

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 Deacon Jim Satterwhite or Cherry Macababba in 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

Alex & Anne Cipriano
Yvonne Crow
Tamera David
Genevieve Graham
Christine Grosshans
Sylvia Harman

Albert Jury
Marianna Marder
Frank Nowak
Laura Ortiz
Hilda Penyak

Daily Readings

Sunday, December 9

Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6
Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

Monday, December 10

Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday, December 11

Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday, December 12

Zec 2:14-17; Lk 1:26-38

Thursday, December 13

Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15

Friday, December 14

Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday, December 15

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday, December 16

Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6
Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 9

8:30 AM † Sharon, Jackie &
Arthur Herrmann
11:30 AM † Alice Marie Vernier

Wednesday, December 12

12:00 PM † Manuela Marquez
7:00 PM Nom Butler

Saturday, December 15

5:30 PM † Geri Rose

Sunday, December 16

8:30 AM † Tim Oliver
11:30 AM † Rosa Mercado

Meetings

Sunday, December 9

10:00 AM Elementary Faith Formation, Classrooms
10:00 AM Middle/High School Faith Formation, JP II, SH
10:00 AM Parent Formation Sessions, Room K
12:30 PM Passion Play Interest Meeting, JP II
6:00 PM Evening Prayer, WS
6:30 PM Confirmation Session 4, MFH, WS

Monday, December 10

6:30 PM Legion of Mary, F & H
7:00 PM Monday Night Scripture Study, Commons,
WS, Rooms D, E, G
7:00 PM Boy Scouts, SH, JP II

Tuesday, December 11

10:00 AM SJA Ladies Book Club, MFH
7:00 PM Marriage, Family & Life Committee, Room D
7:00 PM RCIA, F & H, JP II, SH

Wednesday, December 12

7:00 PM K of C Meeting, JP II, SH, Kitchen

Thursday, December 13

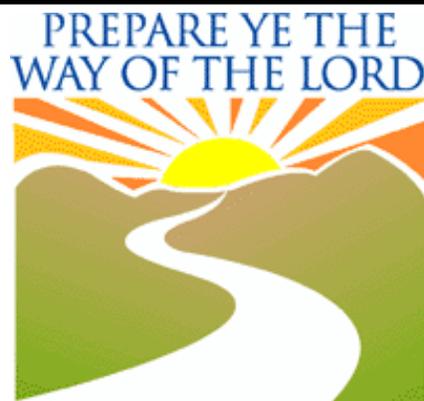
10:00 AM Stitches, F & H
6:30 PM Thursday Scripture Study, SH
7:00 PM Divine Mercy, F & H
7:00 PM Parish Council, MFH

Sunday, December 16

9:45 AM Nativity Play & Breakfast, JP II, SH,
Kitchen, Classrooms
6:00 PM Evening Prayer, WS

**Please see cover page for
Reconciliation and Mass schedule.**

**When Holy Mass is not available,
a prayer service will take place.**



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 and the Welcomer will be glad to assist you with any questions or with filling out the forms.

Note to All Those Gathered

Receiving the Holy Eucharist, the Body and Blood of Christ, is at the heart of what it is to be a faithful, worshipping Catholic. Therefore, please receive Holy Communion only if you are **IN COMMUNION** with the Lord and His Church and have observed a fast preparing to receive the Eucharist. We are *in communion* with the Lord if we have not seriously violated our duty to worship the Lord at Sunday or Holy Day Mass nor seriously offended human life. The Eucharistic Fast involves abstaining from all food or drink for one hour (exceptions exist for those 60 years of age or older, or for those who are ill). Medicines and water do not break the Eucharistic Fast.

If the Sacrament of Reconciliation is needed so that we are readmitted to Holy Communion, we must receive that beautiful forgiveness first. Those who are presently not Catholic should respect the centrality of the Holy Eucharist in the life of the Catholic Church, and either remain seated and prayerfully thankful, or step forward to receive a blessing.

Parish News

Test God's Generosity!

St. Joan of Arc is a tithing Parish Family who knows that all we have is gifted from God in the first place. Tithing is the practice of trusting God's promise and giving back to God first. The Lord established this spiritual exercise and trained His people how to become sound, joyful and free by giving to God first ("The tithes of the herd and the flock, every tenth animal that passes under the herdsman's rod, shall be sacred to the LORD." Leviticus 27:32; "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, That there may be food in my house. Put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, And see if I do not open the floodgates of heaven for you, and pour down upon you blessing without measure!" Malachi 3:10). All the faithful are directed by God to offer 10% of our "increase" (income) to the Lord. It is a profound counter-cultural statement of our gratitude to God and acknowledges our total dependence on Him from whom we have received all that is good in the first place.

Your Legacy Makes a Difference for Christ! What is your legacy?

This is legacy giving: your legacy is your potential to make a difference. If something is very important to us, we will do anything to help its increase and beauty. Our legacy refers to the portion of all we have from God which we thankfully give back once He calls us to glory. The goal of a legacy is to leave a gift that will make an impact for future generations.

If you have questions about how to create a lasting legacy for your family of St. Joan of Arc or if you have already decided to take this important step in your estate planning, we encourage you to contact the Parish Office.

Make a Gift Through an IRA Charitable Rollover

A distribution from your IRA is a great way to support the Church! If you are 70½ or older, you may make a direct distribution (up to \$100,000) from your IRA to a qualified charity, such as your parish. A qualified direct distribution to your parish from your IRA is not subject to income tax. Please make your gift as soon as possible to avoid any processing delays towards the end of the year. For more information about how you and the Church can benefit from an IRA charitable rollover, contact your IRA administrator, tax preparer, or the parish office for more information.

Advent Mission

Our parish welcomes renowned national inspirational speaker, prime-time EWTN TV host and Catholic author Tom Peterson to St. Joan of Arc on Monday, December 17th, and Tuesday, December 18th from 7:00-8:15 PM. You have likely seen the amazing Catholics Come Home's TV evangomercials™ that helped more than a half million people come home to the Catholic Church across North America. Now, learn how to go deeper in your faith and help loved ones home. After his presentation, Tom will sign copies of his uplifting book, endorsed by Dr. Scott Hahn, Roma Downey, Rick Warren and Coach Lou Holtz. Come hear this international speaker and learn how to go deeper in your faith, and to help love more souls to heaven...especially your closest family members and friends!

Christian Manhood

"Men are failing to properly catechize and lead their families to Christ. Men are failing as spiritual leaders in their families. This has caused a great disintegration of the family." (Bill Moyer, founding member of the Central Texas Fellowship of Catholic Men and the National Catholic Men's Leadership Alliance) "Men need to embrace this role 'sacrificially' without being 'apologetic,' . . . this can be achieved if they are guided 'in their relationships with the Trinity,' rather than focusing too much on how God is working in their lives." (Phillip Chavez, founder of Advancing Christian Manliness)

Faith Formation



It is never too late to register your children for the 2018–2019 Faith Formation year. You may register online (<http://www.stjoanofarcva.org/religious-education/faith-formation/>) or in the Commons or parish office. The Faith Formation team at St. Joan of Arc is here to assist you every step along the way.

ALL parents of St. Joan of Arc are invited to attend the Parents' Faith Formation held EACH Sunday in Room K from 10:00– 11:15 AM. Bring your coffee and donut and join in the conversation with Deacon Phil Wilkinson and Deacon Dave Reaves.

Please contact Jennifer Sanders (jsanders@stjoanofarcva.org or 757-898-5570) with any questions.

The New St. Joseph Baltimore Catechism

Question of the month for December **How can we know the true meaning of the Bible?**

We can know the true meaning of the Bible from the teaching authority of the Catholic Church, which has received from Jesus Christ the right and the duty to teach and to explain all that God has revealed.

The St. Joan of Arc Nativity Play

to be presented on Sunday, December 16, followed by the Pancake Breakfast after the 8:30 AM Mass.

We will have ONE practice on Saturday, December 15th at 10:00 AM. Tickets are on sale now after all Masses in the Commons and in the Parish Office. Please contact Jennifer Sanders at jsanders@stjoanofarcva.org or (757) 898-5570 for more information.



Poinsettia Memorials

So that we may beautify the church for the Christmas season, POINSETTIAS may be memorialized for your loved ones for a donation of \$20 for a small plant or \$40 for a large plant.

Envelopes will be available in the Commons and the church office for your donation. Plants will be available to take home after the 11:30 AM Mass on the Epiphany of the Lord (January 6).



Youth

This week, Youth Group will have a **Christmas Party** on Tuesday, December 11th at 6:30 PM in the Social Hall. *Please come in your favorite Christmas sweater and bring a white elephant gift!*

Follow us on Instagram @sjoayouthministry

December 14: Family Christmas Caroling

December 16: Nativity Play & Breakfast Fundraiser

Tuesday, December 11th – Youth Ministry Christmas Party

Come prepare for the birth of Jesus Christ with Youth Ministry at 6:30 PM. There will be fun, games, and presents! Please come in your favorite Christmas sweater and a wrapped gift (under \$10) for a white elephant gift exchange. RSVP by December 15th.

February 8th-10th - DYC (Diocesan Youth Conference)

Save \$30 and register your son or daughter for DYC before December 18th! This amazing conference will take place February 8th-10th in Richmond. Early Bird Registration for DYC is open until December 18 with a \$50 deposit! This is a weekend event held each year to gather 8th – 12th grade youth from all 145 parishes located in the Diocese of Richmond in one central location. The Conference is highly energetic, engaging, and an awesome opportunity for our high school teenagers to gather as a larger Church community and celebrate the amazing richness of our Catholic Christian Faith. The cost includes the conference, meals, and a T-shirt. Please contact Andrew McCarthy at amccarthy@stjoanofarcva.org for more information.

Young Adults

Friday, December 14th: Family Christmas Caroling

Sunday, January 13th: Second Sunday Brunch @ IHOP

All young adults are welcome to join us after the 11:30 AM Mass at IHOP! You are welcome to meet us in the Commons directly following Mass (by the welcome banner) or meet us there. *If you are meeting us there please let us know.* We typically meet for a Young Adult Brunch on the 2nd Sunday of each month. Hope you will join us!!

For information about Young Adult activities, check out our Facebook group SJOA Young Adult Ministry: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/247137992376962/>.

Adult Formation

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

RCIA: A process of conversion for both adults and children who seek the fullness of Christ through the Catholic Church. The RCIA process offers the opportunity for searching souls to arrive at the fullness of what Christ offers. Receive honest answers to your questions from parishioners and clergy and gradually journey closer to God in the fullness of the Catholic Church. For more information, contact the parish office at (757) 898-5570, or speak with Deacon Mark.

Parish Ministries

Parish Councils

Finance Council Daniel Burton
Pastoral Council Bill McHenry

Pastoral Ministry

Baptism Coordinator Deacon Jim Satterwhite
Liturgy Committee Deacon Jim & Jerry Wilkins

Liturgical Ministries

Altar Servers Randy Vis & Tom O'Reilly
EMHCs Denis Morhiser & Joe Badalis
Hospitality Mark Mulvaney & Mary Ann Vogelbein
MCs Jerry Wilkins
Music Liam Lees
Readers Carl Chesley & Patti Komornik

Non-Liturgical Ministries

Altar Linens Pat Sappenfield
Liturgical Environment Barbara Carroll & Lynda Fairman
Bereaved John Bryant, III & Tom Carroll
Building Maintenance Hank Rose & Dave Marin
Coffee & Donuts Jacinta Swindell
Divine Mercy Grace Dickens & Geri Leatherbury
Iron Men Denis Morhiser & Chris Felice
Kitchen Bill Garber
Landscape Jim Orband
Lazarus Cathy Fowler
Manna Kathy Fisher
New Evangelization David Cienski
RCIA Deacon Mark Mueller
Sick & Homebound Deacon Mark & Cathy Mueller
Social Ministries Chris Ladnier
Vocations Chalice Deacon Phil Wilkinson
Web Master Bobby Estey

Organizations

KoC & Ladies Auxiliary Randy Vis & Cindy Benson
Legion of Mary David Cienski
Women's Club Lynda Burton
Young at Heart Bill Garber



*Now there are varieties of gifts,
but the same Spirit.*

Diocesan News

Bishop Knestout encourages anyone aware of sexual abuse of minors on the part of clergy or staff of our diocese to notify civil authorities, call the Attorney General's Clergy Abuse Hotline at 1-833-454-9064, and reach out to the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator, Jennifer Sloan at 1-877-887-9603.

Bishop's Response to Current Crisis

Following the listening sessions held throughout the diocese in October, Bishop Barry C. Knestout renewed his commitment to leading the Diocese of Richmond with transparency, faith and direct action. A webpage has been created to help the faithful stay informed of the diocese's response to the present crisis in the Church. A video interview with the Bishop as he answers the faithful's most frequently asked questions, a timeline of actions taken within the diocese to address the crisis, and resources to learn how Bishop Knestout is answering the call for accountability is available at www.richmonddiocese.org/diocese-response.

Diocesan Safe Environment Policy

The Catholic Diocese of Richmond is committed to ensuring that diocesan institutions and ministries provide a safe and nurturing environment for children, young people and vulnerable individuals. The mission of the diocese *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 (877) 887-9603 or in writing to the Office of the Bishop.

Simbang Gabi

St. Jerome will be hosting Simbang Gabi on **Sunday, December 16th at 5:00 PM**, with a reception to follow at the Fellowship Hall with Filipino Cuisine. The tradition of Simbang Gabi, or the novena of Masses for nine days before Christmas, is celebrated throughout the Diocese of Richmond. Simbang Gabi is a long – treasured Catholic tradition in the Philippines with liturgical relation to the Advent Season. It is also considered a time of preparation for the celebration of our Savior's birth. It is a series of Dawn Masses, serving as a novena to the Blessed Mother. Traditionally in the Philippines, the Simbang Gabi Masses are celebrated in the very early hours (as early as 4 AM or 5 AM) to allow the farmers and the fishermen to attend the Mass before they set out to the fields or to sea. Through the years, scheduling variations have been made, especially when the tradition was carried over to the United States.