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St. Joan of Arc is a Catholic Family of
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through His Mercy, His Love, His
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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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Pastor: Rev. Michael D. Joly

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# The Parish of Saint Joan of Arc

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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.

# <u>Diocesan Safe</u> <u>Environment Policy</u>

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

By an apostolic tradition taking its origin from the very day of Christ's Resurrection, the Church celebrates the paschal mystery every eighth day, the day that is rightly called the Lord's day. On Sunday, the Christian faithful ought to gather together, so that by listening to the word of God and sharing in the Eucharist they may recall the Passion, death and Resurrection of the Lord Jesus and give thanks to God who has given them a new birth with a lively hope through the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. The Lord's Day is therefore the first and greatest festival, one to be set before the loving devotion of the faithful and impressed upon it, so that it may be also a day of joy and of freedom from work. Other celebrations must not take precedence over it, unless they are truly of the greatest importance, since it is the foundation and the kernel of the whole liturgical year. (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 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 24

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

**Tuesday, November 26 9:00 am** Father Michael Joly

Wednesday, November 27 9:00 am † Suzanne Osborne 9:00 am † Dan Burton

Saturday, November 30 5:00 pm People of SJA

Sunday, December 1 8:30 am Jimmy Pierce 11:30 am † Wayne Martin

# Meetings for the Week

Monday, November 18
6:30 pm Legion of Mary

Tuesday, November 19 10:00 am Book Club 6:00 pm Youth Group



# 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.

# Finance Report for September 2024

MONTHLY BUDGET—Operating Account (5 wks) Sacrificial Giving Variance % of Sacrificial Giving/Envelopes (278 families) Year to Date Budget—Operating Account Year to Date Sacrificial Giving Variance	\$ \$ <b>\$</b> \$ \$ <b>\$</b>	80,000 69,944 (10,056) 42% 208,000 201,635 (6,365)
MONTHLY CONTRIBUTIONS—Capital Campaign (5 wks) (Non-Pledges) Sacrificial Giving % of Sacrificial Giving/Envelopes (73 families) YTD Contributions—Capital Campaign (Non-Pledges) Year to Date Sacrificial Giving	\$	6,344 11% \$16,969
MONTHLY BUDGET—Social Ministry (5 wks) Sacrificial Giving Variance % of Sacrificial Giving/Envelopes (107 families) Year to Date Budget—Social Ministry Year to Date Sacrificial Giving Variance	\$ \$ <b>\$</b> \$ \$	4,000 3,849 (151) 16% 12,000 12,872 <b>872</b>
MONTHLY DIOCESE CONTRIBUTIONS Sacrificial Giving	\$	2,607

# SAVE THE DATE

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

Join us again for our Family Crèche Blessing.
Setup 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

### **Organizations**

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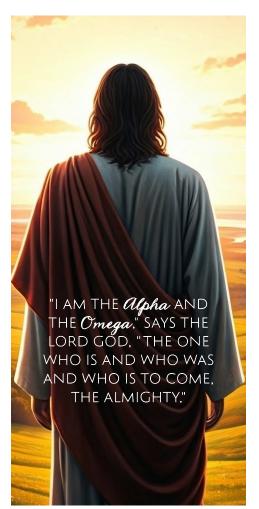
### CHRIST'S KINGDOM

Reflection on John 18:33b-37

It is said that when Pope Pius XI established the feast of Christ the King in 1925, his desire was to combat secularism, as well as to remind the nations of Europe that the Catholic Church remained more powerful than political entities. In current days, with secularism growing, this feast continues to have great relevance and power.

There is no better guide for reflection on this feast than the Preface to the Eucharistic Prayer assigned to this Solemnity. This prayer gives us the characteristics of the Kingdom of Christ: "a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace." How are we as a Church community, and each of us as disciples of Christ the King, intentionally and creatively living these seven characteristics of Christ's Kingdom? It seems to me that, until the Kingdom comes in its fullness, we have a fair piece of work to do.

- Fr. Jay



### WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

### Sunday, November 24, 2024

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Dn 7:13-14 Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5 Rv 1:5-8 Jn 18:33b-37

### Monday, November 25, 2024

Weekday Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5 Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 Lk 21:1-4

### Tuesday, November 26, 2024

Weekday Rv 14:14-19 Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 Lk 21:5-11

### Wednesday, November 27, 2024

Weekday Rv 15:1-4 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9 Lk 21:12-19

### Thursday, November 28, 2024

Thanksgiving
Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a
Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5
Lk 21:20-28

### Friday, November 29, 2024

Weekday Rv 20:1-4, 11–21:2 Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a Lk 21:29-33

### Saturday, November 30, 2024

Feast of Saint Andrew, Apostle Rom 10:9-18 Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 Mt 4:18-22

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

### **SAINT ANDREW**

Saint of the Day: November 30

Patron Saint of: Fishermen, Greece, Russia, Scotland

Andrew was Saint Peter's brother, and was called with him. "As [Jesus] was walking by the sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is now called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, 'Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.' At once they left their nets and followed him" (Matthew 4:18-20).

John the Evangelist presents Andrew as a disciple of John the Baptist. When Jesus walked by one day, John said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." Andrew and another disciple followed Jesus. "Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi (which translated means Teacher), where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come, and you will see.' So they went and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day" (John 1:38-39a). Little else is said about Andrew in the Gospels. Before the multiplication of the loaves, it was Andrew who spoke up about the boy who had the barley loaves and fishes. When the Gentiles went to see Jesus, they came to Philip, but Philip then had recourse to Andrew. Legend has it that Andrew preached the Good News in what is now modern Greece and Turkey and was crucified at Patras on an X-shaped cross.

As in the case of all the apostles except Peter and John, the Gospels give us little about the holiness of Andrew. He was an apostle. That is enough. He was called personally by Jesus to proclaim the Good News, to heal with Jesus' power and to share His life and death. Holiness today is no different. It is a gift that includes a call to be concerned about the Kingdom, an outgoing attitude that wants nothing more than to share the riches of Christ with all people.

# 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, join us every Tuesday evening, 7:00 pm. 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 child care 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.

# Diocesan Information



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.

# **Vocations Awareness**

"Well done, good and faithful servant...." How are you called to use your talents? Are you being called to love the Lord with an undivided heart as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call Father Matthew Kiehl at 804-359-5661 or e-mail: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.



### ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS: THE REVOLUTIONARY ACTION OF GOD'S EUCHARIST

Calendar of Transformative Social/Spiritual Events For My Family

**Dec. 1 - First Sunday of Advent:** Lighting the first purple candle of our Advent wreath; committing my family to enter this revolutionary season of God's approaching action in the human race, in my own family. Will I love God's fullness enough to see right through the focus on earthly things that are all around me? Will I lift up this beautiful time before Christmas into a sacred and hopeful awareness of Christ's increase?

**6:00 pm** front of the church and in J.P. II Center – Blessing the outdoor parish crèche and then all family Nativity scenes. Celebrate with prayers, hymns and carols as we bless our beautiful outdoor crèche and your family Nativity scene.

**Dec. 8 - Second Sunday of Advent**: Lighting the second purple candle on our Advent wreath; Supporting our spouses and our children, young or grown, to take note of the deep pining inside every human heart for heaven's beauty to meet me and fill me.

**Dec. 9 – Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**: Holy Mass at 9:00 am & 7 pm.

**Dec. 10 – Tuesday, 6:30 pm** Advent Mission: *Christmas – Fact or Fiction: Proclaiming the Reality of God: Scientific & Human Evidence* 

**Dec. 11 – Wednesday, 6:30 pm** Advent Mission: *The Incarnation Continues: Lourdes and the Miraculous Cures* 

**Dec. 12 – Thursday, 7:00 pm** in the church: Advent Penance Service – Do we examine our conscience during this revolutionary season of Advent? Christ cannot increase where there has been no preparation to welcome Him. All are welcome to the miracle of the Sacrament of Reconciliation when we step through the DOOR OF GOD'S MERCY which is our only hope: God and sinners reconciled. Numerous thankful priests will be available to celebrate God's healing/forgiving mercy in all of our lives.

**Dec. 15 - Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)**: Lighting the rose candle on our Advent wreath; we acknowledge the Joy that God has already enlightened all human flesh by His birth. On Gaudete Sunday we hope for Jesus, the Light of the World, to truly increase in everyone in our families.

**Dec. 19 – Thursday, 7:00 pm** in the church: Lessons and Carrols – a holy and joyful evening of Advent hope, filled with Advent and Christmas music, Scriptures, prayers and fellowship.

**Dec. 22 - Fourth Sunday of Advent**: The final purple candle is lighted; the wreath fully illumined represents each heart which Christ longs to enter and fill more completely. Now we focus more than ever on approaching Christmas.

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**Dec. 24 - Vigil Mass of the Nativity of the Lord:** Holy Mass 5:00 pm - God's covenant gloriously shines forth in the anticipated birth of Jesus, son of David. The Word is made flesh.

**Dec. 25 - The Nativity of the Lord:** Holy Mass at Midnight & 10:00 am: On this day of great Joy in heaven and on earth, the Church glories in the newborn Son of God, the Word-Made-Flesh, Jesus, who embodies for us the REVOLUTIONARY ACTION BY OUR GOD. Jesus, the Eucharist of God, IS all the hope and peace we seek. Salvation has been definitively, once and for all, revealed to all nations in Christ.

**Dec. 29 - First Sunday of Christmas: – The Solemnity of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph:** The Holy Family is the "real life" model for all families. Our family life becomes deeper, more loving, more healed, more glorifying of God when we live the life of the Sacraments within our homes. This is called the "domestic church." St. John Chrysostom urged all Christians to make each home a "family church," and in doing so, we sanctify the family unit.

Jan. 1 - The Octave Day of Christmas: Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God: Holy Mass 10:00 am & 7 pm - Christ's birth was made possible by Mary's *fiat*: "Be it done unto me according to Thy word." The birth of the New Year is entrusted to the intercession of Jesus' mother and our own, Mary. On this day, we are reminded of the role that the Blessed Virgin played in the plan of our salvation.

Jan. 5 – The Second Sunday of Christmas, The Epiphany of the Lord: Epiphany comes from a Greek verb meaning "to reveal." Epiphany originally celebrated four different events, in the following order of importance: the Baptism of the Lord, Christ's first miracle of changing of water into wine at the wedding in Cana, the Nativity of Christ, and the visitation of the Wise Men or Magi. All four REVEAL and ANNOUNCE the Revolutionary Action by our God in the human race.

Jan. 12 – The Third Sunday of Christmas, The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord: This is the final major feast of the Christmas Season and, in fact, the last day of this Season of Light and Joy. Today the heavens opened and the waters of the sea became sweet and fragrant; the earth rejoiced, the mountains and hills exulted—because Christ was baptized by John in the Jordan. In Jesus Christ, our Baptism makes us ONE in the Revolutionary Action of our God as the Eucharist of Christ.

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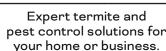
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