christ burn brightly for the world.



## Knights of Columbus

### Special Honor!

#### The 'Silver Rose' Coming to Our Parish

This coming weekend the Father Jakubowski Council is honored to be able to display the Silver Rose. This is being displayed for a few days at each Knights' Council throughout the state and throughout the country. [See insert in bulletin for the history of the Silver Rose.](#) [Look for it on display in our Parish!](#)

### Day of the Unborn Child

The feast of the Annunciation was transferred to April 8 this year, and with it the Knights of Columbus Day of the Unborn Child. K of C councils are encouraged to mark this annual observance with both [prayer](#) and almsgiving, supporting organizations that serve mothers and their children.



### 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

April 6	Saturday	5:30 pm Mass	91
April 7	Sunday	9:00 am Mass	118
	Spanish Mass	4:00 pm Mass	56

### Collection for April 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Total Offertory	\$ 3,044
Supplemental Collection	\$ 30
Votive Candles	\$ 10
Holy Thursday	\$ 55
Good Friday	\$ 20
Easter	\$ 65
Total received this week	\$ 3,224
Budgeted weekly average parish need	\$ 4,596

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

Capital Campaign	\$ 1,096
Facilities Repairs & Maintenance Fund	\$ 100
Cemetery Fund	\$ 10
Poor Box	\$ 20
Haiti Ministry	\$ 25

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

### Announcements!

If you have any announcement that needs to be made at the end of Mass, place it in the Orange Folder on the Cantor's Stand. The Second Lector will make announcements at the end of Mass. For those who wish to make their own announcements, please be on the side waiting Eucharist.

### Becoming a Knight!!

Charitable causes are the reasons for who we are. We are there to assist our Parish Church and the worldwide Church. 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).

### 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.](#)

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 Tuesdays-Thursdays 9am to 4:30pm for further information



“Take this and eat it, all of you”: Communion

It is in keeping with the very meaning of the Eucharist that the faithful, if they have the required dispositions, receive communion each time they participate in the Mass. As the Second Vatican Council says: “That more perfect form of participation in the Mass whereby the faithful, after the priest’s communion, receive the Lord’s Body from the same sacrifice, is warmly recommended. (CCC 1388)

**Priests for Life**

Easter is a Season

Just as Sunday is one day out of seven, so the Easter season, a period of 50 days, is approximately one-seventh of the year. The Easter season, a time of special rejoicing and celebration of the Resurrection of Christ, is the “Great Sunday” of the year.

The liturgical prayers and readings focus on the Resurrection and the effects that it has on believers and on the world. The Acts of the Apostles is a book of Scripture that provides the source of most of the readings of the Easter Season, and it shows the vigor with which the apostles proclaimed the Resurrection and brought many to the waters of baptism to share the new life of Christ.

This season is a celebration of life, and leads us all to a deeper commitment to proclaim, celebrate, and serve the gift of human life.

**Pilgrimage to Poland - See the Catholic Treasure of Poland!**

Please join us on a pilgrimage to Poland! Highlights include Jasna Gora Monastery, home of Our Lady of Czestochowa, the Sanctuary of Divine Mercy and the Divine Mercy Image, the Museum and Chapel of St. Maximilian Kolbe, the cell where he was martyred in Auschwitz, the birthplace and baptismal Church of St. John Paul, Wawel Cathedral where he was ordained a Bishop and so much more!

Daily Mass. October 3-12, 2024. \$3695/per person based on double occupancy. \$150 discount if you enter coupon code Bulletin150 on the registration form. For more information, please visit [www.QoHTours.com](http://www.QoHTours.com) or call us at 1-800-213-4295

?? ? **Bible Quiz** ? ?

We know the name of only one of the two disciples to whom the risen Jesus appeared on the road to Emmaus. Who was he?

- A. John
- B. Paul of Tarsus
- C. Joseph of Arimathea
- D. Cleopas

Answer: D (See Luke 24:18)



THE SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE



**Tell your legislators to save lives by adopting the Hyde Amendment in the state budget!**

Governor Youngkin has proposed a package of amendments to the budget the General Assembly passed during session. We are very grateful that the package includes the Hyde Amendment.

Now your voices are urgently needed. Your Senator and Delegate will vote on budget amendments (and many other items) when they return to Richmond for the Reconvened Session on April 17. Take action to urge them to include the life-saving Hyde Amendment in the budget!

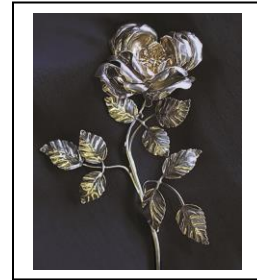
This essential provision would stop the funding of abortion with state taxpayers’ money to the fullest extent possible under federal law. Most states follow this policy. So should Virginia. On February 21, many of you gathered in Richmond for Virginia Pro-Life Day to meet with your legislators about this and other key policies. Act now to remind them you strongly support the Hyde Amendment and you expect them to support it too.



## Knights of Columbus

### History of the Silver Rose

Our Lady of Guadalupe did so much for her people in Mexico that, in 1960, the Columbian Squires, a youth organization of the Knights of Columbus, wanted to give something back to her. The group of **young men in Knights of Columbus Council 2312 in Monterrey, Mexico, came up with the idea of running a rose to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Monterrey, Mexico. The rose was chosen to commemorate Juan Diego and the miracle of the roses**, an important part of the story of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The first rose was a natural rose and was blessed by Bishop John C. Cody of London.



After a year, the first rose had decomposed, so a group decided to make a bronze rose that would not age. When the Squires of Circle 660 in Monterrey heard of the bronze rose, they decided to make a similar rose. Silver was chosen for this new rose because it is a precious metal of Mexico.

The first Silver Rose was blessed by Bishop Alfonso Espino Silva and sent to the Supreme Council headquarters of the Knights of Columbus in New Haven, CT. Both the Bronze Rose and the Silver Rose were received by Supreme Knight Luke E. Hart and were so admired by Archbishop Francis J. Spellman of New York that he kept them for a special Mass before they were flown to Texas to once again be turned over to brother Knights at the midpoint of the International Bridge.

After 1961, the program was conducted by the Knights of Texas and Mexico and the Our Lady of Guadalupe Province of the Fourth Degree until the mid-1990s, when it was adopted as a Knights of Columbus Supreme Council program. In 2001, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson expanded the Silver Rose program further. “[This is] a perfect program for the Knights of Columbus,” said Mr. Anderson. **“Through it we honor not only Our Lady of Guadalupe and express the unity of the Order, but we also reaffirm the Order’s dedication to the sanctity of human life. It is to the Blessed Mother that we turn in prayer as we work to end the Culture of Death that grips our society. As we think in terms of ‘One Life, One Rose,’ it is most appropriate that we turn to Our Lady of Guadalupe who made known her will through Juan Diego and the miracle of the roses.”**

**Today, eight roses run along different North American routes that include Canada, every U.S. state, Puerto Rico, the District of Columbia, and Mexico. This tradition spreads devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe and embodies international brotherhood as jointly nurtured across the continent.**

# 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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