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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/.

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Upcoming Change in Mass Schedule

Our summer Mass schedule will take effect
Sunday, May 9th;
 the 11:30 am Mass
 will return to **11:00 am.**

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Each and every Mass is not something private, even if a priest celebrates it privately; instead, it is an act of Christ and of the Church. "For even if the faithful are unable to be present, it [Holy Mass] is an act of Christ and the Church" (Saint John Paul II, *Presbyterorum Ordinis*, n. 13). In offering this sacrifice, the Church learns to offer herself as a sacrifice for all and she applies the unique and infinite redemptive power of the sacrifice of the Cross to the salvation of the whole world. For every Mass that is celebrated is being offered not just for the salvation of certain people, but also for the salvation of the whole world.

(Saint Paul VI, *Pope Mysterium Fidei* 1965 n. 32)

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 Macababba 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 1

5:30 p.m. David Seko, Jr.

Thursday, May 6

9:00 a.m. Don & Claire Arsenault

Sunday, May 2

8:30 a.m. Gerard D'Amore

11:30 a.m. † Alex Cipriano

Friday, May 7

9:00 a.m. † Alex Cipriano

Monday, May 3

9:00 a.m. † Annette Girouard

Saturday, May 8

5:30 p.m. † Ralph Hughes

Tuesday, May 4

9:00 a.m. Liam Lees

Sunday, May 9

8:30 a.m. † Dean Petix

11:00 a.m. † William Emerick

Wednesday, May 5

9:00 a.m. † Genevieve Graham



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, May 2

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:26-31

Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32

1 Jn 3:18-24

Jn 15:1-8

Monday, May 3

Saints Philip and James, Apostles

1 Cor 15:1-8

Ps 19:2-3, 4-5

Jn 14:6-14

Tuesday, May 4

Easter Weekday

Acts 14:19-28

Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21

Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday, May 5

Easter Weekday

Acts 15:1-6

Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5

Jn 15:1-8

Thursday, May 6

Easter Weekday

Acts 15:7-21

Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10

Jn 15:9-11

Friday, May 7

Easter Weekday

Acts 15:22-31

Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12

Jn 15:12-17

Saturday, May 8

Easter Weekday

Acts 16:1-10

Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5

Jn 15:18-21

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

THE VINE AND THE BRANCHES

Reflection on John 15:1-8

Scripture provides us with some compelling images of the Church. St. Paul gives us the image of the “Body of Christ,” and today, John the Evangelist expands on the metaphor of “the vine and the branches.”

This image comes to my mind at every Mass, when the priest invites us to pray the Lord’s Prayer with the words: “Taught by our Savior’s command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say...” It is that word, “formed,” that is key. We are formed, equipped – that is to say “pruned” – for discipleship, for “bearing fruit” through our encounter with God’s Word and reception of the Eucharist at Mass.

Jesus says, “You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you.” This pruning / forming / equipping is an ongoing process, an ever-deepening experience of taking into ourselves the likeness of Christ, so that we can “remain” in Him. Every moment, every day, every season of life presents us with new opportunities to bear fruit for the gospel. So we are continually being pruned – which doesn’t always feel nice, since as the image implies, there may need to be some cutting that needs to happen for our fruit to be edible and our lives to be God-glorifying.

~ Fr. Jay

SAINTS PHILIP AND JAMES

Feast Day: May 3 • Patron Saints of Uruguay

James, Son of Alphaeus: We know nothing of this man except his name, and, of course, the fact that Jesus chose him to be one of the 12 pillars of the New Israel, His Church.

Philip: Philip came from the same town as Peter and Andrew, Bethsaida in Galilee. Jesus called him directly, whereupon he sought out Nathanael and told him of the “one about whom Moses wrote” (Jn 1:45).

Like the other apostles, Philip took a long time coming to realize who Jesus was. On one occasion, when Jesus saw the great multitude following Him and wanted to give them food, He asked Philip where they should buy bread for the people to eat. Saint John comments, “[Jesus] said this to test him, because he himself knew what he was going to do” (Jn 6:6). Philip answered, “Two hundred days’ wages worth of food would not be enough for each of them to have a little [bit]” (Jn 6:7).

Possibly because Philip bore a Greek name or because he was thought to be close to Jesus, some gentile proselytes came to him and asked him to introduce them to Jesus. Philip went to Andrew, and Andrew went to Jesus. Jesus’ reply in John’s Gospel is indirect; Jesus says that now His “hour” has come, that in a short time He will give His life for Jew and Gentile alike.

As in the case of the other apostles, we see in James and Philip human men who became foundation stones of the Church, and we are reminded again that holiness and its consequent apostolate are entirely the gift of God, not a matter of human achieving. All power is God’s power, even the power of human freedom to accept His gifts. “You will be clothed with power from on high,” Jesus told Philip and the others. Their first commission had been to expel unclean spirits, heal diseases, announce the kingdom. They learned, gradually, that these externals were sacraments of an even greater miracle inside their persons—the divine power to love like God.



Read the full article: “Saints Philip and James” Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars,
<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saints-philip-and-james>. (Accessed 23 Apr 2021).

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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.

May Crowning

St. Joan of Arc's annual **May Procession and May Crowning** will take place this Sunday, May 2, 2021, between the two morning Masses. We gather to honor Mary, the Patroness of our country, as we crown the Queen of Angels during a devotional service presented by our elementary faith formation students and the Legion of Mary. We invite family and friends to share in this devotion, and we ask all to bring flowers from their gardens that day to honor Our Lady of Grace.

During the month of May -- a month named for and dedicated to Mary -- Catholics around the world traditionally honor Our Blessed Mother with special devotional services like our May Crowning. The tradition in the United States and many other countries has been for school children to participate in a "May Crowning" ceremony, with a procession of students -- girls wearing pretty spring dresses and boys in their "Sunday best." During the service, a wreath of flowers is placed on a statue of Mary. Our devotional ceremony begins with a procession of the elementary students, which includes our parish's First Communicants (dressed in their First Communion dresses and suits). We will have special readings, songs and prayers to honor Our Blessed Mother. She will be crowned with a wreath of fresh flowers.

A special thank-you to all who have participated previously and now for helping to present such beautiful May Crownings!

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism Preparation for Parents will take place this Sunday, **May 2nd**, after the **11:30 a.m.** Mass. The session will be conducted in Rooms F & H. Please contact Deacon Jim for more information at (757) 898-5570.



May 2, 2021

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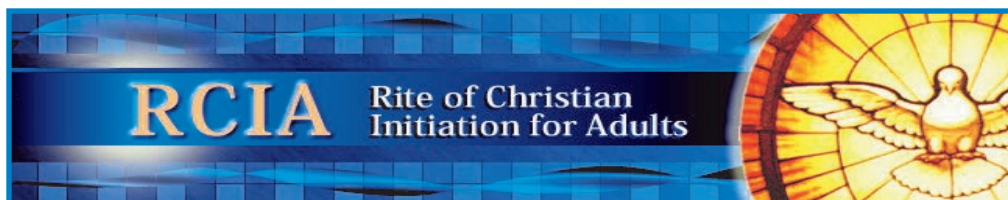
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Faith Formation



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.

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