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St. Joan of Arc is a Catholic Family of Faith, alive in the Lord Jesus Christ through His Mercy, His Love, His Word, His Sacraments, all granted by His Holy Spirit. We proclaim the joy of the Gospel; we minister to the needs of the Body of Christ, both within and outside the parish family, especially the poor who present a unique opportunity for us to meet Christ.



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Mass Schedule

Weekend

Saturday – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday – 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 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.

SACRAMENTS

Infant Baptism: Normally celebrated on a Saturday at 3:00 p.m. Baptisms also may be celebrated during Holy Mass (except during Holy Week). Please contact Jennifer Strash (757-898-5570) to schedule. 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 11:00 a.m. Mass. Session dates may be adjusted due to holidays. 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 OCI 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 in the Parish Office or with a personal visit to a home or care facility.

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 after meeting with the Deacon/Priest.

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 at (877) 887-9603 or by writing to the Office of the Bishop.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

The Holy Eucharist is the "mystery of faith." Without faith, all you would see is bread and wine being offered, no more. Without faith, the most you could see in this is a gesture, a symbol, nothing more. With faith, you know that at the moment of the Consecration, which is when the priest says, "This is my body," "This is the cup of my blood," the bread and wine are changed into the body and blood of Jesus Christ, who is then really present as God and as Man, sacrificing Himself for us on the altar as He sacrificed Himself on the cross. (*The Mass Explained* CORMAC BURKE)

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 Jennifer "J" Rodriguez 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

Karen Abi-Saab, Marcella Buckley, Joe Chambers, Abbey Chesley, Carl & Mary Chesley, Tamera David, Anne Holup, Deacon Dan Johnson, Patti Komornik, Matthew Martin, Ron Morrison, Linda O'Dell, Euong Pham, David Seko, Jr., Stephen Strother



Mass Intentions for the Week

Thursday, August 15
12:00 pm Helen Butler
7:00 pm People of SJA

Sunday, August 18
8:30 am † Pauline Bryant
11:00 am People of SJA



Meetings for the Week

Monday, August 12
6:30 pm Legion of Mary

Thursday, August 15
10:00 am Stitchers



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.



Book of the Month for August

Your SJA Library WILL BE OPEN remotely during construction. The full catalog is available at <https://www.sjalibrary.com/> or by scanning the QR code.

Please email me your requests at TheSJALibrary@gmail.com, and I will prepare a bag for you to pick up.

Kids/Youth, there is a new prize for you to win. Thanks to a generous donation, you can win your very own Bible! Every book that you check out gives you an entry to win. There is a new drawing each month. Congratulations to last month's winners.

For the Love of Mary by Fr. Daniel-Maria Klimek T.O.R., 2023, Emmaus Road Publishing, Steubenville OH, 216 pages.

"For the Love of Mary" takes readers on a spiritual journey of tender love, beginning with the question, "How do I cultivate a deeper, more intimate, and meaningful relationship with Mary, the mother of Jesus and my spiritual mother?" Fr. Daniel-Maria Klimek, T.O.R., presents a path of deep spiritual intimacy with Mother Mary that involves practicing the "presence of Mary" in one's life, consoling her Immaculate Heart through a spirituality of reparation, hearing her voice through her apparitions, and delving into a greater understanding of her sufferings as Mother of Sorrows. "For the Love of Mary" discusses Our Lady's significant identity and role in matters that are seldom mentioned in books about her but are of the utmost importance, such as her role in spiritual warfare and the ministry of exorcism, as well as her role in the renewal of the priesthood in a time when the Church faces so much scandal and confusion. She is the Morning Star that guides the struggling Church and each one of her children in the midst of surrounding storms to a purer path.

Companion book:

The Biblical Roots of Marian Consecration - Devotion to the Immaculate Heart in Light of Scripture, By Shane Kapler, 2022, TAN Books



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THE FULLNESS OF LIFE

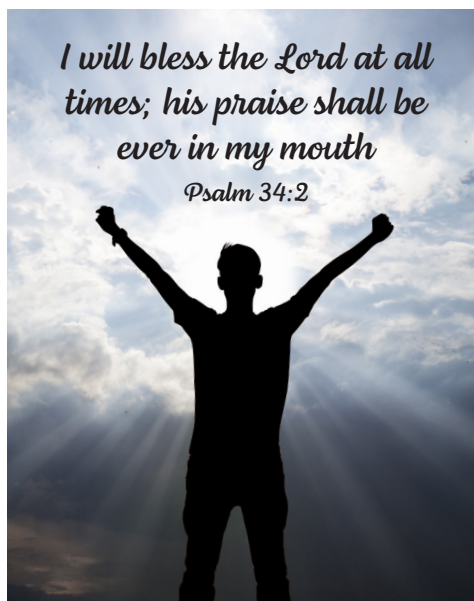
Reflection on Jn 6:41-51

Elijah, who has just defeated the prophets of Baal on Mt. Carmel and is now being pursued by a furious Queen Jezebel's army, sits down under a broom tree and prays for death. He is finished. But God has more plans for Elijah, and sends His angel to feed him and strengthen him for the journey to Horeb, the mountain of God.

I once met an angel, who looked very much like a Dominican sister. The details aren't important, but I was very much in the darkness of doubt and despair (a place we all have been), and was ready to give up completely. Sister N., so very gently but with firmness, helped me to see that God wasn't finished with me yet, and that God had some significant work for me to tend to in His Kingdom. Angels, God's messengers, are everywhere, in many guises.

In today's Gospel, Jesus, in quoting the prophets, says, "They shall all be taught by God," and that He Himself, as the "living bread that came down from heaven," gives Himself to us "for the life of the world." This echoes another saying of Jesus, that "I have come that they might have life, and have it to the full." Fullness of life comes in the eternity that breaks into our lives now, never more so than in our participation in the Eucharistic banquet. The Eucharist, and all those God places in our paths who become eucharist for us, is the great teacher.

– Fr. Jay



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, August 11, 2024

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 19:4-8
Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9
Eph 4:30—5:2
Jn 6:41-51

Monday, August 12, 2024

Weekday

Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c
Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14
Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday, August 13, 2024

Weekday

Ez 2:8—3:4
Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131
Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday, August 14, 2024

Saint Maximilian Kolbe,

Priest and Martyr

Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22
Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
Mt 18:15-20

Thursday, August 15, 2024

The Assumption of the

Blessed Virgin Mary
Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab
Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16
1 Cor 15:20-27
Lk 1:39-56

Friday, August 16, 2024

Weekday

Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or Ez 16:59-63
Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6
Mt 19:3-12

Saturday, August 17, 2024

Weekday

Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32
Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19
Mt 19:13-15

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

SAINT STEPHEN OF HUNGARY

Saint of the Day: August 16

Patron Saint of: Bricklayers, Hungary

The Church is universal, but its expression is always affected—for good or ill—by local culture. There are no "generic" Christians; there are Mexican Christians, Polish Christians, Filipino Christians. This fact is evident in the life of Stephen, national hero and spiritual patron of Hungary.

Born a pagan, he was baptized around the age of 10, together with his father, chief of the Magyars, a group who migrated to the Danube area in the ninth century. At 20, he married Gisela, sister to the future emperor, Saint Henry. When he succeeded his father, Stephen adopted a policy of Christianization of the country for both political and religious reasons. He suppressed a series of revolts by pagan nobles and welded the Magyars into a strong national group. He asked the pope to provide for the Church's organization in Hungary—and also requested that the pope confer the title of king upon him. He was crowned on Christmas Day in 1001.

Stephen established a system of tithes to support churches and pastors and to relieve the poor. Out of every 10 towns, one had to build a church and support a priest. He abolished pagan customs with a certain amount of violence, and commanded all to marry, except clergy and religious. He was easily accessible to all, especially the poor.

In 1031, his son Emeric died, and the rest of Stephen's days were embittered by controversy over his successor. His nephews attempted to kill him. He died in 1038 and was canonized, along with his son, in 1083.

Read the full article: "Saint Stephen of Hungary" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars,
<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-stephen-of-hungary/> (Accessed July 29, 2024).

Adult Formation

OCI

The Order of Christian Initiation (OCI), including both adults and youth had its name changed from the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, or RCIA. Following the trend of updating all liturgical texts to reflect greater fidelity to the original Latin, the U.S. Bishops agreed to the updated name change in 2021, but documents are currently in the review process anticipating approval by the Vatican's Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments in 2024.

The change also applies to the process by which one enters the Church. The new structure is meant to invite candidates and catechumens into a continuous process of spiritual formation on the path to Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation. The OCI process encourages candidates and catechumens to take charge of their faith education, ask questions of catechists and explore the answers. Most catechumens and candidates will still be received into the Church during the Easter Vigil, but OCI encourages them to get involved in the parish community even before they receive the sacraments, sowing seeds of discipleship that will grow well beyond Confirmation. For more information, please contact Deacon Don Fox at 757-813-6428, deacondonfox@gmail.com, or the Parish Office at (757) 898-5570.

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 or Confirmation. 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. Use the QR code to register for the 2024-2025 school year. Also watch for our new Catechesis of the Good Shepherd religious education program for our 3-6 year old kids!



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd—a religious formation program for children ages 3 to 13 rooted in the educational philosophy of Maria Montessori. The children attending meet in a carefully prepared room filled with biblical and liturgical materials to help them draw closer to Jesus, the Good Shepherd. This room—called the Atrium—is a place of simplicity and order, prayer, work and community. Everything in this room is intended to be appropriate to the ages and sizes of the children who gather there.

We are introducing Level 1 this year on Sunday mornings.



Level 1: Children 3-6

The smallest ones are introduced to the liturgy by means of models of sacred objects of the Mass, vestments of the priests and liturgical colors which are seen in the sanctuary. Then, when they go to Mass, they rediscover things with which they are already familiar. They listen to the words of Jesus in the Bible which proclaims His birth, ponder parables of the Kingdom of God and celebrate His Resurrection. Register using the QR code.

Diocesan Information

Vocations Awareness

“I will raise him on the last day.” Reflect on the profound promise of Resurrection and what your path to eternal life looks like. Will your path of holiness be as a priest or religious brother or sister? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Office of Vocations at (804) 359-5661 or via email: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.





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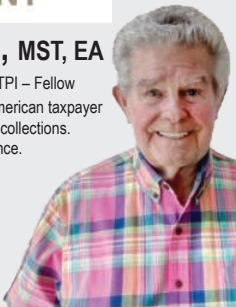
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