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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.

<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

In the liturgy on earth we are given a foretaste and share in the liturgy of heaven, celebrated in the holy city of Jerusalem, the goal of our pilgrimage, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God, as minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle. With the whole company of heaven, we sing a hymn of praise to the Lord; as we reverence the memory of the saints, we hope to have some part with them, and to share in their fellowship; we wait for the Savior, our Lord Jesus Christ, until He, who is our life, appears, and we appear with Him in glory.

(Sacrosanctum Concilium, nn. 7-8. 106)

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, Matthew Martin,
Linda O'Dell, Euong Pham,
David Seko, Jr., Stephen Strother

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, September 23 5:00 pm † Anthony Sambuchi

Sunday, September 24

8:30 am † Melvin Vis 11:30 am † Juan Ablan

Saturday, September 30

5:00 pm † Michael Fitzgerald

Sunday, October 1

8:30 am † Joseph Marques 11:30 am † Michael Fitzgerald



ANSWERING GOD'S CALL

Reflection on Matthew 20:1-16a

"Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last." We are definitely in the territory here of the Kingdom of God, where reversals and upheavals are common, compelling us to consider not only the vast and impenetrable ways of God, but also our own purry and unimaginative ways of acting in the world.

If we look at what the owner of the vineyard is up to most in the story, we see that it is his return to the marketplace many times during the day to put folks to work in his vineyard. What is unacceptable to the owner, then, is idleness in the marketplace. Standing around idle when there is work to be done is the key here. Whenever I read this parable, I hear what my dad used to say to us kids when we were idle: "Why don't you make yourself useful as well as ornamental."

Usefulness for building God's kingdom is the call. And it doesn't matter when you finally hear that call and respond to it, whether early in life or in mid-life or late in life. Working in the vineyard of God's kingdom is what is essential, not how long you're at it. Moreover, we must rejoice with those workers who started later than we did, because they answered God's call!

- Fr. Jay



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Lk 9:7-9

Jn 1:47-51

Sunday, September 24, 2023 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 55:6-9 Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 Phil 1:20c-24, 27a Mt 20:1-16a

Monday, September 25, 2023 Weekday

Ezr 1:1-6

Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday, September 26, 2023

Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20 Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday, September 27, 2023

Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest Ezr 9:5-9

Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8 Lk 9:1-6 Thursday, September 28, 2023 Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist Hg 1:1-8 Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b

Friday, September 29, 2023 Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5

Saturday, September 30, 2023 Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of Rome Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 Lk 9:43b-45

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

SAINT JEROME

Fourt Day: September 30

Patron Saint of: Scholers, Theologiers

Saint Jerome was above all a Scripture scholar, translating most of the Old Testament from the Hebrew. Jerome also wrote commentaries which are a great source of scriptural inspiration for us today. He was an avid student, a thorough scholar, a prodigious letter-writer and a consultant to monk, bishop, and pope. Saint Augustine said of him, "What Jerome is ignorant of, no mortal has ever known."

He is particularly important for having made a translation of the Bible which came to be called the Vulgate. It is not the most critical edition of the Bible, but its acceptance by the Church was fortunate. As a modern scholar says, "No man before Jerome or among his contemporaries and very few men for many centuries afterwards were so well qualified to do the work." The Council of Trent called for a new and corrected edition of the Vulgate, and declared it the authentic text to be used in the Church.

In order to be able to do such work, Jerome prepared himself well. He was a master of Latin, Greek, Hebrew, and Chaldaic. He began his studies at his birthplace, Stridon in Dalmatia. After his preliminary education, he went to Rome, the center of learning at that time, and thence to Trier, Germany, where the scholar was very much in evidence. He spent several years in each place, always trying to find the very best teachers. He once served as private secretary to Pope Damasus.

After these preparatory studies, he traveled extensively in Palestine, marking each spot of Christ's life with an outpouring of devotion. Mystic that he was, he spent five years in the desert of Chalcis so that he might give himself up to prayer, penance, and study. Finally, he settled in Bethlehem, where he lived in the cave believed to have been the birthplace of Christ. Jerome died in Bethlehem, and the remains of his body now lie buried in the Basifica of St. Mary Major in Rome.

Read the fell article: "Baint Jacome" Franchess Media, Franchess Files, https://www.franchessemedia.org/saint-of-the-depthalor/promer/. Processed September 12, 2022).

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.

First Friday Adoration

Come join us for Adoration after morning Mass on the First Friday of each month. A signup 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.



SJA Landscape Team

Saturday, October 7, beginning at 9 AM is our landscape workday. If you are interested in helping with this day, you are welcome to work with us. The Landscape Team is responsible for the care and stewardship of all 13 acres of the parish grounds. Our day will involve mulching, pruning, and clean up of the grounds. Contact Jim Orband at jorband@vt.edu for more information or to sign up for the workday. Thank you for your interest.

Parish Ministries

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

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Baptism Coordinator,
Jennifer Strash
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Pine Needles for St. Joan of Arc Landscape Beds

The Landscape Team needs your help. We could use your raked up pine needles to put in the landscape beds at St. Joan of Arc. The landscape team uses a lot of different mulches throughout the St. Joan of Arc landscape. We do not pay for any mulches. The Compost Facility donates all of the reground mulch that we use in landscape beds. Pine needles are gathered from friends, and from the side of the road and brought to church for application in the landscape beds. No fees are charged.

If you have pine needles (with or without some leaves in), we would be glad to use your bagged pine needles in church landscape beds. Please call Jim at (757) 898-9403 for the details on where to bring these bagged pine needles to leave on the church grounds. We can accept them anytime that you want to donate them. We do not have the labor to rake your pine needles and we are very appreciative of you sharing your valuable resource with the parish in the landscape beds.

Faith Formation











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. It's not too late to register for Fall 2023. Forms are available in the Commons or use the QR code to register.



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

"Seek the Lord while He may be found..." While seeking Him in prayer and the sacraments, listen to Him. Are you discerning a vocation to serve the Lord as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Call Father Brian Capuano at 804-359-5661 or e-mail: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.







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