



ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

DECEMBER 3, 2023 / 3 DE DECEMBER 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.*

First Sunday of
ADVENT



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FATHER PAT

The people of the United States have proudly proclaimed since the Declaration of Independence that we have no king. It is ironic that as Americans we are still influenced by a monarchy. It seems like it is in everything we do in American society. For example in high school and college we have a homecoming king and queen. Elvis Presley was known as King of Rock and Roll. While Benny Goodman was known as the King of Swing. Beds come in king size and queen size. Kids will play King of the Mountain. While we proclaim we have no king in America many of us are still in search of one. The reason I bring this up is that last week was the Feast of Christ, the King of the Universe. Christ is our king here on earth and in heaven. We always celebrate this feast the last Sunday of our liturgical calendar.

In last weeks' first reading from the prophet Ezekiel, God is known as a shepherd king. Like a good shepherd, God looks after and tends His sheep, which includes all of us. He will rescue, pasture, give rest and seek out the lost and stray. He tells us that He will bring them back, bind up wounds and heal. Our Shepherd King Jesus loves, protects and heals.

In last weeks' Gospel, Jesus instructed us how to prepare ourselves for entrance into His kingdom. He insists that loving our neighbor as ourselves is exactly how we love God above all else. In preparing for the kingdom, we are to perform the Corporal Works of Mercy. We are to feed the hungry. We can give financial aid to Catholic organizations such as Campaign for Human Development, Catholic Relief Services and our local St. Vincent de Paul Society. We can donate money to In His Footsteps at our own parish. When we give a drink to the thirsty, we can support programs for women, infants and children like our local Catholic Charities in Hernando County. People Helping People and Habitat for Humanity are programs we can support for those who are homeless. We can visit the people who are ill and homeless and help them spiritually and financially. Finally, if we have friends that are locked up in prison or jail we can give them moral support by visiting them.

The challenge of us Christian Discipleship is to see the love of Christ in the many faces of the needy. Serving those in need means serving Christ. A strong sense of humility enables us to see Christ in the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the lonely, the ill and those in prison. We must have pure motives in being there for others. It is not for our personal gain or glory. The kindness shown to the least significant person is done for Christ the King. The fulfillment of Christs' Kingdom relies not only on Our Lord but also on us. It relies on our possessing faith, hope and love that are strong and far reaching. Christs' kingdom also relies on our willingness to give our best as Jesus' good servant. We must be open to the power of God's Spirit working through us.



**Thank you to all who made the
Veterans' Luncheon a success!
This luncheon is offered annually in Memory of
Dr. Michael McKenzie**

"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."



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.



Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

Retirement Fund for Religious

retiredreligious.org

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Next week we are collecting for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Thousands of elderly sisters, brothers and religious order priests spent years working in ministries—such as Catholic schools, parishes, and hospitals—often for little or no pay. Today, many religious communities do not have enough savings to meet their retirement needs. Your donation helps provide medications, nursing care and more.

The collection envelopes are on our Welcome Desk. **Please make checks to St. Joan of Arc** and one check will be mailed.

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 NOVEMBER 19

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

Attendance: 723

Sunday Offertory: \$6615.00 Debt: \$158.00

Human Development: \$75.00



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



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.

Posada is translated as a hotel or inn. It is a celebratory re-enactment of Mary and Joseph's search for a lodging.

La Posada is an important Spanish tradition during the holidays—complete with prayer, music, and food.



POSADA de NAVIDAD – Dec. 23, 2023

La Parroquia Santa Juana de Arco les invita a celebrar nuestra 3ra Posada Bilingüe la noche del SABADO, **23 de diciembre de 2023, a las 6pm, en el Salón (Hall).**

Acompáñanos a celebrar con Oraciones y Música.

Únanse en esta rica tradición cultural y experimenten personalmente la manera en la cual la cultura hispana celebra la Navidad a través de la música, comida y alegrías. Finalizará con una pequeña actividad social.

Here at St. Joan of Arc Church we will celebrate our 3rd annual **Bilingual Posada**, a 1 night celebration, on **DECEMBER 23RD at 6pm in the Hall.**

Come ready to celebrate with us through PRAYER AND MUSIC. Join in this rich cultural tradition and experience firsthand the way in which Spanish cultures celebrate Christmas with music, food, and merriment. A light social will follow. Offered by the Hispanic Apostolate Posada Committee.



A huge thank you to **Turner Funeral Homes** for printing our 2024 St. Joan of Arc calendars.

Also a huge thanks to **LPI** for paying for the printing.

LPI is the company that prints our bulletins every week for FREE!.

We are very grateful!



December 2023

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Widows Group 9:30 AM-Noon	2 Hispanic Apostolate 10AM-Noon
3 OCIA 9:00- 11AM	4 OCIA in Spanish 6-8 PM	5 Adoración 9:45-11 AM Ladies Auxiliary 11-2PM Adoration 6- 7PM Acts of the Apostles 7PM	6 Rosary Makers 9:30-Noon Choir 5:30 Faith Formation 5:45-7:00	7 In His Foot- steps 9-11 CCW 9-12 Adult Ed 1pm-2:30 Vigil Mass 7PM	8 Immaculate Conception Mass 9:00 AM	9 Knights of Columbus Retreat on Purgatory 9:30-3:30
10 OCIA 9:00-11AM CONFIRMA- TION/EDGE 8AM-2:30PM	11 SVdP 9:30-Noon OCIA in Spanish 6-8 PM	12 Adoración 9:45-11 AM Travel Club 9:30-Noon Christmas Tree Wrapped Gifts Due Adoration 6- 7PM Knight 7PM Acts of the Apostles 7PM	13 Rosary Makers 9:30-Noon Choir 5:30 Faith Formation 5:45-7:00	14 CCW Advent Party 9:00AM Giving Tree Distribution 10-2 Adult Ed 1pm-2:30 Knights of Columbus 2PM & 7PM Ignatian Group 6PM	15 Giving Tree Distribution 10-2	16 Giving Tree Distribution 9:00-1PM
17 OCIA 9:00-11AM CONFIRMA- TION/EDGE 8AM-2:30PM	18 OCIA in Spanish 6-8 PM Ladies Auxiliary Cookie Bake	19 Adoración 9:45-11 AM Adoration 6- 7PM Acts of the Apostles 7PM	20 Rosary Makers 9:30-Noon Choir 5:30 Faith Formation 5:45-7:00	21 Adult Ed 1pm-2:30	22 Decorate Church for Christmas 11AM Distribute Cookies	23 Hispanic Apostolate Posada 6PM
24 Masses: 8:00 AM 9:30 AM 11:00 AM 4:00PM Vigil 10 PM Vigil	25 CHRISTMAS MASS 10AM	26	27 Rosary Makers 9:30-Noon	28 In His Footsteps 9-2PM	29	30
31 KoC Dinner Dance	1 New Years Mass 10:00AM					

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 3, 2023

Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37
Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-

OBSERVANCES WEEK OF DECEMBER 3, 2023

Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent
Monday: St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Wednesday: St. Nicholas, Bishop
Thursday: St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Friday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Saturday: St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

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 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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

9:00 AM † Antulio Rodriguez req by Mary Ann

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

9:00 AM † Mark Waggoner req by Marilyn

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 6

9:00 AM † Luis and Concepcion
req by their beloved daughter

THURSDAY DECEMBER 7

10:00 AM For physical and Spiritual healing of Joan
Hess req by Al Schmitt

FRIDAY DECEMBER 8

9:00 AM For our Parish Community

SATURDAY DECEMBER 9

9:00 AM † Martin Gormley
req by his Loving Family

4:00 PM † Ramona Galliano req by Marco

SUNDAY DECEMBER 10

8:00 AM † Isabel Campo req by loving daughter
Linda

9:30 AM † Mariana Quijije
req by her Loving Family

11:00 AM For our Parish Community

PARISH STAFF

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

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..... Deacon Tom Casey
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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

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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