

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> <u>Environment Policy</u>

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 prays for us: He is our priest; He prays in us: He is our head; we pray to Him: He is our God. Let us be aware, then, of our prayer in Him, and His prayer in us.

When we turn to God in prayer, we must not separate ourselves from His Son. Let us be aware, then, of our prayer in Him, and His prayer in us.

(Hebrews 10:1, 14; Ephesians 5:2)

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, 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 17

5:30 p.m. † Hilda Penyak

Sunday, April 18

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

Wednesday, April 21

7:00 p.m. † Johnston Chandler

Thursday, April 22

9:00 a.m. † Rina Kimball

Saturday, April 24

5:30 p.m. Bernadette Boyd

Sunday, April 25

8:30 a.m. Jeanne Billings 11:30 a.m. † Jean-Pierre Fortin Third Sunday of Easter April 18, 2021



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, April 18

Third Sunday of Easter
Acts 3:13-15, 17-19
Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9
1 Jn 2:1-5a
Lk 24:35-48

Monday, April 19

Easter Weekday
Acts 6:8-15
Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30
Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday, April 20

Easter Weekday
Acts 7:51—8:1a
Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab
Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday, April 21

St. Anslem, Bishop and Doctor Acts 8:1b-8 Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a Jn 6:35-40

Thursday, April 22

Easter Weekday Acts 8:26-40 Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 Jn 6:44-51

Friday, April 23

St. George, Martyr; St. Adabert, Bishop Acts 9:1-20 Ps 117:1bc, 2 Jn 6:52-59

Saturday, April 24

St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr Acts 9:31-42 Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 In 6:60-69

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

A HUNGER THAT IS SATISFIED

Reflection on Luke 24:35-48

"Have you anything here to eat?" While the disciples were in utter astonishment upon seeing the Risen Jesus, He inquires about getting something to eat. Ordinary. Mundane. Every-day. I think of teen-agers coming home from school, checking out the frig to see if there is anything to eat. They are always hungry.

Throughout Scripture, hunger refers not only to the physical reality – our human need for nourishment, but also is used as a metaphor for our deeper human needs – for connection, understanding, acceptance, forgiveness, love. In Jesus, the Risen One, we are given the true satisfaction for all our hungers. He is the Bread of Life, sustaining us through His real presence in the Eucharist; He feeds us physically and spiritually with Bread-that-is Body and Wine-that-is-Blood.

If all the Resurrection appearances of Jesus can be summed up in one phrase, it might be, "Love is stronger than death, and Love is all the food you'll ever need." When we celebrated the institution of the Eucharist on Holy Thursday with John's account of the Last Supper, we experienced the intrinsic connection between Eucharist and service, between being fed with the Bread of Life and washing feet. For always, not only are each of our deepest hungers fed in Communion, but also we each are sent forth to become Bread to feed the hungry world.

~ Fr. Jay

SAINT FIDELIS OF SIGMARINGEN

Feast Day: April 24

If a poor man needed some clothing, Fidelis would often give the man the clothes right off his back. Complete generosity to others characterized this saint's life.

Born in 1577, Mark Rey became a lawyer who constantly upheld the causes of the poor and oppressed people. Nicknamed "the poor man's lawyer," Rey soon grew disgusted with the corruption and injustice he saw among his colleagues. He left his law career to become a priest, joining his brother George as a member of the Capuchin Order. Fidelis was his religious name. His wealth was divided between needy seminarians and the poor.

As a follower of Saint Francis of Assisi, Fidelis continued his devotion to the weak and needy. During a severe epidemic in a city where he was guardian of a friary, Fidelis cared for and cured many sick soldiers.

He was appointed head of a group of Capuchins sent to preach against the Calvinists and Zwinglians in Switzerland. Almost certain violence threatened. Those who

observed the mission felt that success was more attributable to the prayer of Fidelis during the night than to his sermons and instructions.

He was accused of opposing the peasants' national aspirations for independence from Austria. While he was preaching at Seewis, to which he had gone against the advice of his friends, a gun was fired at him, but he escaped unharmed. A Protestant offered to shelter Fidelis, but he declined, saying his life was in God's hands. On the road back, he was set upon by a group of armed men and killed.

Fidelis was canonized in 1746. Fifteen years later he was recognized as a martyr.

Read the full article: "Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/ saint-fidelis-of-sigmaringen (Accessed 9 April 2021).



Fínance Report March 2021	
Bldg./Debt Reduction: Monthly Budget (4 wks) Sacrificial Giving Variance % of Sacrificial Giving/Envelopes (66 families) Bldg./Debt Reduction: Year to Date Budget Year to Date Sacrificial Giving Variance	\$ 4,500 \$ 5,925 \$ 1,425 8% \$ 40,500 \$ 40,198 \$ (302)
Social Ministry: Monthly Budget (4 wks) Sacrificial Giving Variance % of Sacrificial Giving/Envelopes (77 families) Social Ministry: Year to Date Budget Year to Date Sacrificial Giving Variance	\$ 4,000 \$ 3,199 \$ (801) 10% \$ 36,000 \$ 31,527 \$ (4,473)
Monthly Diocese Contributions Sacrificial Giving	\$ 2,125

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.

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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







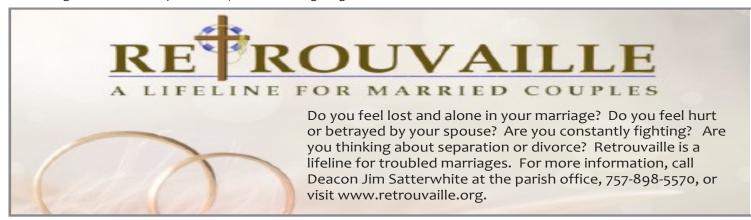






Thank you for loving your child totally with your prayerful encouragement of his/her formation in the Catholic faith and, for some, preparation to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. It is in your family, the domestic Church, that the seed of faith is planted, prayerfully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