

Welcome

OUR MISSION

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

Christ is always present to His Church, especially in the actions of the liturgy. He is present in the sacrifice of the Mass, in the person of the minister (it is the same Christ who formerly offered Himself on the cross that now offers by the ministry of priests) and most of all under the Eucharistic species. He is present in the sacraments by His power, in such a way that when someone baptizes, Christ Himself baptizes. He is present in His word, for it is He Himself who speaks when the Holy Scriptures are read in the Church. Finally, He is present when the Church prays and sings, for He Himself promised: *Where two or three are gathered in My name, I am there in their midst.* (Sacrosanctum Concilium, nn. 7-8. 106)

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

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

Saturday, August 21
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Sunday, August 25
8:30 am Jimmy Pierce



Meetings for

Monday, August 26
6:30 pm Legion of Mary



Thursday, August 29
10:00 am Stitches
6:30 pm Cantors
7:00 pm Choir

Upcoming Change in Mass Schedule

Beginning **Sunday, September 8th**, the 11:00 a.m. Mass will be moved to **11:30 a.m.**

**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.

Bulletin Announcements

Please email 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.

First Friday Adoration

Come join us for Adoration after morning Mass on the First Friday of each month. A sign-up sheet is available in the Commons. We need at least 2 people/hour to keep the Lord company throughout the day! Join us at 3:00 pm when we will recite the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Benediction is at 4:00 pm.

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism Preparation for Parents will take place **Sunday, Sept. 8th** after the 11:00 am Mass. The session will be conducted in Rooms F & H. Please contact Jennifer Strash for more information at (757) 898-5570.



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GOING FURTHER

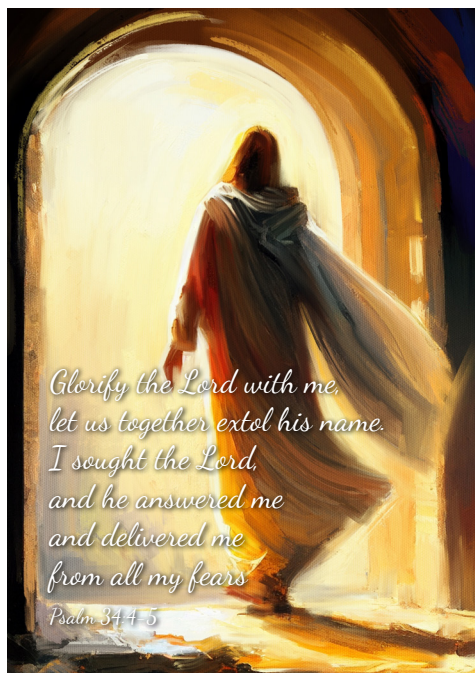
Reflection on John 6:60-69

There is both some painful questioning (*How can anyone take this seriously? Does this shake your faith? Do you want to leave me, too? But where else would we go?*), and some deep affirming (*As for me and my family, we will serve the Lord! You have the words of eternal life. I have come to believe you are God's Holy One!*) in our Scripture readings this weekend. I would suggest that the paradox is that both are necessary for a lively faith.

I know that my life has been a journey of discovery, in the truth of Graham Green's observation that "if we really believe in something, we have no choice but to go further." Going further and deeper into the discovery of what I believe, affirm, value is a lifelong project, as the depths of God's call will have different implications for the many seasons of our lives. I have found that it is often through wrestling with the hard questions in life that I can affirm what is good and true and beautiful.

One of the dangers in this faith journey is falling into the trap of seeing God as an object of my thoughts, when the truth is that I am a reality in the mind of God. This truth frees me to be in right relationship, with God and with others, knowing that growing in God means submitting to, deferring to, being subject to one another in love.

– Fr. Jay



*Glorify the Lord with me,
let us together extol his name.
I sought the Lord,
and he answered me
and delivered me
from all my fears*

Psalm 34:4-5

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, August 25, 2024

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b
Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21
Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32
Jn 6:60-69

Monday, August 26, 2024

Weekday

2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12
Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5
Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday, August 27, 2024

Saint Monica

2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17
Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13
Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday, August 28, 2024

Saint Augustine,

Bishop and Doctor of the Church

2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18
Ps 128:1-2, 4-5
Mt 23:27-32

Thursday, August 29, 2024

Passion of Saint John the Baptist

1 Cor 1:1-9
Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
Mk 6:17-29

Friday, August 30, 2024

Weekday

1 Cor 1:17-25
Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11
Mt 25:1-13

Saturday, August 31, 2024

Weekday

1 Cor 1:26-31
Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21
Mt 25:14-30

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

MARTYRDOM OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

Saint of the Day: August 29

Patron Saint of: First Communicants and pilgrims

The drunken oath of a king with a shallow sense of honor, a seductive dance and the hateful heart of a queen combined to bring about the martyrdom of John the Baptist. The greatest of prophets suffered the fate of so many Old Testament prophets before him: rejection and martyrdom. The "voice crying in the desert" did not hesitate to accuse the guilty, did not hesitate to speak the truth. But why? What possesses a man that he would give up his very life?

This great religious reformer was sent by God to prepare the people for the Messiah. His vocation was one of selfless giving. The only power that he claimed was the Spirit of Yahweh. "I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire" (Matthew 3:11).

Scripture tells us that many people followed John looking to him for hope, perhaps in anticipation of some great messianic power. John never allowed himself the false honor of receiving these people for his own glory. He knew his calling was one of preparation. When the time came, he led his disciples to Jesus: "The next day John was there again with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God.' The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus" (John 1:35-37).

It is John the Baptist who has pointed the way to Christ. John's life and death were a giving over of self for God and other people. His heart was centered on God and the call that he heard from the Spirit of God speaking to his heart. Confident of God's grace, he had the courage to speak words of condemnation, repentance, and salvation.

Read the full article: "Martyrdom of Saint John the Baptist" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/martyrdom-of-saint-john-the-baptist/> (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, to include 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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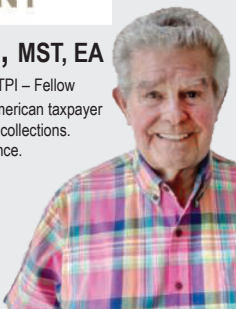
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