



## 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.*

### PARISH STAFF

**Pastor:**

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**Deacons:**

Rev. Mr. Joe Badalis

Rev. Mr. Don Fox

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Cherry Macababbad

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# The Parish of Saint Joan of Arc

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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8:30-12:30 & 1:30-4:30 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 RCIA 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

"All of the good works in the world are not equal to the holy sacrifice of the Mass, because they are all the works of men; but the Mass is the work of God . . . The Mass is the sacrifice of God for man."

(St. John Vianney)

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 Cherry Macababbad 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

Karen Abi-Saab, Marcella Buckley, Joe Chambers, Abbey Chesley, Tamera David, Bill Garber, Christina Harter, Patricia Holston, Anne Holup, Deacon Dan Johnson, Patti Komornik, John Kemple, Linda O'Dell, Euong Pham, Julie Sandorfi, David Seko, Jr., Stephen Strother



## Mass Intentions for the Week

### **Saturday, September 9**

5:00 pm Joseph Marques

### **Sunday, September 10**

8:30 am †Bob Bates

11:30 am †Phoebe Vaflor

### **Tuesday, September 12**

9:00 am †Armand Joly, Sr.

### **Wednesday, September 13**

7:00 pm †Spenser Caldwell

### **Thursday, September 14**

9:00 am †Paulino Cawaling

### **Friday, September 15**

9:00 am Helen & Michael Butler

### **Saturday, September 16**

5:00 pm Helen & Michael Butler

### **Sunday, September 17**

8:30 am †John Holston

11:30 am †People of SJA

## Upcoming Change in Mass Schedule

Beginning this **Sunday, September 10th**, the 11:00 a.m. Mass will be moved to **11:30 a.m.**

This change will accommodate all youth K-12 receiving Faith Formation on Sunday mornings between the Masses.

## FORGIVENESS

Reflection on Matthew 18:15-20

Last week, Jesus instructed us to take up our cross and follow Him. Today, we see that extending forgiveness to a sister or brother, and actively working through reconciliation when we have wronged someone or been wronged ourselves, can be one of the most painful ways of taking up our cross. But forgiveness and reconciliation are central to the command of Jesus, because they are one of the most important ways of loving.

The principle of subsidiarity is a key value within the body of the church's social justice teaching. It means that we do not do something at a higher level when it can be done at a lower level. How often, especially today, do people try to begin at the highest level possible to address a problem or issue? Today, we are given "Gospel Subsidiarity" as a pathway to follow in our work of forgiveness and reconciliation. I think of all the times when I have told everyone around me about how someone else did me dirty, instead of going directly to that person, as Jesus asks us to do, to reconcile directly. It takes great humility, patience, and vulnerability to forgive and reconcile in the way of the cross, the way of self-sacrificing love.

~ Fr. Jay



*Come, let us sing  
joyfully to the Lord;  
let us acclaim the  
rock of our salvation.*

*Psalms 95:1*

## WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

### Sunday, September 10, 2023

*23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Ez 33:7-9

Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

Rom 13:8-10

Mt 18:15-20

### Thursday, September 14, 2023

*The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

Nm 21:4b-9

Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38

Phil 2:6-11

Jn 3:13-17

### Monday, September 11, 2023

*Weekday*

Col 1:24-2:3

Ps 62:6-7, 9

Lk 6:6-11

### Friday, September 15, 2023

*Our Lady of Sorrows*

1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14

Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11

Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

### Tuesday, September 12, 2023

*Weekday*

Col 2:6-15

Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11

Lk 6:12-19

### Saturday, September 16, 2023

*Saints Cornelius, Pope and  
Cyprian, Bishop; Martyrs*

1 Tm 1:15-17

Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5 and 6-7

Lk 6:43-49

### Wednesday, September 13, 2023

*Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and  
Doctor of the Church*

Col 3:1-11

Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab

Lk 6:20-26

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

## THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

*Feast Day: September 14*

Early in the fourth century, Saint Helena, mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine, went to Jerusalem in search of the holy places of Christ's life. She razed the second-century Temple of Aphrodite. During the excavation, workers found three crosses. Legend has it that the one on which Jesus died was identified when its touch healed a dying woman.

The cross immediately became an object of veneration. At a Good Friday celebration in Jerusalem toward the end of the fourth century, according to an eyewitness, the wood was taken out of its silver container and placed on a table together with the inscription Pilate ordered placed above Jesus' head: Then "all the people pass through one by one; all of them bow down, touching the cross and the inscription, first with their foreheads, then with their eyes; and, after kissing the cross, they move on."

The feast entered the Western calendar in the seventh century after Emperor Heraclius recovered the cross from the Persians, who had carried it off in 614, 15 years earlier. According to the story, the emperor intended to carry the cross back into Jerusalem himself, but was unable to move forward until he took off his imperial garb and became a barefoot pilgrim.

The cross is today the universal image of Christian belief. Countless generations of artists have turned it into a thing of beauty to be carried in procession or worn as jewelry. To the eyes of the first Christians, it had no beauty. It stood outside too many city walls, decorated only with decaying corpses, as a threat to anyone who defied Rome's authority. Although believers spoke of the cross as the instrument of salvation, it seldom appeared in Christian art unless disguised as an anchor or the Chi-Rho until after Constantine's edict of toleration.

Read the full article: "Exaltation of the Holy Cross" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars,  
<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/exaltation-of-the-holy-cross/>. (Accessed August 29, 2023).

## Who Will You Remember? Your Personal Legacy Makes a Difference for Christ!

And this is legacy giving: It's who and what will be remembered and strengthened because of us when we journey home to the Lord at the end of this short earthly life. Our legacy is our potential to make a Kingdom difference for Christ, using our earthly resources which we dedicate to our beloved parish or ministry.

We know that if something is very important to us, we will do everything possible to support 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.

## 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.

## Follow Your Vocation to Serve

Do you think you may be called to serve the Church in a new role? The Office of the Permanent Diaconate is hosting three informational sessions this fall for men who might have a calling to ordained service to the Church and to the bishop as a permanent deacon, and are interested in discerning their calling while learning about the commitment it involves. Qualifications for formation to the permanent diaconate include, but are not limited to the following:

- A Roman Catholic for a minimum of five years at time of application.
- Registered parishioner within the Diocese of Richmond for five years at the time of application, and active in the parish community.
- Between the ages of 30 and 59 at the time of application.
- Committed to and living out values of justice, charity and service.
- Demonstrates grateful fidelity to all that the Church teaches, openness to formation and has demonstrated leadership.

Following these sessions, a new cohort of permanent deacons will be formed in 2024. Our permanent deacons are assigned to a parish where they exercise liturgical and catechetical ministries within their parish communities. Deacons hold roles both in their church and in a variety secular professions, showing how unique this vocation is. Please prayerfully discern whether you may be called to join a thriving and essential vocation to serve the Church in a new way. For those interested, visit the Permanent Diaconate page on [richmonddiocese.org](http://richmonddiocese.org) or email [gmanuso@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:gmanuso@richmonddiocese.org). If you feel the call, talk to Fr. Michael Joly!

## *Parish Ministries*

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

### **Pastoral Ministry**

**Baptism Coordinator**,  
Jennifer Strash  
**Bereaved**, 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  
**MCs**, Jerry Wilkins  
**Music**, Shanshan Xie  
**Music - Volunteer Assistant**,  
Donna Prantl  
**Readers**, Michael Syptak &  
Patti Komornik

### **Non-Liturgical Ministries**

**Altar Linens**, Pat Sappenfield  
**Building Committee**, Steve Romeo  
**Building Maintenance**, Hank Rose &  
Dave Payton  
**Coffee & Cookies**, Glenda Dobbins &  
Florita Galvez  
**Divine Mercy**, Donna Prantl &  
Cathy Fowler  
**Iron Men**, ohn Musser  
**Kitchen**, Jerry Ladnier & Lisa Emerick  
**Liturgical Environment**, Tom &  
Rowena Fauber & Lynda Fairman  
**Landscape**, Jim Orband  
**Lazarus**, Cathy Fowler  
**Legion of Mary**, Gina Endres  
**Library**, Laura Quellhorst  
**Magnificat**, Tracy Leota &  
Kelley Rutter  
**New Evangelization**, David Cienski  
**RCIA**, Deacon Joe Badalis  
**Social Ministries**, Chris Ladnier  
**Vocations Chalice**, Ferdinand &  
Donna Prantl  
**Web Master**

### **Organizations**

**KoC & Ladies Auxiliary**, Joe Voloski &  
Jessica Martinez  
**Women's Book Club**, Arlene Bradley

# Faith Formation

## Why Should YOU be a Catechist?

10. The best way to learn is to teach.
9. Catechists tell the Truth.
8. Sharing the Faith is an honor.
7. Your own faith will come alive.
6. You become an active part of the most active part of your parish.
5. A catechist is a role model.
4. You will be practicing stewardship.
3. You show your own family that you value religious education.
2. It's fun.
1. It's what you are called to do!

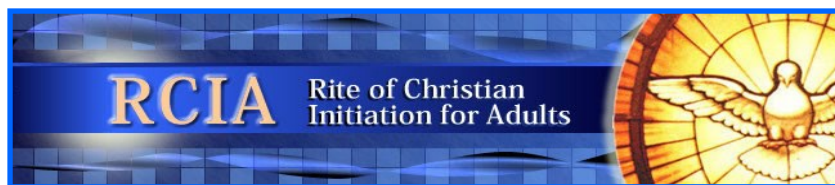
Please join our ministry! Training and all materials for a successful and holy year are provided! For more information or to sign up, please contact Jennifer at 757-898-5570 or [jstrash@stjoanofarcva.org](mailto:jstrash@stjoanofarcva.org).



Thank you for loving your child totally with your prayerful encouragement of his/her formation in the Catholic faith and, for some, preparation to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion or Confirmation. It is in your family, the domestic Church, that the seed of faith is planted, prayerfully cultivated, and blooms. Without your careful attention to cultivate and form the ground upon which the seed of God's Word falls, it cannot flourish. Register now for 2023–2024 year. Use the QR code to register. **Classes start this Sunday, September 10.**



# Adult Formation



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 Don Fox.

# Diocesan Information

## Vocations Awareness

“Where two or three are gathered in My name ...” The community that gathers in Christ needs leadership. Are you being called to discipleship as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call Father Brian Capuano at 804-359-5661 or e-mail: [vocations@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@richmonddiocese.org).





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