

The Parish of
**Saint Joan
of Arc**

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THE SEASON OF *Lent* 2025

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 a.m.-12:30 p.m. & 1:30-4:00 p.m.
Closed for lunch: 12:30-1:30 p.m.
Friday 8:30 a.m.-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>

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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.

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, 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



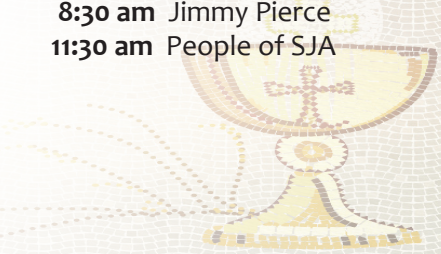
Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Wednesday, April 2
9:00 am Josephine Toure

Saturday, April 5
5:00 pm + Poor Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, April 6
8:30 am Jimmy Pierce
11:30 am People of SJA



Meetings for the Week

Monday, March 31
6:30 pm Legion of Mary
7:00 pm Keith Nester Presentation

Tuesday, April 1
10:00 am Women's Book Club
6:00 pm Youth Group
7:00 pm OCI



Friday, April 4
6:00 pm Lenten Soup Supper and Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 5
3:00 pm Children's Choir

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.



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Registration Open



Adoration, Community,
Theology and Service



May 29-June 1, 2025

"My soul proclaims the
greatness of the Lord" ~Luke 1:46

Registration forms available in Parish Office & Commons
For more information contact:

Laurie Sepanski @ 757-817-0825 or Sylvia Hernandez @ 210-535-9500
Lsepanski@proton.me sylviahernandez50@gmail.com

Parish Ministries

Finance Council, Jack Christie
Parish Advisory Volunteer Group,
Randy Vis

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Jennifer Strash
Bereavement, John Bryant III
Sick & Homebound, Denis Morhiser

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EMHCs, Denis Morhiser & Rachel Vis
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James Tucker III
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MC, Tom O'Reilly
Music, Heekyung Lee
Music Coordinator, Donna Prantl
Readers, Michael Syptak &
Patti Komornik

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OCI, Deacon Don Fox
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Organizations

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Women's Book Club, Arlene Bradley

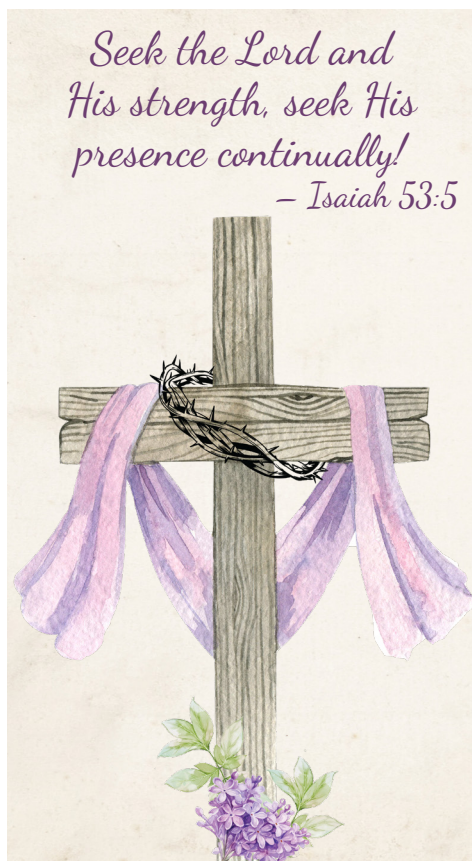
THE PRODIGAL

Reflection on Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

I have heard so many variations of this prodigal son/prodigal daughter story through the years, as individuals have shared how they have wandered away from God and what happened to spark their homecoming, their return. It is truly a universal story to which all of us can relate. I laughed out loud recently when a speaker at a conference related that a child wasting his/her parents' money on loose living is, in contemporary terms, called college.

However any of us may have wandered off, gone astray, wasted our inheritance, misused our gifts, wallowed in sin, the Good News is not just that we can repent and return, but that our Loving Father is actively searching for us, scanning the horizon, ready for the celebration that must take place when reconciliation occurs. "But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found." I cannot read or proclaim these Gospel words without being overcome with emotion, knowing how much my Father has forgiven me.

– Fr. Jay



*Seek the Lord and
His strength, seek His
presence continually!*
– Isaiah 53:5

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, March 30, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Lent
Joshua 5:9a, 10-12
Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
2 Corinthians 5:17-21
Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Monday, March 31, 2025

Lenten Weekday
Isaiah 65:17-21
Psalm 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b
John 4:43-54

Tuesday, April 1, 2025

Lenten Weekday
Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12
Psalm 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9
John 5:1-16

Wednesday, April 2, 2025

Lenten Weekday
Isaiah 49:8-15
Psalm 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18
John 5:17-30

Thursday, April 3, 2025

Lenten Weekday
Exodus 32:7-14
Psalm 106:19-20, 21-22, 23
John 5:31-47

Friday, April 4, 2025

Saint Isidore of Seville
Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22
Psalm 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23
John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday, April 5, 2025

Lenten Weekday
Jeremiah 11:18-20
Psalm 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12
John 7:40-53

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

SAINT ISIDORE OF SEVILLE

Saint of the Day: April 4

Patron Saint of internet users and computers users

The 76 years of Isidore's life were a time of conflict and growth for the Church in Spain. The Visigoths had invaded the land a century and a half earlier, and shortly before Isidore's birth they set up their own capital. They were Arians – Christians who said Christ was not God. Thus, Spain was split in two: One people (Catholic Romans) struggled with another (Arian Goths).

Isidore reunited Spain, making it a center of culture and learning. The country served as a teacher and guide for other European countries whose culture was also threatened by barbarian invaders.

Born in Cartagena of a family that included three other sibling saints – Leander, Fulgentius and Florentina – he was educated by his elder brother, whom he succeeded as bishop of Seville.

An amazingly learned man, he was sometimes called "The Schoolmaster of the Middle Ages" because the encyclopedia he wrote was used as a textbook for nine centuries. He required seminaries to be built in every diocese, wrote a Rule for religious orders, and founded schools that taught every branch of learning. Isidore wrote numerous books, including a dictionary, an encyclopedia, a history of Goths, and a history of the world – beginning with creation! He completed the Mozarabic liturgy, which is still in use in Toledo, Spain. For all these reasons, Isidore has been suggested as patron of the Internet.

He continued his austerities even as he approached age 80. During the last six months of his life, he increased his charities so much that his house was crowded from morning till night with the poor of the countryside.

Our society can well use Isidore's spirit of combining learning and holiness. Loving, understanding and knowledge can heal and bring a broken people back together.

Read the full article: "Saint Isidore of Seville" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-isidore-of-seville/ (Accessed March 17, 2025).

First Friday and Saturday

First Friday Adoration

Come join us for Adoration after morning Mass on Friday, April 4. A sign-up sheet is available in the Commons. We need at least 2 people/hour to keep the Lord company throughout the day!

Join us at 3:00 pm when we will recite the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

Benediction is at 4:00 pm.

First Saturday

First Saturday Mass, April 5, 2025, at 10:00 am in the Worship Space. All are welcome!

SJA Women on the Same Page

SJA WOMEN ON THE SAME PAGE will start a new book, **The Reed of God**, written by Caryll Houselander. The book was first published in 1944 and is now a spiritual classic for Catholics across the globe. British Catholic writer and artist Caryll Houselander lovingly explores Mary's intimately human side, depicting Our Lady as a musical instrument who makes divine love known to the world. Through the central image of a reed that is played for music, Houselander demonstrates how Mary chose to make herself an instrument for the divine plan, giving her inmost being to the proclamation of God's greatness. In sharing her distinctive vision of Mary, Houselander offers the Mother of God as a model for all people seeking to be instruments of the Divine.

All are invited to join us on our first meeting on **Tuesday, April 8 at 10:00-11:30 a.m. in Room F/H**. Meetings will be every other Tuesday thereafter. We will have six meetings to complete the book. For more information, text or call Arlene Bradley @ 757-310-9079.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

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

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is like springtime. 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 donald.helen.dudley@wwme.org

Diocesan Information

Vocations Awareness

"While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him." (Luke 15:20)

Our Father calls us to run toward the path He has prepared for us. Is He inviting you to share this compassion with others through a vocation 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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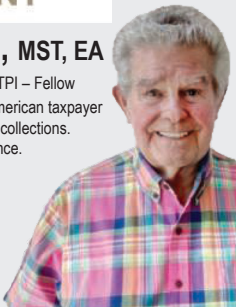
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