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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.

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.

CHRISTMAS
2023

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

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)

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 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



Karen Abi-Saab, Marcella Buckley,
Joe Chambers, Abbey Chesley,
Carl & Mary Chesley, Tamera David,
Anne Holup, Deacon Dan Johnson,
Patti Komornik, Matthew Martin,
Ron Morrison, Linda O'Dell, Euong Pham,
David Seko, Jr., Stephen Strother



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, January 13
5:00 pm People of SJA

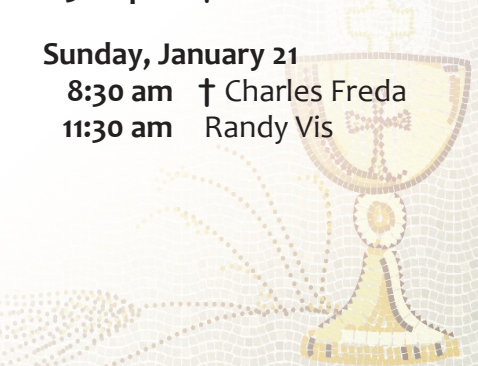
Sunday, January 14
8:30 am People of SJA
11:30 am † Dywayne Barnett

Monday, January 15
9:00 am Mike Syptak

Wednesday, January 17
9:00 am † Bernadette Murphy
7:00 pm Andy Snyder

Saturday, January 20
5:00 pm † Peter Olenick III

Sunday, January 21
8:30 am † Charles Freda
11:30 am Randy Vis



INVITATION

Reflection on John 1:35-42

God does not seem to follow any pattern, protocol, or formula in making Himself known, or in calling individuals into relationship and gifting them for service. Over and over again, Scripture and countless stories in our tradition reveal that there is no predicting when God will come to us or how the visit might occur.

God can call the apprentice instead of the master, in the middle of the night while he is sleeping, as God did with Samuel. God can call an ordinary fellow out of a crowd of people at 4:00 in the afternoon, as God did with Andrew. Or two fisherman busy cleaning their nets, as with James and John. Or a tax collector hiding up a tree, as with Zacchaeus. Or an atheist walking down a crowded street in mid-town Manhattan, as with Thomas Merton. Or an old woman in her seventies, as with St. Mother Teresa.

"Come and see" – the invitation we hear in today's Gospel – can come to any of us, at any time, anywhere. When the invitation comes to you, even if you are, like Samuel, not yet familiar with the crazy ways of God, may you at least imitate His openness and innocent honesty, by saying: "Here I am Lord. Speak, for your servant is listening."

~ Fr. Jay



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, January 14, 2024

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19
Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10
1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20
Jn 1:35-42

Monday, January 15, 2024

Weekday

1 Sm 15:16-23
Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23
Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday, January 16, 2024

Weekday

1 Sm 16:1-13
Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28
Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

Saint Anthony, Abbott

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51
Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10
Mk 3:1-6

Thursday, January 18, 2024

Weekday

1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7
Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13
Mk 3:7-12

Friday, January 19, 2024

Weekday

1 Sm 24:3-21
Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11
Mk 3:13-19

Saturday, January 20, 2024

Weekday

2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27
Ps 80:2-3, 5-7
Mk 3:20-21

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

SAINT GREGORY NAZIANZEN

Saint of the Day: January 14

Patron Saint of: Medieval Bosnia

After his Baptism at 30, Gregory gladly accepted his friend Basil's invitation to join him in a newly founded monastery. The solitude was broken when Gregory's father, a bishop, needed help in his diocese and estate. It seems that Gregory was ordained a priest practically by force, and only reluctantly accepted the responsibility. He skillfully avoided a schism that threatened when his own father made compromises with Arianism. At 41, Gregory was chosen suffragan bishop of Caesarea and at once came into conflict with Valens, the emperor, who supported the Arians.

An unfortunate byproduct of the battle was the cooling of the friendship of two saints. Basil, his archbishop, sent him to a miserable and unhealthy town on the border of unjustly created divisions in his diocese. Basil reproached Gregory for not going to his See.

When protection for Arianism ended with the death of Valens, Gregory was called to rebuild the faith in the great See of Constantinople, which had been under Arian teachers for three decades. Retiring and sensitive, he dreaded being drawn into the whirlpool of corruption and violence. He first stayed at a friend's home, which became the only orthodox church in the city. In such surroundings, he began giving the great sermons on the Trinity for which he is famous. In time, Gregory did rebuild the faith in the city, but at the cost of great suffering, slander, insults, and even personal violence. An interloper even tried to take over his bishopric.

His last days were spent in solitude and austerity. He wrote religious poetry, some of it autobiographical, of great depth and beauty. He was acclaimed simply as "the Theologian." St. Gregory Nazianzen shares the celebration of his liturgical feast with St. Basil the Great on January 2.

Read the full article: "Saint Gregory Nazianzen" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-gregory-nazianzen/. (Accessed January 3, 2024).

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.

Book of the Month for January 2024



The Catholic Gentleman: Living Authentic Manhood Today
Sam Guzman, 2019, Ignatius Press, 177 pages.

The Catholic Gentleman is a solid and practical guide to virtuous manhood: a book that provides material to reflect on in this turbulent era. While traditional gender roles have been eroding for decades, now the very categories of male and female are being discarded with reckless abandon. How does one act like a gentleman in such confusing times?

The author relies on the timeless wisdom of the Catholic Church to answer the important questions men are currently asking.

In short chapters, the author offers witty insights on a variety of topics, including:

- How to know you are an authentic man.
- Why our bodies matter.
- The value of tradition.
- The purpose of courtesy.
- What real holiness is, and how to achieve it.
- How to deal with failure in the spiritual life.

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Adult Formation

RCIA changing to OCI

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, or RCIA, as it has been more commonly referred to, will have its name changed to the Order of Christian Initiation (OCI), including both adults and youth. Following the trend of updating all liturgical texts to reflect greater fidelity to the original Latin, the U.S. Bishops agreed to the updated name change in 2021, but documents are currently in the review process anticipating approval by the Vatican's Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments in 2024.

The change also applies to the process by which one enters the Church. The new structure is meant to invite candidates and catechumens into a continuous process of spiritual formation on the path to Baptism, first Communion and Confirmation. The OCI process encourages candidates and catechumens to take charge of their faith education, ask questions of catechists and explore the answers. Most catechumens and candidates still will be received into the Church during the Easter Vigil, but OCI encourages them to get involved in the parish community even before they receive the Sacraments, sowing seeds of discipleship that will grow well beyond Confirmation. For more information, please contact Deacon Don Fox at 757-813-6428, deacondonfox@gmail.com, or the Parish Office at (757) 898-5570.

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. Forms are available in the Commons or use the QR code to register.



Diocesan Information

Vocations Awareness

"Come, and you will see." How are you being called to come and see how you can build up the kingdom of God as His co-worker? Consider the generous service of priesthood or consecrated life. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Office of Vocations at (804) 359-5661 or via email: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Married Couples! Is winter starting to get you down and you find yourself getting a little edgy with your spouse? Perhaps you deserve to get away to renew your relationship. Sign up today for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and get rid of the blahs.

For more information or to register, go to WWME.org, click "Apply" and search for "Virginia" or your desired location. Feel free to contact Mark and Cathy Stangler at 703-378-4150 or mstang1987@aol.com with any questions. Here are a few upcoming experiences:

January 26-28, 2024 - Myrtle Beach, SC

March 1-3, 2024 - College Park, MD

April 12-14, 2024 - Herndon, VA



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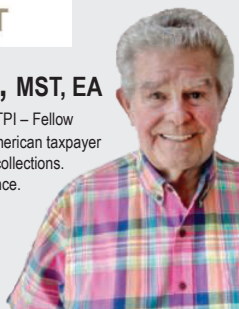


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