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EASTER 2025

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## 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

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

## *Mass Intentions for the Week*

### **Sunday, April 27**

8:30 am People of SJA  
11:30 am Marcella Buckley

### **Sunday, May 4**

8:30 am +Genevieve Graham  
11:30 am People of SJA

### **Saturday, May 3**

5:00 pm + Poor Souls in Purgatory



## *Meetings for the Week*

### **Monday, April 28**

6:30 pm Legion of Mary  
7:00 pm Adult Faith Formation

### **Tuesday, April 29**

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

### **Saturday, May 3**

3:00 pm Children's Choir

## Spiritual Direction

Spiritual direction is available. Please contact Father Mike, the Deacons, or Chris Ladnier if you are in need.

## *Divine Mercy*

**ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF DIVINE MERCY  
SUNDAY, APRIL 27 AT 3:00 P.M.**

All are welcome!

## *Save the Date!*

### Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism Preparation for Parents will take place on **Sunday, May 4**, 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.

### MAY PROCESSION AND CROWNING OF OUR BLESSED MOTHER

St. Joan of Arc's beautiful Annual May Procession and Crowning will take place on Sunday, May 4, 2025, between the two morning Masses. Please, plan to be there and to rejoice in it. We gather to honor Mary, the Mother of Our Lord Jesus Christ, now our own spiritual Mother, who is also the Patroness of our country, as we crown the Queen of Angels during a devotional service. We invite family and friends to share in this devotion and to announce Mary as the loving Mother of the "New Creation" to the public around us. We ask all to bring flowers from their gardens that day to offer to, and to honor Our Lady of Grace.



## *Retreat Opportunity*



### **St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church Women's A.C.T.S Retreat**

**Registration Open**



Adoration, Community,  
Theology and Service



**May 29-June 1, 2025**

"My soul proclaims the  
greatness of the Lord" ~Luke 1:46

Registration forms available in Parish Office & Commons  
For more information contact:

Laurie Sepanski @ 757-817-0825 or Sylvia Hernandez @ 210-535-9500  
Lsepanski@proton.me sylviahernandez50@gmail.com

## *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  
and Julia Allaman  
**Women's Book Club**, Arlene Bradley



## DIVINE MERCY

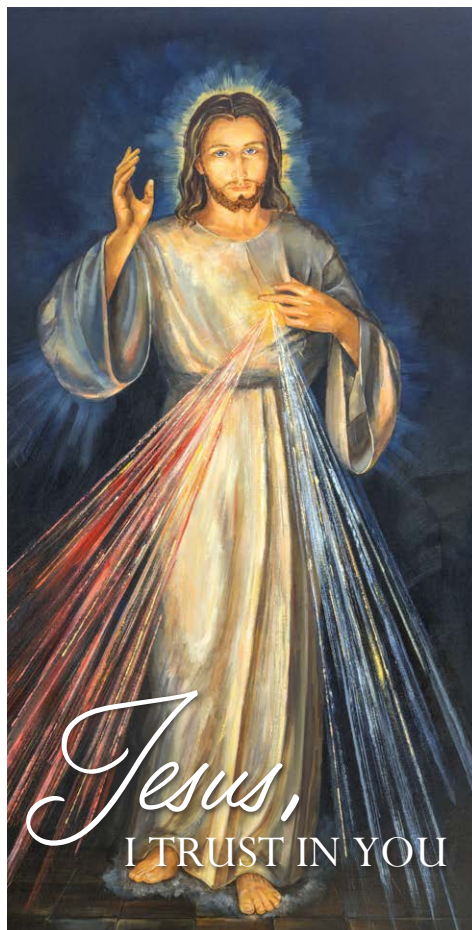
*Reflection on John 20:19-31*

I don't remember who said this, but it rings so true: Christianity has nothing to say to someone who does not know him/herself to be a sinner. If I know not my deep need for forgiveness and redemption, then divine mercy makes no sense; it is lost on me.

How blessed and grateful we are, though, when this great gift of divine mercy is accepted, and flows into our hearts and lives! I am convinced that when we receive God's mercy, in a proper disposition of repentance, then God does not want us to be burdened with the sins that have shamed us and brought us low. Instead, God desires us to be truly free, for His gift of mercy liberates us to be merciful.

In today's Gospel, Jesus invites Thomas into His wounds, and so into the reception of His divine life. So is this pattern enacted for us as well. It is going deeply into our wounds that sin has caused, where we are in contact with the wounds of Christ that redeem us. Praise God for His great mercy!

– Fr. Jay



## WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

### Sunday, April 27, 2025

*Divine Mercy Sunday*

Acts 5:12-16

Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

John 20:19-31

### Monday, April 28, 2025

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 4:23-31

Psalm 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9

John 3:1-8

### Tuesday, April 29, 2025

*Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church*

Acts 4:32-37

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

John 3:7b-15

### Wednesday, April 30, 2025

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 5:17-26

Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

John 3:16-21

### Thursday, May 1, 2025

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 5:27-33

Psalm 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20

John 3:31-36

### Friday, May 2, 2025

*Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

Acts 5:34-42

Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14

John 6:1-15

### Saturday, May 3, 2025

*Saints Philip and James, Apostles*

1 Corinthians 15:1-8

Psalm 19:2-3, 4-5

John 14:6-14

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

## SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA

*Saint of the Day: April 29*

*Patron Saint of Europe, Fire Protection*

Catherine was the 23rd child of Jacopo and Lapa Benincasa and grew up as an intelligent, cheerful, and intensely religious person. She entered the Dominican Third Order at 18 and spent the next three years in seclusion, prayer, and austerity. Gradually, a group of followers gathered around her – men and women, priests and religious. An active public apostolate grew out of her contemplative life. Her letters, mostly for spiritual instruction and encouragement of her followers, began to take more and more note of public affairs. Opposition and slander resulted from her mixing fearlessly with the world and speaking with the candor and authority of one completely committed to Christ. She was cleared of all charges at the Dominican General Chapter of 1374.

Her public influence reached great heights because of her evident holiness, her membership in the Dominican Third Order, and the deep impression she made on the pope. She worked tirelessly for the crusade against the Turks and for peace between Florence and the pope.

In 1378, the Great Schism began, splitting the allegiance of Christendom between two, then three, popes and putting even saints on opposing sides. Catherine spent the last two years of her life in Rome, in prayer and pleading on behalf of the cause of Pope Urban VI and the unity of the Church. She offered herself as a victim for the Church in its agony. She died surrounded by her "children" and was canonized in 1461.

Catherine ranks high among the mystics and spiritual writers of the Church. In 1939, she and Francis of Assisi were declared co-patrons of Italy. Pope Paul VI named her and Teresa of Avila doctors of the Church in 1970. Her spiritual testament is found in *The Dialogue*.

Read the full article: "Saint Catherine of Siena" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars,  
[www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-catherine-of-siena/](http://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-catherine-of-siena/) (Accessed April 15, 2025).

## First Friday

### First Friday Adoration

Come join us for Adoration after morning Mass on Friday, May 2. A sign-up sheet is available in the Commons. We need at least two people per 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.

## Easter Lily Memorials

Harold & Gloria Petersen  
Parents of Tom & Barb Carroll  
Rosa Mercado  
Arsenault & Yergeau Families  
Isidro Reyna  
Melvin & Marilyn Vis  
Jose & Teadora Tapia  
Anthony Sambuchi  
Bill Bauer  
Joe & Catherine Meredith  
Bill & Gerry Pickerill  
John Marinke  
Patsy Hayden  
Wanda H. Marinke

Richard Brown  
Barbara Allen Call  
Lt. Col. Gilbert & Marion O'Brien  
David Dobbins  
Theresa & Arthur Marino  
Charles Freda, Jr.  
Grace Porrello  
Polly Bryant  
Dan Burton  
Patrick Walsh  
Thomas & Tina Marr  
Sr. Fara Maggiore  
Patricia Golden



### Pyxes

If you are no longer using a pyx to bring the Blessed Sacrament to minister to someone at home or a convalescent home, please return it to the parish sacristy. Thank you!



### Never Fail to Keep Holy Mass as the Anchor of Every Vacation!

For nationwide Mass times and locations,  
Mass Times at (800) 627-7846

## Diocesan Information

### Vocations Awareness

"Peace be with you." (John 20:19)

If you are seeking peace and purpose in your life, open your heart to the possibility of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life. Let God's mercy guide your steps. Talk to your priest or reach out to Father Matthew Khriel in the Vocation Office at (804) 953-5661 or via email: [vocations@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@richmonddiocese.org).







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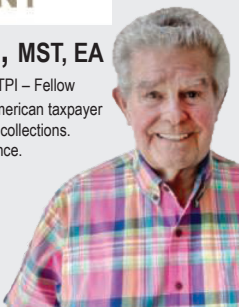
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