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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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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.

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, Marcella Buckley, Barbara & Tom Carroll,
Abbey Chesley, Carl & Mary Chesley, Mary Cordaro, Eva Duggan,
Francisco Duran, Missi Easop, Lisa Emerick, Bill Endres, Eileen Gryn,
James & Teodora Hall, John Harmsen, Anne Holup, Deacon Dan Johnson,
Elizabeth Johnson, Patti & Frank Komornik, Gayle Kutach, Julie Kutach,
Debra Martin, Josh Meyer, Ron Morrison, Linda O'Dell, Walter Sandberg,
David Seko, Jr., Bill Smith, Stephen Strother, Michael Syptak,
Pauline Ting, Rachel Vis, and Wolfgang Vogelbein Wolfgang Vogelbein.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, October 13

9:00 am — Holy Mass. Monday of the Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time († Anne Schrmm)

Tuesday, October 14

9:00 am — Holy Mass. Tuesday of the Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time.

Wednesday, October 15

9:00 am — Holy Mass. Memorial of Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church. († John Nelligan)

Thursday, October 16

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

Friday, October 17

9:00 am — Holy Mass. Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr.

Saturday, October 18

5:00 pm — Vigil Mass. Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time. († Donald P. Christman) (Our Lady of Aradin, Help of Persecuted Christians)

Sunday, October 19

8:30 am — Holy Mass. Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time. (*Zachary Romeo*)

11:30 am — Holy Mass. Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time. (*Kathy Isaac*)

Meetings for the Week

Monday, October 13

6:30 pm — Legion of Mary

7:00 pm — Adult Faith Formation

Tuesday, October 14

10:00 am — Women's Book Club

6:30 pm — Youth Group

7:00 pm — OCIA

7:00 pm — Marriage, Family, Life Committee

Thursday, October 16

10:00 am — Stitchers

6:30 pm — Knights of Columbus

Saturday, October 18

7:30 am — Knights of Columbus Blood Drive

8:00 am — Iron Man Spirituality Group

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

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.



Blood Drive

The Knights of Columbus is teaming up with the American Red Cross in a Blood Drive on **Saturday, October 18** from **8:00 AM-1:00 PM**

in the St. John Paul II Center at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church.

Please mark your calendar and plan to give the gift of life.

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.



The Knights of Columbus Ladies' Auxiliary is hosting their wonderful Annual Fall Bake Sale immediately after the Masses on Saturday and Sunday, October 25 and 26, in the St. Joan Commons! Bring cash or checks (NO credit/debit cards) to purchase your goodies in person (no online sales) after Mass while supplies last. Cookies, cakes, pies, breads, cupcakes, candies, and other delicious favorites are expected! As always, proceeds benefit Knights of Columbus philanthropies & support, St. Joan parish ministries & needs, and our local community. See you on Oct. 25th & 26th for this delicious event!

Parish Ministries

Finance Council, Jack Christie

Pastoral Ministry

Baptism Coordinator,
Jennifer Strash
Bereavement, John Bryant III
Sick & Homebound, Denis Morhiser

Altar Servers, Randy Vis

Liturgical Ministries

Arts & Environment, Tom & Rowena Fauber, and Lynda Fairman 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 Landscape, Tom Finley Lazarus, Katie Corbett & Manuel Reyes

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,**

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GRATITUDE

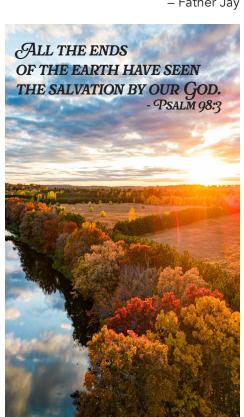
Reflection on Luke 17:11-19

Certainly, this story of the cleansing of the ten lepers has something important to say about gratitude, as Jesus points out in the story that only one of the ten returned to give thanks. But the fact that the story is silent about what happened to the other nine is also important. Did they recognize the gift they had received? Were they ungrateful?

What is instructive for us in the story is the fact that the one who did return to give thanks was a foreigner, a Samaritan. Ironically, given the fact that Jesus told them to show themselves to the priests, who by custom were the only ones who could pronounce them cured, the Samaritan is the only one who could not go to the priests. He would not have been welcomed in the temple, because he was a non-believer in the eyes of the Jews.

Perhaps one of the lessons for us in this story is the value of strangers, foreigners, in our midst. God calls all people to Himself. While God's search for us unfolds within the Church, God's search for every one of His children is no less persistent. In lives and beliefs that look strange and foreign to us, God is at work, in God's own way and wisdom.

Father Jay



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, October 12, 2025

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2 Kings 5:14-17 Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 2 Timothy 2:8-13

Luke 17:11-19

Monday, October 13, 2025

Weekday Romans 1:1-7

Psalm 98:1bcde, 2-3ab, 3cd-4

Luke 11:29-32

Tuesday, October 14, 2025

Weekday Romans 1:16-25

Psalm 19:2-3, 4-5 Luke 11:37-41

Wednesday, October 15, 2025

Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church Romans 2:1-11

Psalm 62:2-3, 6-7, 9 Luke 11:42-46

Thursday, October 16, 2025

Weekday Romans 3:21-30

Psalm 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab

Luke 11:47-54

Friday, October 17, 2025

Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr Romans 4:1-8 Psalm 32:1b-2, 5, 11

Luke 12:1-7

Saturday, October 18, 2025

Saint Luke, Evangelist 2 Timothy 4:10-17b Psalm 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18

Luke 10:1-9

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

SAINT CARLO ACUTIS

Saint of the Day: October 12 Patron Saint of the Internet

Born in London and raised in Milan, Saint Carlo's wealthy parents were not particularly religious. Upon receiving his First Communion at age seven, Carlo became a frequent communicant, making a point of praying before the tabernacle before or after every Mass. In addition to Francis of Assisi, Carlo took several of the younger saints as his models.

At school, Carlo Acutis tried to comfort friends whose parents were undergoing divorce, as well as stepping in to defend disabled students from bullies. After school hours, he volunteered his time with the city's homeless and destitute. Considered a computer geek by some, Carlo spent four years creating a website dedicated to cataloguing every reported Eucharistic miracle around the world. He also enjoyed films, comics, soccer, and playing popular video games.

Diagnosed with leukemia, Carlo offered his sufferings to God for the intentions of the sitting pope—Benedict XVI—and the entire Church. His longtime desire to visit as many sites of Eucharistic miracles as possible was cut short by his illness. Carlo died in 2006 and was beatified in 2020.

As he had wished, Carlo was buried in Assisi at St. Mary Major's "Chapel of the Stripping," where Francis had returned his clothes to his father and began a more radical following of the Gospel.

Among the thousands present for Carlo's beatification at Assisi's Basilica of St. Francis were many of his childhood friends. Presiding at the beatification service, Cardinal Agostino Vallini praised Carlo as an example of how young people can use technology to spread the Gospel "to reach as many people as possible and help them know the beauty of friendship with the Lord."

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 (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

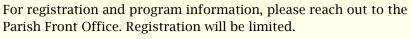
The **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd** program focuses on deepening the child's existing relationship with God, encouraging the formation of a personal prayer life, participating fully in the liturgical and sacramental life of the Church, and developing a deeper understanding of Catholic identity and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



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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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