

## 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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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8:30-4:00 p.m. • Closed for lunch: 12:30-1:30 p.m.;

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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

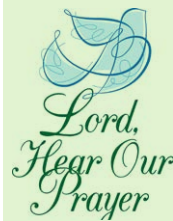
"A man who fails to love the Mass fails to love Christ." (J. M. Escriva, *Christ is Passing By*, no. 92) To love the Mass is a guarantee for salvation. But to love the Mass does not mean just being present and no more. It means to be present with faith and devotion. It means to take part in the Mass, 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)  
(*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, 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 26**  
8:30 am Emily Gagne  
11:30 am † Mary Miller

**Wednesday, January 29**  
9:00 am Walter (Tom) Carroll

**Thursday, January 30**  
6:00 pm Rick Rice

**Friday, January 31**  
9:00 am Joshua Maynard

**Saturday, February 1**  
5:00 pm People of SJA

**Sunday, February 2**  
8:30 am † John Benton  
11:30 am † Thomas Gallagher

*Meetings for the Week*

**Monday, January 27**  
6:30 pm Legion of Mary  
6:30 pm Luke Bible Study

**Tuesday, January 28**  
10:00 am Women's Book Club  
6:00 pm Youth Group  
7:00 pm OCI

**Saturday, February 1**  
3:00 pm Children's Choir



**First Saturday Mass, February 1, 2025, at 10 am in the Worship Space. All are welcome!**

*Save the Date!*

# **The Significance and Science of Our Lady of Guadalupe**

Presentation by Steve Hemler of the Catholic Apologetics Institute of North America (CAINA)

**Tuesday, February 18, 6:30 PM**  
**St. Joan of Arc Worship Space**

Our Lady of Guadalupe is the title given to the Blessed Virgin Mary following her appearance to Juan Diego in the hills above Mexico City in 1531. But how can we be sure about something that occurred so long ago? The answer is truly astounding!

This multimedia presentation covers the history of Our Lady's apparitions at Guadalupe and presents the amazing results of modern scientific analysis that has been performed on the cloak (tilma) of St. Juan Diego, a spectacular relic which survives to this day. The cloak of St. Juan Diego, made from coarse cactus fibers, miraculously bears a detailed, full-color image of the Virgin Mary that has persisted for nearly 500 years without any signs of deterioration.

***Refreshments will be served!***  
***Everyone welcome!***

## *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

## *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

## JESUS IS THE LIGHT

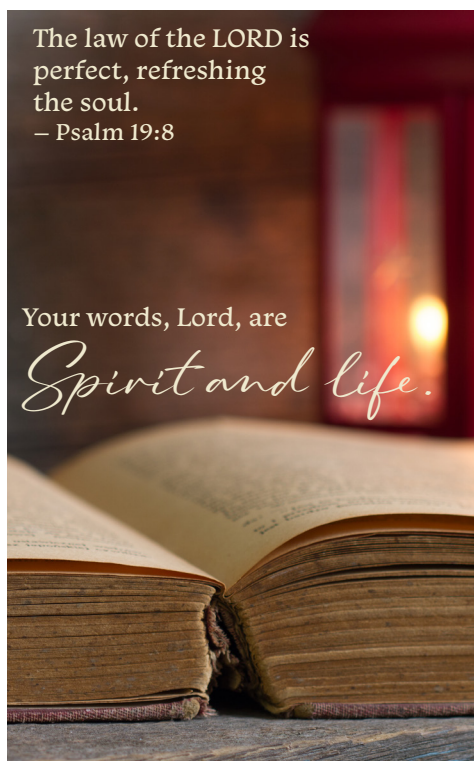
Reflection on 1 Corinthians 12:12-30  
and Luke 4:14-21

About 50 AD, Paul of Tarsus arrived unceremoniously in Corinth. His preaching had so riled the Thessalonians that his fellow Christians hustled him out of town for safety. After an unsuccessful stint in Athens, Paul drifted into Corinth, a vibrant port notorious for immorality, where he found fertile soil and worked there for many months. But after his departure, problems exploded, and he engaged them in a lengthy, sometimes angry correspondence to solve them.

Paul begs the Corinthians, in the name of Jesus, that there be no factions among them. For it is evident that the reported "quarreling" in the church at Corinth was based upon divergent commitments to someone or something other than Jesus.

In Luke's Gospel, after announcing His mission today in His hometown of Nazareth, Jesus will leave Nazareth for Capernaum to commence and fulfill the promise of bringing Light. This is always and forever, for the Church in every age and place, what unifies us as Christ's Body: Jesus is the Light in the darkness! Centered in Christ, we can overcome all divisions, and bring that same Light to the world.

– Fr. Jay



## WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

### Sunday, January 26, 2025

*Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10  
Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15  
1 Corinthians 12:12-30  
Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

### Monday, January 27, 2025

*Weekday*  
Hebrews 9:15, 24-28  
Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6  
Mark 3:22-30

### Tuesday, January 28, 2025

*Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church*  
Hebrews 10:1-10  
Psalm 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11  
Mark 3:31-35

### Wednesday, January 29, 2025

*Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children*  
Hebrews 10:11-18  
Psalm 110:1, 2, 3, 4  
Mark 4:1-20

### Thursday, January 30, 2025

*Weekday*  
Hebrews 10:19-25  
Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6  
Mark 4:21-25

### Friday, January 31, 2025

*Saint John Bosco, Priest*  
Hebrews 10:32-39  
Psalm 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40  
Mark 4:26-34

### Saturday, February 1, 2025

*Weekday*  
Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19  
Luke 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75  
Mark 4:35-41

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

## SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS

*Saint of the Day: January 28*

*Patron Saint of Catholic Colleges, Teachers, Philosophers, Students*

Thomas Aquinas is the preeminent spokesman of the Catholic tradition of reason and of divine revelation. He is one of the great teachers of the medieval Catholic Church, honored with the titles Doctor of the Church and Angelic Doctor.

At five he was given to the Benedictine monastery at Monte Cassino. In 1239, he was sent to Naples to complete his studies. It was here that he was first attracted to Aristotle's philosophy.

By 1243, Thomas abandoned his family's plans and joined the Dominicans to his mother's dismay. On her order, Thomas was captured by his brother and kept at home.

Once free, he went to Paris and Cologne, finished his studies with Albert the Great, held two professorships in Paris, lived at the court of Pope Urban IV, directed the Dominican schools at Rome and Viterbo, combated adversaries of the mendicants, as well as the Averroists, and argued with Franciscans about Aristotelianism.

His greatest contribution to the Catholic Church is his writings. The unity, harmony, and continuity of faith, of reason and human knowledge, pervades his work. One might expect him to be an ardent defender of revealed truth, but he was able to see the whole natural order as coming from God the Creator, and reason as a divine gift to be highly cherished.

The *Summa Theologiae*, his uncompleted last work, deals with the whole of Catholic theology. He stopped work on it after celebrating Mass on December 6, 1273. He said, "I cannot go on...All that I have written seems to me like so much straw compared to what I have seen and what has been revealed to me." He died March 7, 1274.

Read the full article: "Saint Thomas Aquinas" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, [franciscan1stg.wpengine.com/saint-of-the-day/saint-thomas-aquinas/](http://franciscan1stg.wpengine.com/saint-of-the-day/saint-thomas-aquinas/) (Accessed January 10, 2025).

## Children's Choir

Join us on Saturdays  
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM  
Classroom F/H

### Contact Information

Heekyung Lee email: [sjoamusic@stjoanofarcva.org](mailto:sjoamusic@stjoanofarcva.org)

Donna Prantl email: [dprantl@cox.net](mailto:dprantl@cox.net)

Call the SJA office: 757 898 5570 ext. 10 for more information



## 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 6:30pm for socializing and 7-8:30pm 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.

### 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](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

### Vocations Awareness

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor." (Luke 4:18)

Are you being called to share Christ's message of hope through a life of service in the Church? Explore your vocation with openness. 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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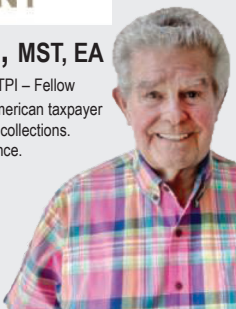
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