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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 BLESSING 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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Tuesday – Thursday  
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**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD\***  
**January 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025**



Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup> **THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD\***

4:30 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation  
 5:00 pm Mass offered for Dr. & Mrs. Eugene Trudeau (RIP)

Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup> **THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD\***

9:00 am Mass offered for Mike Pausic (RIP)  
 Requested by Rose Marie Jesion (sister)  
 10:15 am Religious Education Classes Resume  
 10:15 am Adult Bible Study  
 11:15 am **Parent Meeting of children receiving Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Eucharist**

Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup> *Saint Hilary, Bishop, Doctor of the Church\**

No Mass  
 12 pm-10 pm Adoration in Chapel

Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>

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

Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>

11:00 am Mass offered for James Geron (RIP)  
 Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler  
 11:45 am Lunch at Anna's Italian Restaurant  
 6:00 pm **Choir Rehearsal**

Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup>

8:30 am Mass offered for Kyle Burch (RIP)  
 Requested by the Hayden Family

Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup> *Saint Anthony, Abbot\**

5:00 pm Mass offered for Amy Byron (RIP)  
 Requested by the Hayden Family  
 5:30 pm Rosary

Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup> **SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME\***

4:30 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation  
 5:00 pm Mass offered for Joe, Sr., Elsie, & Johnnie Drexler (RIP)  
 Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler

Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup> **SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME\***

9:00 am Mass offered for Larry Laccabue  
 Requested by Karena Funkhouser  
 10:15 am Religious Education Classes  
 10:15 am Adult Bible Study  
 6:30 pm Youth Group

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

A New Year and New Times for Mass

New Mass times will take effect after January 1<sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> 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.

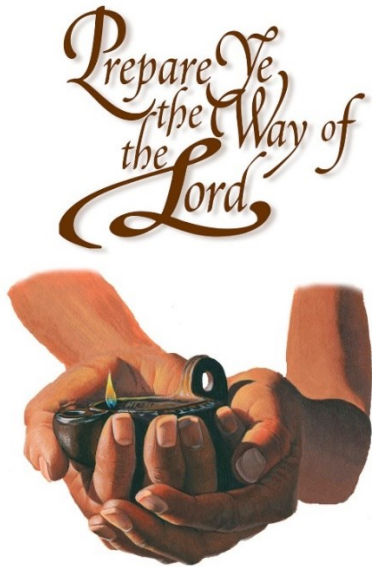
Daily Mass & Senior Lunch

The Senior Luncheon will be held at Anna's Italian Restaurant, King William Ave. in West Point on Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> following the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Call Jeanie Sturtz at 804-370-5821 by Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup> to reserve a seat.

Haiti Ministry

The extra envelope this weekend is for a special collection for our twinning parish in Haiti.

**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.



## Religious Education

Begins again!! January 12<sup>th</sup> @ 10:15 am. Let's make this year the best!!

**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 12<sup>th</sup>.

**\*\*\*Families are invited to a parent liturgy meeting for all families on January 26<sup>th</sup>, 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 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm (MC).

**Sunday Adult Bible Study:** January 12<sup>th</sup> will be the next meeting. Start the New Year off right, join a Bible Study! 10:15 am (VDB Hall Foyer).

## Youth Group News

Open to all 6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> Grade.

Our next Youth Group will be January 19<sup>th</sup>.

## Thank You From King William County 'Christmas Dreams'

The Christmas Dreams Team is grateful for your generosity and continued support for the children of King William County and West Point.

## NEVER STOP LEARNING

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

We believe and confess that Jesus of Nazareth, born a Jew of a daughter of Israel at Bethlehem at the time of King Herod the Great and the emperor Caesar Augustus, a carpenter by trade, who died crucified in Jerusalem under the procurator Pontius Pilate during the reign of the emperor Tiberius, is the eternal Son of God made man. He 'came from God', [*Jn 13:3*] 'descended from heaven', [*Jn 3:13; 6:33*] and 'came in the flesh'. [*1 Jn 4:2*] For 'the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father and from his fullness have we all received, grace upon grace.' [*Jn 1:14,16*] (CCC 423)



## Eucharistic Revival

Because Christ himself is present in the sacrament of the altar, he is to be honored with the worship of adoration. "To visit the Blessed Sacrament is . . . a proof of gratitude, an expression of love, and a duty of adoration toward Christ our Lord" (Paul VI, *MF 66*). (CCC1418).

### From The Diary of St. Faustina

#### Meditation:

Write this: Everything that exists is enclosed in the bowels of My mercy, more deeply than an infant in its mother's womb. How painfully distrust of My goodness wounds Me! Sins of distrust wound Me most painfully (*Diary, 1076*).

#### My Prayer Response:

Jesus, how deeply and tenderly You love us. Help me to trust in You even more! May my trust in You bring You consolation in the painful wounds You suffer because of sins of distrust.

**Collection for January 1 (New Year's Day)  
and January 4 & 5, 2025**

Total Offertory	\$ 3,733
Debt Supplement Collection	\$ 25
Initial Offering	\$ 225
Christmas	\$ 50
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 811
Mass Intentions	\$ 20
Votive Stand	\$ 37
Total received this week	\$ 4,901

**Budgeted weekly average parish need \$ 4,596**

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

Capital Campaign	\$ 3,179
Facilities, Repairs, & Maintenance	\$ 100
Haitian Ministry	\$ 65
Catholic Charities	\$ 10
Poor Box	\$ 30
Respect Life	\$ 25

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

**Church Sign in Eltham Cleaned Up**

Thanks to members of the Gibbs' family, Dan, Addie, and Daniel, who cleaned up the church sign in Eltham. Amazing how dirty a sign can get when next to a major highway! The sign is located on the eastbound lane just before Colonial Farm Credit and the Ford dealership.

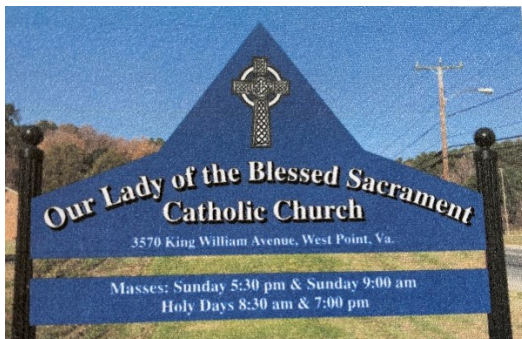


**Attendance**

January 1	New Year's Day	9:00 am Mass	121	
January 4	Saturday	5:00 pm Mass	77	
January 5	Sunday	9:00 am Mass	132	
		Spanish Mass	4:00 pm	36

**New Sign to be Installed**

In the next couple weeks, look for the installation of a new church sign at the site of the current sign, once the Christmas lights have been removed. After many years, the old sign has faded. We thank Tuan Eston Nguyen and the Knights of Columbus for contributing toward its purchase. Note that the new sign will have a host and chalice pictured instead of the cross and the times will be corrected.



Thank you from Mike  
Pausic's son, Michael  
A. Pausic

Dear Father Oscar, On behalf of our entire family, I want to express our deepest gratitude for your kindness, support, and guidance during this difficult time. Your comforting presence and heartfelt words brought us solace as we mourned the loss of my father.

The beautiful service you led to commemorate his life was truly a blessing. You have a wonderful parish that really is a wonderful reflection of your heart.

We are profoundly thankful for your compassion and for being a source of strength to our mother.

Thank you and God bless you. Mike



**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

### 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](mailto:oparaiso@richmonddiocese.org) or Bob Ryalls at [businessmgr@olbs-catholic.org](mailto:businessmgr@olbs-catholic.org)

### Priests for Life

#### Baptism and Life

“Whoever is moved by love begins to perceive what “life” really is. He begins to perceive the meaning of the word of hope that we encountered in the Baptismal Rite: from faith I await “eternal life” - the true life which, whole and unthreatened, in all its fullness, is simply life. Jesus, who said that he had come so that we might have life and have it in its fullness, in abundance (cf. Jn 10:10), has also explained to us what “life” means: “this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent” (Jn 17:3). Life in its true sense is not something we have exclusively in or from ourselves: it is a relationship. And life in its totality is a relationship with him who is the source of life. If we are in relation with him who does not die, who is Life itself and Love itself, then we are in life. Then we ‘live’” – Pope Benedict XVI, Encyclical on Hope, November 30, 2007.



### Knights of Columbus

Council 8116 (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.



*Pope Francis received Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly in a private audience at the Vatican, Dec. 20. The supreme knight provided an update to the Holy Father on notable activities of the Knights of Columbus in the past year, including the growth of the Cor men’s faith formation initiative, charitable work around the world, and support for vocations in the United States and Canada. The supreme knight was accompanied to the audience by his wife and children. (Vatican Media Photo)*





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- January 31 - February 2 Myrtle Beach, SC
- March 7 - 9 Rehoboth Beach, DE
- March 14 -16 Jessup, MD and Ocean City, NJ
- March 21-23 Emerald Isle, NC



**VIRGINIA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE**

Votes anticipated in opening days of session – contact your legislators!

In November, a House committee voted to fast-track the following resolutions to amend Virginia’s constitution:

- an extreme “right to abortion” amendment,
  - an amendment to repeal the one-man/one-woman marriage provision, and
  - an amendment to restore voting rights.

As a result, House floor votes on these measures will occur as early as Jan. 8, the first day of the 2025 session. Senate leaders have announced that they too will take swift action on these resolutions once session begins.



“I have set before you  
LIFE and DEATH ....  
CHOOSE LIFE so that  
you and your descendants may live.”  
Deuteronomy 30:19, NRSV

# 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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