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*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.*

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# The Parish of Saint Joan of Arc

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### Mass Schedule

**Weekend**

Saturday – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday – 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 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 11:00 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 OCI 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

"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 Jennifer "J" Rodriguez 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, Bob Froemel



## *Mass Intentions for the Week*

**Saturday, July 27**

5:00 pm Jeffrey Thomson

**Sunday, July 28**

8:30 am † Sylvia Luy

11:00 am † Peter Biasi

**Monday, July 29**

9:00 am † Anna Wisniewski

**Tuesday, July 30**

9:00 am Ricky Mercado

**Sunday, August 4**

8:30 am † Vera Mae Syptak

11:00 am People of SJA



## *Meetings for the Week*

**Monday, July 29**

6:30 pm Legion of Mary

**Thursday, August 1**

10:00 am Stitchers

6:00 pm Divine Mercy



## 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.

## Remembering Our Beloved Dead

In addition to the prayers lifted just after death and the prayers of the funeral Mass itself, a meaningful Catholic tradition is to have Masses celebrated for the faithful departed. These Memorial Masses have infinite value for the souls of those journeying home to Heaven, as well as for those of us who remain and mourn. Masses may be offered at any time of the year.

## House Blessings

God has made His HOME in human flesh. The human person is the only suitable dwelling place for the Eternal, Divine, Holy Presence of God. But we, ourselves, also live in brick and mortar homes. What about blessing them?

The Church has a long and rich tradition of blessing the physical homes in which the sons and daughters of God (in Christ) dwell. A home blessing invites the power of God's grace essentially upon residents and visitors to the home, but also importantly upon doors, walls, floor, roof, sacred images, and all in the home. The blessing is a serious invitation for Christ to be the center and a permanent resident in the home. The blessing does several things: it consecrates the home, protects the family within, welcomes grace to lovingly heal and flourish in the family, and welcomes God's grace to impact all who visit.

This simple, yet beautiful and meaningful blessing may be performed at any time – new home (for your family) or old. If you would like to have your home blessed, please contact the Parish Office (757) 898-5570 to arrange a date and time for Fr. Mike or one of the deacons to visit and bless your home.

## Vocations Awareness

"I implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called." Are you being called to help feed the people of God as a priest or religious brother or sister? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Office of Vocations at (804) 359-5661 or via email: [vocations@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@richmonddiocese.org).



## *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**, Bud Forrest  
**Music Coordinator**, Donna Prantl  
**Readers**, Michael Syptak &  
Patti Komornik

### **Non-Liturgical Ministries**

**Altar Linens**, Pat Sappenfield  
**Building Committee**, Steve Romeo  
**Building Maintenance**,  
Dave Payton & 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**, Gina Endres  
**Library**, Laura Quellhorst  
**Magnificat Women**, Tracy Leota &  
Kelley Rutter  
**New Evangelization**, David Ciencki  
**OCI**, Deacon Don Fox  
**Social Ministries**, Chris Ladnier  
**Vocations Chalice**,  
Ferdinand & Donna Prantl  
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**KoC & Ladies Auxiliary**, Randy Vis  
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**Women's Book Club**, Arlene Bradley



## HUNGRY

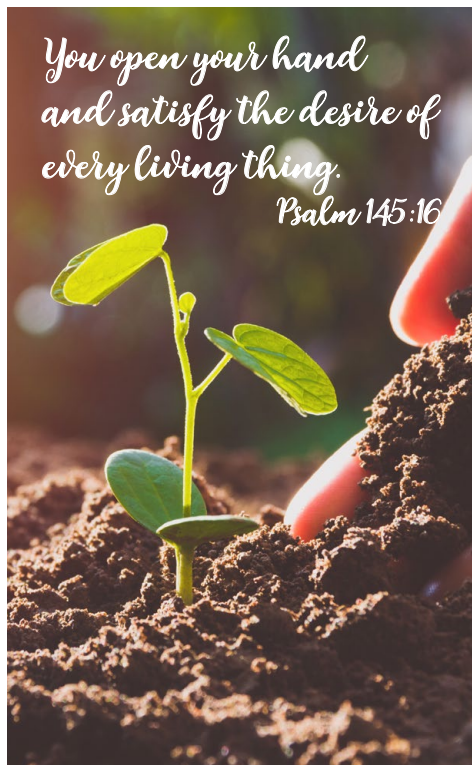
*Reflection on 2 Kings 4:42-44*

There is a story told about Mohandas Gandhi, a person who certainly knew the aching hearts of hungry millions. When asked once about Christ's followers and the meal that united them, he said: "I have finally figured out the meaning of the Eucharist. How else could God come to a hungry world except in food and drink?"

John's narrative of the feeding of the crowd is a foreshadowing of the gift of the Eucharist. We discover that with Jesus, hunger has a way of getting satisfied, because bread has a way of getting multiplied. We are hungry for so much – real and lasting peace, respect and dignity, good health, intimacy, the realization of ideals and dreams, and so much more.

At every Eucharist, we become more deeply the gift of the Real Presence of Jesus that we receive in the form of bread and wine. We are the gift to each other; we feed each other's hungers. We become like the boy who had the five barley loaves and two fish that day – we offer all that we have and all that we are to feed the crowd. Jesus takes us, blesses us, breaks us open, and distributes us. And God's love is multiplied!

~ Fr. Jay



*You open your hand  
and satisfy the desire of  
every living thing.*

*Psalms 145:16*

## WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

### Sunday, July 28, 2024

*17th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

2 Kgs 4:42-44

Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18

Eph 4:1-6

Jn 6:1-15

### Thursday, August 1, 2024

*Saint Alphonsus Liguori,  
Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

Jer 18:1-6

Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab

Mt 13:47-53

### Monday, July 29, 2024

*Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus*

Jer 13:1-11

Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21

Jn 11:19-27

### Friday, August 2, 2024

*Weekday*

Jer 26:1-9

Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14

Mt 13:54-58

### Tuesday, July 30, 2024

*Weekday*

Jer 14:17-22

Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13

Mt 13:36-43

### Saturday, August 3, 2024

*Weekday*

Jer 26:11-16, 24

Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34

Mt 14:1-12

### Wednesday, July 31, 2024

*Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest*

Jer 15:10, 16-21

Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18

Mt 13:44-46

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

## SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

*Saint of the Day: July 31*

*Patron Saint of: All Spiritual Retreats*

The founder of the Jesuits was on his way to military fame and fortune when a cannonball shattered his leg. During his convalescence, Ignatius whiled away the time reading about the life of Christ and lives of the saints. His conscience was deeply touched, and a long, painful turning to Christ began. Having seen the Mother of God in a vision, he made a pilgrimage to her shrine at Montserrat near Barcelona. He remained for almost a year at nearby Manresa, sometimes with the Dominicans, sometimes in a pauper's hospice, often in a cave in the hills praying.

It was during this year of conversion that Ignatius began to write down material that later became his greatest work, the *Spiritual Exercises*.

In 1534, at the age of 43, he and six others – one of whom was Saint Francis Xavier – vowed to live in poverty and chastity and to go to the Holy Land. If this became impossible, they vowed to offer themselves to the apostolic service of the pope. The latter became the only choice. Four years later Ignatius made the association permanent. The new Society of Jesus was approved by Pope Paul III, and Ignatius was elected to serve as the first general.

Ignatius was a true mystic. He centered his spiritual life on the essential foundations of Christianity – the Trinity, Christ, the Eucharist. His spirituality is expressed in the Jesuit motto, *Ad maiorem Dei gloriam* – "for the greater glory of God." In his concept, obedience was to be the prominent virtue, to assure the effectiveness and mobility of his men. All activity was to be guided by a true love of the Church and unconditional obedience to the Holy Father, for which reason all professed members took a fourth vow to go wherever the pope should send them for the salvation of souls.

Read the full article: "Saint Ignatius of Loyola" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars,  
<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-ignatius-of-loyola/> (Accessed June 24, 2024).

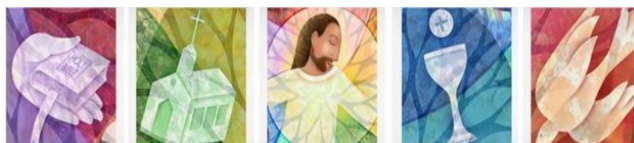
# Adult Formation

## OCI

The Order of Christian Initiation (OCI), including both adults and youth had its name changed from the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, or RCIA. 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 will still 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. Use the QR code to register for the 2024 - 2025 school year. Also, watch for our new Catechesis of the Good Shepherd religious education program for our 3 to 6-year-old kids coming this fall!

## CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

New this summer to St. Joan of Arc! A weeklong CGS (Catechesis of the Good Shepherd) Atrium experience is awaiting your child. Your child is sure to enjoy this amazing and powerful addition to SJA's spiritual formation for children. Whether he/she is brand new to the atrium experience or familiar with it, your child will have lots to share with you after this. It will be a 75-minute program, Monday through Friday, starting August 5th through 9th for children ages 3-5 years with early morning and early afternoon offerings. Each session is limited to 10 children.



Catechesis  
of the  
Good Shepherd

**The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd** – a religious formation program for children ages 3 to 13 rooted in the educational philosophy of Maria Montessori. The children attending meet in a carefully prepared room filled with biblical and liturgical materials to help them draw closer to Jesus, the Good Shepherd. This room – called the Atrium – is a place of simplicity and order, prayer, work and community. Everything in this room is intended to be appropriate to the ages and sizes of the children who gather there.

We are introducing Level 1 this year on Sunday mornings.

### **Level 1: Children 3-6**

The smallest ones are introduced to the liturgy by means of models of sacred objects of the Mass, vestments of the priests and liturgical colors which are seen in the sanctuary. Then, when they go to Mass, they rediscover things with which they are already familiar. They listen to the words of Jesus in the Bible which proclaims His birth, ponder parables of the Kingdom of God and celebrate His Resurrection.







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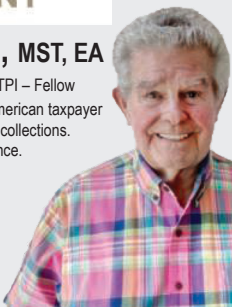
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