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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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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.

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

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, John Bryant, 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, Patricia Holston, Anne Holup, Deacon Dan Johnson, Elizabeth Johnson, Patti & Frank Komornik, Paul Krieschen, 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.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, October 27

9:00 am — Holy Mass. Monday of the Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time (*Julia Thomas*)

Tuesday, October 28

9:00 am — Holy Mass. Feast of Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles
11:00 am — Funeral Mass († *Eduardo Jury*)

Wednesday, October 29

9:00 am — Holy Mass. Wednesday of the Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time

Thursday, October 30

9:00 am — Holy Mass. Thursday of the Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time

Friday, October 31

6:00 pm — Vigil Mass, Solemnity of All Saints

Saturday, November 1

10:00 am — First Saturday Holy Mass.

Solemnity of All Saints
(† *Poor Souls in Purgatory*)

5:00 pm — Vigil Mass. The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed
(† *Deceased Legionaries*)

Sunday, November 2

8:30 am — Holy Mass. The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed
(† *Deceased Legionaries*)

11:30 am — Holy Mass. The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed
(† *Deceased Legionaries*)

Meetings for the Week

Monday, October 27

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

Tuesday, October 28

10:00 am — Women's Book Club
6:30 pm — Youth Group
7:00 pm — OCIA

Wednesday, October 29

7:00 pm — Men's ACTS Team Formation

Thursday, October 30

10:00 am — Stitchers

Join the NEW Children's Choir at SJA Parish!



We're thrilled to announce the formation of a brand-new **Children's Choir** at Saint Joan of Arc Parish — and we're looking for *young voices* to join us!

If your child loves to sing and is eager to grow in **faith, music, and fellowship**, this is a wonderful opportunity for them to shine! Through uplifting music, your child can play a special role in serving our Church and enriching our parish liturgies.

Interested? Please reach out to:

- **Dr. Heekyung Lee**, SJA Music Director – heeorgan@gmail.com
- **Donna Prantl**, SJA Music Coordinator – dprantl@cox.net

We can't wait to hear from you — and to hear your child's voice!

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.

Fall Bake Sale

The **Knights of Columbus Ladies' Auxiliary** is hosting their wonderful **Annual Fall Bake Sale** immediately after all Masses this weekend, in the St. Joan of Arc Commons!



Please bring cash or checks to purchase your goodies in person after Mass while supplies last.

NOTE: There will be no online sales and credit/debit cards will not be accepted for payment. 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.

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.

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

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,

Ferdinand & Donna Prantl

Web Master, Julius Arlando

Organizations

KoC & Ladies Auxiliary, Randy Vis & Julia Allaman

Women's Book Club, Arlene Bradley

HUMILITY AND MERCY

Reflection on Luke 18:9-14

This parable shatters the looking glasses in which good people are contemplating their own goodness. If one must concentrate on oneself at all, the only path to follow is blazed by the tax collector: "I am a sinner." Though an ugly and painful recognition, it leads us to turn our gaze to the beauty of God's mercy. No sin is beyond the reach of God's forgiveness. If a person can confess her weakness, God will carry her. If a person can admit that his heart is empty, God will fill it.

When, like the Pharisee, we are decked out in virtues that deserve to be admired, we run the risk of fixating on our virtues because they are ours, rather than seeking the God whose beauty is dimly reflected in them. The tax collector, on the other hand, having nothing to brag about, runs less risk of self-delusion. Knowing his nakedness, he can only turn to God for mercy; and like that other sinner who begged to be remembered, he can therefore hear the promise, "You shall be with me in paradise."

– Father Jay



***I will bless the LORD
at all times;
his praise shall be
ever in my mouth.***

Psalm 34:2

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, October 26, 2025

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18
Psalm 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 18:9-14

Monday, October 27, 2025

Weekday

Romans 8:12-17
Psalm 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21
Luke 13:10-17

Tuesday, October 28, 2025

Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles

Ephesians 2:19-22
Psalm 19:2-3, 4-5
Luke 6:12-16

Wednesday, October 29, 2025

Weekday

Romans 8:26-30
Psalm 13:4-5, 6
Luke 13:22-30

Thursday, October 30, 2025

Weekday

Romans 8:31b-39
Psalm 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31
Luke 13:31-35

Friday, October 31, 2025

Weekday

Romans 9:1-5
Psalm 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20
Luke 14:1-6

Saturday, November 1, 2025

All Saints

Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14
Psalm 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6
Matthew 5:1-12a

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

SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE

Saints of the Day: October 28

Patron Saints of Woodworkers and Lost Causes

Jude is so named by Luke and Acts. Matthew and Mark call him Thaddeus. He is not mentioned elsewhere in the Gospels, except of course where all the apostles are mentioned. Scholars hold that he is not the author of the Letter of Jude. Actually, Jude had the same name as Judas Iscariot. Evidently because of the disgrace of that name, it was shortened to "Jude" in English.

Simon is mentioned on all four lists of the apostles. On two of them he is called "the Zealot." The Zealots were a Jewish sect that represented an extreme of Jewish nationalism. For them, the messianic promise of the Old Testament meant that the Jews were to be a free and independent nation. God alone was their king, and any payment of taxes to the Romans – the very domination of the Romans – was a blasphemy against God.

No doubt some of the Zealots were the spiritual heirs of the Maccabees, carrying on their ideals of religion and independence. But many were the counterparts of modern terrorists. They raided and killed, attacking both foreigners and "collaborating" Jews. They were chiefly responsible for the rebellion against Rome which ended in the destruction of Jerusalem in A.D. 70.

As in the case of all the apostles except for Peter, James and John, we are faced with men who are really unknown, and we are struck by the fact that their holiness is simply taken to be a gift of Christ.

It is a reminder that we cannot receive too often. Holiness does not depend on human merit, culture, personality, effort, or achievement. It is entirely God's creation and gift. God needs no Zealots to bring about the kingdom by force. Jude, like all the saints, is the saint of the impossible: Only God can create His divine life in human beings. And God wills to do so, for all of us.

Read the full article: "Saints Simon and Jude" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars,
<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saints-simon-and-jude/> (Accessed October 13, 2025).

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.

"In the world you will have trouble;
but take courage, I have conquered the world." Jn 16:33

Women's Retreat

FEAR-LESS!

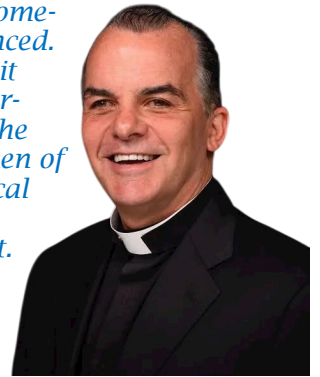
Friday, November 7 — 6-10 pm

Saturday, November 8 — 9 am-5 pm

All women in the parish are welcome to join us for a two-day, powerful women's retreat where we will disarm the power of fear acting in our lives. The retreat will involve beautiful talks and dynamics, and powerful worship.

To register, contact Jeff McGonigle
at aa@stjoanofarcva.org or
call the Parish Office.

"Fear is not merely an emotion, a feeling, or something psychological or physiologically experienced. Fear is a spiritual reality. It has a will behind it and an intention to render you paralyzed, over-powered, and brought to a state of inaction. The fearless retreat, intentionally built for all women of any age, addresses the reality of fear, its biblical presence, the evil intention behind it, and the overwhelming power of our Lord to cast it out. Perfect love casts out all fear. Women will be opened to a higher reality of Christ who has conquered fear and freed us to respond always above and through it."



ON FIRE WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT!

This Friday evening, October 31 (the Eve of the Feast of All Saints), immediately after Mass, we will form an outdoor ring of fire around the entire back parking lot. All families and individuals young and old are invited to bring fire pits and grills and share in tremendous fellowship and thanksgiving for the Saints of God who intercede for us. Children are invited to dress up as their favorite Saints and visit the various families for treats.

If you are alone or cannot support your own fire, everyone in the parish would like you to join them at their fire. Don't be shy! If you need help setting up, just ask. Some extra wood will be available for those who need it. Contact the Parish Office for more details.

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@stjoanofarcva.org.



Register using the QR code





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