



ST. JOAN OF ARC

CATHOLIC CHURCH

JANUARY 14, 2024 / 14 DE ENERO 2024

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

MASSES 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.



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DIACANO JOSE

Algunas veces la voz de Dios viene de entre las nubes y es alta y fuerte, como cuando Jesús fue bautizado. Pero cuando Dios nos llama a cada uno de nosotros su voz es a menudo suave y poco clara, tal como sucede en la primera lectura de hoy. No es hasta después que Samuel haya confundido un par de veces la voz de Dios por la de su guardián Elí, que le responde al Señor; y eso es sólo debido a que Elí se dio cuenta de lo que estaba ocurriendo. Mucho después Elías tiene una experiencia similar cuando oye la voz de Dios en un suave susurro. No hubo fanfarria cuando Jesús llamó a Andrés y al amigo de éste para que lo siguieran. No debemos esperar a caer en tierra como Pablo o a oír una voz estruendosa de entre las nubes como Moisés. Dios muchas veces llama leve y sutilmente.

Obviamente Andrés estaba cautivado con el Señor, pues se quedó con él todo el día y lo reconoció como el Mesías. Pudo haberse quedado la noche sin compartir la atención de Jesús con nadie más, pero no lo hizo así. Esa misma tarde buscó a su hermano y le dijo que había encontrado al Mesías y lo llevó a ver a Jesús. La invitación que nosotros recibimos es para compartirla.

Los desacuerdos van a suceder: diferencias de opiniones o conflictos aparentemente irreconciliables, o dos personas o dos grupos dejan de hablarse. Pasan los años y ni se acuerdan de por qué terminaron así. Pasan los siglos y nos preguntamos por qué nos separamos los cristianos. Cuando Jesús dijo: “Vengan a ver” (Juan 1, 39) no condujo a sus discípulos hacia diferentes lugares ni a seguir diferentes caminos. Durante esta semana próxima en que oramos por la unidad de los cristianos, debemos de tener la sensatez para darnos cuenta que Jesús nos ha llamado a cada uno de nosotros a seguirlo y a esforzarnos por buscar una respuesta unificada a ese llamado.

Pregunta de la semana

¿Qué haré durante la Semana de Oración por la Unidad de los Cristianos para ser uno con otros cristianos?



DEACON JOSE

Sometimes God’s voice comes out of the clouds loud and clear, as when Jesus is baptized. But when God calls one of us, it is often soft and unclear, as it is in today’s first reading. Only after twice mistaking God’s voice for his guardian Eli’s does Samuel respond to the LORD, and only then because Eli realized what must be happening. Much later, Elijah has a similar experience when he hears God’s voice in a tiny whispering sound. There was no fanfare when Jesus called for Andrew and his friend to come and follow. We should not wait till we are thrown to the ground like Paul or hear a thunderous voice from the clouds like Moses. God often calls in faint and subtle ways.

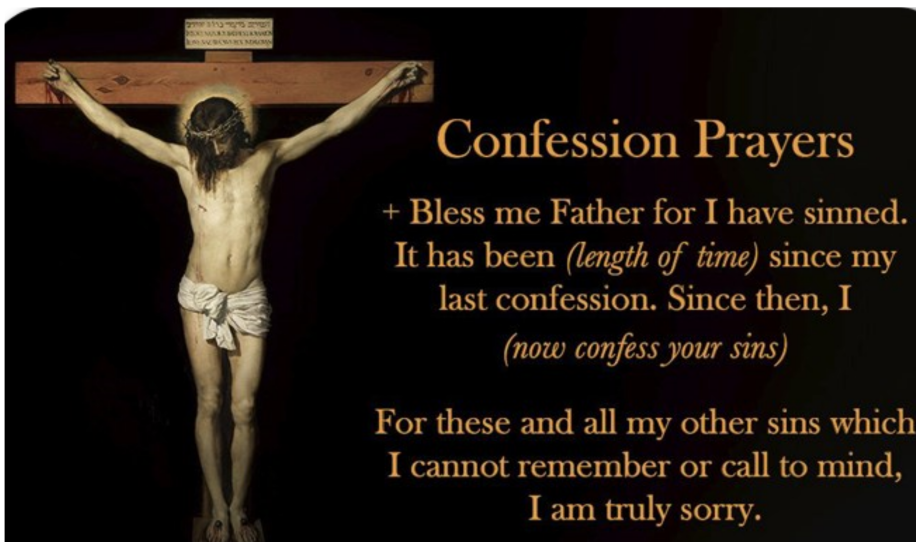
Andrew clearly was enthralled with the Lord, for he stayed all day with him and recognized him as the Messiah. He could have stayed the night and chosen not to share Jesus’ attention with anyone else. But he didn’t. Late that afternoon he sought out his brother, told him that they had found the Messiah and brought him to Jesus. The invitation we receive is meant to be shared.

Disagreements happen: differences of opinion or seemingly irreconcilable conflicts, and two people or two groups stop speaking to each other. Years go by and they end up forgetting how it came to this

Centuries go by and we wonder how we ever became separated. When Jesus called out, “Come, and you will see” (John 1:39), he did not lead his disciples to different places following different pathways. During this upcoming week of prayer for Christian unity, we would be wise to keep in mind that Jesus calls each of us to follow him and work to find a unified response to that call.

Question of the Week

What will I do during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity to be one with other Christians?



*Oh my God! I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee and I detest all my sins because I dread the loss of Heaven and the pains of Hell; But most of all because I have offended Thee, My God, Who art all-good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Thy grace, to confess my sins, to do penance, and to amend my life.
Amen.*



FATHER PAT

In the Gospel, we see how the magi follow a star that guides them to Bethlehem. They come to pay homage to Jesus. Jesus' birth in Bethlehem points to His Davidic kingship and Messianic role. It was first thought that the magi were part of a Persian priestly class. Now they are considered to be astrologers or astronomers who charted major events based on the stars and planetary movements. They could have been Persians but what is most important is they were clearly gentiles. We see how God's love is universal who reaches out to both Jews and Gentiles.

We then see how the magi's reference of the new born king of the Jews upset King Herod. This is because King Herod already bore this title and did not want any rivals to have access to his throne. King Herod then asked the magi to come back and tell him where this newborn king was. This was an insincere ploy to discover where Jesus was so he could do away with our Lord. However, God speaks to the magi in their sleep to advise them of this plot and tell them to return to their country by a different way. King Herod is infuriated because the magi do not come back to tell him of the location of the new born king. This enrages King Herod to the point that he attempts to kill all the baby boys 2 years and younger to get rid of the new born king.

The gifts of gold and frankincense allude to the first reading first reading. The magi, who represent the gentile nations, bring luxury goods to Jerusalem to demonstrate their recognition of God's universal kingship. We see how the magi meet King Herod, the false king. They then encounter Jesus, the true king of the Jews. The magi pay Jesus homage indicating their submission to Jesus' authority and the proper attitude toward God. The magi are the first gentiles to worship Christ fulfilling the prophecy in the first reading.

In the Eucharist we bring not gold, frankincense and myrrh but our very selves. It is a poor offering, but God accepts us as we are. In turn, we receive the best possible gift. Jesus gives Himself to us. He brings new light to our lives and sends us out to bring God's light to the world. If we let Jesus live in us, unbelievers will see in us the star of God and come to pay homage to Christ the Lord.

Ignatian Spirituality Group

Please join us at Ignatian Spirituality group. We meet every 2nd, 3rd and 4th Thursday at 6:00pm in the Deacon Lee Library. The Gospel for the following Sunday is read and the scriptures' significance and personal interpretation is reviewed in a group discussion as well as how these readings impact our Spiritual growth. Do not miss this opportunity to spend time learning about the teachings of our Lord as well as improving our personal relationship with Jesus.

PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

**St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle.**

**Be our defense against
the wickedness and
snares of the Devil.**

**May God rebuke him,
we humbly pray,
and do thou,**

**O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power
of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil
spirits, who prowl about the world
seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.**



**St Vincent de Paul THRIFT STORE & FOOD
PANTRY, 1291 Kass Circle—Spring Hill
352-688-3331 (Food list 8)**

**Our SVdP Food Pantry collects these suggested
Items each month. Please donate based on the first
letter of your last name to help those in our area.**

A,B.....peanut butter, jelly, All Fruit,
canned fruit drinks.

C,D.....spaghetti meat sauce, dry spaghetti.

E,F,G.....beef stew, canned tuna, canned ham, Spam.

H,I,J.....chunky soup, clear broth, Ramen noodles.

K,L,M.....Rice-a-Roni, macaroni & cheese,
Hamburger Helper.

N,O,P.....rice, Spaghetti O's, Beef-a-Roni, ravioli.

Q,R,S,T...toilet paper, personal products, soap,
toothpaste, toothbrushes.

U,V,W,X...canned vegetables, canned fruit,
baked beans, instant potatoes.

Y,Z.....boxed cereals, powdered milk.



NYLON AMERICAN FLAGS ON SALE IN THE PARISH OFFICE!

These flags are manufactured by Annin and are the
same flags that are raised
and flown over the US Capital. These flags are the fin-
est quality and fade resistant.

3'x5' \$20.00— 4' x 6' \$25— (Checks only please)

Offered in the Parish Office for the
Knights of Columbus, Fourth Degree Assembly 3603

MARRIAGE JUBILEE MASS OF THANKSGIVING

The Marriage Jubilee Mass of Thanksgiving will take
place at the Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle on Sun-
day, February 11 th at 3:00pm. This event honors cou-
ples throughout the diocese who will celebrate their
25th anniversary as well as those celebrating 50 or
more years of marriage during the 2024 calendar year.
To RSVP, please call Melinda at our parish office,
352-688-0663, by Tuesday, January 16th



***Our Lady of Fatima, please take under your motherly
protection the whole human family, which with affectionate
love we entrust to you, O Mother. May there dawn for
everyone the time of peace and freedom, the time of truth, of
justice and of hope. Our Lady of Fatima we ask you for
peace, hope, and protection through times of suffering and
uncertainty. Amen.***



ST MARIA GORETTI SCHOLARSHIP

The St. Maria Goretti Scholarship is available to All active Catholic 12th Grade High School
young women entering College or Vocational Training:

1st Scholarship prize \$1000.00

2nd Scholarship \$500.00

3rd Scholarship \$500.00

Visit spdccw.org to obtain Scholarship application and details. Under Events follow the link to St Maria Goretti
Scholarship Forms and Information. Deadline for submission is March 1, 2024. Sponsored by the St Petersburg
Diocesan Council of Catholic Women.

MISSION STATEMENT

*The St. Petersburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women acts through its members to support, empower, and
educate all Catholic women in Spirituality, Leadership and Service. SPDCCW programs respond with Gospel
values to the needs of the Church and Society in the modern world.*

PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

Our parish is grateful for your continued support
at this time. Go to our website:

www.StJoanofarcfl.com and click on
Online Giving. Thank you.

STEWARDSHIP DONATIONS FOR JANUARY 7

Attendance: 707 Sunday Offertory: 8856.02

Solemnity of Mary \$1005.00

Online giving for the month of December \$5174.55



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Do you want to grow in holiness and righteousness in the sight of God? Are you feeling overwhelmed by life's struggles? Then come before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament every Tuesday from 6pm until 7pm and have an intimate and loving conversation with the God who loves you more than you will ever know. Time alone with God is also available every Tuesday from 10 am until 11am in Spanish.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 14, 2024

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4 7-8, 8-9, 10 (8a, 9a)/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-2

OBSERVANCES WEEK OF JANUARY 14, 2024

Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Martin Luther King Day

Wednesday: St. Anthony, Abbot

Thursday: January 18-25 is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Saturday: St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Choir Practice 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

MONTHLY EVENTS

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

SATURDAY JANUARY 13

9:00 AM Souls in Purgatory req by Barbara

4:00 PM † Travis Wellman req by Kathy

SUNDAY JANUARY 14

8:00 AM † Roni Skinner req by Billy, Joni, Jeffrey

9:30 AM Parish Community

11:00 AM † Marcy Schwabenbauer by loving friends Paul and Melinda

MONDAY JANUARY 15

9:00 AM † Patricia McNulty by Clair

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

9:00 AM Joan Petitti by Carol and Lenny

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 17

9:00 AM † Roni Skinner by Maureen

THURSDAY JANUARY 18

9:00 AM † Peter Buehler by Carol

FRIDAY JANUARY 19

9:00 AM † Joseph Deluca by Loving wife and family

SATURDAY JANUARY 20

9:00 AM † Roni Skinner by Bill

4:00 PM † Daniel Hoover by Maureen and Kate at the 4pm Mass

SUNDAY JANUARY 21

8:00 AM † Mark Waggoner by Brian

9:30 AM Parish Community

11:00 AM † Antulio Rodriguez by loving wife

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

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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

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