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EASTER 2025

THE PARISH OF SAINT JOAN OF ARC

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## 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/).

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## 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, Francisco Duran, 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, April 20**

8:30 am + Delores Foy  
10:30 am + Florence Masselli

### **Tuesday, April 22**

9:00 am + Dan Burton

### **Wednesday, April 23**

9:00 am Raymond Gutierrez

### **Thursday, April 24**

9:00 am Lloyd Knepp

### **Friday, April 25**

9:00 am Deacon Daniel Johnson

### **Saturday, April 26**

5:00 pm Joe & Micah Snyder

### **Sunday, April 27**

8:30 am People of SJA  
11:30 am Marcella Buckley



## *Meetings for the Week*

### **Monday, April 21**

6:30 pm Legion of Mary  
7:00 pm Adult Faith Formation

### **Tuesday, April 22**

10:00 am Women's Book Club  
6:00 pm Youth Group  
7:00 pm OCI

### **Thursday, April 24**

6:30 pm KOC  
7:00 pm Ladies' Auxiliary

### **Saturday, April 26**

8:00 am Iron Man  
3:00 pm Children's Choir



## Save the Date!

### Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism Preparation for Parents will take place on **Sunday, May 4**, after the 11:30 am Mass. The session will be conducted in Rooms F & H. Please contact Jennifer Strash for more information at (757) 898-5570.

### MAY PROCESSION AND CROWNING OF OUR BLESSED MOTHER

St. Joan of Arc's beautiful Annual May Procession and Crowning will take place on Sunday, May 4, 2025, between the two morning Masses. Please, plan to be there and to rejoice in it. We gather to honor Mary, the Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, now our own spiritual Mother, who is also the Patroness of our country, as we crown the Queen of Angels during a devotional service. We invite family and friends to share in this devotion and to announce Mary as the loving Mother of the "New Creation" to the public around us. We ask all to bring flowers from their gardens that day to offer to, and to honor Our Lady of Grace.



## Parish Office Closed

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED  
EASTER MONDAY, APRIL 21, AND WILL REOPEN ON  
TUESDAY, APRIL 22, AT 8:30 AM.

## Retreat Opportunity



### St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church Women's A.C.T.S Retreat

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

### 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  
**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

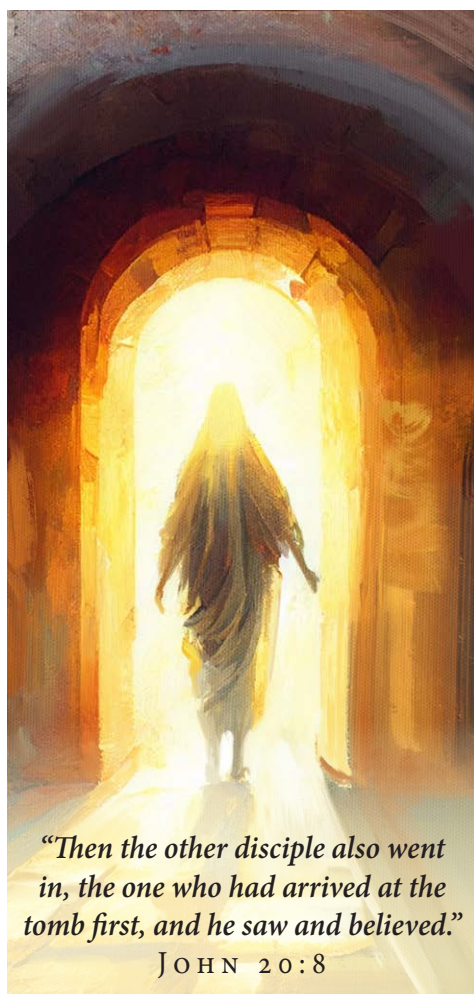
**RESURRECTION***Reflection on John 20:1-9*

If you study the Gospel stories about the Resurrection, you notice that they are not primarily about what happened to Jesus, but what happened to His followers, and through them, what happens to us.

For instance, when Jesus appeared to the women, He told them to hurry and tell the disciples to meet Him in Galilee. And when Thomas demanded to touch Him, the story is not so much about Jesus but about Thomas – and us, the people who have not seen Jesus, yet still believe.

The Resurrection of Jesus is a continuing event, an evolution, a revolution, a reaching through the centuries to embrace us here and now, with its power and grace, inviting us to grasp it (or better, be grasped by it) and live new possibilities of love and understanding and compassion. And when we grasp it, or it grasps us, we carry forward its force!

– Fr. Jay



*“Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed.”*

JOHN 20:8

**WEEKLY SCRIPTURE****Sunday, April 20, 2025**

*Easter Sunday*  
Acts 10:34a, 37-43  
Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23  
Colossians 3:1-4  
John 20:1-9

**Monday, April 21, 2025**

*Monday in the Octave of Easter*  
Acts 2:14, 22-33  
Psalm 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11  
Matthew 28:8-15

**Tuesday, April 22, 2025**

*Tuesday in the Octave of Easter*  
Acts 2:36-41  
Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22  
John 20:11-18

**Wednesday, April 23, 2025**

*Wednesday in the Octave of Easter*  
Acts 3:1-10  
Psalm 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9  
Luke 24:13-35

**Thursday, April 24, 2025**

*Thursday in the Octave of Easter*  
Acts 3:11-26  
Psalm 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9  
Luke 24:35-48

**Friday, April 25, 2025**

*Friday in the Octave of Easter*  
Acts 4:1-12  
Psalm 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a  
John 21:1-14

**Saturday, April 26, 2025**

*Saturday in the Octave of Easter*  
Acts 4:13-21  
Psalm 118:1, 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21  
Mark 16:9-15

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

**SAINT PEDRO DE SAN JOSÉ BETANCUR***Saint of the Day: April 25**Patron Saint of Guatemala*

Pedro very much wanted to become a priest, but God had other plans for the young man born into a poor family on Tenerife in the Canary Islands. Pedro was a shepherd until age 24, when he began to make his way to Guatemala, hoping to connect with a relative engaged in government service there. By the time he reached Thavana, he was out of money. When he arrived, he was so destitute that he joined the breadline that the Franciscans had established.

Soon, Pedro enrolled in the local Jesuit college in hopes of studying for the priesthood. No matter how hard he tried, however, he could not master the material; he withdrew from school. In 1655, he joined the Secular Franciscan Order. Three years later, he opened a hospital for the convalescent poor; a shelter for the homeless, and a school for the poor soon followed.

Other men came to share in Pedro's work. Out of this group came the Bethlehemite Congregation, which won papal approval after Pedro's death. A Bethlehemite sisters' community was inspired by his life of prayer and compassion.

He is sometimes credited with originating the Christmas Eve posadas procession in which people representing Mary and Joseph seek a night's lodging from their neighbors. The custom soon spread to Mexico and other Central American countries.

Pedro died in 1667, and was canonized by Pope John Paul II in Guatemala City on July 30, 2002. Calling the new saint an "outstanding example" of Christian mercy, the Holy Father noted that Saint Pedro practiced mercy "heroically with the lowliest and the most deprived." Speaking to the estimated 500,000 Guatemalans in attendance, the Holy Father spoke of the social ills that plague the country today and of the need for change.

Read the full article: "Saint Pedro de San José Betancur" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, [www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-pedro-de-san-jose-betancur/](http://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-pedro-de-san-jose-betancur/) (Accessed April 8, 2025).

## SJA Pilgrimage

### EASTER PILGRIMAGE TO WASHINGTON, DC

Join Father Mike and your fellow parishioners for a Holy Easter Pilgrimage on Monday, April 28 & Tuesday, April 29. The Pilgrimage will include visiting the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, the Shrine of St. Pope John Paul II and the Franciscan Shrine of the Holy Land. Call the Parish Office now to reserve your spot as a limited number of pilgrims may attend.

## Iron Man

Men, freshmen in high school through senior years, 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,

April 26, 8 AM – 10 AM, in the Commons for a meaty breakfast and topic!

Proverbs 27:17—Iron is sharpened by iron;  
one person sharpens another.

Iron sharpens the “face” (panim = surface, edge) of iron, and a human being sharpens the “face” (panim = face, words) of another. Human beings learn from each other and grow in wisdom by conversing.

## Easter Lily Memorials

Harold & Gloria Petersen  
Parents of Tom & Barb Carroll  
Rosa Mercado  
Arsenault & Yergeau Families  
Isidro Reyna  
Melvin & Marilyn Vis  
Jose & Teadora Tapia  
Anthony Sambuchi

Bill Bauer  
Joe & Catherine Meredith  
Bill & Gerry Pickerill  
John Marinke  
Patsy Hayden  
Wanda H. Marinke  
Richard Brown  
David Dobbins

Theresa & Arthur Marino  
Charles Freda, Jr.  
Grace Porrello  
Polly Bryant



## Never Fail to Keep Holy Mass as the Anchor of Every Vacation!

For nationwide Mass times and locations,  
Mass Times at **(800) 627-7846**  
or look online at [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org).

## Diocesan Information

### Vocations Awareness

"He is not here; He has been raised." (Luke 24:6)

The joy of the Resurrection brings new life. Could Christ be calling you to share this joy with others through a vocation in the Church? 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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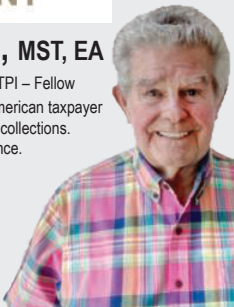
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