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St. Joan of Arc is a Catholic Family of
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through His Mercy, His Love, His
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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.

#### 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.

# <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

By an apostolic tradition taking its origin from the very day of Christ's Resurrection, the Church celebrates the Paschal Mystery every eighth day, the day that is rightly called the Lord's Day. On Sunday, the Christian faithful ought to gather together, so that by listening to the Word of God and sharing in the Eucharist they may recall the Passion, Death and Resurrection of the Lord Jesus and give thanks to God who has given them a new birth with a lively hope through the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. The Lord's Day is therefore the first and greatest festival, one to be set before the loving devotion of the faithful and impressed upon it, so that it may be also a day of joy and of freedom from work. Other celebrations must not take precedence over it, unless they are truly of the greatest importance, since it is the foundation and the kernel of the whole liturgical year.

(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 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, Bill Betts, Lila Biasi, Marcella Buckley, Barbara & Tom Carroll, Abbey Chesley, Carl & Mary Chesley, Blake Duggan, Eva Duggan, Francisco Duran, Lisa Emerick, Bill Endres, Eileen Gryn, John Harmsen, Anne Holup, Deacon Dan Johnson, Elizabeth Johnson, Patti & Frank Komornik, Josh Meyer, Ron Morrison, Linda O'Dell, Walter Sandberg, David Seko, Jr., Bill Smith, Stephen Strother, Michael Syptak, and Rachael Vis.

## Mass Intentions for the Week

#### Monday, September 15

**9:00 am** — Holy Mass. Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows.

#### Tuesday, September 16

**9:00** am — Holy Mass. Memorial of Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs.

#### Wednesday, September 17

**9:00 am** — Holy Mass. Wednesday of the Twenty-fourth Week in Ordinary Time. (Stephen Benson)

#### Thursday, September 18

**9:00 am** — Holy Mass. Thursday of the Twenty-fourth Week in Ordinary Time.

#### Friday, September 19

**9:00 am** — Holy Mass. Friday of the Twenty-fourth Week in Ordinary Time.

#### Saturday, September 20

**5:00 pm** — Holy Mass. Vigil Mass of the Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. († Paul Chesley) & (Our Lady of Aradin, Help of Persecuted Christians)

#### Sunday, September 21

**8:30 am** — Holy Mass. Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. († Melvin Vis)

11:30 am — Holy Mass. Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. († Spenser Ashton Caldwell)

# Meetings for the Week

#### Monday, September 15

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

# **Tuesday, September 16** 6:30 pm Youth Group 7:00 pm OCIA



Saturday, September 20 8:00 am Iron Man Spirituality Group

## 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.

Catholics and non-Catholics alike may arrange to have Masses offered for their beloved departed family and friends.

Please contact the Parish Office at (757) 898-5570 to schedule a Mass.

# 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.



Peninsula Catholic High School is enrolling students for the 2025-2026 school year.

For more information, please go to our website:

https://www.peninsulacatholic.org/admissions/ or contact Karen Domzal, Director of Enrollment

## Children's Liturgy of the Word



When the priest calls the children forward for their own Liturgy of the Word, he permits them to be brought into their own space for Scripture readings and for understanding at their own level as proclaimed by their own ministers. This was specifically developed for children from 3 to 6 years old who have not yet received their First

Eucharist. (It is not child care or busy activities.) Specially trained staff and volunteers are needed to lead CLOW. Contact Jeanne Crocker in the Parish Office at religious-ed@stjoaanofarcva.org to learn more.

Children's Liturgy of the Word will be celebrated at the 8:30 AM Mass starting in January 2026.

# Flowers for the Worship Space

As a way of sharing with the gathered community, a special celebration or memorial remembrance...

**You are invited** to make a donation toward the Worship Space Floral Arrangements for your special intentions or the repose of the soul of your loved one. Contact the Parish Office to coordinate such a gift.

# Parish Ministries

Finance Council, Jack Christie

#### **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,** Mike Corbett &

Patti Komornik

#### **Non-Liturgical Ministries**

**Altar Linens,** Pat Sappenfield **Building Committee,** Steve Romeo **Building Maintenance,** 

Dave Payton, Paul Krieschen & Hank Rose

**Coffee & Cookies,** Cindy Brown & Kathy Isaac

**Divine Mercy,** Donna Prantl & Cathy Fowler

**Iron Men,** John Musser **Kitchen,** Ritchie Fierros

Liturgical Environment,

Lynda Fairman

Landscape, Tom Finley Lazarus, Katie Corbett & Manuel Reyes

**Legion of Mary,** David Cienski **Library,** Laura Quellhorst & Federico Colagrande

Magnificat Women, Tracy Leota & Kellev Rutter

OCI, Deacon Don Fox

**Social Ministries,** Chris Ladnier **Vocations Chalice,** 

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#### Organizations

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

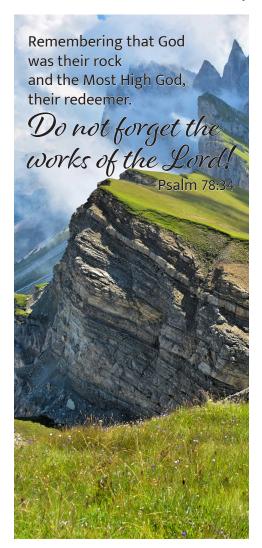
#### THE HOLY CROSS

Reflection on John 3:13-17

For Christians, the cross represents a paradox: that which had been an instrument of destruction has become the means of salvation. It is given to us on this Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross as a key for understanding and probing our reality, our relationship with Christ, and as a pattern for our lives.

Our Christian sensibility it this: for us, death is but one more moment in a process of becoming. This truth invites us into living the mystery of the cross, in seeing the cross as the pattern for our lives. When we open ourselves to the power of God in our lives, we will die, and be reborn, over and over again. And our dying will often take the form of the letting go of that in us which keeps us from truly living and loving. We let go of the peripheral in order to draw near to the essential.

- Father Jay



#### **WEEKLY SCRIPTURE**

Sunday, September 14, 2025

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross Numbers 21:4b-9 Psalm 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 Philippians 2:6-11 John 3:13-17

Monday, September 15, 2025

Our Lady of Sorrows 1 Timothy 2:1-8 Psalm 28:2, 7, 8-9 John 19:25-27or Luke 2:33-35

Tuesday, September 16, 2025

Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs 1 Timothy 3:1-13 Psalm 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6 Luke 7:11-17

Wednesday, September 17, 2025

Weekday 1 Timothy 3:14-16 Psalm 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Luke 7:31-35 Thursday, September 18, 2025

Weekday 1 Timothy 4:12-16 Psalm 111:7-8, 9, 10 Luke 7:36-50

Friday, September 19, 2025

Weekday 1 Timothy 6:2c-12 Psalm 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20 Luke 8:1-3

Saturday, September 20, 2025

Saint Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs 1 Timothy 6:13-16 Psalm 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 Luke 8:4-15

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

# SAINTS ANDREW KIM TAE-GON, PAUL CHONG HA-SANG, AND COMPANIONS

Saint of the Day: September 20 Patron Saints of Korea

Following his Baptism at the age of 15, the first native Korean priest, Andrew Kim Taegon traveled 1,300 miles to the seminary in Macao, China. After six years, he managed to return to his country through Manchuria. He was arrested, tortured, and finally beheaded. Andrew Kim Taegon's father Ignatius Kim, was martyred during the persecution of 1839, and was beatified in 1925. Paul Chong Hasang, a lay apostle and married man, also died in 1839 at age 45.

Among the other martyrs in 1839 was Columba Kim, an unmarried woman of 26. She was put in prison, pierced with hot tools and seared with burning coals. She and her sister Agnes were disrobed and kept for two days in a cell with condemned criminals, but were not molested. The two were beheaded. Protase Chong, a 41-year-old nobleman, apostatized under torture and was freed. Later he came back, confessed his faith and was tortured to death.

Christianity came to Korea during the Japanese invasion in 1592 when some Koreans were baptized. Around 1777, Christian literature obtained from Jesuits in China led educated Korean Christians to study. When a Chinese priest managed to enter secretly a dozen years later, he found 4,000 Catholics, none of whom had ever seen a priest. Seven years later there were 10,000 Catholics. Religious freedom came to Korea in 1883.

Besides Andrew Kim Taegon and Paul, Pope John Paul II canonized 98 Koreans and three French missionaries who had been martyred between 1839 and 1867, when he visited Korea in 1984. Among them were bishops and priests, but for the most part they were lay persons: 47 women and 45 men.

Read the full article: "Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saints-andrew-kim-taegon-paul-chong-hasang-and-companions/ (Accessed September 1, 2025).

# 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. Registration is now open. Use the QR code to register for the 2025 - 2026 school year. Classes will begin in October. If you feel called to pass on the Faith to our youth, contact Jeanne Crocker in the Parish Office at religious-ed@stjoaanofarcva.org.











Register using the QR code



# Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)

If you are interested in exploring the teachings of the Catholic Church, if you need to complete the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation), or you would just like a refresher in the Church's teachings, then OCIA is for you. The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) is a spiritual journey in faith to discover what it means to follow Jesus as a Catholic Christian and the joy and freedom that can result from journeying with Christ. It is a learning and loving process in which conversion of the heart brings you to Jesus Christ who is our Lord and Savior.

Anyone interested in inquiring about the Catholic Church, or her teachings, are welcome to participate with your questions, insights, and faith story in a warm, fun, enlightening, and exciting setting. You will be surprised at the depth and breadth of the Catholic Church!

Contact Deacon Don at deacondonfox@gmail.com for more information. The next formal sessions began September 2, but we are always accepting candidates.

# Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

The **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd** program focuses on deepening the child's existing relationship with God, encouraging the formation of a personal prayer life, participating fully in the liturgical and sacramental life of the Church, and developing a deeper understanding of Catholic identity and Tradition.



Catechesis includes Scripture, theology, and the Liturgy of the Mass. This is accomplished by listening to the Word of God, praying, singing, and encouraging the child to reflect and meditate by working with materials that bring Scripture and Liturgy to life. Through this program, children encounter the beauty and depth of our faith—discovering Christ as the Good Shepherd, the True Vine, and the One who calls us to live in communion with Him.

**Level 1 (ages 3–6)** focuses on the central theme of the Good Shepherd and all the gifts He gives. This level encourages children to develop their innate potential for a faith-filled relationship with God and establishes the foundation of prayer life. They encounter Jesus, the Good Shepherd who loves them, cares for them, and knows them by name.

Level 2 (ages 6–9) allows the child to understand Jesus as the True Vine and how to remain on the Vine. At this stage, children explore morality and how to respond to the gifts they have been given.

Sacramental preparation for Reconciliation and First Communion is also included in this level. For registration and program information, please reach out to the Parish

Front Office. Registration will be limited.

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# Diocesan Information

#### **Vocations Awareness**

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." (Luke 10:27)

Is God calling you to love Him through a life of service to others in the Church? Pray about how you can fulfill this greatest commandment through a vocation. Reach out to the Very Reverend Matthew Kiehl in the Vocations Office at 804-359-5661 or email at officeofvocations@richmonddiocese.org.

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