

The Parish of
**Saint Joan
of Arc**

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“Behold
a virgin will conceive and bear a son,
and she will call His name
Emmanuel”
– Isaiah 7:14



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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.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 8:30-12:30 p.m. & 1:30-4:00 p.m.
Closed for lunch: 12:30-1:30 p.m.
Friday 8:30-12:30 p.m. & 1:30-3:00 p.m.
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PARISH STAFF

Pastor: **Rev. Michael D. Joly**
Deacons: Rev. Mr. Joe Badalis
..... Rev. Mr. Don Fox
Coordinator of Religious Education/Ministerial Assistant:
..... Jennifer Strash
Music Director: Heekyung Lee
Music Coordinator: Donna Prantl
Bookkeeper: Joe G.
Custodian: Dave Payton

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.

Web Page: <http://www.stjoanofarcva.org>

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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

"A man who fails to love the Mass fails to love Christ." (J. M. Escriva, *Christ is Passing By*, no. 92) To love the Mass is a guarantee for salvation. But to love the Mass does not mean just being present and no more. It means to be present with faith and devotion. It means to take part in the Mass, realizing what it is: the Sacrifice of the Cross renewed on the altar; and realizing that when we go to Mass, we go, as it were, to Calvary. And that we should be present there, like our Blessed Lady beside the Cross, in loving contemplation of Christ who offers Himself lovingly for each one of us.

(*The Mass Explained* CORMAC BURKE)

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, Eileen Gryn, Anne Holup, Elizabeth Johnson, 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, December 22

8:30 am The Fauber Family

11:30 am † Rosa Mercado

Monday, December 23

9:00 am † Leslie Trombley

Tuesday, December 24

5:00 pm All Deacons

Midnight † Bernadette Murphy

Wednesday, December 25

10:00 am † Bernadette Murphy

Thursday, December 26

9:00 am † Suzanne Osborne

Saturday, December 28

5:00 pm † William J. Garber, Jr.

Sunday, December 29

8:30 am † Dan Burton

11:00 am People of SJA

Meetings for the Week

Monday, December 23

6:30 pm Legion of Mary



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.

Bulletin Announcements

Please e-mail any approved bulletin announcements to the parish office **two** Wednesdays prior to the weekend you would like to see your announcement published to aa@stjoanofarcva.org.

POINSETTIA MEMORIAL FLOWERS

\$25 DONATION PER MEMORIAL FOR POINSETTIA PLANT.

**PLEASE LEAVE CASH OR CHECK
(ST. JOAN OF ARC-POINSETTIA) IN BASKET BY
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22.**

**WHEN THE POINSETTIA MEMORIAL FLOWERS ARE FINISHED,
YOU MAY THEN RETURN TO TAKE THE PLANT!**



Christmas Week Schedule

4th Sunday of Advent (December 21/22)

Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 8:30 AM and 11:30 AM

Christmas Mass Schedule

**Tuesday, December 24th
5:00 PM & Midnight**

**Wednesday, December 25th
10:00 AM**

Thursday and Friday, 9:00 AM, Saturday 10:00 AM

**The Parish Office will be closed Tuesday, December 24th until
Monday, December 30th.**

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

GOD'S ENDURING PLAN*Reflection on Luke 1:39-45*

The whole of our Scripture and tradition reveal that God has called people to accomplish His purposes from the very beginning, and continues to do so today. These readings give us two fine examples of God's use of a human being to reveal who God is and what God is up to, in David and in Mary.

King David's grand intention is to build a house, but God uses the occasion for a more lasting plan: to use David to build a family, a people, for Himself. This is God's promise of an enduring kingdom, realized in the birth, life, suffering, death, and Resurrection of Jesus, Son of the Father, Son of Mary, of the house and lineage of David.

This promise is accomplished through Mary. In her "Yes" to God's plan ("let it be done to me according to your Word"), Mary displays the radical openness and trust that God desires of each of us. For indeed, God desires to use each of us to bring about His purpose. Pray for the same trust and openness that David and Mary, along with so many saints through the ages, model for us.

– Fr. Jay

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE**Sunday, December 22, 2024***Fourth Sunday of Advent*

Mi 5:1-4a
Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19
Heb 10:5-10
Lk 1:39-45

Monday, December 23, 2024*Weekday*

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24
Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14
Lk 1:57-66

Tuesday, December 24, 2024*Weekday*

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29
Lk 1:67-79

Wednesday, December 25, 2024*Nativity of the Lord*

Is 52:7-10
Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6
Heb 1:1-6
Jn 1:1-18

Thursday, December 26, 2024*Saint Stephen, First Martyr*

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59
Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17
Mt 10:17-22

Friday, December 27, 2024*Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist*

1 Jn 1:1-4
Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12
Jn 20:1a and 2-8

Saturday, December 28, 2024*Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs*

1 Jn 1:5-2:2
Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8
Mt 2:13-18

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

*The Lord is king;
he is robed in
majesty.*

Psalms 93:1**SAINT STEPHEN***Saint of the Day: December 26**Patron Saint of Deacons*

"As the number of disciples continued to grow, the Greek-speaking Christians complained against the Hebrew-speaking Christians, saying that their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. So the Twelve called together the community of the disciples and said, 'It is not right for us to neglect the word of God to serve at table. Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men, filled with the Spirit and wisdom, whom we shall appoint to this task, whereas we shall devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.' The proposal was acceptable to the whole community, so they chose Stephen, a man filled with faith and the Holy Spirit..." (Acts 6:1-5).

Acts of the Apostles says that Stephen was a man filled with grace and power, who worked great wonders among the people. Certain Jews, members of the Synagogue of Roman Freedmen, debated with Stephen, but proved no match for the wisdom and spirit with which he spoke. They persuaded others to make the charge of blasphemy against him. He was seized and carried before the Sanhedrin.

In his speech, Stephen recalled God's guidance through Israel's history, as well as Israel's idolatry and disobedience. He then claimed that his persecutors were showing this same spirit. Stephen's speech brought anger from the crowd. "But he, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked up intently to heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God, and he said, 'Behold, I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.' ... They threw him out of the city, and began to stone him. ...As they were stoning Stephen, he called out, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' ...'Lord, do not hold this sin against them'" (Acts 7:55-56, 58a, 59, 60b).

Read the full article: "Saint Stephen" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-stephen/ (Accessed November December 10, 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 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

*"Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."
(Luke 1:45)*

Like Mary, you are called to trust in God's plan for your life. If you feel that God is asking you to serve as a priest or religious brother or sister, believe in His promise and follow with courage. Talk to your priest or reach out to Father Matthew Kiehl in the Vocations Office at (804) 953-5661 or via email: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.





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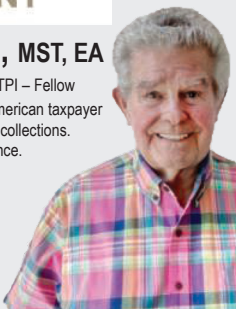
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