



# ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

NOVEMBER 19, 2023 / 19 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.*



## 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have  
made five more.” - Mt 25:20



## DIACONO JOSE

La mujer de la primera lectura es considerada digna, y sin duda lo es, pues el autor declara que ella es bondadosa con su marido durante toda su vida. Ella también usa sus talentos y sus habilidades para servir a su familia, pues procura los materiales para trabajar la lana y manejar la rueca “con sus hábiles manos” (Proverbios 31, 13). Pero eso no es todo. Ella incluso usa sus dones para ayudar a los pobres y necesitados. El escritor luego revela que la mujer teme al Señor. Ése es su secreto. Su veneración a Dios le hace servir a su esposo, a su familia y a los pobres, y por eso —como escuchamos en la última frase— es digna de ser alabada por todos. En verdad, su valor es muy superior al de las perlas, pues con su generosidad ella le ha hecho bien a multitudes.

Cuando compartimos nuestros talentos ponemos de manifiesto la presencia de Dios y proclamamos la generosidad de Dios con tanta fuerza como si lo gritáramos desde las azoteas, aunque no nos percatemos de ello. Tal vez eso sea lo que quiere indicar Jesús en su parábola: no que Dios quiere que dupliquemos nuestro dinero por invertir sabiamente, sino que compartamos nuestros dones y usemos nuestros talentos para construir el Reino de Dios, para difundir la buena nueva en todo rincón y toda rendija de nuestro mundo. Notemos las últimas palabras dirigidas a los dos servidores buenos y fieles: “Entra a tomar parte en la alegría de tu señor” (Mateo 25, 21. 23). Compartir los talentos que Dios nos ha dado nos conduce a participar de la alegría del Señor.

“No hay papeles insignificantes, sino actores insignificantes”, fue una frase famosa del director ruso Konstantin Stanislavski, pues insistía en que aún los actores con papeles aparentemente insignificantes, pueden entregarse del todo a su papel. Tanto el servidor a quien le dieron sólo dos talentos como el que recibió solamente uno parecían tener sólo papeles insignificantes el día en que el amo repartió los talentos. Pero uno de ellos le sacó el máximo provecho a lo que había recibido. Se le confió poco, pero ahora estaba seguro que se le iba a confiar mucho más. Ya desde ahora se le invita a compartir la alegría de su amo. Aunque ni siquiera se le dio la mitad de lo que recibió el primer servidor, así y todo probó ser un servidor bueno y fiel. También nosotros nos esforzamos porque se nos considere buenos y fieles. No importa cuán poco sea lo que se nos ha dado, estamos llamados a usarlo en servicio de algo o de alguien, más allá de nosotros mismos.

### Pregunta de la Semana

¿Cómo comparto mis dones? ¿Qué talento me han dicho que tengo, pero me da miedo compartirlo abierta-



## FATHER PAT

In 1988 many people were reading a pamphlet in their Evangelical and Pentecostal church. The pamphlet was titled, “Eighty-Eight: Why Christ Will Return in 1988”. The congregation took this pamphlet very seriously. They began to change their lives. They were starting to live more boldly as believers in sharing God’s love with others. They were also engaging in spiritual conversations with co-workers, neighbors and family members. They became more active in their church; they were showing more traits of joy, patience and kindness. They were living the Gospel message of Jesus in a deeper way. By living as though Jesus was coming soon, they became a source of encouragement to those in their church community. They lived for something greater than their own pleasure and will.

Obviously, Jesus did not return in 1988, but those church members that are still alive continue to live courageously for Jesus. They learned that the Bible does not teach us exactly the time or date regarding the end of time. However, they live in the expectation that any day could be their last. Hopefully like those faithful church members, we too can live confidently in what God offers us in Jesus. Through His death and resurrection, Jesus provides us with hope that we can share with the world.

This type of wisdom is seen in last week’s reading from the Book of Wisdom. This book is attributed to King Solomon. In 1 Kings 3:5-14, King Solomon asked God’s help to rule wisely over His people. The book advises leaders to put God first in their lives. If they put God first they will rule wisely. On the other hand, the foolish leaders limit their focus only to this world. This book teaches us that wisdom is a gift from God that is acquired through prayer.

In the Gospel from last week, Jesus tells a story that describes 10 virgins. Five of the virgins are foolish and five are wise. The setting of the story is a wedding feast and the 10 virgins waiting to meet the bridegroom. Five virgins are foolish because they did not bring oil for their lamps, while the five wise virgins brought flasks of oil for their lamps. Allegorically, the bridegroom represents Christ, whose second coming is delayed, the oil symbolizes good works. The virgins represent the members of the Church.

The bridegroom is delayed. All the virgins become drowsy and fall asleep. The bridegroom eventually shows up at midnight. The wise virgins who brought their oil, quickly trim their lamps, but the foolish virgins have to leave to buy the oil they need. While the foolish virgins are away, the bridegroom and the virgins enter into the wedding feast and the doors are locked. When the foolish virgins finally arrive at the wedding feast, they are locked out. They knock on the door, “Lord, Lord open the door for us!” But He says in reply, “Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.” The final verse provides the moral to the story. Jesus tells us to stay awake because you do not know the day or the hour. We always have to be prepared for when Jesus will come back. We have to live each day as if it is our last.



### 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

### SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL TREE OF LIGHTS



Jesus Christ, the King of Kings, entered this world in all humility by being born in a stable. A choir of angels sang the Gloria to the shepherds and proclaimed the first news of this wondrous event. We will celebrate His birth with our annual Tree of Lights for all of the 12 days of Christmas.

We are asking you to participate in this celebration by making a donation to the Saint Vincent de Paul Society of Saint Joan of Arc Parish. All proceeds will go to assist the needy in our community. To symbolize your gift we will add your angels to our tree of lights. Representatives will be in the church before and after all Masses beginning on November 19th to take your donation. Lights cost \$5.00.

**God Bless You All!**



CATHOLIC  
CAMPAIGN FOR  
HUMAN  
DEVELOPMENT

This year's Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) collection is November 18-19 2023. It provides funding for groups that make lasting change and uplift the poor in the United States. CCHD's grants improve education, support economic development, and create affordable housing in low-income neighborhoods. Help us continue to defend human dignity and build communities of solidarity. **Please give to the CCHD Collection. Envelopes are in the Vestibule.**



### ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS

Remember your loved ones, those who are with us and those who have gone home to our Lord, with a Christmas Altar Flower Donation. Your envelopes will be on our Altar through December and your loved ones are prayed for at every Mass. Your loved ones names will be in our January bulletin. Envelopes will be on the Welcome Desk next week.

### A NEW CATHOLIC CEMETERY WILL PROVIDE PEACE AND PERPETUAL REST

The Diocese of St. Petersburg is opening a new Catholic cemetery later this year in Hillsborough County that is easily accessible throughout West Central Florida. Even though Resurrection Catholic Cemetery will serve people of all faith backgrounds, Catholic identity will be a prominent feature of the grounds, which upon completion will be blessed by Bishop Gregory Parkes and considered sacred for all time.

Resurrection Catholic Cemetery is located on a 120-acre nature preserve in Seffner and will exclusively provide above-ground arrangements, the only cemetery of its kind in Florida. Tours of the cemetery grounds, including the mausoleum, are currently available for those interested in learning more. Cemetery staff are available to answer questions and provide a brochure on "Planning Your Cemetery Arrangements." To learn more, call 813-961-8400, email Terry Young via [terry@resurrectioncemeteryfl.com](mailto:terry@resurrectioncemeteryfl.com) or visit <https://resurrectioncemeteryfl.com>.

*Into your hands O Lord, we commend the souls of our recently departed. May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

### 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 29, 2023

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

*Attendance: 743*

*Sunday Offertory: \$7873.97 Holy Souls: \$735.00 Debt: \$50.00*

*All Saints: \$848.00*





**ST. JOAN OF ARC COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN  
ANNUAL ADVENT PARTY FUNDRAISER**

**THURSDAY DECEMBER 14, 2023**

**DOORS OPEN 11 AM – LUNCH AT NOON**

**MEATLESS LASAGNA AND MEATBALLS  
SALAD AND ROLLS  
HOMEMADE COOKIES FOR DESSERT**

**\$15.00 PER PERSON**

**SHARE THE WEALTH, RAFFLES AND A SURPRISE CHRISTMAS ACTIVITY**

**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>.

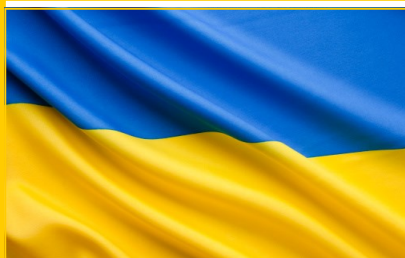
Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**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.*

**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!**



### **CRS Emergency Response to Crisis in the Holy Land (Att. 3) –**

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: [support.crs.org/donate/holy-land-conflict](https://support.crs.org/donate/holy-land-conflict), or 1-877-HELP-CRS or send check to: Catholic Relief Services, Holy Land Response—P.O. Box 5200, Harlan, IA 51593-0700

### **PILGRIMAGE TO PORTUGAL, SPAIN, AND FRANCE**

**MAY 20-31, 2024**

Journey to Marian Shrines in Fatima and Lourdes and Santiago de Compostela in Spain, with Fr. Chuck Dornquast, group leader and Spiritual Director for the Tour, from the Diocese of St. Petersburg.

12 Days – May 20-31, 2024

For more information contact Select International Tours at 800-842-4842 or [rebecca@select-intl.com](mailto:rebecca@select-intl.com) or at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/3n63fpze>.

### ***NEEDED: A MASON***

*We need to hire a Mason to assist the Knights of Columbus Council #11317 in erecting a memorial on the grounds of St. Joan of Arc for the Unborn. Materials including cinder blocks, bricks and a carved granite plaque have already been obtained. The design has been approved. We need a mason to bring this memorial to the final stage. Funds have been donated to pay for this work.*

*Please contact:*

*Norman Aldrich at 352-585-3175 if you are interested in applying for this position or if you know of someone that could assist us in this endeavor. If you wish to donate additional funds for this project, they will be gratefully accepted and will be used to enhance this memorial site.*

### **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 19, 2023

Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1a)/1 Thes 5:1-6/

Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158/Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15/Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Lk 19:41-44 Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19/Lk 20:27-40

## OBSERVANCES WEEK OF NOVEMBER 19, 2023

Sunday: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tuesday: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday: St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

Thursday: St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr; St. Columban, Abbot; Bl. Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest and Martyr; Thanksgiving Day

Friday: St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

Saturday: St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr

## MONTHLY EVENTS

Choir Practice 6:00PM

4th Degree Knights 2nd Tuesday 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 18

9:00 AM † Dan and Sue DeVico req by Lora Balatsos

4:00 PM † Monsignor George Dudak req by  
Maureen and Kate

### SUNDAY NOVEMBER 19

8:00 AM † Howard Bowles req by John Herron

9:30 AM For our Parish Community

11:00 AM † Paul Sirois  
req by his Loving Wife, Anne

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20

9:00 AM † Luther and Ella Edwards  
req by John and Kathy

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

9:00 AM † Santos Almedina req by Loving Family

### WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 22

9:00 AM † Martin Gormley req by Marty Jr and Michelle

### THURSDAY NOVEMBER 23

10:00 AM † Peter Buehler req by Janet and TJ

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**

### FRIDAY NOVEMBER 24

9:00 AM † Eileen Mari Bianchi req by Joseph

### SATURDAY NOVEMBER 25

9:00 AM † Jamie Mercier req by Loving Family

4:00 PM † Deceased Members of Saint Vincent De Paul

### SUNDAY NOVEMBER 26

8:00 AM † Michael Lynch req by his Loving Mom, Rita

9:30 AM † Carlota Ortiz req by Aurora Ortiz

11:00 AM For our Parish Community

## 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

Business Manager ..... Melinda Pataki  
Director of Faith Formation ..... Mary Jo Waggoner  
..... Ffofficesjao@gmail.com  
Director of Junior High and Youth Ministry ..... Nancy Lovelock  
..... Sjoa-youth@tampabay.rr.com  
Director of Music ..... Joyce Thorpe  
..... Sjoaorganist@gmail.com

## 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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY  
(352) 556-3670

NOTRE DAME CATHOLIC SCHOOL  
(352) 683-0755  
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