

# 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

### CONTACT

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### OFFICE HOURS

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

## THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

May 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup> **THE MOST HOLY TRINITY\***

5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

5:30 pm Mass Offered for Joan Sockey (RIP) and  
Jean Wetherell (RIP)

Anniversary of Birthdays

Requested by the Hayden Family

And Mass Offered for Gloria Bonatti (RIP)

Anniversary of Death (May 26, 2020)

Requested by Pattie & Jim Vadas

Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup> **THE MOST HOLY TRINITY\***

9:00 am Mass offered for Catherine Prince (RIP)

And offered in Honor of America's Military  
Men & Women for their Service

To Our Country

10:15 am Adult Bible Study

10:15 am **Parish Council**

Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup> **Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop\***

No Mass

12 pm-10 pm Adoration in Chapel

Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>

9:30 am Mass Offered for Paul Ryczak (RIP)

Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler

4:30 pm Adult Bible Study

12pm-10pm Adoration in Chapel

Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> **Saint Paul VI, Pope\***

9:30 am Mass Offered for Ike Musante (RIP)

Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler

6:30 pm **Choir Practice**

Thursday May 30<sup>th</sup>

9:30 am Mass Offered for Phil Marshall (RIP)

Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler

Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup> **THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY\***

5:30 pm Mass Offered for Raymond Chartier (RIP)

Requested by Donna Geron

6:00 pm Most Holy Rosary

Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> **THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST:  
CORPUS CHRISTI\***

2:00 pm **Spanish Mass (Note - not on June 2)**

5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

5:30 pm Mass offered for Joseph Ripchick (RIP)

Requested by Marguerite Sturtz

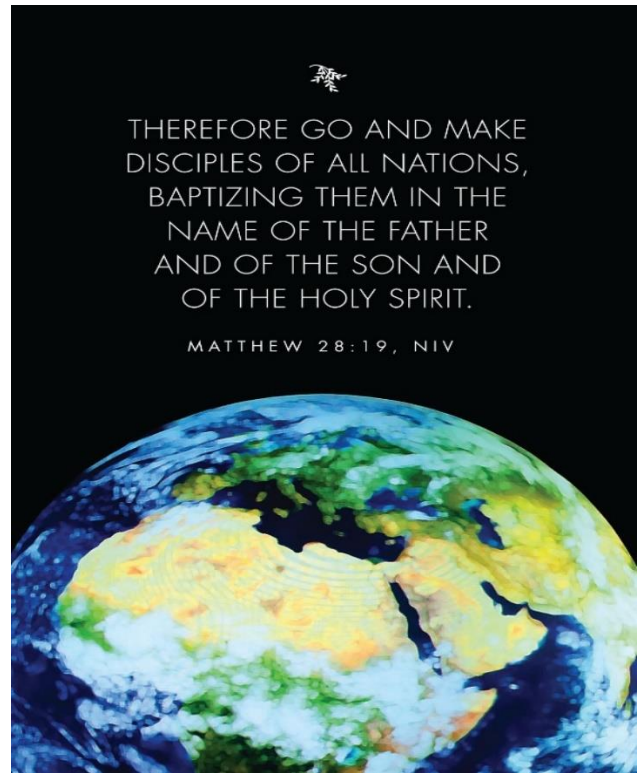
Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> **THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST:  
CORPUS CHRISTI\***

9:00 am Mass offered for Jennifer Jordan for Healing

Requested by Janice McGowan & Family

10:15 am Adult Bible Study

\* 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

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. Father's time has been limited because he is also temporary Chaplain at the Poor Clares Monastery.

Daily Mass is said at the Poor Clares Monastery at 8:00 am.

Each Friday Mass will be at 5:30pm followed by the Rosary.



## Religious Education & Adult Bible Study

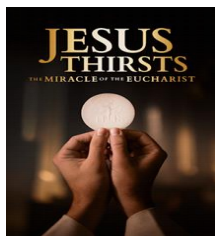
Reconciliation and First Holy Communion- will be on June 1<sup>st</sup> and June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Adult Bible Study- Sundays after 9:00am Mass at VDB hall.

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.  
No Youth Group on June 2.



Movie Night! JESUS THIRSTS: THE MIRACLE OF THE EUCHARIST, a feature documentary by Executive Producer Deacon Steve Greco and producers James Wahlberg and Tim Moriarty. The powerful film is co-sponsored by the Diocese of Orange and puts Jesus on the big screen during the national Eucharistic Revival movement within the U.S. Catholic Church. **Tickets are on sale now** for *Jesus Thirsts*, which will be released in theaters nationwide on **June 4, 5, and 6** (in Spanish) at **4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.** With two showtimes making the film more accessible for families, schools, and religious education, the movie includes a special bonus feature, *Our Lady of Guadalupe: Woman of the Eucharist*, produced by the Knights of Columbus.

### May is the month of Mary.

Mary's Crowns for this weekend have been donated accordingly:

- The Small Crown is in Memory of Katherine Crump as Requested by Donna Geron
- One of the Large Crowns is in Memory of Gloria Bonatti as Requested by Pattie & Jim Vadas
- One Large Crown is in Memory of Ethel Newton as Requested by Jim & Pattie Vadas



Coming up in July!! Our dates will run **July 22<sup>nd</sup> to July 26<sup>th</sup>, from 6-8 pm**. We will need volunteers, please consider helping. If you have the recyclable items below, please save them for our **VBS**: They can be dropped by the office or left by the back table at church. Contact: Erin 804-366-4435.  
– toilet paper rolls, brown packing paper from your amazon orders & Gold or silver metal lids from jars.

### Tea with Our Blessed Mother - Thanks Again

Thank you to all of our hostesses for taking time to make this day extra special for our Lady: Jennifer Brown, Anne Duke, Cydney Henley, Sandy Lam, Melissa Simal and Virginia Walthour and all those who attended. Extra thank you to Sandy Lam for helping to organize, decorate and plan out this Tea event. It couldn't happen without these willing ladies!

Next year, May 10<sup>th</sup>! "Our Lady of Częstochowa"

### Lariats for Logan Chestnutt !!

#### Live Pro Wrestling Fundraising Event!

Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> @ West Point High School  
Door opens at 6:15 pm. Bell time 7:00 pm.  
Ringside seats \$20 General Admission \$15  
Tickets available @ [www.matwonline.com](http://www.matwonline.com)  
And at the door the day of the event



Also, our preschool **Afterschool program** will be offering a week long **Summer Bible day camp** this Summer. The church will host an evening VBS later in July. If you have a child interested in our **all-day camp**, please contact the preschool at **804-843-4177**. The camp will be **June 10-14 Mon -Fri** at the preschool 7am – 5:30pm. The cost for the camp is \$150 per child. A second camp will be offered **July 15-19 Mon - Fri** with the same times and cost. Registration is limited.



**May Wedding Anniversaries**

Greg & Denise DePompeo	May 2, 1981
Pat & Wini Barron	May 14, 1966
Chris & Barbara Hite	May 15, 1982
Joe & Mary Pincus	May 15, 1993
Brian (BJ) & Hope Kopacki	May 17, 2008
Dexter & Pam Dix	May 24, 1992
Jim & Pattie Vadas	May 27, 1972

**June Wedding Anniversaries**

Jeffrey & Melissa Pitts	June 1, 1985
Terry & Brenda Frederick	June 16, 1973
John & Victoria Kurdziel Roane	June 26, 1960
(Paul) & Mary Leigh McDonald	June 30, 1973

**Parish Picnic Held This Past Sunday**



Thanks for the great food and fun! Had a good turnout!  
 Thanks to the Knights for providing burgers and hot dogs.  
 Thanks to Tiffany Smith for planning and to those who helped make it happen.

**Attendance**

May 18	Saturday	5:30 pm Mass	84
May 19	Sunday	9:00 am Mass	136

**Collection for May 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

Total Offertory	\$ 3,111
Supplemental Collection	\$ 390
Votive Stand	\$ 10
Total received this week	\$ 3,511

Budgeted weekly average parish need \$ 4,596

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

Capital Campaign	\$ 457
Facilities Repairs & Maintenance Fund	\$ 100
Parish Maintenance Fund	\$ 25
OLBS Scholarship Fund	\$ 130
Poor Box	\$ 45
Diocesan Home Missions	\$ 10

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

**Capital Campaign Status**

Capital Campaign Update: To date, we have raised a total of \$473,561.51 which includes \$381,250.00 in Pledges and One-Time Gifts in the amount of \$92,311.51. We have received \$277,485.16 in payments on pledges, leaving \$103,764.84 in payments to be received.

**Announcements After Masses**

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, or call the office with your announcement. For those who wish to make their own announcement, please be on the side following the Eucharist.



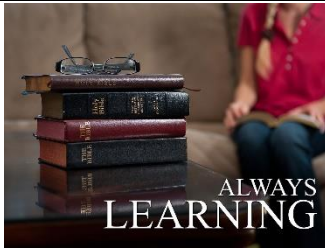
**Knights of Columbus**

**Knights' Columbian Club Hall For Sale**

Knights' Meetings are now at Parish Hall

The local council #8116 has listed its building on 7<sup>th</sup> Street with a broker and plans to sell the building. The cost of maintaining the building that is only used once or twice a month (insurance, electricity, propane heat & A/C, water, etc.).

If anyone knows of someone or a business that would have an interest in buying the building for catering, an events location, office space, or storage space, please let them know the building is available.



The signs of the Kingdom of God

Freeing some individuals from the earthly evils of hunger, injustice, illness, and death, Jesus performed messianic signs. Nevertheless, he did not come to abolish all evils here below, but to free men from the gravest slavery, sin, which thwarts them in their vocation as God’s sons and causes all from of human bondage. (CCC 549)

**From The Diary of St. Faustina**

Meditation:

One time when St. Faustina received Holy Communion, a second Host fell into her hand. **I desired to rest in your hands, not only in your heart.** And at that moment I saw the little Jesus. But when the priest approached, I saw once again only the Host (Diary, 160)

One morning after Holy Communion, I heard this voice, **I desire that you accompany Me when I go to the sick** (Diary, 183).

My Prayer Response:

Thank You, Jesus, for Your desire to come into my heart in Holy Communion. Increase my desire for You that I may receive You with more fervor. I also pray that the sick would be strengthened by receiving You in Holy Communion. (Diary, 654)



Eucharistic Revival

*Holy Communion separates us from sin.* The body of Christ we receive in Holy Communion is “given up for you, “and the blood we drink” shed for the many for the forgiveness of sins. “For this reason the Eucharist cannot unite us to Christ without at the same time cleansing us from past sins and preserving us from future sins: For as often as we eat this bread and drink the cup, we proclaim the death of the Lord. If we proclaim the Lord’s death, we proclaim the forgiveness of sins. If, as often as his blood is poured out, it is poured for the forgiveness of sins, I should always receive it, so that it may always forgive my sins. Because I always sin, I should always have a remedy (CCC 1393)

Priests for Life

**Praise the Holy Trinity**

Some truths, like the very existence of God, can be known by human reason alone. Other truths, like the fact that God is One in Three Persons – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – can only be known if God reveals them to us. We could never conclude on our own that God is a Trinity. Today’s Feast is not only an opportunity for thanking God for telling us more about himself. It is an occasion to take courage as we strive for deeper unity within the human family. God reveals himself to us in order to make us more like himself – not just as individuals, but as families, nations, and an international community. We grow in unity as we give ourselves away to one another, just as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit give themselves to each other completely.

We request two or more parishioners volunteer to be “on call” for the Committee for the Poor within our Parish. There are funds available, but we need parishioners to meet and assess the needs of those seeking help. The Committee would only meet when there is a need.



“Don’t worry. I’m a church pastor. First little problem, and they’ll find me.”

# 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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