

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



THE SEASON OF ADVENT  
◆ HOPE ◆ LOVE ◆ JOY ◆ PEACE ◆

*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>

**E-mail:** [aa@stjoanofarcvaorg](mailto:aa@stjoanofarcvaorg)

**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/](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)  
(*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, 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 8**  
8:30 am Jimmy Pierce  
11:30 am Patrick J. Johnston

**Monday, December 9**  
9:00 am Marge Green  
7:00 pm The People of SJA

**Tuesday, December 10**  
9:00 am † Lori Vazquez

**Wednesday, December 11**  
9:00 am † Suzanne Osborne

**Thursday, December 12**  
9:00 am Manuela Marquez

**Friday, December 13**  
9:00 am Monique & Marcel Yergeau

**Saturday, December 14**  
5:00 pm SK Roland H. Theriault

**Sunday, December 15**  
8:30 am Jimmy Pierce  
11:30 am SK John P. Harmsen &  
† Lila Cawaling

## *Meetings for the Week*

**Monday, December 9**  
6:30 pm Legion of Mary

**Tuesday, December 10**  
6:30 pm Advent Mission

**Wednesday, December 11**  
6:30 pm Advent Mission

**Thursday, December 12**  
7:00 pm Penance Service

**Saturday, December 14**  
9:00 am Magnificat





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.

*Magnificat Women of SJA*

The Magnificat Women of SJA will be having a Christmas-themed gathering on Saturday, December 14 from 9-11 am in the Commons. We encourage all women from juniors in high school to the most senior sister, regardless of where one is in their faith journey to join us. There will be a brief topic of discussion followed by social time. If you would like to participate in an ornament and/or cookie exchange, please contact Kelley (757-775-6360) or Tracy (804-695-4538) for more details.

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](mailto: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.**

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



*Advent Penance Service*

Thursday, December 12, at 7 PM

Confession will be available for all! Reconcile yourself with the One who is coming into the world to take on all our sins.



*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

**TIME AND PLACE***Reflection on Luke 3:1-6*

John the Baptist makes his appearance on the scene on this 2nd Sunday of Advent. The Gospel of Luke presents John in a most unique manner. Luke first lines up all of the most powerful and important people of the moment: Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate, Herod, Philip, Lysanias, Annas and Caiaphas. Once these exalted men and their spheres of influence are noted, Luke asserts that the most important event of the day – the coming of the Word of God – happened elsewhere, away from their influence and authority.

"...the Word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the desert." This very same Word of God comes today to us, inviting us to participate in the most important event of this moment, this time: preparing, in our hearts, lives and world, the way of the Lord!

– Fr. Jay

*The Lord has done  
great things for us;  
we are filled  
with joy.*

*Psalm 126:3***WEEKLY SCRIPTURE****Sunday, December 8, 2024***Second Sunday of Advent*

Bar 5:1-9

Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6

Phil 1:4-6, 8-11

Lk 3:1-6

**Monday, December 9, 2024***Immaculate Conception of the**Blessed Virgin Mary*

Gn 3:9-15, 20

Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4

Eph 1:3-6, 11-12

Lk 1:26-38

**Tuesday, December 10, 2024***Weekday*

Is 40:1-11

Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13

Mt 18:12-14

**Wednesday, December 11, 2024***Weekday*

Is 40:25-31

Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10

Mt 11:28-30

**Thursday, December 12, 2024***Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe*

Zec 2:14-17

Judith 13:18bcde, 19

Lk 1:26-38

**Friday, December 13, 2024***Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr*

Is 48:17-19

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

Mt 11:16-19

**Saturday, December 14, 2024***Saint John of the Cross, Priest and  
Doctor of the Church*

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11

Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19

Mt 17:9a, 10-13

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

**SAINT JUAN DIEGO***Saint of the Day: December 9**Patron Saint of: Japan, Jewelers, Missions, Sailors*

Thousands of people gathered in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe July 31, 2002, for the canonization of Juan Diego, to whom the Blessed Mother appeared in the 16th century. Pope John Paul II celebrated the ceremony at which the poor Indian peasant became the Church's first saint indigenous to the Americas.

"In praising the Indian Juan Diego, I want to express to all of you the closeness of the Church and the pope, embracing you with love and encouraging you to overcome with hope the difficult times you are going through," John Paul said. Among the thousands present for the event were members of Mexico's 64 indigenous groups.

Juan Diego's name is forever linked with Our Lady of Guadalupe because it was to him that she first appeared at Tepeyac hill on December 9, 1531. The most famous part of his story is told in connection with the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12. After the roses gathered in his tilma were transformed into the miraculous image of Our Lady, however, little more is said about Juan Diego. He lived near the shrine constructed at Tepeyac, revered as a holy, unselfish, and compassionate catechist, who taught by word and especially by example.

During his 1990 pastoral visit to Mexico, Pope John Paul II confirmed the long-standing liturgical cult in honor of Juan Diego, beatifying him. Twelve years later the same pope proclaimed him a saint.

God counted on Juan Diego to play a humble, yet huge role in bringing the Good News to the peoples of Mexico. Overcoming his own fear and the doubts of Bishop Juan de Zumarraga, Juan Diego cooperated with God's grace in showing his people that the Good News of Jesus is for everyone.

Read the full article: "Saint Juan Diego" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, [franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-juan-diego/](http://franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-juan-diego/) (Accessed November 12, 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, 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](http://www.retrouvaille.org).

## Vocations Awareness

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." (Luke 3:4)

John the Baptist's call to prepare for Christ can also be a call to prepare your heart for a vocation. Is Christ calling you to serve Him as a priest or religious brother or sister? Reach out and call Father Matthew Kiehl at (804) 953-5661 or via email: [vocations@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@richmonddiocese.org).







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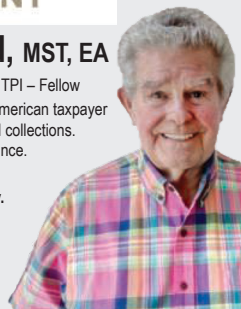
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