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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.

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.

Christmas 2024

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, Blake Duggan, 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

<p>Sunday, January 12 8:30 am Jimmy Pierce 11:00 am Andy Snyder</p>	<p>Friday, January 17 9:00 am † Bernadette Murphy</p>
<p>Wednesday, January 15 9:00 am Mike Syptak</p>	<p>Saturday, January 18 5:00 pm People of SJA</p>
<p>Thursday, January 16 9:00 am † Helena St. Dennis</p>	<p>Sunday, January 19 8:30 am Randy Vis 11:00 am People of SJA</p>

Meetings for the Week

<p>Monday, January 13 6:30 pm Legion of Mary 6:30 pm Luke Bible Study</p>	<p>6:00 pm Youth Group 7:00 pm OCI</p>	<p>Saturday, January 18 8:00 am Iron Man</p>
<p>Tuesday, January 14 10:00 am Women's Book Club</p>	<p>Wednesday, January 15 10:00 am Divine Mercy</p>	
	<p>Thursday, January 16 5:00 pm Children's Choir</p>	



Getting to Know You Dinner Group

“GETTING TO KNOW YOU” is a monthly dinner group that meets in the homes of the parishioners. The dinner groups consist of four couples or singles who take turns hosting/planning the dinner. Each couple or single commits to hosting one dinner a quarter. All bring a simple dish to share. The host couple prepares the main dish. It is a time for group prayer and a simple meal.

For more information, please contact Julia or David Allaman at 757-898-7399 or Thennia Tucker at 757-532-1157. Sign-ups will be available after Masses the weekend of January 11-12 in the Commons.

Magnificat Women of SJA

The Magnificat Women of SJA will be meeting on Saturday, January 11, from 9:00-11:00 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 or would like more information, please contact Kelley (757-775-6360) or Tracy (804-695-4538) for more details.

Iron Man Ministry

Men, freshmen in high school through senior year, are all welcome to step into this spirituality group. If you have never shared in these Saturday mornings, you are missing out! The Iron Men will meet Saturday, January 18, 8 AM – 10 AM, in the Commons for a meaty breakfast and topic!

Retreat Opportunity

SAVE THE DATE!!

RESERVE YOUR SPOT FOR THE 2025 SJA MEN'S ACTS RETREAT

ACTS is an acronym for Adoration-Community-Theology-Service. What is an ACTS Retreat? An ACTS Retreat is a parish-based event which offers parishioners an opportunity to experience the love of Jesus Christ. This in turn fosters a desire for intentional discipleship. ACTS Retreats are given by parishioners for parishioners, and in this way, serve to build Christian community at the parish. The ACTS Retreat experience is rooted in the Paschal Mystery in that retreatants are invited to reflect on the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are limited to 25 Retreatants and cost is \$150.00 per person. All meals, snacks, and blessings are included.

When: Men's ACTS Retreat is March 27 - 30, 2025
Where: St. Clare of Assisi Retreat Center in Hampton, VA
POC: Pete Romeo, 757-503-3533, pnpromise@cox.net

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Patti Komornik

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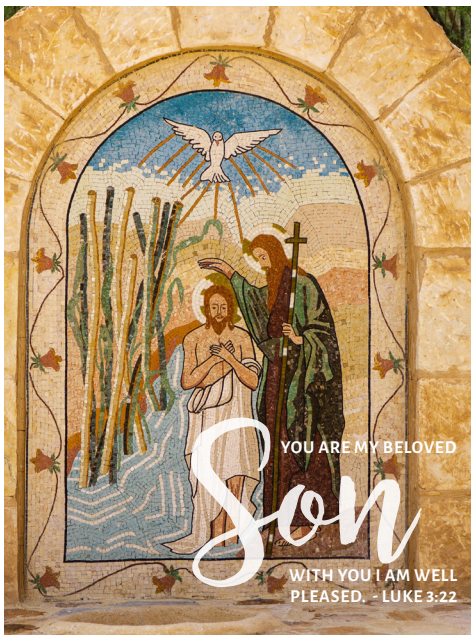
Reflection on Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

The Baptism of Jesus goes to the center of the mystery of redemption and of what Jesus' mission on earth is all about. There is also a special irony here, for in His Baptism Jesus enters into a radical solidarity with all women and men, taking upon Himself even the condition of our own sinfulness, Himself having not sinned. In going into those waters of Baptism, you and I leave sin behind, whereas Jesus takes on all the sin of the human race, and from those waters is sent by the Father on His mission to accomplish this redemption for us.

We too are sent on mission from the waters of Baptism. The Father proclaims to each of us, as He did to Jesus, "You are my beloved son, my beloved daughter..." reminding us, now that original sin has been wiped away, of the original blessing of all creation: God looked upon it and pronounced it all good! Grace, which is present "always and everywhere," is more powerful than sin.

Our baptismal journey involves leaving behind the binary way of the world (either/or) to live in the grace of Oneness with God. This is a both/and journey where God is present in every human experience: weakness and strength, suffering and wholeness, life and death. Grace everywhere and in everything abounds!

– Fr. Jay



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, January 12, 2025

The Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Psalms 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10

Acts 10:34-38

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Monday, January 13, 2025

Weekday

Hebrews 1:1-6

Psalms 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9

Mark 1:14-20

Tuesday, January 14, 2025

Weekday

Hebrews 2:5-12

Psalms 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9

Mark 1:21-28

Wednesday, January 15, 2025

Weekday

Hebrews 2:14-18

Psalms 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9

Mark 1:29-39

Thursday, January 16, 2025

Weekday

Hebrews 3:7-14

Psalms 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11

Mark 1:40-45

Friday, January 17, 2025

Saint Anthony, Abbot

Hebrews 4:1-5, 11

Psalms 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8

Mark 2:1-12

Saturday, January 18, 2025

Weekday

Hebrews 4:12-16

Psalms 19:8, 9, 10, 15

Mark 2:13-17

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

SAINT MARGUERITE BOURGEOYS

Saint of the Day: January 12

Patron Saint of Poverty, Loss of Parents and People Rejected by Religious Orders

"God closes a door and then opens a window," people sometimes say when dealing with their own disappointment or someone else's. That was certainly true in Marguerite's case. Children from European as well as Native American backgrounds in 17th-century Canada benefited from her great zeal and unshakable trust in God's providence.

Born the sixth of 12 children in Troyes, France, Marguerite at the age of 20 believed that she was called to religious life. Her applications to the Carmelites and Poor Clares were unsuccessful. A priest friend suggested that perhaps God had other plans for her.

In 1654, the governor of the French settlement in Canada visited his sister, an Augustinian canoness in Troyes. Marguerite belonged to a sodality connected to that convent. The governor invited her to come to Canada and start a school in Ville-Marie (eventually the city of Montreal). When she arrived, the colony numbered 200 people with a hospital and a Jesuit mission chapel.

Soon after starting a school, she realized her need for coworkers. Returning to Troyes, she recruited a friend, Catherine Crolo, and two other young women. In 1667, they added classes at their school for Indian children. A second trip to France three years later resulted in six more young women and a letter from King Louis XIV, authorizing the school. The Congregation of Notre Dame was established in 1676 but its members did not make formal religious profession until 1698 when their Rule and constitutions were approved.

Marguerite established a school for Indian girls in Montreal. At the age of 69, she walked from Montreal to Quebec in response to the bishop's request to establish a community of her sisters in that city. Marguerite was canonized in 1982.

Read the full article: "Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-marguerite-bourgeoys/ (Accessed December 27, 2024).

Adult Faith Formation

Jesus gave us the greatest Bible Study of all time!

The Gospel of Luke study will take us on a journey that begins with the foretelling of John the Baptist's birth and culminates in Jesus' ascension into heaven. There are parables found only in Luke, including the Prodigal Son, the Good Samaritan, and the Rich Man and Lazarus, which will show us the mercy and compassion that Jesus has for each one of His children. Come join us for an 8-session study that will strengthen our prayer life by encountering the biblical roots for Mary, the Rosary, and the Mass found only in Luke. We meet every Monday evening, starting January 13: 6:30pm social, 7-8:30pm study session. See the poster in the Commons for more information and to sign up; or visit the Parish Office or contact Deacon Don at deacondonfox@gmail.com. The cost is \$28 per workbook.

SJA WOMEN ON THE SAME PAGE IS BACK!

We will start a new book on Tuesday, January 14, at 9:30 AM in Room F/H. We will discuss the book, **Life of the Beloved: Spiritual Living in a Secular World** written in 1990 by Father Henri Nouwen. Father Nouwen plumbs the depths of what is most personal and vital in his own Christian faith and shares it in a masterpiece that transcends religious barriers and speaks to the universal truth of the divine. Father Nouwen invites us to acknowledge our brokenness and awaken to the abiding love that God has for us. This classic is one of Father Nouwen's greatest legacies to seekers of all backgrounds. Call or text Arlene Bradley at 757-310-9079 if you are interested in joining us this time.

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! Contact Deacon Don for more info at deacondonfox@gmail.com

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Vocations Awareness

"You are my beloved Son; with you, I am well pleased." (Luke 3:22)

God takes great pleasure in those who respond to His call. Do you hear His voice? He may be calling you to the priesthood or consecrated life. Talk to your priest or reach out to Father Matthew Khiel in the Vocation Office at (804) 953-5661 or via email: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.





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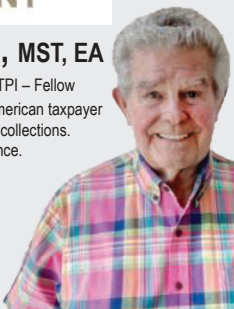
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