



ST. JOAN OF ARC

CATHOLIC CHURCH

JANUARY 28, 2024 / 28 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.



4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" - Mk 1:23-25

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DIACANO JOSE

Resulta interesante que Marcos haya optado por no escribir acerca de qué enseñó Jesús, sino solamente de cómo enseñó. Un par de veces él dice que Jesús enseñó con autoridad. Enseñar con autoridad puede significar dos cosas diferentes. El significado obvio se refleja en la manera en que Jesús confronta los espíritus inmundos: les ordenó salir del hombre y los espíritus obedecen. Pero los maestros también hablan con autoridad cuando conocen bien el tema de punta a cabo. Obviamente nadie conoce el tema acerca de Dios y de la fe mejor que Jesús. Ésa es la autoridad que el espíritu inmundo reconoce. Jesús puede interpretar la ley sin medida, porque la ley se ha cumplido en él.

Marcos también hace un contraste entre las enseñanzas de Jesús y las de los escribas, las cuales se ven bien maliciosas en los Evangelios. No es culpa de ellos; no importa cuánto los escribas estudiaban la ley, nunca podrían entenderla de veras como la entendía Jesús. Por lo tanto, cuando intentemos discernir lo que Jesús nos enseñaría hoy acerca de los asuntos y problemas actuales, consideremos su autoridad desde dos perspectivas: la obediencia inspiradora y el conocimiento de la voluntad de Dios.

“¿Has venido a acabar con nosotros?” (Marcos 1, 24). Así pregunta el espíritu inmundo en el Evangelio, con pleno conocimiento de que sin una persona donde habitar está perdido. En efecto, lo que hace Jesús es expulsar el espíritu inmundo del pobre hombre; no lo mata. En cierto sentido, sin embargo, queda destruido, porque ya no tiene huésped. El espíritu inmundo queda sin poder y el hombre queda libre de su tormento. Pero bien podría el hombre actuar con sabiduría y evitar una vulnerabilidad que pudiera provocar que el espíritu inmundo volviera a habitarlo, dado que por lo pronto fue vencido, pero no destruido para siempre. También nosotros dependemos de una autoridad mayor para librarnos de nuestros espíritus inmundos, pero hemos de hacer nuestra parte a fin de evitar su reaparición más tarde.

Pregunta de la Semana

¿Puedo identificar un espíritu inmundo en mí que intenta destruirme? ¿Puedo encontrar la valentía para pedirle a Dios que me libere de ese espíritu inmundo?



DEACON JOSE

It is interesting that Mark chooses not to write anything about what Jesus taught in the synagogue, but only about how he taught. Twice he says that Jesus taught with authority. Teaching with authority can mean two different things. The obvious meaning is reflected in the way Jesus confronts the unclean spirit: he orders it to come out of the man and the unclean spirit obeys. But teachers also speak with authority when they know the subject inside and out. Clearly, no one knows the subject of God or faith better than Jesus. This is the authority the unclean spirit recognizes. Jesus is able to interpret the law beyond measure because he himself has come to fulfill it.

Mark also contrasts Jesus' teaching with the scribes, much maligned in the Gospels. It is not their fault; no matter how much the scribes studied the law, they could not truly understand it as Jesus could. Therefore, when we attempt to discern what Jesus would teach us today about our current issues and problems, we look to his authority in both senses: inspiring obedience and knowing God's will.

“Have you come to destroy us?” asks the unclean spirit in the Gospel, knowing that without a person to reside in, it was doomed (Mark 1:24). Indeed, Jesus only expels the unclean spirit from the poor man; he does not slay it. In a way it is destroyed, however, because it no longer has a host. The unclean spirit is made powerless and the man is freed of his torment. But the man would be wise to avoid the vulnerability that could lead to this demon returning to him, for it is only defeated for now, not destroyed forever. We too depend upon a higher power to exorcise our demons, but forever taking care to resist their reappearance later.

Question of the Week

Can I identify an unclean spirit in me that seeks to destroy me?
Can I find the courage to ask God to free me from this demon?



FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

We express our deep sympathy and assurance of our prayers to the family of:

Ross Howell Renner



Together in Holiness Marriage Conference – Married and engaged couples are invited to the first annual **Together in Holiness** marriage conference on **March 16, 2024 from 8:15 am - 3:15 pm at the Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle in St. Petersburg, FL.** This one-day conference will help you strengthen your relationship with your spouse and discover God's plan for your family. Registration: \$64/couple and \$5/child for on-site childcare. An Early Bird discount is available through February 5, 2024 as well as scholarships upon request. This conference is presented by the St. John Paul II Foundation and the Diocese of St. Petersburg. For more info, visit togetherinholiness.org or email camern@forlifeandfamily.org.



FATHER PAT

St. Augustine famously quoted by praying, “Lord give me chastity and continence (self- restrain), but not yet.”

St. Augustine knew two things well: 1) we often get what we pray for, and 2) the transition to a life of holiness is not easy.

The Old Testament and Gospel reading for today show us two very generous responses to God’s call. In today’s Gospel the disciples leave their family and livelihood without comments or questions to follow Jesus. In the Book of Jonah, the people of Nineveh repent and cover themselves in sackcloth and fast for the sins they have committed. As you can see, following Jesus or His Father is not easy. For example, when first called by God, Jonah ran as far as possible in the opposite direction to serve the Lord, and every disciple except John abandoned or even denied Jesus at His crucifixion.

In today’s first reading from the Book of Jonah, we read an account of Jonah’s second commission to preach to the people of Nineveh. Jonah refused to accept the first commissioning. He choose to flee form God by ship. That idea failed. He was thrown over-board in the sea and was swallowed by a large fish. And three days in the belly of the fish gave Jonah time to reconsider. Jonah’s refusal was not because of fear but because of hatred. He did not want to give the people of Nineveh a chance to repent and escape the judgement of God. Instead he wanted them to feel the wrath of God and be destroyed for what their country did to Israel. Jonah had to learn that his place as a prophet was not to play God but to proclaim the word of God.

Amazingly, the city of Nineveh responded to Jonah’s message to repent. As a result they were spared punishment by God. They served as models for repentance for other nations. This included Jonah’s own people. Their response is so sincere that they imposed a fast on every member of the community. They turned away from their evil action and sought the way of the Lord.

In today’s Gospel we see how Jesus calls His first disciples. He tells the people that this is a time of fulfillment. He states that the kingdom of God is at hand. Similar to Jonah in today’s first reading, Jesus tells the people to repent. He also tells them to believe in the Gospel. This message is simple and constitutes how Jesus will build his mission and ministry. This teaching and ministry of Jesus shows us that the kingdom of God has been inaugurated here on earth.

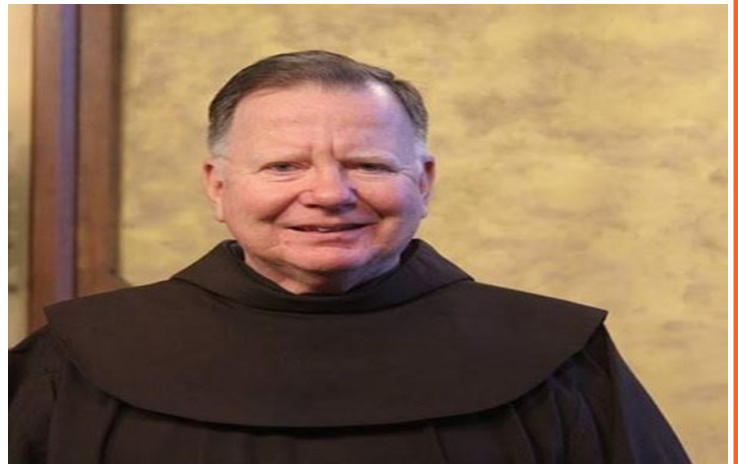
The call of the first disciples is both bold and shocking. Jesus simply walks up to Peter and Andrew, then James and John; all are fishermen and he invites them to follow Him and then be fishers of men. There is no indication that they had ever seen Jesus before or knew who he was. The shocking response is that they immediately left their boats and followed Jesus. It was considered shameful to leave the family business with such short notice. Yet this is what the four men did.

The point of the Gospel is that following Jesus is not about what is logical, acceptable or even understandable. The Gospel raises a very valid question of what it would take to risk everything and follow an unknown individual who merely said, “Come follow me and fish for people. There must have been something mysterious and magnetic about Jesus to drop everything and follow Him. At this point in time the four fishermen do not know what all this is all about. Much of the Gospel will revolve around the challenges of whether they understand the mystery of who Jesus is.

In conclusion, Jesus calls us every time we celebrate the Eucharist. He calls us to discipleship and service. He calls us to be present in the world in which we live and work. Are we ready to make an immediate and positive response?

Lenten Retreat

Save the date!! February 19, 20, 21 is the annual St. Joan of Arc Lenten retreat. This year’s retreat is with Father John Anglin.



PASTA-A-THON!!!

Sunday, February 4th, 2024, the Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Pasta-a-Thon. First seating will be 1:00 pm and the second seating will be 3:00 pm. Meatballs, sausages, and chicken cacciatore will be served with four different pastas and three different sauces. The cost is \$12:00 per person for all you can eat in 1 hour. Pay at the door. No need to purchase tickets in advance. Bring the entire family!!!



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 14

Attendance: 783 Sunday Offertory: \$7,897.00

Thank you for your generosity!



It's common but often unspoken - to grieve the loss of a child by abortion. It may seem that nothing can fill the emptiness of one's heart. Be assured that there is forgiveness, hope and healing. If you or someone you know is suffering after abortion, confidential, non-judgemental help is available from Project Rachel Ministry. (USCCB) Foundations of Life Centers are here to help you begin this personal healing process. Please contact us to be part of the retreat or to begin talking with someone confidentially. For more information call or email: 813-631-4393 - jferguson@ccdosp.org

Day Retreat - March 2, 2024 at Foundations of Life -Tampa

YOUTH GROUP ANNOUNCEMENT

Youth group for high school teens has been very busy. During Thanksgiving we visited and attended mass with residents at Salishan. We gave them cards and thanked them for their continued prayers and financial support to our group. We continue to meet Wednesday nights from 7:15 – 8:15 pm. We welcome any high school students interested in Christian fellowship and having fun together.

We are gearing up to host the MJM7 concert in the Parish Hall on Sunday, February 11 at 1:00 pm. MJM7 is a Catholic family band comprised of Michael James Mette and his children: Charity (15), and Cecilia (14) and MJ(12). The Mette's gifts of music, joy, and family life fall somewhere between a rock concert and a parish mission, with vibrant lights and powerful music. The music is uplifting without being preachy, engaging without being confrontational. Bring a friend! You won't want to miss this unique event. The concert is free, donations are accepted. Food will be available for purchase. Bring the family and enjoy a fun afternoon.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 28, 2024

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 (8)/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28
Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 5:1-2
Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-3
Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34
Next Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (see 3a)/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

OBSERVANCES WEEK OF JANUARY 28, 2024

Sunday: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Celebrate Catholic Schools Week
Monday:
Tuesday:
Wednesday: St. John Bosco, Priest
Thursday: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
Friday: The Presentation of the Lord, World Day for Consecrated Life
Saturday: St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop
5th 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 27

9:00 AM † Robert Gamboney by Family of McCarthy

4:00 PM † Fr. Raymond O'Neil

SUNDAY JANUARY 28

8:00 AM † Marcie Schwabenbauer from SJOA
Extraordinary Ministers

9:30 AM † Herminio Martinez by Maria and children

11:00 AM For the Parish Community

MONDAY JANUARY 29

9:00 AM † Lucia Galella from Loving Daughter

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30

9:00 AM Jack Mace from John

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 31

9:00 AM Michelle from Loving Mom

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 1

9:00 AM Healing of Doug Hoover from Doug

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 2

9:00 AM † Husbands of the Widow's group by
Widow's group

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 3

9:00 AM † Souls in Purgatory from Barbara

4:00 PM Frank Sciorra from Mary and his family

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 4

8:00 AM † Marcie Schwabenbauer from Loving
friends, Frank and Linda

9:30 AM Parish Community

11:00 AM † Ronnie Skinner from Swisher Family

PARISH STAFF

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

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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

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NEW BULLETIN EMAIL FFofficesjoe@gmail.com

FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

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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

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