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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)

HOLYDAYS

8:30 a.m.
7:00 p.m.

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OFFICE HOURS

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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
April 5th & 6th, 2025

Saturday, April 5th FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT*
 4:30 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
 5:00 pm Mass offered for Mike Pausic (RIP)
 Requested by Janice McGowan

Sunday, April 6th FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT*
 9:00 am Mass offered for OCIA & Confirmation
Candidates to be Strengthened in
the Faith
 Requested by the Hayden Family
 10:15 am Religious Education Classes
 10:15 am Adult Bible Study
 4:00 pm **Spanish Mass**

Monday, April 7th Saint John Baptist de la Salle, Priest*
 No Mass
 12 pm-10 pm Adoration in Chapel

Tuesday, April 8th
 8:30 am Mass offered for OCIA & Confirmation
Candidates to be Strengthened
In the Faith
 Requested by the Hayden Family
 12 pm-10 pm Adoration in Chapel
 4:30 pm Adult Bible Study (MC)
 7:00 pm **Parish Penance Service**

Wednesday, April 9th
 8:30 am Mass offered for Those Receiving the
the Sacraments of Reconciliation
and Holy Eucharist
 Requested by the Hayden Family
 5:00 pm **Facilities Committee Meeting (VDB)**
 6:30 pm **Choir Practice**

Thursday, April 10th
 8:30 am Mass offered for Joe, Sr., Elsie & Johnnie
Drexler (RIP)
 Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler
 and Mass offered for James Geron (RIP)
 Requested by Donna Geron

Friday, April 11th Saint Stanislaus, Bishop, Martyr*
 5:00 pm Mass for Richard & Anna Kozlowski (RIP)
 Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler
 5:30 pm **Stations of the Cross—Cemetery Committee**

Spanish Mass will be on Sunday, April 6 at 4:00 pm as this is the first Sunday of the month.

Parish Penance Service: Mark Your Calendar
Tuesday, April 8th at 7:00 pm

Saturday, April 12th PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION
OF THE LORD*

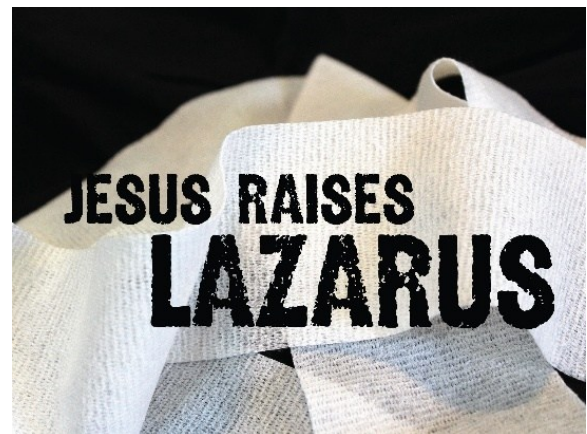
4:30 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
 5:00 pm Mass offered for Mary Ochman (RIP)
Anniversary of Birthday
 Requested by Carole Beasley &
 Joan Applegate

Sunday, April 13th PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION
OF THE LORD*

9:00 am Mass offered for Those Receiving
Sacraments of Reconciliation and
Holy Eucharist
 Requested by the Hayden Family
 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 indices vestment colors for that Sunday or Saint's feast day. If no color, vestments are white.*



Easter Week Calendar

April 8 Tues.	Penance Service 7:00 pm
April 12-13	Palm Sunday (Regular times)
April 16 Wed	7:00 pm Tenebrae
April 17 Holy Thursday	7:00 pm Mass of Lord's Supper followed by Adoration
April 18 Good Friday	3:00 pm Stations 7:00 pm Passion of Lord
April 19 Saturday	11:30 am Blessing of Food 8:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass
April 20 Sunday	9:00 am Easter Sunday Mass

Religious Education

Religious Education Classes are held Sundays at 10:15 am.

Tuesday Adult Bible Study: Join us at 4:30 pm (MC). We are studying the book of JOB.

Sunday Adult Bible Study: We begin our study of Exodus. We meet after the 9 a.m. Mass in the front foyer of the hall.

Parish Scholarship Application Time

Please look for information in the back of the church for an application or check with the Parish Office about the Parish Scholarship.

Youth Group News

Our next Youth Group will meet **April 13th, 6:30 pm. to 8:00 pm.** **Note: This is a change of date.** All 6th to 12th graders are welcome to join.

Miles for Meals Challenge (Rise Against Hunger)- The Youth group is leading the "Miles for Meals" challenge. Our goal is to raise \$2,400 to feed the 5,000 like Jesus did. We need your help! Take an envelope, take a walk and pray for those less fortunate. Mark your miles on the chart and donate \$1 per mile to your envelope. We will collect miles and envelopes on Palm Sunday. When we reach our goal, we will set up a meal packaging event that everyone can help participate in feeding the 5,000. We also have our 'meter bank' to fill, if you would rather help with that. Thank you!

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

The name of Jesus is at the heart of Christian prayer. All liturgical prayers conclude with the words "through our Lord Jesus Christ". The *Hail Mary* reaches its high point in the words "blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus." The Eastern prayer of the heart, the *Jesus Prayer*, says: "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner." Many Christians, such as St. Joan of Arc, have died with the one word "Jesus" on their lips. (CCC 435)

Divine Mercy Retreat 2025

Good attendance, delicious food, and an unforgettable message! Thanks to Erin for leading the Retreat. And thank you to the Kopacki's for all the baked goods.



International Dinner April 26

The International Dinner parish fundraiser is being planned for April 26, the Saturday after Easter. See the flyer in this weekend's bulletin.

Tickets will be by donations but seating is limited. Call Jim for tickets (804)-370-5341. Tickets should also be available after Masses.

Jubilee Year of Hope

RECENT JUBILEE YEARS

- **1950:** During this Holy Year of 1950, Pope Pius XII proclaimed the dogma of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven.
- **1975:** This Holy Year of reconciliation was proclaimed by Pope Paul VI.
- **1983:** Pope John Paul II proclaimed a special jubilee year in 1983 to celebrate the 1,950th anniversary of the death and resurrection of Jesus.
- **2000:** Pope John Paul II proclaimed the Great Jubilee of the Year 2000.
- **2015:** Pope Francis declared an extraordinary jubilee for the 50th anniversary of the end of the Second Vatican Council. The jubilee was dedicated to mercy.

Collection for March 29 & 30, 2025

Total Offertory	\$ 1,521
Religious Goods Sales	\$ 41
Donation	\$ 15
Easter Flowers	\$ 150
Hall Rental Income	\$ 60
Total Received This Week	\$ 1,787

Budgeted weekly average parish need \$ 4,596

Restricted, Special Use, or Sent Out of Parish:

Capital Campaign	\$ 675
Facilities Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 100
Catholic Relief Services, Catholic Charities, and Retired Religious	\$ 595
Maintenance Fund	\$
Cemetery Fund	\$ 1,205

Thank You for Supporting our Parish

Attendance

March 29	Saturday	5:00 pm Mass	92
March 30	Sunday	9:00 am Mass	151



STATIONS of the CROSS

Stations of the Cross assigned leaders for the following Fridays of Lent:

April 11	Cemetery Committee
April 18	Finance Committee

St. Theresa Cemetery – Remove Old Flowers

Dear Parishioners with beloved family members and friends buried at St. Theresa Catholic Cemetery: please remove any old displays and expired flowers before Palm Sunday, April 13th; any old displays will be discarded. Thank you from the Cemetery Committee.



April 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

If you have not listed your wedding anniversary with the Parish, please call the office so you can be included here.



The **West Point Ministers Association Lenten Soup & Sermon** Series will continue on Wednesdays through April 9th.

Father Oscar has agreed to work with the pastor at St. John's Episcopal Church on April 9th this year.

Here is the schedule:

- **April 9:** Oscar Paraiso (Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church), Charlie and Miriam Maloney (Mattaponi Society of Friends), and Theresa Brion (St. John's Episcopal Church)

From The Diary of St. Faustina

Meditation:

The words with which I entreated God are these: **Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ for our sins and those of the whole world; for the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us** (*Diary*, 475). The next morning, when I entered chapel, I heard these words interiorly: **Every time you enter the chapel, immediately recite the prayer which I taught you yesterday** (*Diary*, 476).

My Prayer Response:

Thank You, Lord, for the prayer of the Chaplet of Mercy. It is "living the Mass," offering the sacrifice of Your Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity to the Father — for mercy on the whole world.

Priests for Life

Precisely because this involves the internal consistency of our message about the value of the human person, the Church cannot be expected to change her position on this question [of abortion]. I want to be completely honest in this regard. This is not something subject to alleged reforms or "modernizations". It is not "progressive" to try to resolve problems by eliminating a human life. On the other hand, it is also true that we have done little to adequately accompany women in very difficult situations, where abortion appears as a quick solution to their profound anguish, especially when the life developing within them is the result of rape or a situation of extreme poverty. Who can remain unmoved before such painful situations?

- Pope Francis, *Apostolic Exhortation, Evangelii Gaudium*, Paragraph 214, November 26, 2013



"I have set before you
LIFE and DEATH
CHOOSE LIFE so that
you and your descendants may live."

Deuteronomy 30:19, NRSV



Teach us to pray

In Luke 11:1-13 (NIV), Jesus teaches about prayer.

Directions: Add or subtract the letters indicated and unscramble the letters to form a new word, using hints from the passage. Then unscramble the circled letters to answer the question below.

party - t = p r A y (v. 1)

lady + i = _ _ _ _ (v. 3)

drab + e = _ _ _ _ (v. 5)

rod + o = _ _ _ _ (v. 7)

bask - b = _ _ _ _ (v. 9)

keeps - p = _ _ _ _ (v. 9)

define - ee = _ _ _ _ (v. 9)

shift - t = _ _ _ _ (v. 11)

sneaky - y = _ _ _ _ (v. 11)

sift + g = _ _ _ _ (v. 13)



What will the Father give to those who ask of him?

_ _ _ _ _ (v. 13)

Answer: pray, daily, bread, door, ask, seek, find, gifts, Holy Spirit

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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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