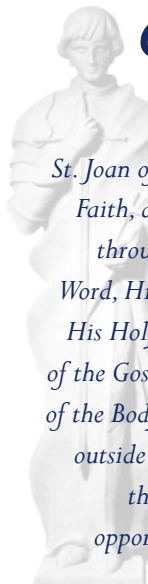




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*St. Joan of Arc is a Catholic Family of Faith, alive in the Lord Jesus Christ through His Mercy, His Love, His Word, His Sacraments, all granted by His Holy Spirit. We proclaim the joy of the Gospel; we minister to the needs of the Body of Christ, 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/](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

"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 for 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 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, Paul Chesley, Tamera David, Anne Holup, Deacon Dan Johnson, Patti Komornik, Matthew Martin, Ron Morrison, Linda O'Dell, Euong Pham, David Seko, Jr., Stephen Strother, Eva Duggan

## *Mass Intentions for the Week*

**Monday, August 19**  
9:00 am Rachel Hennessy

**Friday, August 23**  
9:00 am † Ronald Todhunter

**Tuesday, August 20**  
9:00 am † Gloria Trotta

**Saturday, August 24**  
5:00 pm † Harold & Barbara Plahn

## *Meetings for the Week*

**Monday, August 19**  
6:30 pm Legion of Mary

**Saturday, August 24**  
9:00 am Landscape Team

**Thursday, August 22**  
10:00 am Stitches  
6:30 pm KoC  
7:00 pm KoC Ladies Aux



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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.

Bulletin Announcements

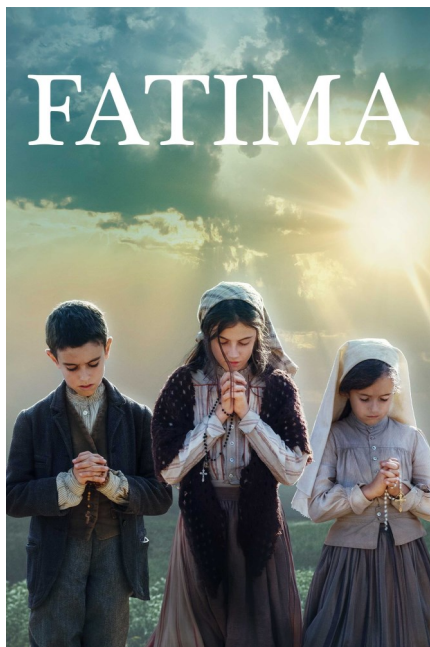
Please e-mail any approved bulletin announcements to J Rodriguez **two** Wednesdays prior to the weekend you would like to see your announcement published at [jrodriguez@stjoanofarcva.org](mailto:jrodriguez@stjoanofarcva.org).

Summer Movie Nights

Join us for SJA Summer Movie Nights! August 23rd at 6:30 pm

FATIMA (2020) PG-13 1h 53m

Based on historical events, a powerful and uplifting drama about the power of faith, this movie tells the story of a 10-year-old shepherdess and her two young cousins in Fatima, Portugal who report seeing visions of the Virgin Mary. Their revelations inspire believers but angers officials of both the Church and secular government, who try to force them to recant their story. As word of their prophecy spreads, tens of thousands of religious pilgrims flock to the site hoping to witness a miracle. What they experience will change their lives forever.



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**Parish Advisory Volunteer Group**,  
Randy Vis

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**Baptism Coordinator**,  
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**Bereavement**, John Bryant III  
**Sick & Homebound**, Denis Morhiser

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**EMHCs**, Denis Morhiser & Rachel Vis  
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**Music**, Bud Forrest  
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**Readers**, Michael Syptak &  
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**Building Maintenance**,  
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**Coffee & Cookies**, Florita Galvez  
**Divine Mercy**,  
Donna Prantl & Cathy Fowler  
**Iron Men**, John Musser  
**Kitchen**, Jerry Ladnier & Lisa Emerick  
**Liturgical Environment**, Tom &  
Rowena Fauber & Lynda Fairman  
**Landscape**, Jim Orband  
**Lazarus**, Cathy Fowler  
**Legion of Mary**, Gina Endres  
**Library**, Laura Quellhorst  
**Magnificat Women**, Tracy Leota &  
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**KoC & Ladies Auxiliary**, Randy Vis  
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**Women's Book Club**, Arlene Bradley

## THE VASTNESS OF GOD

Reflection on John 6:51-58

The many images and the vast language we use for God, in both our Scripture and tradition, cannot limit or “contain” who God is, but reflect the expansiveness of the divine. While the image of “God as Father” certainly dominates much of how we speak of God, a more feminine image of God is presented in today’s first reading from the Book of Wisdom. Here, God is “Wisdom,” who “has built her house” and “has spread her table.” She invites all to “come, eat of my food, and drink of the wine I have mixed!”

In this image we hear overtones of the Eucharistic Meal, and recall that “Wisdom of God” is one of the Church’s ancient titles for Jesus. The nourishment food brings to us is not optional; we need food and drink to survive physically. So it is also in the spiritual realm; we are in absolute need of Jesus – His real presence – in the Eucharist in order to have eternal life.

Fr. Jay

I sought the LORD,  
and he answered me  
and delivered me  
from all my fears.  
Psalm 34:5

## WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

### Sunday, August 18, 2024

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prv 9:1-6

Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7

Eph 5:15-20

Jn 6:51-58

### Monday, August 19, 2024

Weekday

Ez 24:15-23

Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21

Mt 19:16-22

### Tuesday, August 20, 2024

Saint Bernard, Abbot and

Doctor of the Church

Ez 28:1-10

Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab

Mt 19:23-30

### Wednesday, August 21, 2024

St. Pius X, Pope

Ez 34:1-11

Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

Mt 20:1-16

### Thursday, August 22, 2024

Queenship of Blessed Virgin Mary

Ez 36:23-28

Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19

Mt 22:1-14

### Friday, August 23, 2024

Weekday

Ez 37:1-14

Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Mt 22:34-40

### Saturday, August 24, 2024

St. Bartholomew, Apostle

Rv 21:9b-14

Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18

Jn 1:45-51

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

## SAINT PIUS X, POPE

Saint of the Day: August 21

Patron Saint of: First Communicants and pilgrims

Pope Pius X is perhaps best remembered for his encouragement of the frequent reception of Holy Communion, especially by children. The second of 10 children in a poor Italian family, Joseph Sarto became Pius X at age 68. He was one of the 20th century’s greatest popes.

Ever mindful of his humble origin, Pope Pius stated, “I was born poor, I lived poor, I will die poor.” He was embarrassed by some of the pomp of the papal court. “Look how they have dressed me up,” he said in tears to an old friend. To another, “It is a penance to be forced to accept all these practices. They lead me around surrounded by soldiers like Jesus when he was seized in Gethsemani.”

Pope Pius encouraged Italian Catholics to become more politically involved. One of his first papal acts was to end the supposed right of governments to interfere by veto in papal elections—a practice that reduced the freedom of the 1903 conclave which had elected him. In 1905, when France renounced its agreement with the Holy See and threatened confiscation of Church property if governmental control of Church affairs were not granted, Pius X courageously rejected the demand.

While he did not author a famous social encyclical as his predecessor had done, he denounced the ill treatment of indigenous peoples on the plantations of Peru, sent a relief commission to Messina after an earthquake, and sheltered refugees at his own expense.

On the 11th anniversary of his election as pope, Europe was plunged into World War I. Pius had foreseen it, but it killed him. “This is the last affliction the Lord will visit on me. I would gladly give my life to save my poor children from this ghastly scourge.” He died a few weeks after the war began, and was canonized in 1954.

Read the full article: “St. Pius X” Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars,  
<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-pius-x/> (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](mailto: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, to include or 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

“Always give thanks for all things.” Give thanks to the priests, sisters, and brothers who answered God's call with open hearts to serve Him. Is Christ calling you to serve as a priest or in consecrated life? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Office of Vocations at (804) 359-5661 or via email: [vocations@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@richmonddiocese.org).





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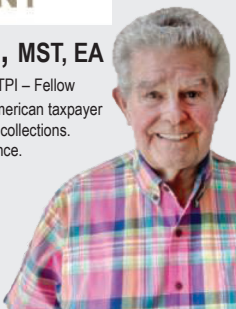
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