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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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# The Parish of Saint Joan of Arc

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#### Mass Schedule

#### Weekend

Saturday – 5:00 p.m. Sunday – 8:30 a.m. & 11:30 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, Zbigniew Majchrzak, Debra Martin, Josh Meyer, Ron Morrison, Linda O'Dell, Walter Sandberg, David Seko, Jr., Bill Smith, Stephen Strother, Michael Syptak, Pauline Ting, and Wolfgang Vogelbein.

#### Mass Intentions for the Week

#### Monday, November 3

9:00 am — Holy Mass. Monday of the Thirtyfirst Week in Ordinary Time. († Harold Peterson)

#### Tuesday, November 4

9:00 am — Holy Mass. Memorial of Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop. († Ed Vokes) (Josephine Toure)

#### Wednesday, November 5

9:00 am — Holy Mass. Wednesday of the Thirty-first Week in Ordinary Time.

#### Thursday, November 6

9:00 am — Holy Mass. Thursday of the Thirtyfirst Week in Ordinary Time. (The family and caregivers of the sick and the suffering)

#### Friday, November 7

6:00 pm — Holy Mass. First Friday of the Thirty-first Week in Ordinary Time.

#### Saturday, November 8

**5:00 pm** — Vigil Mass. Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome. († Sylvia Luy)

#### Sunday, November 9

8:30 am — Holy Mass. Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome. († Sonny Luy) 11:30 am — Holy Mass. Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome.

#### Meetings for the Week

Monday, November 3

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

Tuesday, November 4

10:00 am — Women's Book Club

6:30 pm — Youth Group

7:00 pm — OCIA

Wednesday, November 5

7:00 pm — Men's ACTS Team Formation

Thursday, November 6

10:00 am — Stitchers

**6:30 pm** — Knights of Columbus

Friday, November 7

6:00 pm — Fear-Less Women's Retreat

Saturday, November 8

8:30 am — Magnificat Women

9:00 am — Fear-Less Women's Retreat

#### The Story Behind the Nicene Creed

Have you ever wondered about the story behind the Creed, why and how it was created? And the meaning of those unusual words (e.g., "begotten, not made", "consubstantial")?

Join our Saint Joan of Arc Parish family on Tuesday evening, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the St. John Paul II Center as we welcome guest speaker Steve Hemler of the **Catholic Apologetics Institute** of North America (CAINA) who will share his multimedia presentation exploring the amazing rise of Christianity in the 4th century Roman Empire

and how the Arian Crisis led to

the Council of Nicaea and

influenced the words we say in

the Nicene Creed, as well as the

profound meaning of these

important words.

#### The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father: through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

This year, Christians are commemorating the 1,700th anniversary of the great Council of Nicaea, held in 325 A.D. We are celebrating this council for several reasons. It was the first ecumenical council of bishops held by the Church, and it was first not just chronologically, but also for its importance. That's because the Council of Nicaea gave us the Nicene Creed, the great statement of faith professed by Christians for 1,700 years. As a Church, we recite the Nicene Creed after the homily at Mass. This Creed, also called the Profession of Faith, is THE definitive statement about what we believe as Christians.

#### 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!

#### 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

#### **ALL SOULS**

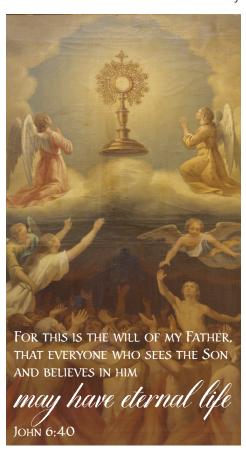
Reflection on John 6:37-40

The feast known as All Souls' Day, or The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, falls on Sunday this year, providing us with a beautiful opportunity to remember and celebrate our loved ones who have followed Christ through death and Resurrection, and recall that one of the key foundations of our Catholic intellectual tradition is the continuity of persons and communities.

In Flannery O'Connor's short story, Revelation, Ruby Turpin envisioned "a vast horde of souls rumbling toward heaven." The author of Hebrews saw a "cloud of witnesses." However we may envision them, all of these great souls we remember and celebrate today are a part of us, and we of them. Today and every day, faith reaches across the precipice that now stands between us and them. Faith unites us and keeps us mindful that they who enjoy the full experience of eternal life pray for us and remember us, as we, for our part, remember and pray for them.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Father Jay



#### **WEEKLY SCRIPTURE**

#### Sunday, November 2, 2025

Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed Wisdom 3:1-9 Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Romans 5:5-11 or Romans 6:3-9 John 6:37-40

#### Monday, November 3, 2025

Saint Martin de Porres Romans 11:29-36 Psalm 69:30-31, 33-34, 36 Luke 14:12-14

#### Tuesday, November 4, 2025

Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop Romans 12:5-16ab Psalm 131:1bcde, 2, 3 Luke 14:15-24

#### Wednesday, November 5, 2025

Weekday Romans 13:8-10 Psalm 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9 Luke 14:25-33

#### Thursday, November 6, 2025

Weekday Romans 14:7-12 Psalm 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14 Luke 15:1-10

#### Friday, November 7, 2025

Weekday Romans 15:14-21 Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 Luke 16:1-8

#### Saturday, November 8, 2025

Weekday Romans 16:3-9, 16, 22-27 Psalm 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11 Luke 16:9-15

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

#### **SAINT MARTIN DE PORRES**

Saint of the Day: November 3

Patron Saint of African Americans and Social Justice

Martin de Porres was the son of a freed woman of Panama and a Spanish grandee of Lima, Peru. His parents never married each other. After the birth of a sister, the father abandoned the family. Martin was reared in poverty, locked into a low level of Lima's society.

When Martin de Porres was 12, his mother apprenticed him to a barber-surgeon. After a few years in this medical apostolate, Martin de Porres applied to the Dominicans to be a "lay helper," not feeling himself worthy to be a religious brother. After nine years, the example of his prayer and penance, charity and humility led the community to request him to make full religious profession. Many of his nights were spent in prayer and penitential practices; his days were filled with nursing the sick and caring for the poor.

It was particularly impressive that he treated all people regardless of their color, race, or status. He was instrumental in founding an orphanage, took care of slaves brought from Africa, and managed the daily alms of the priory with practicality, as well as generosity.

Martin's life reflected God's extraordinary gifts: ecstasies that lifted him into the air, light filling the room where he prayed, bilocation, miraculous knowledge, instantaneous cures, and a remarkable rapport with animals.

Martin became a formidable fundraiser, obtaining thousands of dollars for dowries for poor girls so that they could marry or enter a convent.

Many of his fellow religious took Martin as their spiritual director, but he continued to call himself a "poor slave." He was a good friend of another Dominican saint of Peru, Rose of Lima.

Read the full article: "Saint Martin de Porres" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-martin-de-porres/ (Accessed October 20, 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 current 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." In 16:33

### Women's Retreat

Friday, November 7 - 6 pm-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-LESS!

"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, overpowered, 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."

#### 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.

#### 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



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