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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.



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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 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/.

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.

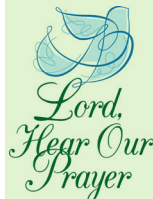
The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

"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 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, Kelly Bustamonte, Joe Chambers, Abbey Chesley, Carl & Mary Chesley, Paul Chesley, David Crocker, Jeffrey Cudjik, Blake Duggan, Eileen Gryn, Anne Holup, Elizabeth Johnson, Matthew Martin, Ron Morrison, Linda O'Dell, Euong Pham, Carol Romeo, David Seko, Jr., Stephen Strother, Walter Sandberg



Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, February 23

8:30 am Lois Bates
11:30 am + Tony & Theresa Chavez

Monday, February 24

9:00 am + Chickie Zimmerman

Wednesday, February 26

9:00 am + Pete Modafferi

Saturday, March 1

10:00 am + Poor Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, March 2

8:30 am Joanne Ward
11:30 am People of SJA

Meetings for the Week

Monday, February 24

6:30 pm Legion of Mary
6:30 pm Luke Bible Study

Tuesday, February 25

10:00 am Women's Book Club
6:00 pm Youth Group
7:00 pm OCI

Thursday, February 27

6:30 pm KOC
7:00 pm Ladies' Auxiliary

Saturday, March 1

3:00 pm Children's Choir



First Saturday Mass

First Saturday Mass will be celebrated at 10 AM on March 1.

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism Preparation for Parents will take place on Sunday, March 2, after the 11:30 am Mass. The session will be conducted in Rooms F & H. Please contact Jennifer Strash for more information at (757) 898-5570.

Retreat Opportunity



ATTENTION MEN

ACTS Retreat is Coming to St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church 27-30 March 2025



Adoration - Community - Theology - Service

What is an ACTS Retreat? An ACTS Retreat is a parish-based event which offers parishioners an opportunity to experience the love of Jesus Christ fostering a desire for intentional discipleship. ACTS Retreats are given by parishioners for parishioners, and in this way, serve to build a thriving Catholic community at the parish level. The ACTS Retreat experience is rooted in the Paschal Mystery and retreatants are invited to reflect on the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

- Where: St. Clare of Assisi Retreat Center in Hampton, Va.
Cost: \$150.00 per person - Lodging, meals, and snacks included.
For more information about ACTS visit: www.actsmissions.org
POC: Pete Romeo, 757-503-3533, pnpromeo@cox.net



Space is limited to 25 retreatants and will be granted on a first come first served basis.



Women's Retreat

SAVE THE DATE

May 29 - June 1, 2025

SJA Registration coming soon



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, Heekyung Lee
Music Coordinator, Donna Prantl
Readers, Michael Syptak & Patti Komornik

Non-Liturgical Ministries

Altar Linens, Pat Sappenfield
Building Committee, Steve Romeo
Building Maintenance, Dave Payton, Paul Krieschen & 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, David Cienski
Library, Laura Quellhorst & Federico Colagrande
Magnificat Women, Tracy Leota & Kelley Rutter
OCI, Deacon Don Fox
Social Ministries, Chris Ladnier
Vocations Chalice, Ferdinand & Donna Prantl
Web Master

Organizations

KoC & Ladies Auxiliary, Randy Vis & Julia Allaman
Women's Book Club, Arlene Bradley

COUNTERCULTURAL*Reflection on Luke 6:27-38*

This Gospel passage, with its many exhortations, may express what is most radical, and difficult, about Jesus' message. It strikes many as counterintuitive, as it confronts us at the core of how we relate to one another. The world will guide the relationships we have as human beings with the principle of reciprocity: protect yourself from others by deploying a good defense; retaliate when attacked; take an eye for an eye.

With Jesus we have a whole new ethic to guide our relationships, and it is only possible to live it with the grace of the Holy Spirit. No more tit-for-tat stuff. Ask yourself what you want people to do for you, then grab the initiative and do it for them. Let everyone, even enemies, bring out the best in you. With difficult people, respond with the energies of prayer for them. Use every occasion to practice the servant life.

Act toward all others as God acts toward you – with kindness, forgiveness, generosity, mercy, love. In today's divisive world, what would happen if we Christians took this message to heart and lived it? Let's do it and find out!

– Fr. Jay

AS FAR AS THE EAST IS FROM THE WEST, SO FAR HAS HE PUT OUR TRANSGRESSIONS FROM US.

– PSALM 103:12

**WEEKLY SCRIPTURE****Sunday, February 23, 2025***7th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13

1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Luke 6:27-38

Thursday, February 27, 2025*Saint Gabriel of**Our Lady of Sorrows*

Sirach 5:1-8

Psalm 1:1-4, 6

Mark 9:41-50

Monday, February 24, 2025*Weekday*

Sirach 1:1-10

Psalm 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5

Mark 9:14-29

Friday, February 28, 2025*Weekday*

Sirach 6:5-17

Psalm 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35

Mark 10:1-12

Tuesday, February 25, 2025*Weekday*

Sirach 2:1-11

Psalm 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40

Mark 9:30-37

Saturday, March 1, 2025*Weekday*

Sirach 17:1-15

Psalm 103:13-14, 15-16, 17-18

Mark 10:13-16

Wednesday, February 26, 2025*Weekday*

Sirach 4:11-19

Psalm 119:165, 168, 171-172, 174-175

Mark 9:38-40

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

SAINT GABRIEL OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS*Saint of the Day: February 27**Patron Saint of Clergy, Young People and Students*

Born in Italy into a large family and baptized Francis, Saint Gabriel lost his mother when he was only four years old. He was educated by the Jesuits and, having been cured twice of serious illnesses, came to believe that God was calling him to the religious life. Young Francis wished to join the Jesuits but was turned down, probably because of his age, not yet 17. Following the death of a sister to cholera, his resolve to enter religious life became even stronger and he was accepted by the Passionists. Upon entering the novitiate he was given the name Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows.

Ever popular and cheerful, Gabriel quickly was successful in his effort to be faithful in little things. His spirit of prayer, love for the poor, consideration of the feelings of others, exact observance of the Passionist Rule as well as his bodily penances – always subject to the will of his wise superiors – made a deep impression on everyone.

His superiors had great expectations of Gabriel as he prepared for the priesthood, but after only four years of religious life symptoms of tuberculosis appeared. Ever obedient, he patiently bore the painful effects of the disease and the restrictions it required, seeking no special notice. He died peacefully on February 27, 1862, at age 24, having been an example to both young and old.

Saint Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows was canonized in 1920.

When we think of achieving great holiness by doing little things with love and grace, Therese of Lisieux comes first to mind. Like her, Gabriel died painfully from tuberculosis. Together they urge us to tend to the small details of daily life, to be considerate of others' feelings every day. Our path to sanctity, like theirs, probably lies not in heroic doings but in performing small acts of kindness every day.

Read the full article: "Saint Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, franciscan1stg.wpengine.com/saint-of-the-day/saint-peter-damian/ (Accessed February 3, 2025).

Children's Choir

Join us on Saturdays from 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM in
Classroom F/H

Contact Information

Heekyung Lee email: sjoamusic@stjoanofarcva.org

Donna Prantl email: dprantl@cox.net

Call the SJA office: 757 898 5570, ext. 10, for more information



Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday, March 5, Mass Times

9 AM and 7 PM

COLLECTION OF PALMS



In keeping with the centuries-old tradition of burning of palm fronds (from the previous year's Palm Sunday, to create ashes for the imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday, please bring your palms from Palm Sunday 2024, by Tuesday, March 4, and place them in the baskets in the Commons

Save the Date!

SJA COMMUNITY SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER, TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 6:00 PM:

This will be a great way to start off Lent, which is the time of purification, detaching from what sin and slavery still have a grip on us, and becoming free through prayer, fasting, and self-sacrifice. After dinner, join us for the Burning of the Palms, which will be used for our **Ash Wednesday Masses at 9 AM and 7 PM** the next day. What a great



Diocesan Information

Vocations Awareness

"Love your enemies and do good to those who hate you." (Luke 6:27)

Priests, religious brothers and sisters, and married couples are each called to live out a vocation rooted in love and forgiveness. Is God calling you to witness to His mercy and compassion through a religious vocation? Talk to your priest or reach out to Father Matthew Khiel in the Vocation Office at (804) 953-5661 or via email: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.





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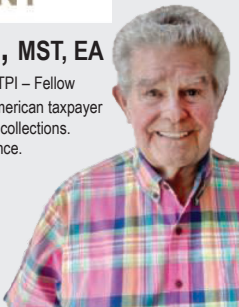
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