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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.

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OFFICE HOURS

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 14th & 15th, 2024

Saturday, December 14th THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT*

5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
 5:30 pm Mass offered for Mark Drexler, Jr. (RIP)
 Requested by Theresa Moody

Sunday, December 15th THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT*

9:00 am Mass offered for Mike Pausic (RIP)
 Requested by the Duke Family
 10:15 am Religious Education Sunday School
 5:30 pm **Christmas Play and Parish Pot Luck Dinner**

Monday, December 16th

No Mass
 12 pm-10 pm Adoration in Chapel

Tuesday, December 17th

9:30 am Mass offered for Von Moody (RIP)
 Requested by Theresa Moody
 4:30 pm Adult Bible Study (Boogaard Hall)
 12 pm-10 pm Adoration in Chapel

Wednesday, December 18th

11:00 am Mass offered for Robert Naggy (RIP)
 Requested by Donna Geron
 11:45 am Senior Luncheon at Tony & George's Restaurant
 6:00 pm **Choir Rehearsal**

Thursday, December 19th

9:30 am Mass offered for Henry & Marian Kopacki (RIP)
 Requested by the Duke Family

Friday, December 20th

5:30 pm Mass – No Mass Intention
 6:00 pm Rosary
 6:00 pm **Caroling & Cookies (meet at VDB Hall)**

Saturday, December 21st FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT*

5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
 5:30 pm Mass offered in Memory of Billy McGowan (RIP) and Henry Kopacki, Jr. (RIP)
 Requested by Janice McGowan & Family

Sunday, December 22nd FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT*

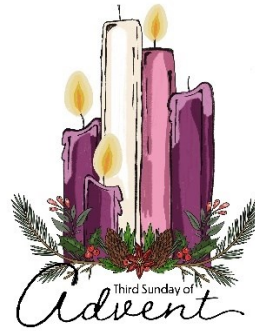
9:00 am Mass offered for Thomas A. Trudeau (RIP)
Anniversary of Death 12/23/2006
 Requested by Edna Trudeau

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



Thanks to the Nguyen family for the beautiful, bright decorating of the outside of the church!

The corner of King William Ave. and Euclid is now a beacon of light!



Christmas Play & Pot Luck

Plan to attend the Christmas Play that our children have been working on for weeks. Everything begins this Sunday, December 15, at 5:30 p.m. A Pot Luck Dinner will also be part of the festivities. Bring your favorite dish to share with everyone.

Times for Christmas Holiday Events

Christmas Masses and Activities for the upcoming Christmas holidays, as follows:

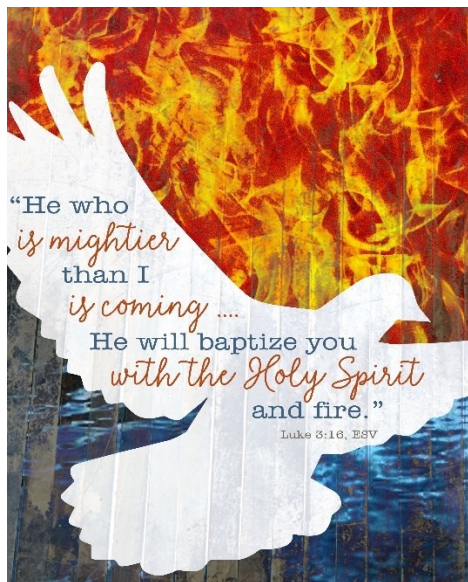
Advent:

Sunday Dec. 15	5:30 p.m.	Christmas Play & Pot Luck Dinner
Friday Dec. 20	6:00 p.m.	Caroling - Meet at hall
Saturday Dec. 21	5:30 p.m. Mass	
Sunday Dec. 22	9:00 a.m. Mass	
Tuesday Dec. 24	5:30 p.m. Mass	Christmas Eve
	9:00 p.m. Mass	Christmas Eve
Wednesday Dec. 25	9:30 a.m. Mass	Christmas Day
Thursday, Dec. 26	9:30 a.m. Mass	
Friday, December 27	5:30 p.m. Mass & Rosary	
Saturday Dec. 28	5:30 p.m. Mass	
Sunday Dec. 29	9:00 a.m. Mass	
Wednesday Jan. 1	9:00 a.m. Mass	New Year's Day
Thursday Jan. 2	8:30 a.m. Mass	Daily Mass *
Friday, Jan. 3	5:00 p.m. Mass	Daily Mass *
	5:30 p.m.	1 st Friday Holy Hour
Saturday, Jan. 4	5:00 p.m. Mass	Weekend Mass *
Sunday, Jan. 5	9:00 a.m. Mass	Sunday Mass

- Note that these are changes in Mass times

Daily Mass & Senior Lunch

The Senior Luncheon will be held at Tony & George's Seafood & Italian Restaurant on King William Ave. on Wednesday, December 18th following the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Call Jeanie Sturtz at 804-370-5821 by Monday, December 16th to reserve a seat.



Religious Education

Christmas Play: Sunday, December 15th at 5:30 pm. There will be a Pot Luck Dinner along with the showing of our Christmas production of "The Saviors Birth." Bring your favorite dish to share and enjoy fellowship and the message of Christmas by our religious ed. children! 😊

Our last religious ed. class before Christmas break is December 15th. We will return January 12th!

Parent Meeting! – For second grade class and older kids receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Eucharist. We will meet at the hall following Religious ed. class, 11:15 am. to 12:00 pm. on January 12th.

Tuesday Adult Bible Study– Our Last Bible study of the year will be December 16th, 4:45 pm. @ the hall. We are on the Book of Job. We will return to our regular schedule on January 7th!

Sunday Adult Bible Study Our last Sunday Bible study was December 8th. We will start again in the New Year. Our Last Tuesday Bible Study is December 17th, before the New Year! Start the New Year off right, join a Bible Study!



Open to all 6th -12th Grade.

No Youth Group until January.

Free Advent Resources!

There are two free Advent Books at the back of the Church. There is the "Word Among Us" Advent Book and the Little Blue Advent Book, as well. Both are wonderful ways to enhance your Advent in preparation for the Christmas Season. These will allow you to take a couple of minutes each day to focus on God and allow Him to help you center on what's really important in this season.

Got FORMED?

What is FORMED? A Catholic platform with thousands of things to choose from for all ages; Talks, Bible Studies, Catechesis, Prayers, Movies, Documentaries, Audio Books, Music and so much more. Formed is paid for and gifted by our parish so you can have it for FREE! To sign up go to www.formed.org, select: Formed for parishes, type in our parish name and address, put in your name and email and you are signed up! The link will go to your email and then you can add the app. on your phone. Grow in knowledge of the Faith!



Jesus' Ascent to Jerusalem

The glorious Messiah's coming is suspended at every moment of history until his recognition by "all Israel," for "a hardening has come upon part of Israel" in their "unbelief" toward Jesus. St. Peter says to the Jews of Jerusalem after Pentecost: "Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, whom heaven must receive until the time for establishing all that God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old." St. Paul echoes him: "For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead?" The "full inclusion" of the Jews in the Messiah's salvation, in the wake of "the full number of the Gentiles," will enable the People of God to achieve "the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ," in which "God may be all in all." (840, 58) (CCC 674)



Eucharistic Revival

Anyone who desires to receive Christ in Eucharistic communion must be in the state of grace. Anyone aware of having sinned mortally must not receive communion without having received absolution in the sacrament of penance. (CCC 1415)

Christmas Caroling Friday, December 20th!

We will meet at the hall at 6:00 pm and go around neighborhood and town caroling. Bring your favorite cookies to share for afterwards. Hot Cocoa provided! Open to anyone interested in singing and sharing the message of Christmas! Dress for the weather and dress festive! For more information, call: 804-366-4435.

A New Year and New Times for Mass

New Mass times will take effect after January 1st. In other words, starting ****Thursday January 2nd**, 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	A change!
	5:30 p.m. Rosary	
**<u>First Friday</u>	5:00 p.m. Mass	A change!
	5:30 p.m. Holy Hour	
**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>

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.

A Big Thanks to Those Who Helped with the Deanery Meeting Held at OLBS

Thank you to those who helped with the luncheon and setting up the hall for the meeting of clergy of the Deanery 5 on December 3. Members of the clergy were from OLBS, St. Bede's, St. Olaf's, St. Therese (Gloucester), St. Francis de Sales (Mathews) & Visitation (Middlesex), and St. Joan of Arc (Yorktown).

The annual Deanery 5 meeting is held with each parish taking turns hosting it. It is a rare honor that it was held at our parish (each parish takes turns).



Christmas food basket shopping-

We will be Christmas shopping for Lil' free food pantry on Saturday, December 21st @ 9 am. Anyone who would like to join in the shopping and sorting of items our neighbors in need, please contact: the office or Erin Hayden (804-366-4435).

Changes to our Christmas Food Basket this year:

This Christmas we are teaming up with "West Point Community Lil' Free Pantry" to help the local families in the area get through the holidays. They are located behind the West Point YMCA, at the back outside wall at the downtown PCDC, and at the Shackelfords' Job Assistance Center (King & Queen County). Please consider donating; any amount will be appreciated. If you wish to participate, there are envelopes and a jar at the back of the church. We will be collecting through mid-December. All funds will be used for replenishing the pantries for Christmas and any leftover funds will be saved to replenish accordingly throughout the year.

Summary of Joint Meeting

**Parish Council, Finance Council, & Facilities Committee
December 5, 2024**

In this week's bulletin, please look for the summary of the recent meeting where the roofs (church and hall) and final payment to the Hardesty Roofing Company were discussed. The meeting was attended by Father Oscar and a number of members of each of the Parish's governing bodies as well as many parishioners. Shawn Lazar, who is a member of OLBS parish, represented the Diocese (in his position as Diocesan Director of the Office of Real Estate).



Knights of Columbus

Collection for December 7 & 8, 2024

Total Offertory	\$ 4,665
Supplemental Collection	\$ 3
Christmas Flowers	\$ 90
All Souls Day	\$ 3
All Saints Day	\$ 3
Solemnity of Mary (January 1 st)	\$ 20
Votive Stand	\$ 31
Total received this week	\$ 4,815
Budgeted weekly average parish need	\$ 4,596
Restricted, Special Use, or Sent Out of Parish:	
Capital Campaign	\$ 512
Religious Education	\$ 40
Facilities, Repairs, & Maintenance	\$ 103
Cemetery Fund	\$ 10
Archdiocese of Military Veterans	\$ 20
Poor Box	\$ 133

Thank You for Supporting our Parish

Coats for Kids Program

The local Knights of Columbus Council 8116 delivered coats to three local schools recently.



King & Queen Elem.
Principal Mack
Harvey accepts coats
from Jonathan
Kopacki and Jim
Vadas

West Point Elem.
Assistant Principal
Lynette Waddey helps
Jim move coats to the
school.



Cool Spring
Primary
Assistant
Principal
Ryan Horne
accepts coats
for Cool
Spring &
Acquinton
schools in
King William
County.



Attendance

December 7	Saturday	5:30 pm Mass	84
December 8	Sunday	9:00 am Mass	145
December 9	Immaculate Conception	9:30 a.m.	28
		7:00 p.m.	76



December Wedding Anniversaries

Glenn & Kay Shaw	December 1, 1972
Craig & Danielle Smith	December 1, 2007
Wayne & Carole Beasley	December 12, 1980
(Francis) & Cathy Fudella	December 13, 1971
Michael & Jan Bellanca	December 28, 1963
Chris & Paula Polcyn	December 30, 1988

Certified Nursing Assistant available as a companion for a loved one. Will provide small meals and assistance with medications. Also happy to provide transportation to appointments and other small errands. If interested, please call Cathy at 804-514-5187.

From The Diary of St. Faustina

Meditation:

Jesus: My child, all your sins have not wounded My Heart as painfully as your present lack of trust does — that after so many efforts of My love and mercy, you should still doubt My goodness.

Soul: Your response.

Jesus: Here, soul, are all the treasures of My Heart.

Take everything you need from it (*Diary*, 1486).


My Prayer Response:

Lord Jesus, draw souls in despair to trust in You and not to doubt Your goodness. Share with them all the treasures of Your Heart.

?? ? **Bible Quiz** ? ?

According to the fourth Gospel, “There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the _____.”

A. love
B. life
C. light
D. Lord



Answer: C (See John 1:6-7, NRSV.)



Priests for Life

The Lesson of Advent

When the year 1000 was about to dawn, people fled to mountains, expecting the return of Christ. When 2000 came, people feared major computer -- and hence societal -- breakdowns. Neither happened. Yet both moments in history remind us of something deeper, the lesson of Advent. Advent means "coming." The Lord wants us to anticipate and prepare for His coming, not as something that we hinge on a particular date or identify with a particular calamity, but as an *ordinary aspect of our daily Christian living*. On the one hand, we know He is coming; on the other, we don't know when. Yet every moment is an opportunity to make that coming more central to our lives. Lord, may we welcome you daily in your Word, your Sacraments, and in all our brothers and sisters!

Puzzle!

Unscramble the Christmas-themed words below, writing each extra letter on the blank to the right. Then place those extra letters in the correct spots below to discover what we receive at Christmas.



1. TGLBEHHEME _____
2. NEAGLO _____
3. NRMEDAG _____
4. ODEKSNY _____
5. AMGYR _____
6. OHESJIP _____
7. EFJUUS _____
8. ITEENMSW _____
9. SPHDSREEO _____
10. EMCFAL _____
11. TLSRA _____
12. CSSNUEO _____
13. HEVSPE _____
14. ENIN _____

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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9		10		11		12	

Answers: Bethlehem (G), angel (O), manger (D), donkey (S), Mary (G), Joseph (I), Jesus (F), wise men (O), shepherds (O), camel (F), star (L), census (O), sheep (V), inn (E); God's gift of love

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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