



# ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

MARCH 17, 2024 / 17 DE MARZO 2024

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday  
9:00 AM-4:00 PM  
*closed for lunch  
12-1:00 PM*

## MASS TIMES

Saturday: 4:00 PM  
Sunday Masses:  
8:00 AM in English  
9:30 AM in Spanish  
11:00 AM in English

## DAILY MASS

9:00 AM  
Monday-Saturday

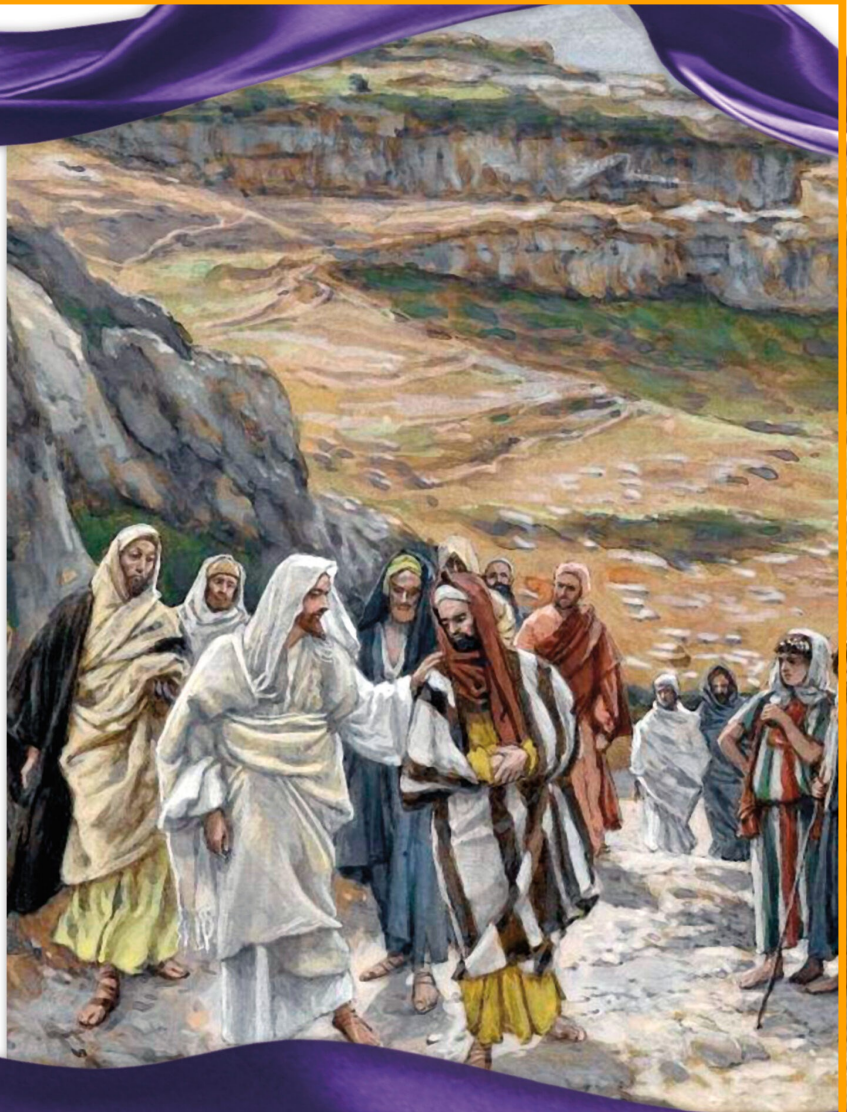
## MISSION

*The Mission of St.  
Joan of Arc Parish is  
to put Jesus first in  
our lives by seeking  
to know Him in  
Scripture,  
Encountering  
Him in Prayer,  
Celebrating His  
Presence among us  
in praise and worship  
and uniting with one  
another in loving  
service.*

"The hour has  
come for the  
Son of Man  
to be glorified.  
Amen, amen,  
I say to you,  
unless a grain of  
wheat falls to the  
ground and dies,  
it remains just  
a grain of wheat;  
but if it dies,  
it produces  
much fruit."

*John 12: 23,24*

Jesus Discourses with His  
Disciples by James Tissot  
Circa 1886-1894



5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF

# LENT

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## Father Pat's Gospel Reflection

One thing that early Christians had to do was to explain to Jewish converts that the Old Testament pointed to Jesus. One way they did this was to show how key Old Testament persons and events pointed to New Testament persons and events. For example, they showed how Abraham's son Isaac, pointed to Jesus. Isaac was an only son, just like Jesus. Isaac was deeply loved, as Jesus was. Isaac was given for sacrifice like Jesus was. Isaac was to be offered on a hill like Jesus. Isaac carried the wood for sacrifice, like Jesus.

St. Paul also makes similar comparisons between the Old Testament and the New Testament. In 1 Corinthians 15:45-49 St. Paul compares Adam and Jesus. He writes: "The first man, Adam was created a living being; but the last Adam (Jesus) is the life giving Spirit. The first Adam, made of earth, came from the earth the second Adam (Jesus) came from Heaven. Those who belong to the earth are like the one who was made of earth; those who are of Heaven are like the one who came from Heaven. Just as we wear the likeness of the man made of earth, so we will wear the likeness of the Man from Heaven."

In the Gospel, Jesus also draws a parallel between the Old Testament and the New Testament. Jesus says: "As Moses lifted up the bronze snake on a pole in the desert, in the same way the Son of Man must be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in Him may have eternal life." In that passage from the Book of Numbers 21: 7-9, the Israelites are complaining to God and to Moses about the troubles they are having in the desert. Following their complaint, snakes appear and bit the people. The people then say to Moses: "'We sinned against the Lord and you. Now pray to the Lord to take these snakes away.'" So Moses prayed for the people. "Then the lord told Moses to make a metal snake and put it on a pole. Anyone who had been bitten would look at the bronzed snake and be healed."

(The medical profession chose the image of the snake coiled on the pole as the symbol for its healing profession.) Jesus parallels this event in the Old Testament to His crucifixion on Calvary. Jesus explains that whoever looks upon Him with faith will be healed spiritually. This is similar to the healing the Israelites received when they looked at the coiled snake. These are two examples of how God and His Son Jesus are with their people. Either way we will find healing if we turn to the Lord. He will save us if we put our trust in Jesus and His Father.

This is followed with Jesus teaching in verses John 3:16-17. Jesus states: "For God loved the world so much that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not die but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to be its judge, but to be its savior. These two verses have been called a summary of the bible. They tell us that if we truly believe we will be saved and not judged. These are two of the most famous passages in the bible. This is especially true for John 3:16, which can still be seen in many sporting events.

A number of years ago, these two verses John 3:16 and 3:17 had a special meaning in our NASA Space Program. Space engineers were designing space suits for the command modular and the lunar modular. A part of the design of each space suit was an umbilical cord, consisting of a long umbilical cord consisting of a long flexible tubing. The purpose of the umbilical cord was to supply oxygen to the astronauts when they walked in space or passed from one module to another.

The suit receptacle into which the command pilot's cord fit was called J 3:16. The suit receptacle into which the lunar pilot's cord fit was called J 3:17. Designer Frank Denton said he named the two suit receptacles after the two Gospel passages: John 3:16 and John 3:17. He said that just as J3:16 and J3:17 supply the astronauts with what they need to survive in their journey from one module to another, so John 3:16 and John 3:17 supply us with what we need to survive in our journey from earth to Heaven.

This Gospel has a good message. It contains a beautiful illustration of how the Old Testament and the New Testament fit together. It also illustrates how Jesus is our lifeline as we pass from earth to heaven, just as the umbilical cord is the astronauts' lifeline as they pass from one space capsule to another. In other words, just as the umbilical cord supplies the astronauts with life-giving grace.

Let us close by what St. Paul tells us in today's second reading. He states, "It is by God's grace that you have been saved. In our union with Christ Jesus He raised us up with Him to rule with Him in the heavenly world. It is by God's grace that you have been saved through faith. It is not the result of your own efforts but God's gift. God has made us what we are."

## Lent Regulations on Fasting and Abstinence

The dual disciplines of fasting and abstinence have a long history in the Catholic Church. Going back to the early Church, the purpose behind the custom of self denial is not punishment; it is to simplify our lifestyles so that we create a certain emptiness. In this way, freed from all distractions, we are able to hear and respond to God's continued call to conversion and holiness.

ö ***Fasting*** is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics between the ages of 18 to 59 years (inclusive). On days of fasting, one full meal is allowed. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed.

ö ***Abstinence*** from meat is to be observed by all Catholics who are 14 years of age and older. Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday are days of abstinence.

***NOTE:*** If a person is unable to observe the above regulations due to ill health or other serious reasons, they are urged to practice other forms of self denial that are suitable to their condition. Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful and catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for baptism or the renewal of baptism at Easter.

### Widow's Group Invitation

The Saint Joan of Arc Widow's group will be meeting on Friday, April 5th, the first Friday of the month after the 9:00 AM Mass.

Our speaker will be Brien from the "Get Healthy" Healthy Food Store. Giving us healthy advice and tips on improving our health.

So come one, come all!! Bring a friend. This will be a very informative meeting with lunch to follow at Guido's on Forest Oaks Boulevard.





**ST. JOAN OF ARC  
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH  
EASTER & HOLY WEEK 2024 SCHEDULE**

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**March 28, 29, 30 + Thurs, Friday, Saturday  
NO 9:00 a.m. Daily Mass**

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**March 28 + Holy Thursday  
7:00 p.m. Mass**

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**March 29 + Good Friday  
11:00 a.m. Live Stations of the Cross  
3:00 p.m. Passion of the Lord  
6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (Spanish)  
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (English)**

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**March 30 + Holy Saturday  
NO 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass or Confessions  
10:00 a.m. Blessing of the Food Baskets  
8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass**

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**March 31 + Easter Sunday  
7:00 a.m. Sunrise Mass (outside)  
8:00 a.m. Mass  
9:30 a.m. Mass (Spanish)  
11:00 a.m. Mass**

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In celebration of the resurrection of Jesus, I wish you a year of joyful  
new beginnings.

*God Bless You, Fr. Pat*



## **Knights of Columbus Fish Fry!!**

**Lenten Fish Fry during Fridays of Lent for \$12.00 per person**

**Drive up 4:30pm-5:00pm Dine in 5:00pm-6:30pm**

**Dine-in: Choice of Baked Fish  
Fried Fish  
Fried Shrimp**

**Sides include: Mac & Cheese  
Cole Slaw  
Baked Potato  
French Fries**

**Rhode Island chowder \$3.00 extra**

**Walk-ins are limited to ordering shrimp and a side.**

**Those who make reservations may select from any of the items above.  
Please call 352-345-3371 by Wednesday to place your order for Friday.**



Our Annual Easter Altar Flowers Envelopes are on the Welcome Desk. This is a beautiful way to remember your loved ones, living and deceased. Please put your completed envelopes in the offertory basket or drop off at the office.



**Thank you for your generosity!  
March 3 offertory**

**Attendance: 772 Sunday Offertory: \$7840.00**

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 17, 2024

Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 (12a)/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 Scrutiny: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56

## OBSERVANCES WEEK OF MARCH 17, 2024

Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent

Monday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Tuesday: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday:

**Thursday:**

**Friday:**

**Saturday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop**

Next Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Holy Week begins

Choir Rehearsal Wednesdays 5:30PM  
4th Degree Knights 2nd Tuesday 7:00PM  
Knights of Columbus Board 2nd Thursdays 2:00PM  
Knights of Columbus Meeting 2nd Thursdays 7:00PM  
Prayer Group in English every Thursday 6PM  
Youth Group—every Wednesday 6:30-8:00PM  
St. Vincent de Paul 2nd Monday 9:30AM

Adult Ed—Thursdays 1:00PM  
OCIA—Sunday 9:00AM  
Rosary Making - every Wednesday 9:30 AM  
Estudio de la Biblia los lunes a las 6:00PM  
Legionarias de María cada miércoles 9:30AM  
Adoración los martes 9:45AM  
Adoration Tuesdays at 6:00PM

## MASS INTENTIONS JOIN IN PRAYER-DAILY ROSARY IN THE CHURCH BEGINNING AT 8:25 AM—MON-FRI

### SATURDAY MARCH 16

**9:00 AM** † Deacon Mike Ruffner and Ken Ruffner  
from Wife and Sister-in-law Jan

**4:00 PM** † Anthony DeMarco from his Loving Wife

### SUNDAY MARCH 17

**8:00 AM** For the Feast of St. Louise De Marillac  
from Saint Vincent De Paul

**9:30 AM** Parish Community

**11:00 AM** †Antulio Rodriguez from Loving Wife

### MONDAY MARCH 18

**9:00 AM** †Francine Evangelista from Loving Cousin

### TUESDAY MARCH 19

**9:00 AM** †Souls in Purgatory from Barbara Brush

### WEDNESDAY MARCH 20

**9:00 AM** †Albert Duffy from John Herron and  
Tom Duffy

### THURSDAY MARCH 21

**9:00 AM** Spencer Family from Kathy

### FRIDAY MARCH 22

**9:00 AM** †Virgil Reado from Irene

## PARISH STAFF

Pastor ..... Rev. Patrick Rebel  
Asst. Priests: ..... Rev. Edward Reiter  
..... Rev. Michael Kouts  
..... Rev. Dennis Kaelin

Deacons: ..... Deacon Jose Cruz  
..... Deacon Tom Casey  
..... Deacon Jim Riveiro

Pastoral Consultant ..... Mark McGovern

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Director of Music ..... Joyce Thorpe  
Sjoaorganist@gmail.com

Director of Adult Education ..... Mary Jo Waggoner

## SACRAMENTS

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 10:00 am-11:00 am or by appointment.

### BAPTISM FOR CHILDREN

Please call the Parish Office to pre-register. (352) 688-0663.

Workshop is 3rd Tuesday of the Month at 6pm.

**MATRIMONY** If you are contemplating marriage at St. Joan of Arc Church, please be mindful that there is a six month, prior Notice Request, required.

## PARISH INFORMATION

### OFFICE EMAIL

Sjoa-office@tampabay.rr.com

### BULLETIN EMAIL FFofficesjao@gmail.com

### FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

FFofficesjao@gmail.com & Sjoa-youth@tampabay.rr.com

### RCIA/RCIC

Rite Initiation into the Catholic Faith

### “IN HIS FOOTSTEPS” SOUP & SANDWICH LUNCH

Served in our Parish Family Hall the 4th Thursday of each month from Noon-2:00 pm & on 2nd Thursdays lunches are delivered to our homebound.

### MARY & MARTHA’S GIFT SHOP

SjoaGiftShop@gmail.com

Saturday ..... 3:30 pm-5:30 pm

Sunday ..... 7:00 am-12:30 pm

Wednesdays ..... 9:30 am-10:30 am

Closed during all Masses.

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

(352) 556-3670

### NOTRE DAME CATHOLIC SCHOOL

(352) 683-0755

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