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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*.

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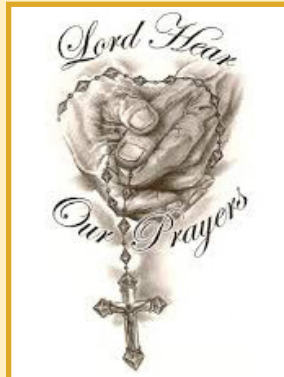
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The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

"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, April 13, 2026

9:00 am – Holy Mass, Monday of the Second Week of Easter

Tuesday, April 14, 2026

9:00 am – Holy Mass, Tuesday of the Second Week of Easter (+Suzanne Osborne)
(Reynalda Saba)

Wednesday, April 15, 2026

9:00 am – Holy Mass, Wednesday of the Second Week of Easter (+Margaret Wright)

Thursday, April 16, 2026

9:00 am – Holy Mass, Thursday of the Second Week of Easter

Friday, April 17, 2026

9:00 am – Holy Mass, Friday of the Second Week of Easter

Saturday, April 18, 2026

5:00 pm – Vigil Mass of the Third Sunday of Easter (Our Lady of Aradin, Help of Persecuted Christians)

Sunday, April 19, 2026

8:30 am – Third Sunday of Easter
11:30 am – Third Sunday of Easter
(+Ann Catrupi)

Divine Mercy



**ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
APRIL 12 AT 3:00 P.M.**

All are welcome!
Reception to follow

Thank you to all who memorialized Easter lilies that so beautified our worship space!



Book of Intercessions

**Located at the pillars
in the Commons**

Whenever you enter the church, you are invited to write any prayer you wish – a prayer of need, praise or thanksgiving; perhaps you will “lift up” someone who is sick or facing surgery; a prayer for peace, or a prayer of thanks for a couple’s wedding or anniversary.

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 fdprantl@cox.net.



Diocesan Information

Vocations Awareness

"Peace be with you." (John 20:19)

As we begin the annual Uplift Your Priest, we pray for those who bring Christ’s peace through the priesthood, honoring and supporting them in their vocation. If you sense a call to this ministry of mercy, take time to explore God’s plan for you. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 804-359-5661 or via email: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.



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

Social Ministries, Chris Ladnier

Vocations Chalice, Ferdinand & Donna Prantl

Organizations

KoC & Ladies Auxiliary, Randy Vis & Julia Allaman

Women’s Book Club, Arlene Bradley

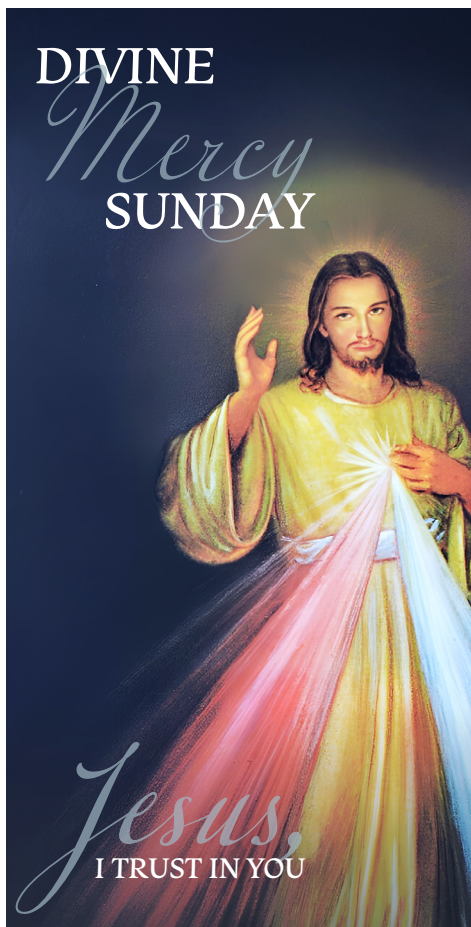
MERCY*Reflection on John 20:19-31*

I don't remember who said this, but it rings so true: Christianity has nothing to say to someone who does not know him/herself to be a sinner. If I do not know and accept my need for forgiveness and redemption, then divine mercy makes no sense; it is lost on me.

How blessed and grateful we are, though, when this great gift of divine mercy is accepted, and flows into our hearts and lives! I am convinced that when we receive God's mercy, in a proper disposition of true repentance, then God does not want us to be burdened with the sins that have shamed us and brought us low. Instead, God desires us to be truly free, for His gift of mercy liberates us to be merciful.

In today's Gospel, Jesus invites Thomas into His wounds, and so into the reception of His divine life. This is the pattern of our lives as well. It is going deeply into our wounds which sin has caused, where we are in contact with the wounds of Christ which redeem us. Praise God for His great mercy!

– Father Jay

**WEEKLY SCRIPTURE****Sunday, April 12, 2026***Divine Mercy Sunday*

Acts 2:42-47

Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

Monday, April 13, 2026*Easter Weekday*

Acts 4:23-31

Psalm 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9

John 3:1-8

Tuesday, April 14, 2026*Easter Weekday*

Acts 4:32-37

Psalm 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5

John 3:7b-15

Wednesday, April 15, 2026*Easter Weekday*

Acts 5:17-26

Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

John 3:16-21

Thursday, April 16, 2026*Easter Weekday*

Acts 5:27-33

Psalm 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20

John 3:31-36

Friday, April 17, 2026*Easter Weekday*

Acts 5:34-42

Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14

John 6:1-15

Saturday, April 18, 2026*Easter Weekday*

Acts 6:1-7

Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19

John 6:16-21

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

SAINT BERNADETTE SOUBIROUS*Saint of the Day: April 16**Patron Saint of Illness, Poverty, and Shepherds/Shepherdesses*

Bernadette Soubirous was born in 1844, the first child of an extremely poor miller in the town of Lourdes in southern France. On February 11, 1858, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to Bernadette in a cave above the banks of the Gave River near Lourdes. Bernadette, 14 years old, was known as a virtuous girl. In poor health, she had suffered from asthma from an early age.

There were 18 appearances in all, the final one occurring on the feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, July 16. Although Bernadette's initial reports provoked skepticism, her daily visions of "the Lady" brought great crowds of the curious. The Lady, Bernadette explained, had instructed her to have a chapel built on the spot of the visions. There, the people were to come to wash in and drink of the water of the spring that had welled up from the very spot where Bernadette had been instructed to dig.

According to Saint Bernadette Soubirous, the Lady of her visions was a girl of 16 or 17 who wore a white robe with a blue sash. Yellow roses covered her feet, a large rosary was on her right arm.

Few visions have ever undergone the scrutiny that these appearances of the Immaculate Virgin were subject to. Lourdes became one of the most popular Marian shrines in the world, attracting millions of visitors. After thorough investigation, Church authorities confirmed the authenticity of the apparitions in 1862.

During her life, Saint Bernadette Soubirous suffered much. She was hounded by the public as well as by civic officials until at last she was protected in a convent of nuns. Five years later, she petitioned to enter the Sisters of Notre Dame of Nevers. Within four months of her arrival she was given the last rites of the Church and allowed to profess her vows. She died on April 16, 1879, at the age of 35. Bernadette Soubirous was canonized in 1933.

Read the full article: "Saint Bernadette Soubirous" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars,
<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-bernadette-soubirous/> (Accessed March 27, 2026).

UPCOMING EVENTS—SAVE THE DATES

Iron Man Ministry



Men, freshmen in high school through senior years, are all welcome to step into this spirituality group. If you have never shared in these Saturday mornings, you are missing out! The Iron Men will meet
Saturday, April 18,
8 AM – 10 AM, in the Commons for a meaty breakfast and topic!
Proverbs 27:17—Iron is sharpened by iron;
one person sharpens another.

How Are We Saved? The Catholic View of Salvation!

Thursday, April 16, 2026 6:30 PM in the JP II Center at St Joan of Arc
This presentation by Dr. Steven Hemler explores why Jesus died for us
and how we can accept this most precious gift of Salvation.

MAY PROCESSION AND CROWNING OF OUR BLESSED MOTHER

St. Joan of Arc's beautiful annual May Procession and Crowning will take place on Sunday, May 3, 2026, between the two morning Masses. Please, plan to be there and to rejoice in it.

We gather to honor Mary, the Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, now our own spiritual Mother, who is also the Patroness of our country, as we crown the Queen of Angels during a devotional service. We invite family and friends to share in this devotion and to announce Mary as the loving Mother of the "New Creation" to the public around us.



We ask all to bring flowers from their gardens this day to offer to, and to honor, Our Lady of Grace.

VACATION/RETREAT FOR YOUR WHOLE FAMILY AT CATHOLIC FAMILYLAND THIS SUMMER

The Apostolate for Family Consecration hosts 7 "Holy Family Fests" each summer - a dynamic weeklong Catholic family vacation at Catholic Familyland near Steubenville, Ohio.

Each morning begins with Mass, followed by breakout sessions for all age groups. Afternoons provide plenty of recreation for all, as well as opportunities for Reconciliation and Adoration. Evening programs are faith-filled and fun for the whole family! Bring your own camper or rent a cabin for the week!

This year's theme is "Mary, Cause of Our Joy." Register at afc.org to experience a life-changing encounter with Our Lord that makes the Faith come alive! If you have any questions about this retreat, please contact Mike & Katie Corbett at mkcorbettfamily@gmail.com.

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