

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.

<u>Diocesan Safe</u> 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

By an apostolic tradition taking its origin from the very day of Christ's resurrection, the Church celebrates the paschal mystery every eighth day, the day that is rightly called the Lord's day. On Sunday the Christian faithful ought to gather together, so that by listening to the word of God and sharing in the Eucharist they may recall the passion, death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus and give thanks to God who has given them a new birth with a lively hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. The Lord's Day is therefore the first and greatest festival, one to be set before the loving devotion of the faithful and impressed upon it, so that it may be also a day of joy and of freedom from work. Other celebrations must not take precedence over it, unless they are truly of the greatest importance, since it is the foundation and the kernel of the whole liturgical year.

(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, Mary Fairbanks, Christine Grosshans, Sylvia Harman, Albert Jury, Jim Matthews, Euong Pham, Sara Rudd, Julie Sandorfi, Stephen Strother

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, April 10

5:30 p.m. † Catherine Reed

Sunday, April 11

8:30 a.m. † Cora Wargo 11:30 a.m. † Victoria Manaloto

Tuesday, April 13

9:00 a.m. † Ron Rice

Wednesday, April 14

9:00 a.m. Carol Santoro 7:00 p.m. † Carolyn Livingston Thursday, April 15

9:00 a.m. Sheila Manaloto

Friday, April 16

9:00 a.m. † Phil Satterwhite

Saturday, April 17

5:30 p.m. † Hilda Penyak

Sunday, April 18

8:30 a.m. † Sharon Reaume 11:30 a.m. † Susie Castellini



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, April 11

Second Sunday of Easter
Acts 4:32-35
Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24
1 Jn 5:1-6
Jn 20:19-31

Monday, April 12

Easter Weekday
Acts 4:23-31
Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9
Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday, April 13

St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr Acts 4:32-37 Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 In 3:7b-15

Wednesday, April 14

Easter Weekday
Acts 5:17-26
Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9
Jn 3:16-21

Thursday, April 15

Easter Weekday
Acts 5:27-33
Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20
Jn 3:31-36

Friday, April 16

Easter Weekday Acts 5:34-42 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Jn 6:1-15

Saturday, April 17

Easter Weekday
Acts 6:1-7
Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19
In 6:16-21

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

DOUBT AND FAITH

Reflection on John 20:19-31

In formulating the idea of the "capable human being," Paul Ricoeur, the distinguished 20th century French philosopher, seeks to give an account of the fundamental capabilities and vulnerabilities that human beings display in the activities that make up their lives. I think the apostle, Thomas, is a good example of Ricoeur's insight.

There is in Thomas both vulnerability and capability, both suspicion and consent, both doubt and faith. He is at first suspicious of the report of the Risen Jesus, wishing to not get "caught up" in what might be fake news. But when confronted in person with the presence of the Risen Lord, he does not push that suspicion to the edge of the ridiculous, but affirms the truth of what he has now arrived at.

This is spiritual integration. Rather than judge one side as unworthy of a disciple (the experiences of doubt we all have), and accept faith as the absence of all questioning (which it clearly is not), Thomas represents the real and authentic journey we all make as we move ever more deeply into the recognition that God in the Risen Christ is present in every human experience, and that, as Richard Rohr says, "Everything belongs!"

~ Fr. Jay

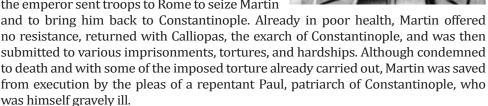
SAINT MARTIN I

Feast Day: April 13

When Martin I became pope in 649, Constantinople was the capital of the Byzantine empire and the patriarch of Constantinople was the most influential Church leader in the eastern Christian world. The struggles that existed within the Church at that time were magnified by the close cooperation of emperor and patriarch.

Shortly after assuming the office of the papacy – which he did without first being confirmed by the emperor – Martin held a council at the Lateran in which the imperial documents were censured, and in which the patriarch of Constantinople and two of his predecessors were condemned. In response, Constans II first tried to turn bishops and people against the pope.

Failing in this and in an attempt to kill the pope, the emperor sent troops to Rome to seize Martin



Tortures and cruel treatment having taken their toll, Martin died shortly thereafter. He is the last of the early popes to be venerated as a martyr.

The real significance of the word martyr comes not from the dying but from the witnessing, which the word means in its derivation. People who are willing to give up everything, their most precious possessions, their very lives, put a supreme value on the cause or belief for which they sacrifice. Martyrdom, dying for the faith, is an incidental extreme to which some have had to go to manifest their belief in Christ. A living faith, a life that exemplifies Christ's teaching throughout, and that in spite of difficulties, is required of all Christians. Martin refused to cut corners as a way of easing his lot, to make some accommodations with the civil rulers.



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!

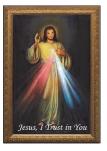
And this is legacy giving: It's who and what will be remembered and strengthened because of us when we journey home to the Lord at the end of this short earthly life. Our legacy is our potential to make a Kingdom difference for Christ, using our earthly resources which we dedicate to our beloved parish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

Divine Mercy Sunday

St. Joan of Arc will host its annual celebration of DIVINE MERCY this Sunday, April 11th at 3:00 p.m. The program will open with Eucharistic Adoration and will include chanting of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, a reflection on the message of mercy delivered by Fr. Michael Joly, readings from Holy Scripture and the Diary of St. Faustina and will conclude with Benediction. All are invited. Hope to see you there!!!



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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

Congratulations

To all who received Jesus for the first time in the Eucharist,
Sunday, April 11, 2021!

A big thank you to all to the catechists who worked so diligently throughout the year to prepare them!

Rachel Vis and Claudia Seely



Emily Abi-Saab Vincent Brown Kenrick Cao Luna Carrington Annalisa Edell Santino Lopes Jackson Marr Ella Pangelinan Jake Retzbach Michaela Shelton Trenton Smallen Noah Valerio







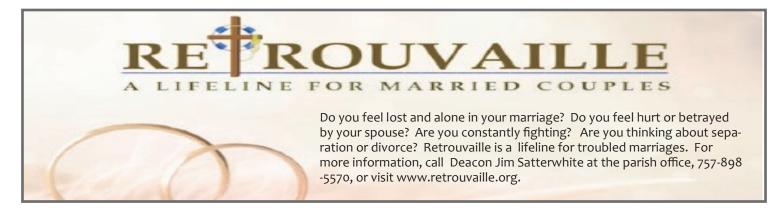






Thank you for loving your child totally with your prayerful encouragement of his/her formation in the Catholic faith and, for some, preparation to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. It is in your family, the domestic Church, that the seed of faith is planted, prayerfully 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.

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