

The Parish of Saint Joan of Arc

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Saturday – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday – 8:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.
Weekday Tuesday through Friday – 9:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday – 4:00 p.m.

PRAISE & WORSHIP

Wednesday – 7:00 p.m.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Friday – 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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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.

Rejoice!
Christmas 2021

Today is born
our Savior,
Christ the Lord.
Luke 2:11



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

Christ is always present to his Church, especially in the actions of the liturgy. He is present in the sacrifice of the Mass, in the person of the minister (it is the same Christ who formerly offered himself on the cross that now offers by the ministry of priests) and most of all under the Eucharistic species. He is present in the sacraments by his power, in such a way that when someone baptizes, Christ himself baptizes. He is present in his word, for it is he himself who speaks when the holy Scriptures are read in the Church. Finally, he is present when the Church prays and sings, for He himself promised: *Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there in their midst.*

(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



Joe Arboleda, Robert Bates, Abbey Chesley, Anne Cipriano, Tamera David, Christine Grosshans, Anne Holup, Albert Jury, Jim Matthews, Marianne Pasake, Euong Pham, Sara Rudd, Mary Salemi, Julie Sandorfi, David Seko, Jr., Thennia Tucker



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, December 25
10:00 a.m. Charles Boyd

Sunday, December 26
8:30 a.m. † Valerie Gallagher
11:30 a.m. Joseph Boyd

Tuesday, December 28
9:00 a.m. † Jerry Ward

Saturday, January 1
10:00 a.m. Andy Snyder
5:00 p.m. Richard & Jessica Martinez

Sunday, January 2
8:30 a.m. SJA Parishioners
11:30 a.m. † Kris Brooks

Parish Office Closed

Friday, December 24 through Friday, December 31

Reopens Monday, January 3, 2022 at 8:30 am



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, December 26:

*Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary and Joseph*

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14

Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5

Col 3:12-21

Lk 2:41-52

Monday, December 27:

*Feast of Saint John,
Apostle and evangelist*

1 Jn 1:1-4

Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12

Jn 20:1a and 2-8

Tuesday, December 28:

*Feast of the Holy Innocents,
martyrs*

1 Jn 1:5-2:2

Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8

Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday, December 29:

*The Fifth Day in the
Octave of Christmas*

1 Jn 2:3-11

Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6

Lk 2:22-35

Thursday, December 30:

*The Sixth Day in the
Octave of Christmas*

1 Jn 2:12-17

Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10

Lk 2:36-40

Friday, December 31:

*The Seventh Day in the
Octave of Christmas*

1 Jn 2:18-21

Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13

Jn 1:1-18

Saturday, January 1:

*The Octave Day of Christmas
Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin
Mary, the Mother of God*

Nm 6:22-27

Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8

Gal 4:4-7

Lk 2:16-21

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

INSIGHT INTO THE HOLY FAMILY

Reflection on Luke 2:41-52

The Scripture readings in this Christmas/Epiphany season offer a series of windows into the mystery of the birth of Jesus, and we see some spectacular sights through these windows!

- Mary, found to be pregnant before her marriage to Joseph
- Joseph struggling through his confusion to deal with the situation
- A birth in a unusual place after a long journey with strange visitors attending
- The Holy Family fleeing to Egypt to escape Herod's lethal jealousy

And today, a 12-year-old Jesus found in His Father's house, about His Father's business. Or, as a priest friend once put it, the story about how Joe and Mary lost the second person of the Trinity.

The story offers so much insight, but two clues in particular can help us shape our family life after the pattern of the Holy Family. The first is recounted in the beginning of the story: "Each year, Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover..." The Holy Family, in other words, are faithful and observant Jews; their life of faith is not a matter of occasional observation. Is this true for us?

The second clue is at the end of the story, when we are told that Mary "kept all these things in her heart." Contemplation on the mysteries of God's presence and call in our lives is essential to the spiritual life, the way of holiness. Is this true for us?

~ Fr. Jay

SAINT STEPHEN

Feast Day: December 26 • Patron of Deacons

"As the number of disciples continued to grow, the Greek-speaking Christians complained against the Hebrew-speaking Christians, saying that their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. So the Twelve called together the community of the disciples and said, 'It is not right for us to neglect the word of God to serve at table. Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men, filled with the Spirit and wisdom, whom we shall appoint to this task, whereas we shall devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.' The proposal was acceptable to the whole community, so they chose Stephen, a man filled with faith and the Holy Spirit..." (Acts 6:1-5).

Acts of the Apostles says that Stephen was a man filled with grace and power, who worked great wonders among the people. Certain Jews, members of the Synagogue of Roman Freedmen, debated with Stephen, but proved no match for the wisdom and spirit with which he spoke. They persuaded others to make the charge of blasphemy against him. He was seized and carried before the Sanhedrin.

In his speech, Stephen recalled God's guidance through Israel's history, as well as Israel's idolatry and disobedience. He then claimed that his persecutors were showing this same spirit. "...you always oppose the holy Spirit; you are just like your ancestors" (Acts 7:51b).

Stephen's speech brought anger from the crowd. "But he, filled with the holy Spirit, looked up intently to heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God, and he said, 'Behold, I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.' ...They threw him out of the city, and began to stone him. ...As they were stoning Stephen, he called out, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' ...'Lord, do not hold this sin against them'" (Acts 7:55-56, 58a, 59, 60b).

Stephen died as Jesus did: falsely accused, brought to unjust condemnation because he spoke the truth fearlessly. He died with his eyes trustfully fixed on God, and with a prayer of forgiveness on his lips. A "happy" death is one that finds us in the same spirit, whether our dying is as quiet as Joseph's or as violent as Stephen's: dying with courage, total trust and forgiving love.



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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.

Remembering Our Beloved Dead

In addition to the prayers lifted just after death and the prayers of the funeral Mass itself, a meaningful Catholic tradition is to have Masses celebrated for the faithful departed. These Memorial Masses have infinite value for the souls of those journeying home to Heaven, as well as for those of us who remain and mourn. Masses may be offered at any time of the year. Catholics and non-Catholics alike may arrange to have Masses offered for their beloved departed family and friends. Please contact Cherry Macababba at the parish office at (757) 898-5570 to schedule a Mass.



Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism Preparation for Parents will take place Sunday, January 9th, after the **11:30 am** Mass. The session will be conducted in Rooms F & H. Please contact Deacon Jim for more information at (757) 898-5570.



December 26, 2021

Parish Ministries

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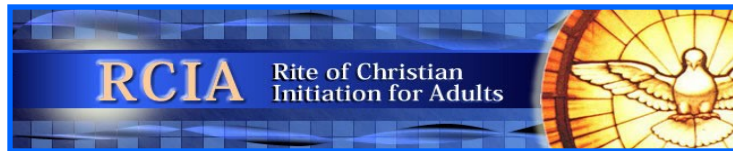
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Liturgical Environment,
Barbara Carroll & Lynda Fairman
Building Maintenance,
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Divine Mercy,
Donna Prantl & Cathy Fowler
Iron Men,
Chris Emanus & John Musser
Kitchen, Jerry Ladnier & Lisa Emerick
Landscape, Jim Orband
Lazarus, Cathy Fowler
Legion of Mary, Gina Endres
Library, Laura Quellhorst
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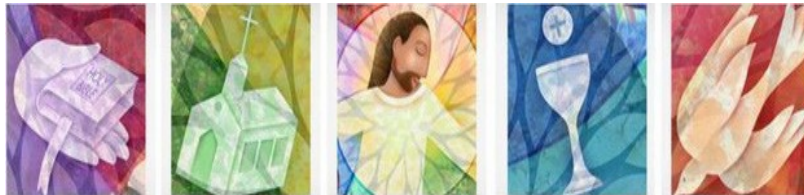
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Strother & Jessica Martinez
Women's Book Club, Arlene Bradley

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.

Faith Formation



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. Forms are available in the Commons.

Diocesan Information

Vocations Awareness

Are you called to serve the family of the Lord and share the Father's love as a priest? Call the Vocations Office, (804) 359-5661, to speak with Fr. Brian Capuano; or write to vocations@richmonddiocese.org.



Unwrap the gifts in your marriage on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter. It is a weekend for married Christian couples who value their relationship and desire a richer, fuller life together. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter experiences on January 28-30, 2022 in North Myrtle Beach, SC and February 7-28, 2022 in Chantilly, VA. Early sign-up is recommended. For more information, visit our website at <https://renewmarriage-vasouth.org/>.



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 at the parish office, 757-898-5570, or visit www.retrouvaille.org.

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