



# ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

NOVEMBER 5, 2023 / 5 DE NOVIEMBRE 2023

## 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.*



31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The greatest among you must be your servant."  
- Mt 23:11

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## DIACONO JOSE

“¿Acaso no tenemos todos un mismo Padre? ¿No nos ha creado un mismo Dios?”, pregunta Malaquías al final de la primera lectura (2, 10). Ciertamente todos tenemos el mismo Padre en el cielo, como dice Jesús en el Evangelio. Todos hemos sido creados por Dios. Esto debe darnos alguna humildad, pues nadie de nosotros fue creado a más imagen de Dios que otros. La persona que vemos mendigando en la calle o las que están raquíticas en las regiones del mundo por razón de sequía fueron creadas a imagen y semejanza de Dios igual que yo. Por tanto, todas las personas merecen una dignidad básica, pues son creadas y amadas por Dios. Por esa misma razón, nadie de nosotros debe sentirse que no merece esa dignidad básica, pues nadie ha sido creado a mejor imagen de Dios que otro.

Cuando los que ocupan cargos de autoridad se tratan a sí mismo como superiores a los pueblos que tienen bajo su cuidado, tal como los sacerdotes en la diatriba de Malaquías, o agobian a la gente que se suponen proteger sin hacer nada para ayudarlas, como los escribas y fariseos del Evangelio, eso envenena la atmósfera para todos. Los pecados capitales del orgullo por un lado y de la envidia por el otro se convierten en úlceras. El sentido de privilegio que tienen los que ejercen autoridad puede llevar al abuso de los que no tienen poder, y el sentimiento de impotencia que eso produce en las masas puede llevar hacia la violencia en contra de los que están en el poder. La lección de Jesús para todos nosotros es que nos demos cuenta de que todos estamos llamados a servir, no a ser servidos: “Que el mayor de entre ustedes sea su servidor, porque el que se enaltece será humillado y el que se humilla será enaltecido” (Mateo 23, 11–12). Seamos humildes. Dejémosle a Dios la empresa de enaltecer.

San Pablo demuestra la actitud correcta: “Los tratamos con ... ternura” (1 tesalonicenses 2, 7). Pablo y su pequeño grupo de misioneros llegaron como servidores del Evangelio, entregándose a sí mismos para servir al pueblo a quienes predicaron y trabajaron para no serle carga a la gente de Tesalónica. Al practicar lo que predicaban, su prédica era mucho más ponderosa que lo que hubiesen conseguido sólo las palabras.

### Pregunta de la Semana

¿Cuándo dejo de practicar lo que predico? ¿Qué cambios debo hacer para practicar lo que predico de una manera tan efectiva como Pablo y sus compañeros?



## FATHER PAT

In last weeks' first reading from Exodus, God tells the people that they should act a manner of treating others with compassion and kindness. They must remember that they were once considered aliens in the land of Egypt. Now they

enjoy the great privilege of being God's chosen people. This wonderful news should motivate them to show kindness and mercy towards others. This is especially true for the most vulnerable people in society. These chosen people of Israel must step forward to take the place of family for widows and orphans. Because the chosen people of God were treated so generously by God, they must reciprocate in dealing with others. The Israelites must use their resources to help others in need without taken advantage of them. Their natural resources must be recognized as God's gifts. They must not withhold these gifts from anyone. Those who fail to display generosity will face the wrath of God. They must remember that God protects the meek and the lowly.

In last weeks' Gospel, Jesus gives a similar message. In the Gospel passage, Jesus is confronted with another test. This time it is by legal scholars asking which Commandment is the greatest. There were 613 commandments in the Old Testaments. There were 248 commandments that were positive, telling us what we should do and 365 commandments telling us what we should avoid. Since a person was not expected to remember all of them, the rabbis would give summary statements emphasizing the more important commandments. There were debates regarding which of the commandments were the most important. Jesus was brought into this debate.

Jesus responds by quoting Deuteronomy 6:5. This commandment emphasizes loving God with all your heart, mind and soul. This commandment is not focusing on an emotional feeling. This is a matter of willing and doing so that we can be close to the Lord.

Jesus then adds a second commandment. It is similar to the first. Jesus quotes Leviticus 19:18. That commandment states that we should love our neighbor as we love ourselves. The emphasis is on the right form of self-love. For Jesus there is a strong and intimate connection of loving God and loving your neighbor as yourself.

When Jesus combined these two commandments He tells us that the whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments. All other laws are derived from the love of God. Jesus makes the law itself depend on deeds of love. Jesus does not create any new laws. Jesus takes traditional teaching and brings it together in a new and creative way. He exposes a richness that was already there but that no one could see.

As we approach the Eucharist each Sunday, we approach the sacrament and source that makes both the love of God and the love of neighbor possible. Without Jesus' help, both are impossible. It is in this sacrifice that makes such love, not only possible, but a reality. As a result, we approach this sacrament with faith, humility and gratitude.





## 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 finest quality and fade resistant.

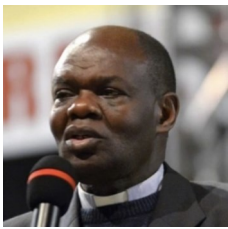
3'x5' \$20.00— 4' x 6' \$25— (Checks only please)

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

## SUPPORT OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN UKRAINE



If you would like to donate to the ongoing efforts to assist the people of Ukraine, please make your checks out to: St. Andrews' Church and write in the memo line: **UKRAINE**. All checks will be given to Fr. Mike Kouts and he will get the money directly to Ukraine. **THANK YOU!**



If you would like to donate to Fr. John Boshobora's ministry in Uganda, please write checks to:

American Friends of the Father Bash Foundation, Inc.  
(or abbreviate AFFBF, Inc.)

6525 Pine Meadows Drive - Spring Hill, FL 34606

Fr. Bosh uses these funds to support over 20,000 orphans in Uganda.



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. Presently our requests are close to exceeding the monies available for assistance. 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.

## CRS Emergency Response to Crisis in the Holy Land



Catholic Relief Services (CRS) has been serving families in the Holy Land since 1961, and they are currently responding to the needs of those individuals and families in Gaza who have been displaced since the October 7<sup>th</sup> attack on Israel and subsequent retaliatory strikes on Gaza. For more information on how CRS is serving our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land, and for details on how to donate to the CRS relief efforts to them, please see the attached flyer, which you may share with your parish

### PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

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

[www.StJoanofarefl.com](http://www.StJoanofarefl.com) and click on

Online Giving. Thank you.

### STEWARDSHIP DONATIONS FOR OCTOBER 22, 2023

*Try tithing 10% for three months  
and see how God blesses your life!*

**Attendance: 701**

**Sunday Offertory: \$6114.10**

**Debt: \$42.00**



## WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

The Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience is a heart haven that helps you to connect more deeply. There is no group discussion. It's just about the two of you learning to be the best, most loving and thriving couple you can be.

The next retreat weekend is November 17-19, 2023 at the Franciscan Center in Tampa. Learn more at [www.WWME.org](http://www.WWME.org). Use Promo Code **SAVE50** to save 50% on application fee.

Questions? Contact Steve and Suzie 813-270-7832 or [wwmetampabay@gmail.com](mailto:wwmetampabay@gmail.com).



## PRAY FOR PEACE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

*The violence and warfare between Gaza and Israel impacts us. The reports are tragic, and we unite in prayer for a peaceful resolution.*

As we pray urgently for peace, we recall especially all the families and individuals suffering from these events. We call on the faithful, and all people of good will, to not grow weary and to continue to pray for peace in the land Our Lord, the Prince of Peace, called home



## THE GIVING TREE FOR CHRISTMAS 2023

This year we are going back to the old way of giving gifts. We will be putting up the "Giving Tree" on the Friday after Thanksgiving, November 24 in the East Narthex of the Church. Please take an ornament or two from the tree.

We are asking parishioners to purchase a NEW gift. Wrap it and securely fasten the ornament tag to the gift. Gifts should be brought to the Church Library instead of putting them under the tree for security reasons.

Bring gifts no later than Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

## "GIVING TREE FOR CHILDREN OF THE PARISH IN NEED"

Our economy has put a burden on many families especially during the Holiday Season. We would like to reach out to our parish families that may need assistance in purchasing gifts for their children this Christmas. Through our "Giving Tree Program" we would like to offer 2 gifts for each Child (1 article of clothing and one toy). You can pick up an application form from the Parish Office. Please fill it out completely with Family Name and Phone number.

Return the form to the Office **by Friday, October 27, 2023**. **This Program is only for those in need.** Only one application will be accepted for each family. Gifts will be distributed from the Church Library on Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup> from 10 am – 2 pm and Saturday and December 16<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 1pm. Photo ID Required for Pickup. Contact Linda Mezzacapo at 352-238-2629 if you have questions.



## Veterans Luncheon

**Sunday - November 12, 2023 @ 12:00 Noon**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS LUNCH IS AN INVITATION TO OUR VETERANS AND THEIR SPOUSE/SIGNIFICANT OTHER.**

**Please take a flyer from the welcome desk, fill it out and return to the office by TODAY, November 5th.**



## ST MARIA GORETTI SCHOLARSHIP

is available to All active Catholic 12<sup>th</sup> Grade High School young women entering College or Vocational Training.

1st Scholarship prize \$1000.00

2<sup>nd</sup> Scholarship \$500.00

3<sup>rd</sup> Scholarship \$500.00

Visit [spdccw.org](http://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.*

### St Vincent de Paul THRIFT STORE & FOOD PANTRY, 1291 Kass Circle—Spring Hill 352-688-3331 (Food list 4)

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

**C,D**.....toilet paper, personal products, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes.

**E,F,G**.....canned vegetables, canned fruit, baked beans, instant potatoes.

**H,I,J**.....boxed cereals, powered milk.

**K,L,M**.....peanut butter, jelly, All Fruit, canned fruit drinks.

**N,O,P**.....spaghetti meat sauce, dry spaghetti.

**Q,R,S,T**...beef stew, canned tuna, canned ham, Spam.

**U,V,W,X**...chunky soup, clear broth, Ramen noodles.

**Y,Z**.....Rice-a-Roni, macaroni & cheese, Hamburger Helper.



## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Our **St. Vincent de Paul Society**, are part of an International lay organization that was founded in France in 1833. We belong to the Hernando/Citrus District at St. Joan. The others are St. Frances Cabrini, St. Mary, St. Thomas, and St. Ann. We six Conferences are part of the National Southeast Regional Division. The six founding fathers agreed in 1833 to "do what is agreeable to God". Therefore we must do what our Lord Jesus did when preaching the Gospel. Let us go to the poor! And that is what we do.

Please bring your food donations on Sundays and place in the bin by the front door. Your donations serve the needy in our area. Please be generous to those in need.

## PARISH RETREAT ON PURGATORY

The Knights of Columbus council 11317 will be facilitating a retreat on Saturday, Dec. 9 2023 in the St. Joan of Arc church hall. The theme of the retreat will be Purgatory with presentations on saints who have seen purgatory, prayers to assist the souls in purgatory, and much more. Reconciliation will be offered at the end of the retreat to anyone who is interested. All parishioners are invited and lunch will be provided at no charge. Attendance count is needed so to reserve a spot or spots at the retreat or any questions concerning the retreat, please call Doug Stone at 352-549-4998 or you can sign up after weekend Masses.

What – Parish Retreat

Theme - Purgatory

When – Saturday December 9, 2023

Where – St. Joan of Arc church Social Hall

Time – 9am till 3:30pm

Speakers – Mary Jo W., Fr. Pat, Fr. Dennis, Deacon Jose and Deacon Tom

Cost- Free



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 5, 2023

Sunday: Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10/Ps 131:1, 2, 3/1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/Mt 23:1-12

Monday: Rom 11:29-36/Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36/Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9/Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11/Lk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (2b)/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-1

## OBSERVANCES WEEK OF NOVEMBER 5, 2023

Sunday: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time; Daylight Saving Time Ends;  
National Vocation Awareness Week

Tuesday: Election Day

Thursday: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Friday: St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

Saturday: St. Martin of Tours, Bishop; Veterans Day

Next Sunday: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

## MONTHLY EVENTS

Choir Practice 6:00PM

4th Degree Knights 1st Thursdays 2:00PM

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

RCIA—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 jueves 9:45AM

Adoration Thursdays at 6:00PM

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

### SATURDAY NOVEMBER 4

9:00 AM † Percida Maldonado req by  
Mr. and Mrs. Maracich

4:00 PM † John Masterson req by Maureen

### SUNDAY NOVEMBER 5

8:00 AM For our Parish Community

9:30 AM † Edward Miller req by  
Josie Gormley and Family

11:00 AM † Nancy Dahlen req by Maria Patton

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6

9:00 AM † Jacke Wahlfeld req Evar Family

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER

9:00 AM † Robert Hilbert req by Joyce Thorpe

### WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 7

9:00 AM † For Deceased Members of CCW

### THURSDAY NOVEMBER 8

9:00 AM † Martin Gormley req by Loving Family

### FRIDAY NOVEMBER 9

9:00 AM † Juan Infante req by Juan

### SATURDAY NOVEMBER 10

9:00 AM † Jackie Butterfield req by  
her Loving Husband, Chuck

4:00 PM † Richard Olley req by a Family Friend

### SUNDAY NOVEMBER 11

8:00 AM † Max and Mary Best req by  
Michelle and Kristy Best

9:30 AM For our Parish Community

11:00 AM † Sam and Agnes Bocola req by  
Daughter Rosemarie and Family

## 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 Jose Cruz  
Pastoral Consultant ..... Mark McGovern

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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  
Sjoa-office@tampabay.rr.com

BULLETIN EMAIL sjoa-bulletin@tampabay.rr.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.

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