

# 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.

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**  
**September 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup> **TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME\***

5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation  
5:30 pm Mass offered for Melvin Gooch (RIP)  
Anniversary of Death (9/7/1996)  
Requested by Edna Trudeau

Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> **TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME\***

9:00 am Mass offered for Ralph Racioppi (RIP)  
Requested by Janice McGowan & Family

Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup>

No Mass

12 pm-10 pm Adoration in Chapel

Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>

9:30 am Mass offered for Father Oscar to Have Safe Travels & Enjoy his Time with his Family

4:30 pm Adult Bible Study (Mercy Center)

12 pm-10 pm Adoration in Chapel

Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>

No Mass

6:00 pm **Choir Practice**

Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup>

No Mass

Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup>

No Mass

Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> **TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME\***

5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation  
5:30 pm Mass offered for Special Intention  
Requested by Janice McGowan  
6:15 pm Ministry info & sign up sheets

Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> **TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME\***

9:00 am Mass offered for Joe, Sr., Elsie & Johnnie Drexler (RIP)

Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler

and for Shirley Marie Moore (RIP)

Requested by Neal Burch

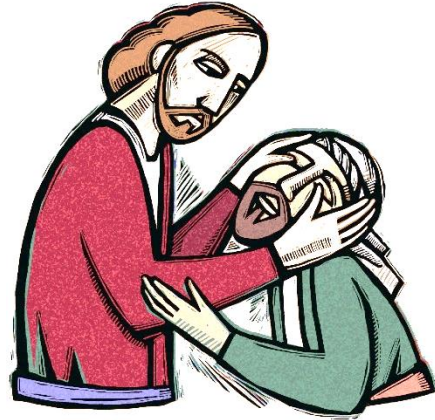
10:15 am Catechists meeting  
Hospitality at Parish Hall – Ministry info

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

Joining us next weekend on Saturday evening Mass will be Father Bob Brownell. On Sunday morning Mass (9:30 am), we welcome Msgr. Thomas Miller.

**"Be opened."**  
And immediately his ears were opened,  
his tongue was released ...

Mark 7:34-35, NRSV



**Ministry Sign-up September 14-15**

Catechetical weekend is September 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> and we will be having a "Ministry Sign-Up". We are in need of many volunteers in the Parish. What gift has God given you to share?

Ministry sign up and information will be in the back of the Church after the 5:30 pm Saturday mass along with an extended hospitality and Ministry sign up on Sunday at the Parish Hall (VDB Hall).

We welcome and encourage everyone to participate and help our Parish!

**Father Oscar's Upcoming Month-Long Vacation**

Father Oscar will be away on vacation from September 10<sup>th</sup> through October 13<sup>th</sup>. Please wish him safe travels. If there is anything that only Father Oscar can take care of, please see him about it before he leaves on his vacation.

Father Oscar will say daily Mass the morning of Tuesday September 10<sup>th</sup> before he leaves that evening.



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

## Religious Education

Religious ed. Classes will begin on September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

A meeting will be held for Catechists on September 15<sup>th</sup>, following the 9 am. Mass.

This will be combined with a Ministry sign up at the Parish Hall during an extended hospitality. Come out and see where you can volunteer to help the Parish in one or more of their ministries.

Religious Ed. Registration Forms can be found at the back of church. Forms can be filled out and placed in the return envelopes. Forms are also available for First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

**Volunteers needed!** - to teach Sunday School in the Fall. We are looking for someone to co-teach 6/7<sup>th</sup> grade classes. The schedule will be every other week, coordinated with the other teacher. Please carefully pray and consider helping with this much needed ministry. If you are interested call: Erin @ the parish office 804-843-3125.

**Sunday Bible Study**- Will begin again on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, during religious ed. class time. We will meet in the front foyer of the hall. The study will be, "Lectio Eucharist." Find out how the Eucharist has been foreshadowed since the beginning of Genesis and shown throughout the Bible.

**Tuesday Adult Bible Study** – 4:30 pm.– We will begin Bible study on the Book of Job, beginning Tuesday, August 20th @ 4:30 pm. **Newcomers are welcome to join!** We meet in the Mercy Center Conference room, enter through the door with the ramp. Bring your Bible, notepad and pencil.

**T-Shirts Available!** – We have many T-Shirts to support #team Logan in all Youth and Adult sizes. If you would like a shirt, it can be ordered online and picked up at the church office: Erin 804-366-4435



Open to all 6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> Grade.  
No youth group coming up.

## Little Sprouts OLBS Preschool

We are very excited here at the preschool. The staff has been busy preparing for the new school year. Preschool started on September 3rd. Our "Before & After School Program" is up and running beautifully already. We have 21 students in the afternoons and up to 18 getting on the bus in the mornings. Please continue to pray for both our after-school program and our preschool program. We appreciate all of your support.

We are so grateful for all the church volunteers who keep our grass cut and looking beautiful, and the flower beds look amazing!

We are thankful for all the support for these programs, especially from the staff here in the church office. We know it's going to be a great year!

We plan to have our annual Christmas program on Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> this year at 9:15am in the church. Mark your calendar now! We want to shine the love and light of Jesus Christ in this community! God bless each of you.



### Jesus' Ascent to Jerusalem

"And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself." The lifting up of Jesus on the cross signifies and announces his lifting up by his Ascension into heaven, and indeed begins it. Jesus Christ, the one priest of the new and eternal Covenant, "entered, not into a sanctuary made by human hands. . . but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf." There Christ permanently exercises his priesthood, for he "always lives to make intercession" for "those who draw near to God through him". As "high priest of the good things to come" he is the center and the principal actor of the liturgy that honors the Father in heaven. (CCC 662)



### Eucharistic Revival

The Church knows that the Lord comes even now in his Eucharist and that he is there in our midst. However, his presence is veiled. Therefore, we celebrate the Eucharist "awaiting the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ," asking "to share in your glory when every tear will be wiped away (CCC 1404).



**September Wedding Anniversaries**

(Paul) & Gaye Tamulynas	September 13, 1986
(Billy) & Janice McGowan	September 14, 1974
Gary & Jackie Silvia	September 17, 1988
Philip & Cydney Henley	September 21, 2013

**From The Diary of St. Faustina**

**Meditation:**

Here the misery of the soul meets the God of mercy. Tell souls that from this fount of mercy souls draw graces solely with the vessel of trust. If their trust is great, there is no limit to My generosity. The torrents of grace inundate humble souls. The proud remain always in poverty and misery, because My grace turns away from them to humble souls (*Diary, 1602*)

**My Prayer Response:**

Thank You, Lord, for confession, where my misery meets Your mercy. Help me to draw mercy from this fount of mercy with the greatest trust: "Jesus, I trust in You!"

**Collection for August 31 & September 1, 2024**

Total Offertory	\$ 3,777
Supplemental Collection	\$ 50
Votive Stand	\$ 15
Total received this week	\$ 3,842
Budgeted weekly average parish need	\$ 4,596

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

Capital Campaign	\$ 1,230
Poor Box	\$ 30
Cemetery Fund	\$ 200
Haiti Fund	\$ 70
Facilities Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 100
Maintenance Savings Fund	\$ 50

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

**Priests for Life**

**From the Catechism**

**C2270** Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person -- among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life. "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you" (Jer 1:5; cf Job 10:8-12; Ps 22:10-11). "My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately wrought in the depths of the earth" (Ps. 139:15).

**2271** Since the first century the Church has affirmed the moral evil of every procured abortion. This teaching has not changed and remains unchangeable. Direct abortion, that is to say, abortion willed either as an end or a means, is gravely contrary to the moral law: "You shall not kill the embryo by abortion and shall not cause the newborn to perish" (Didache 2, 2).

**Attendance**

August 31	Saturday	5:30 pm Mass	85
September 1	Sunday	9:00 am Mass	119
		Spanish Mass 4:00 pm Mass	27



**Knights of Columbus**

**Knights' Next Blood Drive**

The next blood drive held by the Knights of Columbus will be at the van den Boogaard Hall on Thursday, October 3rd. The drive will take place from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

**Upcoming Red Cross Blood Drive at Boogaard Hall on Thursday, October 3. Go to Red Cross Blood.org or call 1-800 Red Cross.**

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. 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.

# 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

**ALTAR LINENS**  
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**COMMUNITY LIFE**

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**HOSPITALITY**  
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**SACRISTAN**  
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Marguerite Sturtz, Sacristan Emerita

**YOUTH MINISTRY**  
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