

## 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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# 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.

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)

*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, Jeffrey Cudjik, Blake Duggan, Eileen Gryn, Anne Holup, Elizabeth Johnson, Matthew Martin, Ron Morrison, Linda O'Dell, Euong Pham, Carol Romeo, David Seko, Jr., Stephen Strother, Walter Sandberg



*Mass Intentions for the Week*

**Sunday, January 19**  
8:30 am Randy Vis  
11:30 am † Mary Miller

**Tuesday, January 21**  
9:00 am Artie Zimmerman

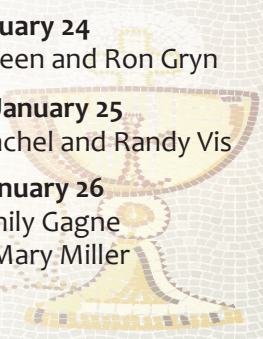
**Wednesday, January 22**  
9:00 am Jonathan Blessing

**Thursday, January 23**  
9:00 am Father Danny Cogut

**Friday, January 24**  
9:00 am Eileen and Ron Gryn

**Saturday, January 25**  
5:00 pm Rachel and Randy Vis

**Sunday, January 26**  
8:30 am Emily Gagne  
11:30 am † Mary Miller



*Meetings for the Week*

**Monday, January 13**  
6:30 pm Legion of Mary  
6:30 pm Luke Bible Study

**Tuesday, January 14**  
10:00 am Women's Club  
6:00 pm Youth Group  
7:00 pm OCI

**Thursday, January 16**  
5:00 pm Children's Choir  
6:30 pm KOC  
7:00 pm Ladies' Auxiliary



**The Parish Office will be closed Monday, January 20, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr., Day.**

### 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, 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.

### 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 Pascal 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

### 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.

### 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 & Federico Colagrande  
**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

## SIGNS

*Reflection on John 2:1-11*

The story of the wedding feast at Cana is called by John the Evangelist to be the first of Jesus' "signs." Mostly we get fixated on this sign as a miracle of changing water into wine, but with Jesus, this is much more than a one-time miracle. It is a sign announcing that something new, even radically new, is happening.

There is a kind of living parable being enacted in this sign. The abundance, indeed extravagance of 600 liters of wine (what wedding needs that much vino?), provided by Jesus is an acting out of what He proclaimed at the beginning of His mission: "Now is the time of fulfillment! The Kingdom of God is at hand!" Jesus took what little the waiters had on hand (six stone water jars), and transformed it into an overabundance of the wine of joy and celebration. This is reminiscent of a later "sign" where Jesus takes a few loaves and a few fish and feeds a multitude.

This is how God's Kingdom works. What little each of us can provide – our gifts and charisms – when given in love to Jesus and His Body, the Church, a transformation takes place: God multiplies everything by His grace! When living in the reality of God's Kingdom, expect an overflowing, an abundance!

– Fr. Jay

**Announce his salvation,  
day after day.  
Tell his glory among  
the nations**

– Psalm 96:2-3



## WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

**Sunday, January 19, 2025**

*Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Isaiah 62:1-5  
Psalm 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10  
1 Corinthians 12:4-11  
John 2:1-11

**Monday, January 20, 2025**

*Weekday*

Hebrews 5:1-10  
Psalm 110:1, 2, 3, 4  
Mark 2:18-22

**Tuesday, January 21, 2025**

*Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr*

Hebrews 6:10-20  
Psalm 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c  
Mark 2:23-28

**Wednesday, January 22, 2025**

*Day of Prayer for the Legal  
Protection of Unborn Children*

Hebrews 7:1-3, 15-17  
Psalm 110:1, 2, 3, 4  
Mark 3:1-6

**Thursday, January 23, 2025**

*Weekday*

Hebrews 7:25-8:6  
Psalm 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17  
Mark 3:7-12

**Friday, January 24, 2025**

*Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and  
Doctor of the Church*

Hebrews 8:6-13  
Psalm 85:8, 10, 11-12, 13-14  
Mark 3:13-19

**Saturday, January 25, 2025**

*Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle*

Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22  
Psalm 117:1bc, 2  
Mark 16:15-18

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

## SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES

*Saint of the Day: January 24*

*Patron Saint of Authors, Deafness, Journalists and Writers*

Francis was ordained and elected provost of the Diocese of Geneva, then a center for the Calvinists. Francis set out to convert them by preaching and distributing the little pamphlets he wrote to explain true Catholic doctrine. He had remarkable success.

At 35, he became bishop of Geneva. While administering his diocese, he continued to preach, hear Confessions, and catechize the children. His gentle character was a great asset in winning souls. He practiced his own axiom, "A spoonful of honey attracts more flies than a barrelful of vinegar."

Besides his two well-known books, the *Introduction to the Devout Life* and *A Treatise on the Love of God*, he wrote many pamphlets and carried on a vast correspondence. His writings, filled with his characteristic gentle spirit, are addressed to lay people. He wants to make them understand that they, too, are called to be saints.

In spite of his busy and comparatively short life, he had time to collaborate with another saint, Jane Frances de Chantal, in the work of establishing the Sisters of the Visitation. These women were to practice the virtues exemplified in Mary's visit to Elizabeth: humility, piety, and mutual charity. They at first engaged, to a limited degree, in works of mercy for the poor and the sick. Today, while some communities conduct schools, others live a strictly contemplative life.

Francis de Sales took seriously the words of Christ, "Learn of me for I am meek and humble of heart." As he said himself, it took him 20 years to conquer his quick temper, but no one ever suspected he had such a problem, so overflowing with good nature and kindness was his usual manner of acting. His perennial meekness and sunny disposition won for him the title of "Gentleman Saint."

Read the full article: "Saint Francis de Sales" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, [franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-francis-de-sales/](http://franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-francis-de-sales/) (Accessed January 6, 2025).

## 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 at 6:30 pm for socializing and 7-8:30 pm is the 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](mailto:deacondonfox@gmail.com). The cost is \$28 per workbook.

### SJA WOMEN ON THE SAME PAGE

A new book has started! Join us on Tuesdays at 9:30 am in room F/H. We are discussing 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 to join 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 at 7 pm. 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](mailto:deacondonfox@gmail.com)

## Diocesan Information

**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](http://www.retrouvaille.org).

### Vocations Awareness

"Do whatever He tells you." (John 2:5)

At the Wedding at Cana, Jesus performs His first miracle, blessing the union of a married couple. Marriage is a sacred covenant, and like the servants at the wedding, we are called to listen to Christ's guidance in our marriages. Take time to pray together and invite Christ into your marriage, trusting in His power to strengthen your bond. 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](mailto:vocations@richmonddiocese.org).





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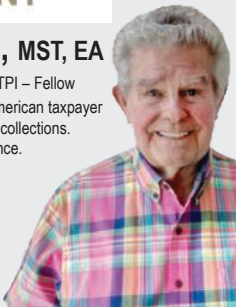
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