

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. & 11:30 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 11:30 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

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 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, Patti Komornik, Matthew Martin, Ron Morrison, Linda O'Dell, Euong Pham, David Seko, Jr., Stephen Strother.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, September 29

8:30 am † Dr. William Santoro
11:30 am Kathryn Sobczyk

Tuesday, October 1

9:00 am † Suzanne Osborne

Wednesday, October 2

9:00 am † Keith Matney

Sunday, October 6

8:30 am Jimmy Pierce
11:30 am † Tim Romeo

Meetings for the Week

Monday, September 30

6:30 pm Legion of Mary

Tuesday, October 1

10:00 am Book Club



Thursday, October 3

10:00 am Stitchers
4:00 pm Divine Mercy

**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 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.

Community Information



40 DAYS FOR LIFE BEGINS: 40 Days for Life is a peaceful, prayerful vigil held outside abortion centers across the country. If you have always wanted to do something to help save babies in danger of abortion, the Fall Campaign for 40 Days for Life begins Wednesday, **September 25th thru November 3rd** at the Newport News location. Since this outreach began in 2007, approximately 1,500 babies have been saved worldwide each year. Your participation can make a difference in the precious life of a baby! For more information, contact: Linda Riva email: lindajr2@yahoo.com, call/text: 484-557-7089, or stop by our table in the Commons after each Mass to sign up for a weekly hour of prayer!

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Jennifer Strash
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Florita Galvez
Divine Mercy,
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Landscape, Jim Orband
Lazarus, Cathy Fowler
Legion of Mary, Gina Endres
Library, Laura Quellhorst
Magnificat Women, Tracy Leota & Kelley Rutter
New Evangelization, David Cienski
OCI, Deacon Don Fox
Social Ministries, Chris Ladnier
Vocations Chalice,
Ferdinand & Donna Prantl
Web Master

Organizations

KoC & Ladies Auxiliary, Randy Vis & Julia Allaman
Women's Book Club, Arlene Bradley

US VERSUS THEM

Reflection on Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

These past few weeks we've been made privy to some of the frustrations that Jesus experienced in His ministry: Pharisees nitpicking about Jesus' followers not washing their hands properly; Peter not being able to accept that the Messiah would suffer and die; the disciples arguing about what makes one great. And today, Jesus encounters another all-too-human trait: Us versus Them.

John's irritation at encountering someone "who does not follow us" ministering in Jesus' name, parallels Joshua's rage (in the first reading) that two elders who were not present for the Lord's distribution of the prophetic spirit are nonetheless ministering in the Spirit. They must be stopped! At once! They are not part of our group, not part of Us.

Jesus uses this occasion not only to persuade His followers to a spirit of inclusion, but also to suggest that if we are taken with a sense of exclusion, it would be best to turn that inward and discover just what needs to be cut out, left out, loped off – excluded – from our lives/thoughts/hearts if we are to be true and faithful disciples. I've often thought that the best response to hearing this Gospel passage would be a thorough examination of conscience in preparation for celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

– Fr. Jay



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, September 29, 2024

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Nm 11:25-29

Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14

Jas 5:1-6

Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Monday, September 30, 2024

Memorial of Saint Jerome,

Priest and Doctor of the Church

Jb 1:6-22

Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7

Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

Memorial of Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23

Ps 88:2-3, 4-5, 6, 7-8

Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday, October 2, 2024

Weekday

Jb 9:1-12, 14-16

Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15

Mt 18:1-5, 10

Thursday, October 3, 2024

Weekday

Jb 19:21-27

Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14

Lk 10:1-12

Friday, October 4, 2024

Memorial of Saint Francis of Assisi

Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5

Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab

Lk 10:13-16

Saturday, October 5, 2024

Weekday

Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17

Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130

Lk 10:17-24

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

SAINT JEROME

Saint of the Day: September 29

Patron Saint of: Librarians, Scholars, Translators

Saint Jerome's love for God and His Son, Jesus Christ, was extraordinarily intense; anyone who taught error was an enemy of God and truth, and Jerome went after him or her with his mighty, and sometimes sarcastic, pen.

Jerome wrote commentaries which are a great source of scriptural inspiration for us today. He was an avid student, a thorough scholar, a prodigious letter-writer and a consultant to monk, bishop, and pope.

Saint Jerome is particularly important for having made a translation of the Bible which came to be called the Vulgate. As a modern scholar says, "No man before Jerome or among his contemporaries and very few men for many centuries afterwards were so well qualified to do the work." The Council of Trent called for a new and corrected edition of the Vulgate, and declared it the authentic text to be used in the Church.

He began his studies at his birthplace, Stridon in Dalmatia. He went to Rome, the center of learning at that time, and thence to Trier, Germany. He spent several years in each place, always trying to find the very best teachers.

After these preparatory studies, he traveled extensively in Palestine, marking each spot of Christ's life with an outpouring of devotion. Mystic that he was, he spent five years in the desert of Chalcis so that he might give himself up to prayer, penance, and study. Finally, he settled in Bethlehem, where he lived in the cave believed to have been the birthplace of Christ. Jerome died in Bethlehem, and the remains of his body now lie buried in the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome.

Read the full article: "Saint Jerome" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars,
<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-jerome/> (Accessed September 6, 2024).

Adult Formation

OCI

Anyone interested in learning about the Catholic faith, or being fully received into her fullness, are invited to join the Order of Christian Initiation (OCI). Sessions are held Tuesday evenings, 7-8:30pm. Contact Deacon Don Fox at deacondonfox@gmail.com for more information.

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. It's not too late to register. Use the QR code to register for the 2024 - 2025 school year.



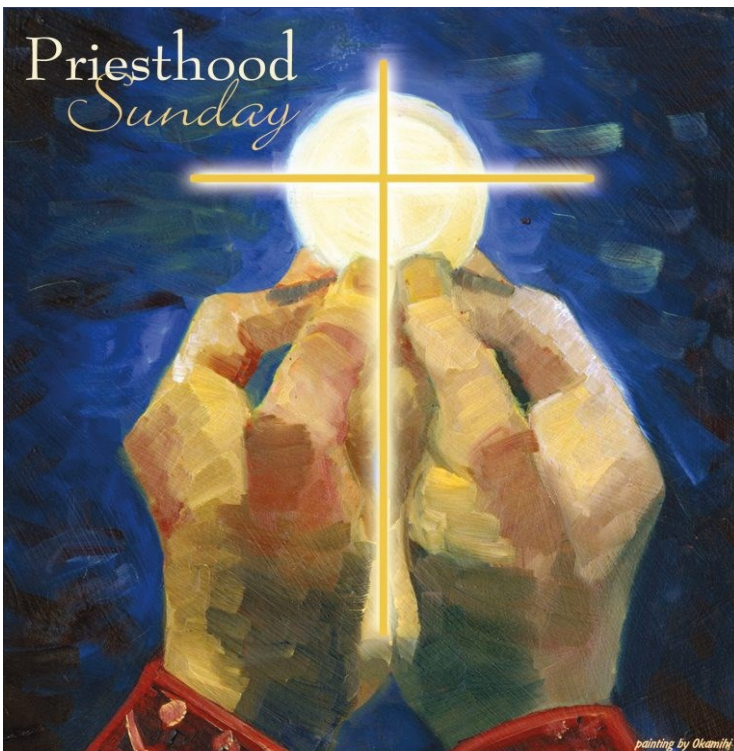
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Vocations Awareness

“Whoever is not against us is for us.” Pray for your priest. They heard God calling them to the priesthood and chose to serve Christ. Now, they enrich our spiritual well-being everyday in the name of God.



Priesthood
Sunday



THE BEAUTIFUL HANDS OF A PRIEST

We need them in life's early morning, we need them again at the close; We feel their warm clasp of true friendship, we need them when tasting life's woes. At the altar each day we behold them, and the hands of a king on his throne are not equal to them in their greatness; their dignity stands all alone; And when we are tempted and wander to pathways of shame and of sin, it's the hand of a priest will absolve us – not once, but again and again; And when we are taking life's partner, other hands may prepare us a feast, But the hand that will bless and unite us is the beautiful hands of a priest. God bless them and keep them all holy for the Host which their fingers hold; When can a poor sinner do better than to ask Him to guide thee and bless? When at the hour of death comes upon us may our courage and strength be increased by seeing raised over us in blessing, the beautiful hands of a priest. **-Anonymous**



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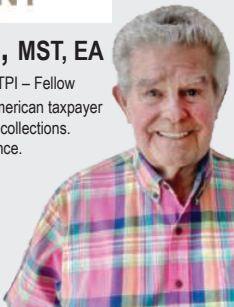
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