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Welcome OUR MISSION

St. Joan of Arc is a Catholic Family of Faith, alive in the Lord Jesus Christ through His Mercy, His Love, His Word, His Sacraments, all granted by His Holy Spirit. We proclaim the joy of the Gospel; we minister to the needs of the Body of Christ, both within and outside the parish family, especially the poor who present a unique opportunity for us to meet Christ.

THE SEASON OF
ADVENT

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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8:30-12:30 & 1:30-4:30 p.m. • Closed for lunch: 12:30-1:30 p.m.;

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Mass Schedule

Weekend

Saturday – 5:30 p.m.

Sunday – 8:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

Weekday

Tuesday through Friday – 9:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:30 p.m.

Praise & Worship

Wednesday: 7:00 p.m.

First Friday Adoration

Friday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

SACRAMENTS

Infant Baptism: Celebrated on the second and fourth weekend of each month; Saturday at 3:00 p.m. or Sunday following the 11:30 a.m. Mass. Baptisms also may be celebrated during Mass (except during Holy Week). Please contact Deacon Jim (757-898-5570). Parents are required to complete a Baptismal Preparation session prior to a Baptism; these are presented on the first weekend of January, March, May, July, September and November following the 11:30 a.m. Mass. Session dates and location will be posted in the bulletin.

Confirmation: This Sacrament fortifies us in the power of the Holy Spirit for a full experience of human living. Confirmation is conferred normatively upon teens in their sophomore year or through the RCIA process for all those, children or adults, who are converting into the fullness of the Catholic faith. Sincere preparation must precede the reception of this beautiful Sacrament.

Anointing of the Sick: The Sacrament of the sick may be received after weekday or weekend Masses with prior notice. The Sacrament may also be celebrated with a personal visit to a home or care facility so that family and friends may be present.

Sacrament of Marriage: Couples called to the Sacrament of Marriage should contact the Parish Office at least 6 months prior to the desired wedding date. Please make no firm arrangements until meeting with the Deacon/Priest.

Welcome

A warm welcome to you from our Lord, Jesus Christ, and the People of God at St. Joan of Arc. Newcomers and visitors are invited to make this parish family your own. Registration forms are available in the parish commons or contact the parish office with your desire to belong.

Diocesan Safe Environment Policy

The Catholic Diocese of Richmond is committed to the idea that diocesan institutions and ministries provide a safe and nurturing environment for children, young people and vulnerable individuals. The mission of the diocese's *Safe Environment Program* is to create a safe environment, incorporating the standards as outlined in the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*. For more information, visit http://richmonddiocese.org/child_protection_virtus/.

In a commitment to support and facilitate healing, individuals who have been sexually abused by a cleric, religious, employee, or volunteer of the Diocese of Richmond are encouraged to contact the Civil Authorities and the confidential Victim's Assistance Reporting 24-Hour Number (877) 887-9603 or by writing to the Office of the Bishop.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

In the liturgy on earth we are given a foretaste and share in the liturgy of heaven, celebrated in the holy city of Jerusalem, the goal of our pilgrimage, where Christ is *seated at the right hand of God, as minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle*. With the whole company of heaven we sing a hymn of praise to the Lord; as we reverence the memory of the saints, we hope to have some part with them, and to share in their fellowship; we wait for the Savior, or Lord Jesus Christ, until he, who is our life, appears, and we appear with him in glory.

(Sacrosanctum Concilium, nn. 7-8. 106)

Ministry of Healing

Please let the parish office know if you or a family member is sick, in the hospital, or suffering. We have resources available for you. We would like to help arrange for Communion visits, phone calls, meals, etc. Please know your parish cares and wants to help. Please contact Deacon Jim Satterwhite or Cherry Macababbad in the parish office at (757) 898-5570. Your call is confidential; we will only put names for prayers in the bulletin if you specifically request it. Please be sure to call when it is time to remove a name from the prayer list. Thank you.



Prayers for Recovery

Robert Bates, Abbey Chesley, Alex & Anne Cipriano, Tamera David, Christine Grosshans, Sylvia Harman, Albert Jury, Jim Matthews, Laura Ortiz, Hilda Penyak, Euong Pham, Sara Rudd, Julie Sandorfi, Stephen Strother



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, December 12

5:30 p.m. † Manuela Marquez

Sunday, December 13

8:30 a.m. † Augustine & Ruth Burke

11:30 a.m. † Beth dela Cerna

Tuesday, December 15

9:00 a.m. † Gene Kopyar

Wednesday, December 16

9:00 a.m. † Pat Brazzale

7:00 p.m. † Caroline Knestout

Thursday, December 17

9:00 a.m. † Rosa Mercado

Friday, December 18

9:00 a.m. † Richard Keeney

Saturday, December 19

5:30 p.m. † Jack Schramm

Sunday, December 20

8:30 a.m. † Pat Brazzale

11:30 a.m. † Kathe Fawcett





WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, December 13

Third Sunday of Advent

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11

Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54

1 Thes 5:16-24

Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Monday, December 14

Advent Weekday

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a

Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9

Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday, December 15

Advent Weekday

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13

Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19, 23

Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday, December 16

Advent Weekday

Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25

Ps 85:9ab, 10, 11-12, 13-14

Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday, December 17

Advent Weekday

Gn 49:2, 8-10

Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17

Mt 1:1-17

Friday, December 18

Advent Weekday

Jer 23:5-8

Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19

Mt 1:18-25

Saturday, December 19

Advent Weekday

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a

Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17

Lk 1:5-25

Access Daily Readings from
the New American Bible, Revised Edition
(NABRE) online at <https://bible.usccb.org>

TESTIFY TO THE LIGHT

Reflection on John 1:6-8

John, son of Zechariah and Elizabeth, was sent from God to testify to the light, to make straight the way of the Lord, to announce the coming of the Messiah. In this Gospel passage for this third Sunday of Advent, John makes a point to his interrogators that we might miss: the One he is proclaiming is already among them.

How did they not see Him? How can you miss the coming of One so powerful, so awaited, so desired? Indeed, how do we not see Him?

This spirit-filled Messiah is a reversal of what we normally esteem and look for in leaders. He will not dominate in the usual way we expect and even want: by military power, by financial might, by political influence, by the sheer weight of personal appeal and magnetism. Instead, His power will come from self-sacrificing love, and the world will be saved from death and darkness because of Him.

This is the light to which John testifies, and to which we bear witness, and by which we are transformed. Will you join the holy conspiracy of the Incarnation, and shine with the very light of God, and breathe with the very Spirit of God?

~ Fr. Jay

SAINT ODILIA

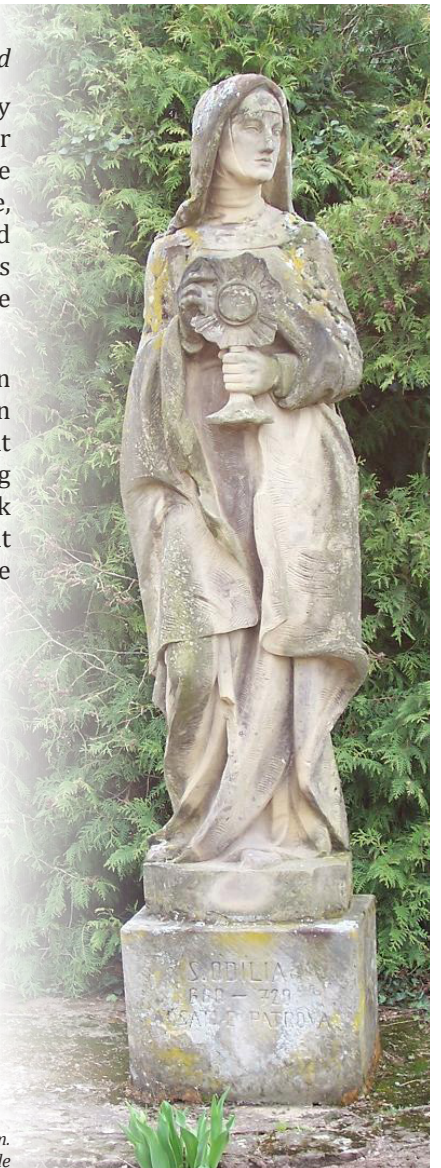
Feast Day: December 13 • Patron Saint of the Blind

Odilia was born blind to a Frankish noble family in the seventh century. Her father resented her for her disability and gave her away to peasants. She lived with a poor family until the age of twelve, when a convent took her in. While being baptised by Erhard of Regensburg, a future saint, she was suddenly able to see, and the news of the miracle spread.

Her brother heard that Odilia's blindness had been cured and had her returned to her family for use in an arranged marriage. Her father was so angry at his son's greed and embarrassed at abandoning his daughter that he killed his son. Odilia fled back to the convent and remained true to the faith that healed her. She became an abbess and founded the Odilienberg Monastery.

*O blessed St. Odilia,
I beseech thee to pray for a
continuing vision,
A strong and clear sight,
So that I may bear witness to the
beauty of God's world.
May I always remember that my
heart can see things
my eyes cannot
And often those are the most
beautiful of images.
Amen.*

Philip Lief Group, Inc. (2004). *Saintly Advice: A Prayer for Every Problem*.
Capodanno, J. (Ed.). Kansas City, MO: Barnes and Noble



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Test God's Generosity!

St. Joan of Arc is a tithing Parish Family who knows that all we have is gifted from God in the first place. Tithing is the practice of trusting God's promise and giving back to God first. The Lord established this spiritual exercise and trained His people how to become sound, joyful and free by giving to God first ("The tithes of the herd and the flock, every tenth animal that passes under the herdsman's rod, shall be sacred to the LORD." Leviticus 27:32; "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, That there may be food in my house. Put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, And see if I do not open the floodgates of heaven for you, and pour down upon you blessing without measure!" Malachi 3:10).

All the faithful are directed by God to offer 10% of our "increase" (income) to the Lord. It is a profound counter-cultural statement of our gratitude to God and acknowledges our total dependence on Him from whom we have received all that is good in the first place.

Who Will You Remember?

Your Personal Legacy Makes a Difference for Christ!

And this is legacy giving: It's who and what will be remembered and strengthened because of us when we journey home to the Lord at the end of this short earthly life. Our legacy is our potential to make a Kingdom difference for Christ, using our earthly resources which we dedicate to our beloved parish or ministry.

We know that if something is very important to us, we will do everything possible to support its increase and beauty. Our legacy refers to the portion of all we have from God which we thankfully give back once He calls us to glory. The goal of a legacy is to leave a gift that will make an impact for future generations.

If you have questions about how to create a lasting legacy for your family of St. Joan of Arc or if you have already decided to take this important step in your estate planning, we encourage you to contact the Parish Office.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Thursday, December 24
5:30 pm, 8:00 pm & Midnight

Friday, December 25
10:00 am

Friday, January 1
10:00 am

Parish Office Closed

Thursday, December 24—Monday, December 28

December 13, 2020

Parish Ministries

Finance Council, Daniel Burton
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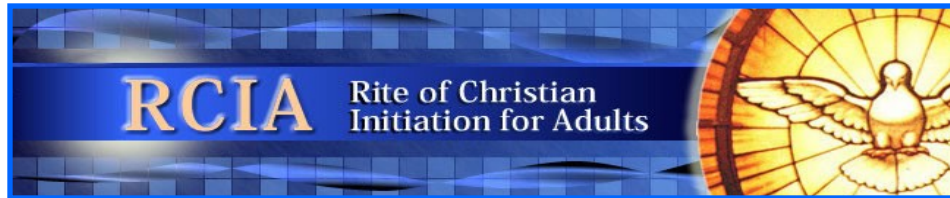
So that we may beautify the church for the Christmas season, POINSETTIAS may be memorialized for your loved ones for a donation of \$25 .

You may drop off your donation in the Commons (by the confessional) and the church office by this Sunday, December 13th.

Due to current COVID restrictions, plants will **NOT** be available to take home after the Christmas season.



Adult Formation



RCIA: A process of conversion for both adults and children who seek the fullness of Christ through the Catholic Church. The RCIA process offers the opportunity for searching souls to arrive at the fullness of what Christ offers. Receive honest answers to your questions from parishioners and clergy, and gradually journey closer to God in the fullness of the Catholic Church. For more information, contact the parish office at (757) 898-5570, or speak with Deacon Mark.



Thank you for loving your child totally with your prayerful encouragement of his/her formation in the Catholic faith and, for some, preparation to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. It is in your family, the domestic Church, that the seed of faith is planted, prayerfully cultivated, and blooms. Without your careful attention to cultivate and form the ground upon which the seed of God's Word falls, it cannot flourish.

Please register online at <http://www.stjoanofarcva.org/religious-education-2/faith-formation/>.



Do you feel lost and alone in your marriage? Do you feel hurt or betrayed by your spouse? Are you constantly fighting? Are you thinking about separation or divorce? Retrouvaille is a lifeline for troubled marriages. For more information, call Deacon Jim Satterwhite or Chris Ladnier at the parish office, 757-898-5570, or visit www.retrouvaille.org.



"I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, 'make straight the way of the Lord.'" Whose voice are you listening to, the world or God. Invite God into your marriage by going on a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience** on January 15-17, 2021 in VIRTUAL WEEKEND and January 29-31, 2021 in North Myrtle Beach, SC. Early sign-up is recommended. For more information, visit our website at <https://renewmarriage-vasouth.org/>.

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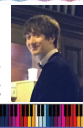
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