



ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

NOVEMBER 26, 2023 / 26 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.*

OUR LORD
Jesus Christ,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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DIACONO JOSE

Todo este año Jesús nos ha estado llamando al discipulado. Semana tras semana hemos escuchado las enseñanzas de Jesús en el Evangelio de Mateo. Jesús nos ha enseñado a ser pobres de espíritu, a dejar que nuestra luz ilumine a otras personas, a amar a nuestros enemigos, a evitar la hipocresía, a cargar con nuestra cruz, a tomar en serio la palabra de Dios, a perdonar setenta veces siete, a dar fruto, a aceptar su invitación, a amar a Dios con todo nuestro ser, a amar a nuestro prójimo como a nosotros mismos, a practicar lo que predicamos, a ser humildes, a estar siempre preparados para su venida gloriosa, a ser servidores buenos y fieles, y a hacer discípulos de todas las naciones. Hoy, en este último domingo del año litúrgico, Jesús en una escena con sus discípulos que Mateo nos dice que ocurrió sólo dos días antes de ser crucificado, les da la clave para conseguir el tesoro, el cual él dice que todo lo demás merece venderse para obtenerlo: la vida eterna en el Reino de Dios.

¿Cuál es el secreto? ¿Cómo podemos conseguir el Reino? Fácil. Dale de comer a Jesús cuando esté hambriento, dale de beber cuando esté sediento. Recíbelo y vístelo cuando sea un pobre forastero. Atiéndelo cuando esté enfermo. Visítalo cuando esté encarcelado. Pero, es claro que no será el Hijo de Dios personalmente que esté atravesando esas adversidades. No, sino que será el más pequeño de nuestros hermanos y hermanas. El secreto es entonces ver más allá de nuestra visión superficial. Nuestros ojos verán una persona sin techo, un pobre vagabundo, un refugiado, una persona dolorida, un convicto. Nuestros ojos de la fe deben ver más allá. Con los ojos de la fe podemos ver a Cristo en cada persona necesitada.

Casi al terminar de su primera carta a los corintios, en el pasaje que escuchamos hoy, Pablo les dice que al final Dios será todo en todas las cosas. De Dios vino toda la creación. Toda la creación, a medida que se desarrolla, se reproduce y evoluciona, está en definitiva vinculada a Dios. Todo lo creado está vinculado entre sí, pues todo está vinculado a Dios. Al final de los tiempos, toda la creación —desde el mismo Cristo hasta los más pequeños de nuestros hermanos y hermanas— volverán a Dios.

Pregunta de la Semana

¿A quiénes paso por alto y en quiénes no logro ver a Cristo? ¿Cómo puedo esforzarme para ver más allá de mis impresiones superficiales?



FATHER PAT

In last weeks' Gospel, Jesus tells us that a wealthy man had three servants. Before leaving on a long journey he gave each of them a sum of money. The first servant got 5,000 silver pieces for the owner when he was away; the second servant got 2,000 silver pieces and the third servant got 1,000 silver pieces. They were to use the money to make a profit for the owner while he was away.

The owner stands for Jesus. The journey is Jesus' ascension to heaven, from which He will return at the end of time. The money stands for the talents God has given us to further the works of God's Kingdom which Jesus began during His lifetime. When Jesus returns He will judge us on how well we used our God-given talents.

One of the most powerful talents there is for advancing God's kingdom is a talent that each of us has been given in abundance. This talent is the ability that each of us has to bear witness in our daily lives, especially by our actions toward one another. An example of this is seen on page 521 of Liturgy of the Hours. The Liturgy of the Hours is a book of prayers and daily spiritual readings that priest and religious pray each day. That passage reads: *The Lord says, "My name is constantly blasphemed by unbelievers... Why is the Lord's name blasphemed by unbelievers? Because so many of His followers say one thing, but do another. When unbelievers hear the word of God on our lips, they are moved by its beauty and power. But when they see that those words have little or no effect in our lives, their admiration turns to scorn and they dismiss such words as myths and fairy tales,* (Liturgy of the Hours, Vol. 4, Thursday of Week 32 of Ordinary Times,)

What people are looking for in the Catholic Church today is not more inspiring great people like St. Pope John Paul II or St. Mother Teresa. They're looking for ordinary people, all of us in the Church who not only profess our faith in Jesus, but live it faithfully. When unbelievers see ordinary Catholics live their faith by their kindness and gentleness, they are filled with admiration and want to know more about the faith we profess.

The biggest problem in the Church today is the shortage of ordinary Catholics who bear living witness to the faith we profess. If we, as Catholics, live our faith as Jesus taught us to live it, people would be breaking down the doors to join us. And at the same time young people would be entering the seminary and the convent in droves. What we need today are Catholics who will do for the world what Jesus and the apostles did for their world.

Today, we can pray to use the powerful talent of merciful witness to help lead the Church into a glorious new era of growth for the future. Then when Jesus returns He will tell us: "Come you blessed of my Father. Come and possess the Kingdom, prepared for you ever since the foundation of the world." Matthew 25:34





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 to take your donation. God Bless You All!



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 especially during this Holiday Season.



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 are on the Welcome Desk beginning today.

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 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 and click on Online Giving. Thank you.

STEWARDSHIP DONATIONS FOR NOVEMBER 12

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

Attendance: 712
Sunday Offertory: \$9183.31 Holy Souls: \$90.00 Debt: \$745.00
All Saints: \$60.00



**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.

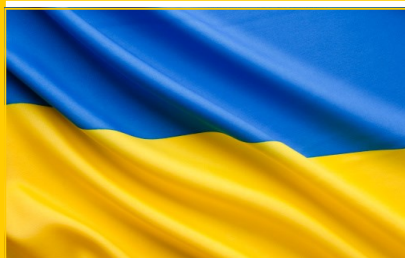
Bring gifts no later than Tuesday, December 12th.

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!**

*In Memory of our Parishioners who have died in the
Liturgical Year of 2022-2023*

Angelo, Nancy
Aviles, Juan
Barbosa, Carmen
Bianchi, Eileen
Bonczyk, Thaddeus
Buehler, Peter Robert
Burns, Patrick Jr.
Caldarera, Louis
Carrion, Juan
Chin, Adelina
Dahlen, Nancy Ann
Daly, John Thomas
Darjae, Barbara
DeFelice, Albert
DeFelice, Maureen
DeFino, Jennie
Desmond, Robert
DiFruscia, Filomena
Donahue, Jeannette
Dunn, William
Flora, Patrick
Fuchek, Alice
Gonzales, Jonathon
Griesdeck, Diaane L.

Henrici, Jack E.
Hoefler, John
Hoover, Daniel
Hopkins, Thomas
Kunkel, Mary E.
Kupraitys, Frank
Louis, Robert
Luoma, John
Lysak, Athena Michelle
Malloy, Ann Catherine
Masterson, John
McNulty, Patricia
Myers, Melinda
Nina, Victoria
O'Hara, George
Parsell, Michael
Pellgrin, Marian
Pulliza, Mary
Riccardi, Anthony
Rubio, Yolaida
Schaner, Katherine
Schuler, William
Schwabenbauer, Marcy

Spallino, Vincent
Spitzer, Marie
Steiner, Edward
Strasko, Regina
Villafana, Anthony
Waggoner, Mark Jay
Wahlfeldt, John

**MAY PERPETUAL
LIGHT SHINE UPON
THEM.**

**MAY THEY REST IN
PEACE. MAY THEIR
SOULS AND THE
SOULS OF ALL THE
FAITHFUL
DEPARTED, THROUGH
THE MERCY OF GOD,
REST IN PEACE.**

AMEN.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 26, 2023

Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 (1)/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46
Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67/Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22
Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:29-33
Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/Lk 21:34-36

OBSERVANCES WEEK OF NOVEMBER 26, 2023

Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Thursday: St. Andrew, Apostle

Next Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent

MONTHLY EVENTS

Choir Practice 5:30PM
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 25

9:00 AM † James Mercier req by Loving Family

4:00 PM † Deceased Members of St. Vincent de Paul

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 26

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

9:30 AM † Carlota Ortiz req by Aurora

11:00 AM For our Parish Community

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27

9:00 AM † Scott Marshal req by loving family

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

9:00 AM † Luis Manuel Frias req by Dulce

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 29

9:00 AM † Mark Waggoner req by Ellen

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 30

10:00 AM † Mark Waggoner req by Gisele

FRIDAY DECEMBER 1

9:00 AM † Members of Widows Group

SATURDAY DECEMBER 2

9:00 AM † John Wahlfeldt req by Eva and Family

4:00 PM † Deceased Knights of Columbus Council
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SUNDAY DECEMBER 3

8:00 AM † Yanick Tryfonos
req by her loving family

9:30 AM † Gregorio Figueroa req by his daughter,
Maria

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
..... FFofficesjoa@gmail.com
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..... 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
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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