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

WEEKDAYS

Tuesday – Thursday 8:30 a.m.
Friday 5:00 p.m.
(followed by the Rosary —
first Friday of the month
is followed by a holy hour)

HOLIDAYS

8:30 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 IN ORDINARY TIME

January 25th & 26th, 2025

Saturday, January 25th **THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***

- 4:30 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 5:00 pm Mass offered for Marguerite Sturtz (RIP)
Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler

Sunday, January 26th **THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***

- 9:00 am Mass offered for David Seckora (RIP)
Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler
- 10:15 am Religious Education Classes
- 10:15 am Adult Bible Study
- 10:15 am **Parish Council Meeting (MC)**
- 11:15 am **Parents' Meeting on Roles Youth can Participate in at Mass**

Monday, January 27th **Saint Angela Merici, Virgin***

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

Tuesday, January 28th **Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor of the Church***

- 8:30 am Mass offered for Joe, Sr., Elsie, & Johnnie Drexler (RIP)
Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler
- 12 pm-10 pm Adoration in Chapel
- 4:30 pm Adult Bible Study (MC)

Wednesday, January 29th

- 8:30 am Mass offered for Louis & Mary Taveres (RIP)
Requested by Bill & Edwina Madigan
- 6:00 pm **Choir Rehearsal**

Thursday, January 30th

- 8:30 am Mass offered for Mike Pausic (RIP)
Requested by Pat & Wini Barron

Friday, January 31st **Saint John Bosco, Priest***

- 5:00 pm Mass offered for Richard & Anna Kozlowski (RIP)
Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler
- 5:30 pm Rosary

Saturday, February 1st **THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD***

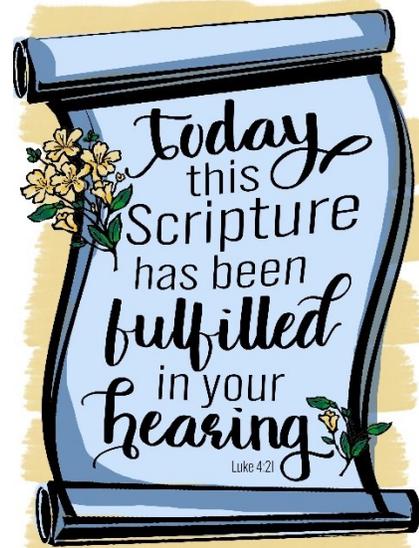
- 4:30 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 5:00 pm Mass offered for Thomas E. Sturtz, Jr. (RIP)
Anniversary of Death
Requested by Carole Beasley & Joan Applegate

Sunday, February 2nd **THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD***

- 9:00 am Mass offered for Mike Pausic (RIP)
Requested by Pat & Wini Barron
- 10:15 am Religious Education Classes
- 10:15 am Adult Bible Study
- 6:30 pm **Youth Group (VDB)**

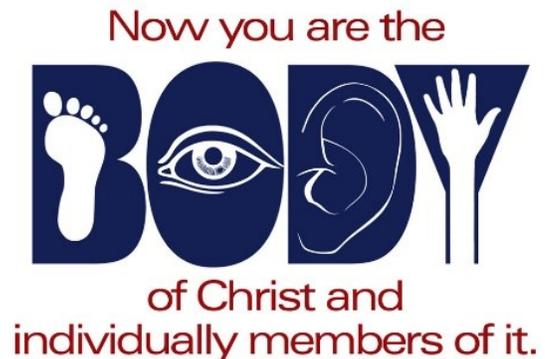
(MC) Mercy Center (VDB) van den Boogard Hall (Parish Hall)

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



We are in the Jubilee Year of Hope! How can you share your talents & gifts in our parish? There are many spots open and available and we need your help! We need Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Church decorators, Office help, People for Hospitality, Music, Maintenance, Sacristy. There is so much more to consider, please consider! Look on the back of the bulletin and contact a ministry leader or call the office, we will be happy to assist you in where you can use your gift best.

Old Palm Branches Needed
In preparation for Ash Wednesday, March 5 this year, old palm branches are being collected which will be burned to produce the ashes used that day. Please drop off your old palms in the basket in the foyer.



1 Corinthians 12:27, NRSV



Jesus Teaches at the Synagogue in Nazareth

Religious Education



Begins again!! Sunday School classes started on January 12th @ 10:15 am. Let's make this year the best!!

***Families are invited to a parent liturgy meeting for all families on January 26th, following Sunday School, 11:15 am. This meeting is to provide information on child participation in the Mass. **Questions like:** What age can my child altar serve? What sacraments are required?

Tuesday Adult Bible Study: We have returned to our regular schedule on January 7th at 4:30 pm (MC). We are studying the book of JOB.

Sunday Adult Bible Study: Join us for our next Bible Study, "Mary" with Dr. Edward Siri. There is so much to know about our heavenly mother; we invite you to come learn. We meet after the 9 am. Mass in the front foyer of the hall.

Confirmation / RCIA -Our RCIA, Confirmation candidates and chaperones, travelled to the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land and the National Basilica Shrine in Washington D.C. on January 25th for a retreat. May the Holy Spirit work in the hearts of all that a new life of faith may ignite in the church. We have 15 candidates between RCIA and Confirmation this year!!



Open to all 6th -12th Grade.

Our next Youth Group will be February 2.
All youth from grades 6-HS may attend.

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I Believe in Jesus Christ, His Only Son Our Lord –

The transmission of the Christian faith consists primarily in proclaiming Jesus Christ in order to lead others to faith in him. From the beginning, the first disciples burned with the desire to proclaim Christ: "We cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard." It And they invite people of every era to enter into the joy of their communion with Christ: (CCC 425)

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life — the life was made manifest, and we saw it, and testify to it, and proclaim to you the eternal life which was with the Father and was made manifest to us — that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you may have fellowship with us; and our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. And we are writing this that our joy may be complete.



Eucharistic Revival

Through the sacraments of Christian initiation, man receives the new life of Christ. Now we carry this life "in earthen vessels," and it remains "hidden with Christ in God."¹ We are still in our "earthly tent," subject to suffering, illness, and death.² This new life as a child of God can be weakened and even lost by sin. (CCC 1420)

Collection for January 18 & 19, 2025

Total Offertory	\$ 3,485
Debt Supplemental Collection	\$ 200
Mass Intentions	\$ 170
Hall Rental	\$ 400
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 25
Initial Offering	\$ 40
Votive Stand	\$ 20
Total received this week	\$ 4,340

Budgeted weekly average parish need \$ 4,596

Restricted, Special Use, or Sent Out of Parish:

Capital Campaign	\$ 400
Respect Life	\$ 325
Facilities, Repairs, & Maintenance	\$
Haitian Ministry	\$ 175
Cemetery Fund	\$ 200
Poor Box	\$

Thank You for Supporting our Parish

Attendance

January 18	Saturday	5:00 pm Mass	87
January 19	Sunday	9:00 am Mass	113



"Actually, sir, the rules were chiseled in stone."



January Wedding Anniversaries

(Jerry) & Debbie Johnson	January 4, 1972
Quan & Sandy Dinh	January 18, 2020
(David) & Susan Thompson	January 20, 1984
Bill & Edwina Madigan	January 28, 1967

February Wedding Anniversaries

(James) & Donna Geron	February 7, 1970
(Robert) & Cheryl Servonsky	February 10, 1973
Sol & Annabelle Vidal	February 10, 2001
(Henry J, Jr.) & (Marian Kopacki)	February 13, 1949
(Charles) & Margaret Varboncoeur	February 23, 1957
(Ed) & Virginia Kopacki	February 24, 1952



Consider Joining the OLBS Money Counting Team

After several years of serving on the OLBS Counting Team, several members are looking to turn in their calculators and take a well-deserved break from this weekly ministry for our parish. This ministry requires approximately 3 hours each week (usually Tuesday mornings) to sort, count and prepare our bank deposits for the weekly offertory collections.

Each team has a minimum of 3 members who perform this duty each week. These team members rotate each week based on their availability. Currently there are 5 members of the team who serve as a Lead Counter for the week with 2 additional members who help to count that week. We also have several members who serve as substitutes to fill in as necessary.

It is our hope that several of our parishioners would prayerfully consider becoming a member of the Counting Team. If possible, we would like to have enough interest to have enough members, to only require your covering 1 – 2 sessions per month. We usually put out the schedule on a quarterly basis so that you can plan your availability accordingly.

Please consider being a part of this important ministry for our parish. If you feel that you would be willing to serve as a member of our Counting Team, please contact Fr Oscar at oparaiso@richmonddiocese.org or Bob Ryalls at businessmgr@olbs-catholic.org

A New Year and New Times for Mass

New Mass times will take effect after January 1st as follows:

Monday	No Mass	<u>No change</u>
Tuesday	8:30 a.m. Mass	A change!
Wednesday	8:30 a.m. Mass	A change!
Thursday	8:30 a.m. Mass	A change!
Friday	5:00 p.m. Mass 5:30 p.m. Rosary	A change!
<u>First Friday</u>	5:00 p.m. Mass 5:30 p.m. Holy Hour	A change!
Saturday	5:00 p.m. Mass	(formerly 5:30)
Sunday	9:00 a.m. Mass	<u>No change</u>
Spanish Mass	4:00 p.m. Mass on 1 st Sunday	<u>No change</u>

Senior Mass 11:00 a.m. Wednesday
(3rd Wednesday of the Month) followed by
Senior Luncheon 11:45 a.m. Various restaurants

These times will be in place for the foreseeable future. A chaplain is in training at the Poor Clares Monastery which frees up Father Oscar for his duties at OLBS.

From The Diary of St. Faustina

Meditation:

December 16, [136]. I have offered this day for Russia. ... After Holy Communion, Jesus said to me, **I cannot suffer that country any longer. Do not tie my hands, My daughter.** I understood that if it had not been for the prayers of souls that are pleasing to God, that whole nation would have already been reduced to nothingness (*Diary*, 818).

When once I asked the Lord Jesus how He could tolerate so many sins and crimes and not punish them, the Lord answered me, **I have eternity for punishing [these], and so I am prolonging the time of mercy for the sake of [sinners]. But woe to them if they do not recognize this time of My visitation. My daughter, secretary of My mercy, your duty is not only to write about and proclaim My mercy, but also to beg for this grace for them, so that they too may glorify My mercy** (*Diary*, 1160).

My Prayer Response:

Lord Jesus, thank You for instructing St. Faustina not only to write about Your mercy toward sinners but also to beg for mercy for them.



Knights of Columbus

Men of the Parish, if you are a practicing Catholic and 18 years or older, and you wish to make sure you, your family or future family, are covered financially if anything happens to you or a member of your family, the Knights offer insurance programs for a minimal amount. This can be life insurance, accidental death and dismemberment insurance, annuities for gradually building up an investment fund, to name a few.

Council 8116 (the "Father Jakubowski Council") Knights of Columbus meets on the first Monday of each month for their business meeting. If you have an interest in the Knights, just ask one of the members for information.

Priests for Life

"The fact that we know that we are right about the sacred value of human life should make us humble and more determined to spread this message by the love shown in our lives and our willingness to be servants of life. As St. John reminds us, "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us" (1 Jn 1:8). Pro-lifers are convinced – mightily convinced – of the boundless mercy of God. That is the light we bring to the world: the truth about God's love, about forgiveness, about the beauty of human life in all its stages and states." J. Michael Miller, CSB, Archbishop of Vancouver, Canada, Homily at Holy Innocents Annual Pro-Life Mass, January 12, 2010

Defund Planned Parenthood

Call both of your senators and your representative.

H.R. 271, the Defund Planned Parenthood Act of 2025, was introduced Jan. 9 by Rep. Michelle Fischbach, a Republican from Minnesota.

In its annual report for 2022-2023, Planned Parenthood notes that it received \$699 million dollars in government grants and reimbursements.

That year, Planned Parenthood ended the lives of 392,715 unborn children while referring just 1,721 mothers for adoption. The organization also is challenging laws protecting babies from abortion in 16 states.

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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