

*I will look to the Lord,
I will wait for God my savior;
my God will hear me!*

- Micah 7:7

the season of
Lent

The Parish of Saint Joan of Arc

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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.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Friday – 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 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

"A man who fails to love the Mass fails to love Christ." (J. M. Escriva, *Christ is Passing By*, no. 92) To love the Mass is a guarantee for salvation. But to love the Mass does not mean just being present and no more. It means to be present with faith and devotion. It means to take part in the Mass, realizing what it is: the Sacrifice of the Cross renewed on the altar; and realizing that when we go to Mass, we go, as it were, to Calvary. And that we should be present there, like our Blessed Lady beside the Cross, in loving contemplation of Christ who offers Himself lovingly for each one of us.

(*The Mass Explained* by Cormac Burke)

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, Daniel Bridges, 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, Elizabeth Johnson, Debra Martin, Lottie Matthias, Josh Meyer, Ron Morrison, John Musser, Don & Joan Progar, Gary & Kathy Sambuchi, Walter Sandberg, David Seko, Jr., Bill Smith, Bailey Sopko, Stephen Strother, and Pauline Ting



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, March 16, 2026

9:00 am – Holy Mass, Monday of the Fourth Week of Holy Lent

Friday, March 20, 2026

9:00 am – Holy Mass, Friday of the Fourth Week of Holy Lent

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

9:00 am – Holy Mass, Tuesday of the Fourth Week of Holy Lent
(† Paul V. McConigle)

Saturday, March 21, 2026

4:00 pm – Reconciliation
5:00 pm – Vigil Mass, Fifth Sunday of Holy Lent (Our Lady of Aradin)

Wednesday, March 18, 2026

9:00 am – Holy Mass, Wednesday of the Fourth Week of Holy Lent (John Sikes)
(† Raymond D. Treon)

Sunday, March 22, 2026

8:30 am – Holy Mass, Fifth Sunday of Holy Lent (Jimmy Pierce)
11:30 am – Holy Mass, Fifth Sunday of Holy Lent

Thursday, March 19, 2026

9:00 am – Holy Mass, Thursday of the Fourth Week of Holy Lent (Ryan S. Oltman)

March 19 – The Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

St. John Paul II referred to St. Joseph as "the guardian and cooperator in the providential mystery of God (no 14)." He explained that, together with Mary, Joseph was the first guardian of Christ: "St. Joseph was called by God to serve the person and mission of Jesus directly through the exercise of his fatherhood (no 8)."

Build Your Spirituality



The Magnificat Women of SJA will gather on Saturday, April 11, from 9-11 AM in the St. John Paul II Center.

We encourage all women, from juniors in high school to the most senior sister, to join us, regardless of where one is in their faith journey.

There will be a light meal followed by a topic of discussion. If you would like more information, please contact Kelley (757-775-6360) or Tracy (804-695-4538) for details.

We Choose Life!

Catholic Charities of Hampton Roads focuses on helping single mothers struggling to support their children. Donations of baby shampoo, lotion, and wipes are in dire need. They also have a deficit in girls' clothing sizes - newborn through size 6 & boys' clothing in sizes 0-3 months & 3-6 months.

In addition, medium-size fabric blankets, and diapers in sizes 4, 5, 6 & 7 are requested to fill the layettes. Gently used clothing is most appreciated.

After prayerful consideration, we ask that you please support Catholic Charities by placing your donations in the appropriate box located in the Commons. Our collection will continue throughout Lent. Sponsored by the Social Ministry of SJA. Thank you and may God continue to bless you!

Vocations Chalice Ministry

We began praying for vocations with the "Vocations Chalice" over eleven years ago. Since the beginning of this family devotion, St. Joan of Arc has received from God and "prayed into being" five seminarians studying for the priesthood in the Diocese of Richmond and four permanent deacons. The "Vocations Chalice" is presented to a family, couple, or individual and is taken home and used during daily prayer as a focal point for an increase in religious vocations. Every two weeks, the "Vocations Chalice" is transferred from one prayerful family to another. If you would like your family to participate in the Vocations Chalice Ministry, call Ferdinand Prantl at 757-620-1870 or email ferdinand.prantl@gmail.com.

Diocesan Information

Vocations Awareness

"I am the light of the world." (John 9:5)

Christ's light shines through those who answer His call. In marriage, couples reflect that light by the way they love, forgive, and serve one another. Their faith-filled witness creates a home filled with love and grace, drawing others closer to Christ. How does your marriage reveal God's love to those around you?



Parish Ministries

Finance Council, Jack Christie

Pastoral Ministry

Bereavement, Adrian Rivera

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

Readers, Mike Corbett & Patti Komornik

Non-Liturgical Ministries

Altar Linens, Jennifer Randleman

Building Committee, Steve Romeo

Coffee & Cookies, Cindy Brown & Kathy Isaac

Divine Mercy, Donna Prantl & Cathy Fowler

Iron Men Spirituality Group, John Musser

Landscaping, Jim Orband

Lazarus Ministry, Katie Corbett & Manuel Reyes

Legion of Mary, David Cienski

Library, Laura Quellhorst & Federico Colagrande

Magnificat Women Spirituality Group, Tracy Leota & Kelley Rutter

OCI, Deacon Don Fox

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Organizations

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Women's Book Club, Arlene Bradley

BLINDNESS

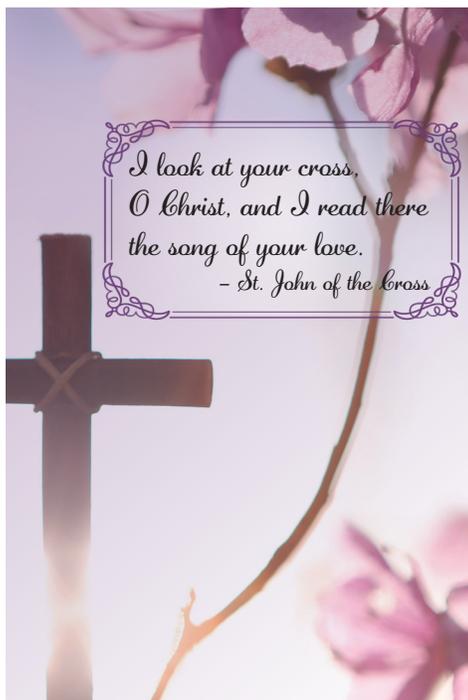
Reflection on John 9:1-41

In today's Gospel, John offers another dramatic story describing the healing of a man born blind and a range of responses to this healing. The experience of healing itself involves both the action of Jesus – using mud and spittle to smear on the man's eyes – and the response and cooperation of the man who must go and wash in the pool of Siloam, which means, "sent." With physical sight restored, and spiritual sight awakened, this man is now "sent" as a witness to Jesus.

But look at the reactions! Accusations of sin all over the place. Mistrust, division and denial among the religious leaders. Too frightened of the controversy to get involved from the parents. Confusion from the neighbors. What do we make of all of this?

Jesus, the Light of the World, came to dispel darkness and sin. How do we experience and receive this healing for ourselves and others? Do we see reality with the eyes of faith when the Light of Christ exposes falsehood and reveals truth that is uncomfortable? Are we at times so comfortable with our blindness that we prefer ignorance over enlightenment? These are good questions, prompted from the Gospel, for us to consider during this Lenten journey.

– Father Jay



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, March 15, 2026

4th Sunday of Lent

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

Psalms 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41

Monday, March 16, 2026

Lenten Weekday

Isaiah 65:17-21

Psalms 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a, 13b

John 4:43-54

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

Lenten Weekday

Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12

Psalms 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9

John 5:1-16

Wednesday, March 18, 2026

Lenten Weekday

Isaiah 49:8-15

Psalms 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18

John 5:17-30

Thursday, March 19, 2026

Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16

Psalms 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29

Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22

Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a or

Luke 2:41-51a

Friday, March 20, 2026

Lenten Weekday

Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22

Psalms 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23

John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday, March 21, 2026

Lenten Weekday

Jeremiah 11:18-20

Psalms 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12

John 7:40-53

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

SAINT CLEMENT MARY HOFBAUER

Saint of the Day: March 15

Patron Saint of Vienna and Warsaw

John was born in Moravia into a poor family, the ninth of 12 children. Although he longed to be a priest, there was no money for studies, and he was apprenticed to a baker. But God guided the young man's fortunes. He found work in the bakery of a monastery where he was allowed to attend classes in its Latin school. After the abbot there died, John tried the life of a hermit, but when Emperor Joseph II abolished hermitages, John again returned to Vienna and to baking.

One day after serving Mass at the Cathedral of St. Stephen, he called a carriage for two ladies waiting there in the rain. In their conversation they learned that he could not pursue his priestly studies because of a lack of funds. They generously offered to support both John and his friend Thaddeus, in their seminary studies. The two went to Rome, where they were drawn to Saint Alphonsus' vision of religious life and to the Redemptorists. The two young men were ordained together in 1785.

Newly professed at age 34, Saint Clement Mary Hofbauer, as he was now called, and Thaddeus were sent back to Vienna. But the religious difficulties there caused them to leave and continue north to Warsaw, Poland. They were active in social work among the poor, founding an orphanage and then a school for boys.

He quickly became "the apostle of Vienna," hearing the confessions of the rich and the poor, visiting the sick, acting as a counselor to the powerful, sharing his holiness with all in the city. His crowning work was the establishment of a Catholic college in his beloved city.

There were those in authority who were able for a while to stop him from preaching. Due to his efforts, the congregation was firmly established north of the Alps by the time of his death in 1820. Saint Clement Mary Hofbauer was canonized in 1909. His liturgical feast is celebrated on March 15.

Read the full article: "Saint Clement Mary Hofbauer" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-clement-mary-hofbauer/> (Accessed February 27, 2026).

UPCOMING EVENTS—SAVE THE DATES

Landscape: Spring and Easter Season Workday

Please join the Saint Joan of Arc Landscape Team on Saturday, March 21 to prepare the SJA campus landscape for spring and the Easter season. Different landscape tasks will be performed beginning at 9 AM. Work will wrap up around 12 noon.

You will be able to see and be a part of the work that is done by parish volunteers in keeping the landscape looking good. Please contact Jeff McGonigle, parish administrative assistant at aa@stjoanofarcva.org, to sign up, or call the Parish Office at (757) 898-5570 for more information.

Lenten Soup Suppers followed by Stations of the Cross Every Friday during Lent

Join us in the St. John Paul II Center starting at 6:00 PM every Friday during Lent for our Lenten Soup Supper. After supper we will gather in the Worship Space, to pray the Stations of the Cross, which assist us in our own spiritual pilgrimage with Christ.



Registration for the SJA Women's ACTS Retreat is currently underway!

See the ladies at the table in the lobby after all Masses, to register, and block your calendars!

Retreat Dates: Thursday, April 23 — Sunday, April 26, 2026

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

For more information, Contact: Laurie Sepanski at (757) 817-0825, or via email at lsepanski@proton.me



40 DAYS FOR LIFE

The Spring Campaign for 40 Days for Life began Wednesday, February 18th and goes through March 29th.

It is a peaceful, prayerful vigil held outside abortion centers across the country, and has been the most successful Pro-life outreach in saving babies' lives.

Since 2007, over 24,000 babies have been saved and more than 145 abortion centers closed just by persons willing to fast and peacefully pray outside of abortion facilities in their neighborhoods.

For more information, contact Linda Riva at email: lindajr2@yahoo.com or call/text her at: 484-557-7089.

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