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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

"All of the good works in the world are not equal to the holy sacrifice of the Mass, because they are all the works of men, but the Mass is the work of God . . . The Mass is the sacrifice of God to man."

(St. John Vianney)

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

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, May 15

5:30 p.m. † Jack Schramm

Sunday, May 16

8:30 a.m. † Patricia Golden

11:00 a.m. Peter & Mary Olenick

Tuesday, May 18

9:00 a.m. Michael & Margaret Fitzgerald

Wednesday, May 19

9:00 a.m. Buddy Dawson

Thursday, May 20

9:00 a.m. † Ralph Hughes

Friday, May 21

9:00 a.m. † Jim Matkowski

Saturday, May 22

5:30 p.m. Cherry Macababbad

Sunday, May 23

8:30 a.m. For the People of SJA

11:00 a.m. For the People of SJA



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, May 16

*Ascension of the Lord
Seventh Sunday of Easter*

Acts 1:1-11

Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9

Eph 1:17-23 or

Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13

Mk 16:15-20

Monday, May 17

Easter Weekday

Acts 19:1-8

Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab

Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday, May 18

Easter Weekday

Acts 20:17-27

Ps 68:10-11, 20-21

Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday, May 19

Easter Weekday

Acts 20:28-38

Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a,
35bc-36ab

Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday, May 20

St. Bernardine of Siena

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11

Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11

Jn 17:20-26

Friday, May 21

Easter Weekday

Acts 25:13b-21

Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab

Jn 21:15-19

Saturday, May 22

Easter Weekday

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31

Ps 11:4, 5 and 7

Jn 21:20-25

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

STAY THE COURSE

Reflection on Mark 16:15-20

I must admit that I prefer the ending of Matthew's Gospel to how Mark ends his gospel today. In Matthew, we are given the Great Commission to go forth and make disciples of all nations, through baptizing and teaching. This is a good discipleship plan. Mark, on the other hand, mentions the signs that accompany believers; picking up snakes, drinking deadly poisons and picking fights with demons are not so much a part of my mission plan, my strategy for discipleship.

We live in this in-between time – after the ascension of Jesus and before He comes again – in divine empowerment for the Gospel dream. Through the power of the Holy Spirit poured into each of us, we are given the mission to face everything – good or ill – with the courage and faith of a believer, a disciple. These graces are continually renewed in us through the sacramental life of the Church, especially in the Eucharist.

The first and most important mandate/direction for us in defining our mission is to stay close to its source of energy and empowerment and allow the graces of the sacraments to always unfold in our lives. For without Christ, without the Holy Spirit, we can do nothing.

~ Fr. Jay



SAINT BERNARDINE OF SIENA

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Most of the saints suffered great personal opposition, even persecution. Bernardine, by contrast, seems more like a human dynamo who simply took on the needs of the world.

He was the greatest preacher of his time, journeying across Italy, calming strife-torn cities, attacking the paganism he found rampant, attracting crowds of 30,000, following Saint Francis of Assisi's admonition to preach about "vice and virtue, punishment and glory."

At 22, he entered the Franciscan Order and was ordained two years later. For almost a dozen years he lived in solitude and prayer, but his gifts ultimately caused him to be sent to preach. He always traveled on foot, sometimes speaking for hours in one place, then doing the same in another town.

Especially known for his devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus, Bernardine devised a symbol—IHS, the first three letters of the name of Jesus in Greek – in Gothic letters on a blazing sun. This was to displace the superstitious symbols of the day, as well as the insignia of factions: for example, Guelphs and Ghibellines. The devotion spread, and the symbol began to appear in churches, homes and public buildings. Opposition arose from those who thought it a dangerous innovation. Three attempts were made to have the pope take action against him, but Bernardine's holiness, orthodoxy, and intelligence were evidence of his faithfulness.

General of the Friars of the Strict Observance, a branch of the Franciscan Order, Bernardine strongly emphasized scholarship and further study of theology and canon law. When he started there were 300 friars in the community; when he died there were 4,000. He returned to preaching the last two years of his life, dying while traveling.

Read the full article: "Saint Bernardine of Siena" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars,
<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-bernardine-of-siena>. (Accessed 23 Apr 2021)

Finance Report

April 2021

Operating Account: Monthly Budget (4 wks)	\$ 59,615
Sacrificial Giving	\$ 73,185
Variance	\$ 13,570
% of Sacrificial Giving/Envelopes (261 families)	36%
Operating Account: Year to Date Budget	\$ 640,866
Year to Date Sacrificial Giving	\$ 678,792
Variance	\$ 37,926
Bldg./Debt Reduction: Monthly Budget (4 wks)	\$ 4,500
Sacrificial Giving	\$ 3,693
Variance	\$ (807)
% of Sacrificial Giving/Envelopes (64 families)	8%
Bldg./Debt Reduction: Year to Date Budget	\$ 45,000
Year to Date Sacrificial Giving	\$ 43,791
Variance	\$ (1,209)
Social Ministry: Monthly Budget (4 wks)	\$ 4,000
Sacrificial Giving	\$ 3,083
Variance	\$ (917)
% of Sacrificial Giving/Envelopes (76 families)	9%
Social Ministry: Year to Date Budget	\$ 40,000
Year to Date Sacrificial Giving	\$ 34,610
Variance	\$ (5,390)
Monthly Diocese Contributions	\$ 2,325
Sacrificial Giving	

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 flood-gates 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.

Parish Ministries

Finance Council, Daniel Burton
Parish Advisory Volunteer Group,
Randy Vis

Pastoral Ministry

Baptism Coordinator,
Deacon Jim Satterwhite
Bereaved,
John Bryant, III
Sick & Homebound,
Deacon Mark & Cathy Mueller

Liturgical Ministries

Altar Servers,
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EMHCs,
Denis Morhiser & Joe Badalis
Hospitality, Mary Ann Vogelbein &
James Tucker, III
Liturgy Committee,
Deacon Jim & Jerry Wilkins
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Music, Liam Lees
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Patti Komornik

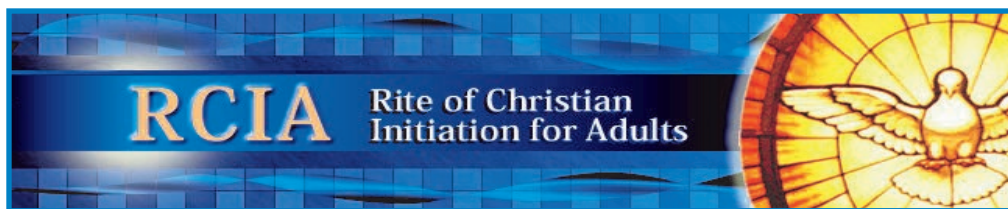
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Divine Mercy,
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& Chris Felice
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Landscape, Jim Orband
Lazarus, Cathy Fowler
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RCIA, Deacon Mark Mueller
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Vocations Chalice,
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Young at Heart, Bill Garber

Adult Formation



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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. Watch for registration dates for fall 2021.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned." Do you believe in the graces of God that will enrich your marriage? Participate in an upcoming **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** on July 16-18, 2021 in Beaufort, SC and August 27-29, 2021 in Hickory, NC. Early sign-up is recommended. For more information, visit our website at <https://renewmarriage-vasouth.org/>.

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