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The Parish of
**Saint Joan
of Arc**

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the season of
Advent
2025

Welcome! Our Mission: 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.

PRAISE & WORSHIP

Wednesday – 7:00 p.m.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Friday – 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 8:30-12:30 p.m. & 1:30-4:00 p.m.
Closed for lunch: 12:30-1:30 p.m.
Friday 8:30-12:30 p.m. & 1:30-3:00 p.m.
Closed for lunch: 12:30-1:30 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 III, Marcella Buckley, Ann Bunch, Barbara & Tom Carroll, Abbey Chesley, Carl & Mary Chesley, Mary Cordaro, Eva Duggan, Jim & Missi Easop, Bill Endres, Tim Gardner, Eileen Gryn, James & Teodora Hall, John Harmsen, Charles Hendricks, Patricia Holston, Anne Holup, Deacon Dan Johnson, Elizabeth Johnson, Patti & Frank Komornik, Gayle Kutach, Julie Kutach, Zbigniew Majchrzak, Debra Martin, Lieselotte Mathias, Josh Meyer, Ron Morrison, Don & Joan Progar, Walter Sandberg, David Seko, Jr., Bill Smith, Stephen Strother, Michael Syptak, and Pauline Ting.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, December 8

6:00 am — Holy Mass.
Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday, December 9

No Mass

Wednesday, December 10

No Mass

Thursday, December 11

No Mass

Friday, December 12

9:00 am — Holy Mass.
Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Saturday, December 13

5:00 pm — Vigil Mass. Third Sunday of Advent († *Joseph T. Lappan*)

Sunday, December 14

8:30 am — Holy Mass. Third Sunday of Advent († *Rosa Mercado*) (*Jimmy Pierce*)
11:30 am — Holy Mass. Third Sunday of Advent. († *Modestus Onuorah*)



On the Second Sunday of Advent, we light the second purple candle, referred to as the Bethlehem Candle, which represents Peace and Preparation. *"Prince of Peace, as we light this second candle, calm our restless hearts and guide us to live in harmony with one another. May Your peace reign in our homes, our communities, and our world, preparing the way for Your coming. Amen."*

Holy Day of Obligation

Monday, December 8 — 6:00 pm

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Meetings for the Week



Monday, December 8

6:30 pm — Legion of Mary

Tuesday, December 9

6:00 pm — Youth Group

7:00 pm — OCIA

Wednesday, December 10

6:00 pm — Liturgy Meeting

7:00 pm — Men's ACTS Team Formation

Thursday, December 11

3:00 pm — Knights of Columbus Meeting

Saturday, December 13

8:30 am — Magnificat Women

Bulletin Announcements

Please email any approved bulletin announcements to the SJA Office Manager two Wednesdays prior to the weekend you would like to have your announcement published. Information should be sent to: sjoaofcmgr@stjoanofarcva.org.

Vocations Awareness

"The kingdom of heaven is at hand!"
(Matthew 3:2)

John's call to prepare for Christ echoes in every family. In holy matrimony, love and faith creates the foundation where God's kingdom flourishes. Is God calling you to build a holy family? Ask Him to show you His way by praying for your (future) spouse and children.



Parish Ministries

Finance Council, Jack Christie

Pastoral Ministry

Baptism Coordinator, Jennifer Strash

Bereavement, Adrian Rivera

Funerals & Weddings, Donna Prantl

Sick & Homebound, Denis Morhiser

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Arts & Environment, Tom & Rowena

Fauber, and Lynda Fairman

EMHCs, Denis Morhiser & Rachel Vis

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James Tucker III

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Music Coordinator, Donna Prantl

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Patti Komornik

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Lazarus Ministry, Katie Corbett &

Manuel Reyes

Legion of Mary, David Cienski

Library, Laura Quellhorst &

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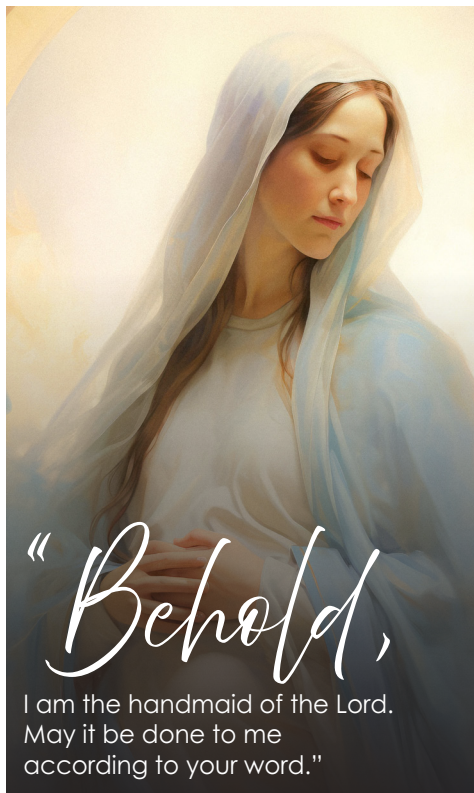
2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

In this season of Advent, as we prepare to celebrate Christ's first arrival on earth, and look forward to his second coming at the end of time, we focus our gaze on the many and varied ways Christ comes among us in these current times. On this second Sunday of Advent, we are given the majesty of Isaiah's dream and the ferocity of John the Baptist's message for our encouragement.

Isaiah's dream is glorious! Arising from the "stump of Jesse" as a blossoming bud is the One who gathers all into his peaceable kingdom, where "the wolf shall be the guest of the lamb," "there shall be no harm or ruin," and "the earth shall be filled with knowledge of the Lord."

Dreams are lovely, but it takes work and time to put them into action, and so John, the Baptist prophet, urges us to conversion, to "give some evidence that you mean to reform." A somewhat harsh but indeed necessary message, calling us to repentance, confession of our sinfulness, and the change that will bear fruit for the kingdom as well as prepare us for the coming of the Lord. Encountering Christ now in the faces of everyone we meet will enable us to bear this fruit of love and service.

– Fr. Jay



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WEEKLY SCRIPTURE**Sunday, December 7, 2025**

Isaiah 11:1-10
Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17
Romans 15:4-9
Matthew 3:1-12

Monday, December 8, 2025

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Genesis 3:9-15, 20
Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12
Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4
Luke 1:26-38

Tuesday, December 9, 2025

Advent Weekday
Isaiah 40:1-11
Psalm 96:1-2, 3, 10ac, 11-12, 13
Matthew 18:12-14

Wednesday, December 10, 2025

Advent Weekday
Isaiah 40:25-31
Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10
Matthew 11:28-30

Thursday, December 11, 2025

Advent Weekday
Isaiah 41: 13-20
Psalm 145:1, 9, 10-11, 12-13ab
Matthew 11:11-15

Friday, December 12, 2025

Our Lady of Guadalupe
Zechariah 2:14-17
Judith 13:18bcde, 19
Luke 1:26-38

Saturday, December 13, 2025

Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11
Psalm 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19
Matthew 17:9a, 10-13

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

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Saint of the Day: December 12

Patron Saint of the Americas and Mexico

The feast in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe goes back to the 16th century. Chronicles of that period tell us the story.

A poor Indian named Cuauhtlatohuac was baptized and given the name Juan Diego. He was a 57-year-old widower, and lived in a small village near Mexico City. On Saturday morning December 9, 1531, he was on his way to a nearby barrio to attend Mass in honor of Our Lady.

Juan was walking by a hill called Tepeyac when he heard beautiful music like the warbling of birds. A radiant cloud appeared, and within it stood an Indian maiden dressed like an Aztec princess. The lady spoke to him in his own language and sent him to the bishop of Mexico, a Franciscan named Juan de Zumarraga. The bishop was to build a chapel in the place where the lady appeared.

Eventually the bishop told Juan to have the lady give him a sign. About this same time Juan's uncle became seriously ill. This led poor Juan to try to avoid the lady. Nevertheless the lady found Juan, assured him that his uncle would recover, and provided roses for Juan to carry to the bishop in his cape or tilma.

On December 12, when Juan Diego opened his tilma in the bishop's presence, the roses fell to the ground, and the bishop sank to his knees. On the tilma where the roses had been appeared an image of Mary exactly as she had appeared at the hill of Tepeyac.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, December 17—Lessons & Carols—7:00 pm

Join us for a beautiful evening of Scripture and Song as we journey through the story of God's love—from Creation to Christ's birth—told through Bible Readings and timeless Carols.

Thursday, December 18—Advent Penance Service—7:00 pm

Do we examine our conscience during the revolutionary season of Advent? Christ cannot increase where there has been no preparation to welcome Him. All are welcome to the miracle of the Sacrament of Reconciliation when we step through the DOOR OF GOD'S MERCY, which is our only hope: God and sinners reconciled. Numerous thankful priests will be available to celebrate God's healing/forgiving mercy in all our lives.

Thursday, February 19 — Sunday, February 22 — Men's ACTS Retreat



The poster features the ACTS logo at the top, followed by the text "MEN'S RETREAT" in a stylized font, "SAVE the DATE" in a larger, bold font, and "February 19 – 22, 2026" below it. A small note says "SJA Registration Coming Soon". At the bottom is a photograph of a person on a sand dune with the text "Led by the Spirit".

Save the Date! Reserve your spot for the 2026 SJA Men's ACTS Retreat!

An ACTS (Adoration-Community-Theology-Service) Retreat is a parish-based event which offers parishioners an opportunity to experience the love of Jesus Christ. This in turn fosters a desire for international discipleship. ACTS Retreats are given by parishioners for parishioners and, in this way, serve to build Christian community at the parish. The ACTS Retreat experience is rooted in the Paschal Mystery in that retreatants are invited to reflect on the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. We are limited to 25 Retreatants and a cost of \$150.00 per person. All meals, snacks and blessings are included.

When: February 19-22, 2026

Where: St. Clare of Assisi Retreat Center, Hampton, VA

Contact: Pete Romeo, (757) 503-3533, pnpromeo@cox.net

The Lazarus Ministry Needs Your Assistance!

The Lazarus Ministry at St. Joan of Arc works closely with the Bereavement Ministry to prepare and deliver a beautiful and delicious reception following funerals for those families who request one. Our ministry provides the food for these receptions as well as support throughout the event. Existing members of the Lazarus Ministry, as well as anyone new interested in joining us, are asked to please follow this link <https://forms.gle/qgRCV9tdouweaTrN6> to provide your current contact information.

If you have questions, you may call or text Katie Corbett at (757) 778-9507 or email her at mkcorbettfamily@gmail.com.

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.

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