

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

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 a 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 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, Anne Holup, Patti Komornik, Matthew Martin, Ron Morrison, Linda O'Dell, Euong Pham, Carol Romeo, David Seko, Jr., Stephen Strother, Jeffrey Cudjik, Walter Sandberg



Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, November 17

8:30am † Tracey Martin Russell
11:30 am † John Trope

Friday, November 22

9:00 am † Anna Wisniewski

Tuesday, November 19

9:00 am † Suzanne Osborne

Saturday, November 23

5:00 pm † Mary Ann Soberalski

Thursday, November 21

9:00 am † Nicholas Moy

Sunday, November 24

8:30 am Jimmy Pierce
11:30 am Father Michael Joly

Meetings for the Week

Monday, November 18

6:30 pm Legion of Mary

Thursday, November 21

10:00 am Stitches
5:00 pm Children's Choir
6:30 pm Adult Choir

Tuesday, November 19

10:00 am Book Club
6:00 pm Youth Group
7:00 pm OCI



**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.



SAINT MARY
STAR OF THE SEA SCHOOL

***News from Saint Mary Star of the Sea School
Discover Saint Mary Star of the Sea School
at Admissions Open House***

Saint Mary Star of the Sea invites new prospective families to visit our school during our Admissions Open House on Monday, November 18 at 12:30 p.m. and at 6:30 p.m. Fully accredited, Saint Mary's educates students of all faiths from Pre-Kindergarten (3 yrs. old) through 8th grade in knowledge and love of Jesus Christ. Under the tradition of the Dominican Sisters, the school develops the spiritual, intellectual, and social aspects of the students, preparing them for high school and beyond.

Donate to Virginia Tax Credit Program, Get a 65% Virginia Tax Credit & Support Saint Mary's Scholarship Fund

Did you know that when you donate for scholarships for students to attend Saint Mary Star of the Sea School you can take advantage of a Virginia Tax Credit program that gives you a 65% credit?

If you are interested in taking advantage of this tax credit program, you still have time to qualify and receive the credit on your 2024 taxes! The deadline to submit paperwork is December 15. Help children receive a Catholic education, while you earn a healthy tax credit!

For more information, please contact Maritza Davila at Saint Mary Star of the Sea School at 723-6358 or at development@saintmarystarofthesea.com

SAVE THE DATE

**Eleventh Annual Outdoor & Family Crèche
Blessing
Sunday, December 1, 6:00 p.m.**

Join us again for our Family Crèche Blessing
Set up for Family Crèche will be on
Sunday, December 1, from 3:00-5:00 pm.
Family Crèches will be blessed on Sunday, December 1,
following the blessing of the outdoor Crèche at 6:00 pm.

Parish Ministries

Finance Council, Jack Christie
Parish Advisory Volunteer Group,
Randy Vis

Pastoral Ministry

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

Liturgical Ministries

Altar Servers, Randy Vis
EMHCs, Denis Morhiser & Rachel Vis
Hospitality, Mary Ann Vogelbein &
James Tucker III
Liturgy Committee, Deacon Don Fox
MC, Tom O'Reilly
Music, Heekyung Lee
Music Coordinator, Donna Prantl
Readers, Michael Syptak &
Patti Komornik

Non-Liturgical Ministries

Altar Linens, Pat Sappenfield
Building Committee, Steve Romeo
Building Maintenance,
Dave Payton & Hank Rose
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, David Cienski
Library, Laura Quellhorst
Magnificat Women, Tracy Leota &
Kelley Rutter
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

SMALL GESTURES*Reflection on Mark 13:24-32*

Sometimes it may seem that what we are doing with our lives is not all that important. We may look at others who appear to be, well, important people – well-dressed, intelligent folk who are making great contributions to the world – and then look at our own lives and be tempted to think of them as rather insignificant.

The widow in this Gospel passage did not give very much, but Jesus praised her. Her small gesture of generosity came, not from her surplus, but from her substance. Small gestures, when done from the core of who we are, can make a decided difference in the larger scheme of things.

In Mark's Gospel, this passage is sandwiched between Jesus giving the Great Commandment (love God/love neighbor) and Jesus speaking about the end of times, when each of us will have to give an accounting of our lives. Perhaps the account we should strive for is embodied best in this widow's gesture: making concrete the command of love by giving of all we are, all we have – our very substance, our very selves.

– Fr. Jay

For in him our hearts
rejoice; in his holy name
we trust.

May your mercy, LORD,
be upon us; as we put
our hope in you.

*Psalm 33:21,22***WEEKLY SCRIPTURE****Sunday, November 17, 2024***33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Dn 12:1-3

Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11

Heb 10:11-14, 18

Mk 13:24-32

Thursday, November 21, 2024*Presentation of the**Blessed Virgin Mary*

Rv 5:1-10

Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b

Lk 19:41-44

Monday, November 18, 2024*Weekday*

Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5

Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6

Lk 18:35-43

Friday, November 22, 2024*Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr*

Rv 10:8-11

Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131

Lk 19:45-48

Tuesday, November 19, 2024*Weekday*

Rv 3:1-6, 14-22

Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5

Lk 19:1-10

Saturday, November 23, 2024*Weekday*

Rv 11:4-12

Ps 144:1, 2, 9-10

Lk 20:27-40

Wednesday, November 20, 2024*Weekday*

Rv 4:1-11

Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6

Lk 19:11-28

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

SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY*Saint of the Day: November 17**Patron Saint of: Bakers, Catholic Charities*

The daughter of the King of Hungary, Elizabeth chose a life of penance and asceticism when a life of leisure and luxury could easily have been hers. This choice endeared her in the hearts of the common people throughout Europe.

At the age of 14, Elizabeth was married to Louis of Thuringia, whom she deeply loved. She bore three children. Under the spiritual direction of a Franciscan friar, she led a life of prayer, sacrifice, and service to the poor and sick. Seeking to become one with the poor, she wore simple clothing. Daily she would take bread to hundreds of the poorest in the land who came to her gate.

After six years of marriage, her husband died in the Crusades, and Elizabeth was grief-stricken. Her husband's family looked upon her as squandering the royal purse, and mistreated her, finally throwing her out of the palace. The return of her husband's allies from the Crusades resulted in her being reinstated, since her son was legal heir to the throne.

In 1228, Elizabeth joined the Secular Franciscan Order, spending the remaining few years of her life caring for the poor in a hospital which she founded in honor of Saint Francis of Assisi. Elizabeth's health declined, and she died before her 24th birthday in 1231. Her great popularity resulted in her canonization four years later.

Elizabeth understood well the lesson Jesus taught when He washed His disciples' feet at the Last Supper: The Christian must be one who serves the humblest needs of others, even if one serves from an exalted position. Of royal blood, Elizabeth could have lorded it over her subjects. Yet she served them with such a loving heart that her brief life won for her a special place in the hearts of many. Elizabeth is also an example to us in her following the guidance of a spiritual director. Growth in the spiritual life is a difficult process.

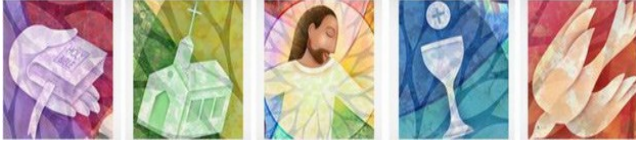
Read the full article: "Saint Elizabeth of Hungary" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-elizabeth-of-hungary/ (Accessed November 4, 2024).

Adult Formation

OCI

The Order of Christian Initiation (OCI) is a spiritual journey in faith to discover what it means to follow Jesus as a Catholic Christian and the joy and freedom that can result in a life with Him. Whether you are interested in becoming Catholic, need to complete the Sacraments of Initiation, or just want to learn more about Catholicism, then join us every Tuesday evening, 7pm. You will be surprised at the depth and breadth of the Church that Jesus established!

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.

If you feel called to pass on the Faith to our youth, contact Jennifer Strash in the parish office.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

When the priest calls the children forward for their own Liturgy of the Word, he permits them to be brought into their own space for scripture readings and for understanding at their own level as proclaimed by their own ministers. (It is not childcare or busy activities.) Specially trained staff and volunteers will lead CLOW. This was specifically developed for children from 3 to 6 years old who have not yet received their First Eucharist.

Children's Liturgy of the Word will be celebrated at the 8:30 am Mass.

If you feel called to be a part of this beautiful, holy ministry, contact Jennifer Strash in the parish office.

RETRouvaille

A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Do you feel lost and alone in your marriage? Do you feel hurt or betrayed by your spouse? Are you constantly fighting? Are you thinking about separation or divorce? Retrouvaille is a lifeline for troubled marriages. For more information, visit www.retrouvaille.org.

Diocesan Information

Vocations Awareness

"What must I do to inherit eternal life?" Pray for those men who serve us as deacons. By answering a call to the diaconate, a man seeks to follow Jesus' path by serving and enriching the lives of others. If you are called to serve as a deacon, speak with your pastor or contact the Office of the Diaconate.





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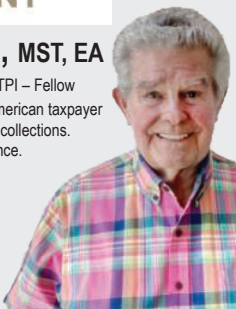
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