



ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

APRIL 7, 2024 / 7 DE APRIL 2024

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

MASS TIMES

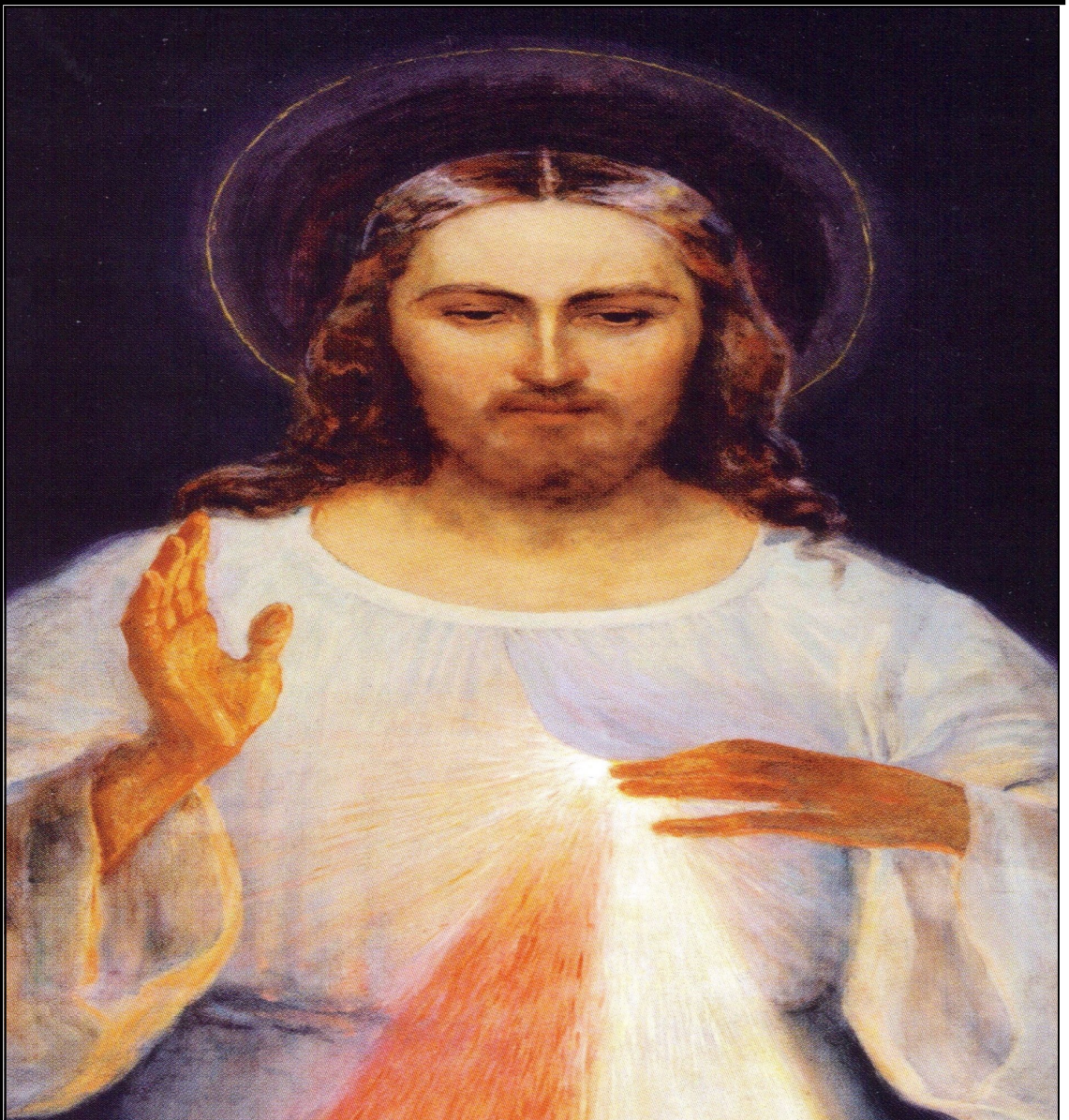
Saturday: 4:00 PM
Sunday Masses:
8:00 AM in English
9:30 AM in Spanish
11:00 AM in English

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.*



Jesus I trust in You

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Thank you once again to our wonderful Knights of Columbus for our Lenten Fish Fry Take-Out AND Dine-In Dinners! It's a lot of time, effort and hundreds of volunteer hours from our Knights, their wives and a handful of parishioners. For those of you who weren't able to get a dinner, they're delicious and at a very reasonable cost. Mark your calendars for next year!



Written in the Wounds

For all the condemnation Thomas the Doubter has received in 2000 years of homilies, I think there's something to admire in him.

Thomas is not unique. We all waver at some point, overcome by hesitation, distracted by the clamor of the world which seeks at every turn to shout above the whisper of the divine.

Thomas knows what he saw on Good Friday: his friend nailed to a cross, a sword driven through his body. He saw the blood and the water. He saw these things with his own eyes, eyes given to him by God, eyes which have never failed him before. And God doesn't ask us to suspend reality to believe in Him. He only asks us to be discerning about how that reality is interpreted in our hearts.

Thomas knows the man before him is either a fraud, preying on the hopes and anxieties of the traumatized disciples, or he is the Christ, the Savior of the world, accomplisher of impossible things. But where to look, to tell the difference?

Satan once appeared to the great mystic saint, Teresa of Avila, disguised as Jesus. She knew instantly that he was a fraud. Enraged, he demanded to know where his deception had failed. "You have no wounds," she told him simply.

Could we have accepted a savior who did not bleed? I don't think we could, because sooner or later, we would all stand before him and say, "Here is where the world hurt me. Here, and here, and here. What about you?" Christ can point to his hands, his feet, his side. "Here, and here, and here," he can say. "And I overcame them all."

It's the wounds, you see. The truth is in the wounds.

Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" — John 20:28

ST. JOAN OF ARC HALL
MAY 5TH 12:30 TIL 3:30

13485 Spring Hill Dr, Spring Hill, FL 34609



TACO BAR
CHIPS & SALSA

MOCK MARGARITAS
CUP CAKES

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**\$15 per
Person**

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Gospel Reflection

A protestant pastor friend of mine was invited to meet Pope Francis with a group of other pastors. He noticed the Pope's chair was especially ornate and set at the head of the group. He somewhat playfully said, "Holy Father, why do you get that special chair?" The group chuckled nervously at my friend's audacious chide.

The following year, the group was invited to return. They entered the room to find only simple chairs placed in a circle. Pope Francis entered, sat down in one of the humble chairs and, looking directly at my friend, with a twinkle in his eye, asked, "What do you think of my chair now?" My friend was stunned that the Pope remembered his concerns — and took the time to answer them.

Thomas the apostle was certainly stunned by the Risen Jesus displaying his wounds in person. But he also must have been equally shocked that Jesus knew and answered his particular questions, worries, and even demands related to his faith. How humbled — and perhaps a bit terrified — he must have been to realize God remembers his concerns and cares enough to answer them.

What questions or demands about Jesus do you find in your heart? Like Thomas, will you be bold enough to voice them this week? How wonderful to know that if we do so, God will remember and respond even to our most audacious desires.

— Father John Muir

YOUTH GROUP UPDATE!

The Saint Joan of Arc Youth group is preparing for their summer trips. They are planning on attending Good Samaritan Project (GSP) in June where they will experience prayer, worship, adoration, and community service.

In addition to GSP, the Group will be attending Steubenville, Orlando.

Please keep them in your prayers as they grow deeper in their faith and grow closer to Jesus. Pray that our Risen Lord keeps them safe and close to his most Sacred Heart.

A Prayer for Mercy



O Greatly Merciful God, Infinite Goodness, today all mankind calls out from the abyss of its misery to Your mercy — to Your compassion, O God; and it is with its mighty voice of misery that it cries out. Gracious God, do not reject the prayer of this earth's exiles! O Lord, Goodness beyond our understanding, Who are acquainted with our misery through and through, and know that by our own power we cannot ascend to You, we implore You: anticipate us with Your grace and keep on increasing Your mercy in us, that we may faithfully do Your holy will all through our life and at death's hour. Let the omnipotence of Your mercy shield us from the darts of our salvation's enemies, that we may with confidence, as Your children, await Your Son's final coming — that day known to You alone. And we expect to obtain everything promised us by Jesus in spite of all our wretchedness. For Jesus is our Hope: through His merciful Heart, as through an open gate, we pass through to heaven. Amen.



The Saint Vincent de Paul Society of St Joan of Arc Parish helps the poor with their monetary needs. Frequently, that can mean paying a light bill, a water bill or assisting with housing. The Society depends in part on the generosity of parishioners to assist in meeting the needs of the poor. There is a box with envelopes at the West entrance to the church. Please consider a monetary donation. The poor of our area need our support especially during this Holiday Season. Thank you for donation and prayers for those who desperately need our love and help.



Thank you for your generosity!

Attendance: 930

Sunday Offertory: \$7399.00

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 7, 2024

Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31
Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36
Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15
Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-2

OBSERVANCES WEEK OF APRIL 7, 2024

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)
Monday: The Annunciation of the Lord
Tuesday:
Wednesday:
Thursday: St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr
Friday:
Saturday: St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr

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
CCW 2nd Thursday after Mass

MONTHLY EVENTS

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

SATURDAY APRIL 6

9:00 AM † GARY VERNON FROM TERRI VERNON

4:00 PM † JAMES B. HEAVEY FROM ANNE AND MAUREEN

SUNDAY APRIL 7

8:00 AM PARISH COMMUNITY

9:30 AM † DUANE PEREIRA FROM LOVING WIFE

11:00 AM FELIPE AND MARIA SERRANO FROM RONAN FAMILY

MONDAY APRIL 8

9:00 AM † JERRY WRIGHT FROM PATTY AND ERIC

TUESDAY APRIL 9

9:00 AM † MR. AND MRS. THOMAS GRACE FROM LOVING FAMILY

WEDNESDAY APRIL 10

9:00 AM † JOHN CHRISTOPHER VALENCIA HAPPY BIRTHDAY

THURSDAY APRIL 11

9:00 AM CCW MASS

FRIDAY APRIL 12

9:00 AM † LUCILLE DIXON FROM LOVING FAMILY

PARISH STAFF

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

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..... Deacon Tom Casey
..... Deacon Jim Riveiro

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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

NEW BULLETIN EMAIL FFofficesjoa@gmail.com

FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

FFofficesjoa@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

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