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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, Marcella Buckley, Barbara & Tom Carroll, Abbey Chesley, Carl & Mary Chesley, Mary Cordaro, Eva Duggan, Francisco Duran, Missi Easop, Lisa Emerick, Bill Endres, Eileen Gryn, John Harmsen, Anne Holup, Deacon Dan Johnson, Elizabeth Johnson, Patti & Frank Komornik, Gayle Kutach, Julie Kutach, Cherry Macababba, 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 6
No Mass

Tuesday, October 7

9:00 am — Holy Mass Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary

Wednesday, October 8

9:00 am — Holy Mass Wednesday of the Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time

Thursday, October 9

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

Friday, October 10

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

Saturday, October 11

5:00 pm — Holy Mass Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time. († Armand Joly, Sr.)
(Kristen Vogelbein & Logan Bane)

Sunday, October 12

8:30 am — Holy Mass Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time († Leslie Trombley)
(Jimmy Pierce)

11:30 am — Holy Mass. Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time († Mario Roberti)

Meetings for the Week

Monday, October 6

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

Tuesday, October 7

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 9

10:00 am Stitches
6:30 pm Knights of Columbus

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@stjoanofarcva.org to learn more.

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

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.

Oktoberfest 2025

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council #7469

October 11th, 7:00 pm-10:00 pm

Tickets \$25 (see your KoC Representative)

Join us for Live Music, German Food and Good Fellowship.



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

MUSTARD SEED*Reflection on Luke 17:5-10*

The lesson for us in the parable of the mustard seed is clear and simple: even a little faith in Jesus can achieve unimaginable outcomes. Examples of mustard seed faith abound throughout the centuries, from Francis of Assisi, to Charles Lwanga, to Mother Teresa. From small, humble beginnings have come remarkable movements: the Franciscan Order, a continent on fire for Christ, communities of sisters ministering to the poorest of the poor everywhere in the world.

Let us cling to our mustard seed faith, and keep on planting it here and there. Like the examples mentioned above, and countless others, we cannot see clearly God's coming reign. But coming it is! "The vision still has its time, it presses on to fulfillment, and will not disappoint; if it delays, wait for it, for it will surely come." God acts through our tiniest beachhead of faith. For us who follow Christ, this really is the only source of coherence and meaning and life in this world.

– Father Jay

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE**Sunday, October 5, 2025***27th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

Luke 17:5-10

Thursday, October 9, 2025*Weekday*

Malachi 3:13-20b

Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6

Luke 11:5-13

Monday, October 6, 2025*Weekday*

Jonah 1:1–2:1-2, 11

Jonah 2:3, 4, 5, 8

Luke 10:25-37

Friday, October 10, 2025*Weekday*

Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2

Psalm 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9

Luke 11:15-26

Tuesday, October 7, 2025*Our Lady of the Rosary*

Jonah 3:1-10

Psalm 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8

Luke 10:38-42

Saturday, October 11, 2025*Weekday*

Joel 4:12-21

Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12

Luke 11:27-28

Wednesday, October 8, 2025*Weekday*

Jonah 4:1-11

Psalm 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10

Luke 11:1-4

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

SAINT MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA*Saint of the Day: October 5**Patron Saint of Mercy*

Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska's name is forever linked to the annual feast of the Divine Mercy, the Divine Mercy chaplet, and the Divine Mercy prayer recited each day at 3:00 p.m. by many people.

Born in what is now west-central Poland, Helena Kowalska was the third of 10 children. She joined the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in 1925. She worked as a cook, gardener and porter in three of their houses.

In addition to carrying out her work faithfully, generously serving the needs of the sisters and the local people, Sister Faustina also had a deep interior life. This included receiving revelations from the Lord Jesus, messages that she recorded in her diary at the request of Christ and of her confessors.

At a time when some Catholics had an image of God as such a strict judge that they might be tempted to despair about the possibility of being forgiven, Jesus chose to emphasize His mercy and forgiveness for sins acknowledged and confessed. "I do not want to punish aching mankind," He once told Saint Faustina, "but I desire to heal it, pressing it to My merciful heart." The two rays emanating from Christ's heart, she said, represent the blood and water poured out after Jesus' death.

Because Sister Maria Faustina Kowalska knew that the revelations she had already received did not constitute holiness itself, she wrote in her diary: "Neither graces, nor revelations, nor raptures, nor gifts granted to a soul make it perfect, but rather the intimate union of the soul with God. These gifts are merely ornaments of the soul, but constitute neither its essence nor its perfection. My sanctity and perfection consist in the close union of my will with the will of God."

Sister Maria Faustina Kowalska died of tuberculosis in Krakow, Poland, on October 5, 1938. Pope John Paul II beatified her in 1993, and canonized her seven years later.

Read the full article: "Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars,
<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-maria-faustina-kowalska/> (Accessed September 15, 2025).

Do not be ashamed

of your testimony to our Lord,
but bear your share of hardship
for the gospel with the strength
that comes from God.

– 2 Timothy 1:8

*Respect Life
Sunday*

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



Order of Christian Initiation (OCIA)

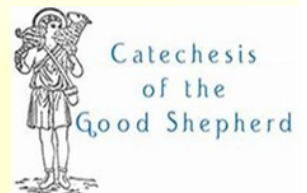
If you are interested in exploring the teachings of the Catholic Church, if you need to complete the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation), or you would just like a refresher in the Church's teachings, then OCIA is for you. The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) 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.

Register using the QR code.



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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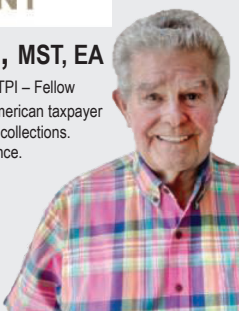
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