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Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. & 1:30-4:00 p.m.

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PARISH STAFF

Pastor:Rev. Michael D. JolyDeacons:Rev. Mr. Joe BadalisRev. 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.

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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.

### <u>Diocesan Safe</u> <u>Environment Policy</u>

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, Kelly Bustamante, Joe Chambers, Abbey Chesley, Carl & Mary Chesley, Paul Chesley, David Crocker, Jeffrey Cudjik, Blake Duggan, Eva Duggan, Eileen Gryn, Anne Holup, Elizabeth Johnson, Matthew Martin, Ron Morrison, Linda O'Dell, Euong Pham, Carol Romeo, Walter Sandberg, David Seko, Jr., Stephen Strother, Michael Syptak

# Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, March 23 8:30 am Jennifer Strash 11:30 am People of SJA

Thursday, March 27 9:00 am +John & Mary Mann

Friday, March 28 9:00 am Andy & Stephanie Benavidez Saturday, March 29 5:00 pm People of SJA

Sunday, March 30 8:30 am +Ludwig Nebel Mike Syptak 11:30 am Rebecca Mangiaratti

# Meetings for the Week

Monday, March 24 6:30 pm Legion of Mary 6:30 pm Discernment Bible Study

Tuesday, March 25 10:00 am Women's Club 6:00 pm Youth Group 7:00 pm OCI



Thursday, March 27 6:30 pm KOC 7:00 pm Ladies' Auxiliary

Friday, March 28 6:00 pm Lenten Soup Supper and Stations of the Cross

# Lenten Opportunities

#### Soup Suppers and Stations of the Cross Every Friday in Lent

Join us in the Social Hall starting at 6:00 PM every Friday during Lent for our Lenten Soup Supper. After supper, we will gather to pray the Stations of the Cross, which assist us in our own spiritual pilgrimage with Christ.

## Save the Dates

# TWO NIGHT LENTEN MISSION WITH CATHOLIC CONVERT KEITH NESTER

Join us on Sunday, March 30, and Monday, March 31, as we welcome Keith Nester to speak to us each night starting at 7 pm. Keith Nester is a former pastor/youth pastor with more than 20 years in full-time ministry. Keith served in United Methodist, Assemblies of God, and Evangelical Free churches in various roles.

#### **EASTER LILY MEMORIAL FLOWERS**



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# Retreat Opportunity



# SAVE THE DATE

May 29 - June 1, 2025

SJA Registration coming soon



# 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 , Paul Krieschen & Hank Rose

Donna Prantl & Cathy Fowler

**Coffee & Cookies,** Florita Galvez **Divine Mercy,** 

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





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#### **GOD'S PROVIDENCE**

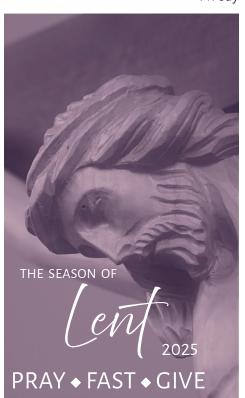
Reflection on Luke 13:1-9

Oppression, suffering, fatal accidents, all make an appearance in this Gospel story. While these human experiences seem so random and are frightening to us, we have the assurance of Jesus that God does not use them as punishment for sin, nor are our lives devoid of God's enduring providence. Rather, through His own suffering and death, Jesus has made it eternally clear that He is never closer to us than in these times of trial.

We are that fig tree that is being cultivated, fertilized, divinely cared for so that we will bear fruit. By shifting the conversation from the disciples wondering if these victims brought these tragedies upon themselves by their sin and disobedience, to considering what a short time they themselves have for repenting and bearing fruit, Jesus cuts to the heart of the truth that the Kingdom, God's rule, is here and now.

When Jesus spoke of God's providence, He did not do so in tragic terms – lightning bolts and punishments – but rather He spoke of God artistically clothing lilies, or functionally feeding sparrows, or lazily counting every hair on each human head! That is real, personal, loving involvement with the world, with us.

Fr. Jay



#### **WEEKLY SCRIPTURE**

#### Sunday, March 23, 2025

Third Sunday of Lent Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15 Psalm 103: 1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12 Luke 13:1-9

#### Monday, March 24, 2025

Saint Oscar Romero 2 Kings 5:1-15ab Psalm 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 Luke 4:24-30

#### Tuesday, March 25, 2025

The Annunciation of the Lord Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10 Psalm 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11 Hebrews 10:4-10 Luke 1:26-38

#### Wednesday, March 26, 2025

Lenten Weekday
Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9
Psalm 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20
Matthew 5:17-19

#### Thursday, March 27, 2025

Lenten Weekday Jeremiah 7:23-28 Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 Luke 11:14-23

#### Friday, March 28, 2025

Lenten Weekday Hosea 14:2-10 Psalm 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14, 17 Mark 12:28-34

#### Saturday, March 29, 2025

Lenten Weekday Hosea 6:1-6 Psalm 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab Luke 18:9-14

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

#### **SAINT OSCAR ROMERO**

Saint of the Day: March 24

Patron Saint of Persecuted Christians and El Salvador

The night before he was murdered while celebrating Mass, Archbishop Oscar Romero of San Salvador said on the radio: "I would like to appeal to the men of the army, to the troops of the National Guard, the police, and the garrisons. You kill your own brother peasants; and in the face of an order to kill that is given by a man, the law of God that says 'Do not kill!' should prevail."

When he was appointed archbishop of San Salvador in 1977, Bishop Romero was considered a very "safe" choice. He had served as auxiliary bishop there for four years before his three years as bishop of Santiago de Maria.

Seminary classes in El Salvador preceded his studies at Rome's Gregorian University and his ordination in 1942. After earning a doctorate in ascetical theology, he returned home and became a parish priest and later rector of an interdiocesan seminary.

Three weeks after his appointment as archbishop, Romero was shaken by the murder of his good friend Jesuit Father Rutilio Grande, a vigorous defender of the rights of the poor. Five more priests were assassinated in the Archdiocese of San Salvador during Romero's years as its shepherd. When a military junta seized control of the national government in 1979, Archbishop Romero publicly criticized the US government for backing the junta. His weekly radio sermons were regarded by many as the most trustworthy source of news available.

Romero's funeral was celebrated in the plaza outside the cathedral and drew an estimated 250,000 mourners. His tomb in the cathedral crypt soon drew thousands of visitors each year. On February 3, 2015, Pope Francis authorized a decree recognizing Oscar Romero as a martyr for the faith. His beatification took place in San Salvador on May 23, 2015, and he was canonized on October 14, 2018.

## Península Catholic Fund-raiser

Join us in supporting Peninsula Catholic High School's mission to educate and evangelize our youth! You're invited to an unforgettable evening at our **Disco Knights Benefit Auction** on **April 5, 2025**. Enjoy delicious food, fine wine, lively dancing, and the excitement of both silent and live auctions – all while making a difference.

Tickets are **\$50 per person** and can be purchased online at: <a href="https://www.peninsulacatholic.org/giving/auction.cfm">https://www.peninsulacatholic.org/giving/auction.cfm</a>.

We can't wait to celebrate with you!

Contact MT Adinaro with questions at <a href="mailto:mtadinaro@peninsulacatholic.org">mtadinaro@peninsulacatholic.org</a>



The spring campaign for 40 Days for Life runs now to Sunday, April 20 (Easter Sunday). It is a peaceful, prayerful vigil held outside abortion centers across the country, and has been the most successful pro-life outreach in saving babies' lives.

Since 2007, over 24,000 babies have been saved and more than 145 abortion centers closed just by persons willing to fast and peacefully pray outside of abortion facilities in their neighborhoods. For more information, contact Linda Riva at email: lindajr2@yahoo.com. or call/text her at: 484-557-7089.

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER OPPORTUNITY MAY 16-18 HAMPTON VA (NON-RESIDENTIAL)

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is like Spring-time. It's a weekend of fresh air, the rebirth of romance and new beginnings. If you'd like to make your Sacrament of Marriage or Holy Orders even more special than it already is, join us on an upcoming experience and learn how to live your best life in love. For more information: WWME.org; 757-690-1369 or <a href="mailto:double-nodeley@wwme.org">donald.helen.dudley@wwme.org</a>

# Diocesan Information

### **Vocations Awareness**

"I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future." (Luke 13:7-9)

We are invited to consider how God may be cultivating our hearts, preparing us for a vocation of service. Is God calling you to priesthood or consecrated life, and patiently waiting for you to respond? 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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