



ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

NOVEMBER 8, 2020 | 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WELCOME

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday

9:00 AM-4:00 PM

closed for lunch 12-1:00 PM

MASSES NOW

Saturday: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 & 11:00 AM

Spanish Mass is at 1:00 PM

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.

NOTE

WEEKEND MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED AT THE TIMES LISTED ABOVE UNTIL AT LEAST THE END OF DECEMBER. MASKS ARE REQUIRED. WE WILL ALLOW ONLY 50% CAPACITY FOR EACH MASS AND YOU MUST PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING. THANK YOU. YOU ARE IN OUR PRAYERS.



"LORD, LORD, OPEN THE DOOR FOR US!" BUT HE SAID IN REPLY, "AMEN, I SAY TO YOU, I DO NOT KNOW YOU." — MT 25:11-12

From the Pastors' Desk

All Saints' Day

Seventy years ago on November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII defined the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary as a Dogma of the Catholic Church. He made an infallible statement that, "Mary having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory." This was a fitting way to make this proclamation on All Saints Day. Mary is the premier saint. She lived the Beatitudes. In addition to being a child of God, she is Mother of God because her Son, was both human and divine.

The Assumption of Mary brings us a message of hope. We believe that Mary's body, like Jesus' body did not decay. We also believe that she is now in heaven with God, body and soul. Hopefully, like Mary, we will all live with Our Lord in Heaven. This will be possible if we try to imitate Mary by living today's Gospel message concerning the Beatitudes. Like Mary, if we live like a child of God, this will lead us to an eternal life of glory. When Our Lord calls us back home, at the end of our life here on earth, Heaven is where we hope to be, with Mary.

Besides being our spiritual Mother, Mary is the perfect role model. As we look at her struggles in life, we learn how to face our own particular struggles. For example, when she was pregnant, she was willing to risk death to obey her Lord. She faced difficulty as a mother, wife, being a refugee in Egypt when King Herod was killing the babies in Bethlehem and a homemaker on a tight budget. She even had to bury her dead Son. She faced many of the pain we do in life. As a result she not only sympathizes with us, she empathizes with our hardships. She also teaches us how to live the Beatitudes. As a result, we can ask her to intercede for our needs. We cannot pray to her directly, we can only pray to ask her to pray to our Lord.

Mary lived the Beatitudes that Jesus teaches us in last week's Gospel. Her Magnificat revealed her heart. Jesus teaches, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven". Mary never draws attention to herself. She was poor in spirit. She only points to her Son, Jesus. She states in Luke 1: 45-55, "The Mighty one has done great things for me, and Holy is his Name." Mary was not full of herself; instead she was filled with the indwelling God, Jesus Christ Incarnate.

In her Magnificat, found in the gospel of Luke, Mary says, "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord." She only ever proclaims God's greatness. Jesus also taught, "Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted." At the Presentation, when Jesus was only 40 days old, Simeon predicted that Mary would be pierced with a sword. He meant a sword of sorrow. This prediction came true when Mary had to see Jesus suffer on the cross. However Jesus consoled her through His Resurrection as well as sending the Holy Spirit over her and the other Apostles on Pentecost Sunday.

Jesus also teaches, "Blessed are the clean of heart, they will see God." Clean of heart means "having an undivided heart." At her Annunciation, Mary said to the angel. "I am the handmaid of the Lord: May it be done to me according to your word". Mary was at God's disposal from her own conception in her mother's womb. In the Eucharist we are closest to the saints. They are one with Christ. When we receive Christ in the Eucharist, our spirits are joined with the saints in a mystical way through the Holy Spirit. It is our hope to be united with them in heaven worshiping before the throne of God.

Mary assumed into heaven, pray for us.

Observances for the week of November 8, 2020

Monday: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

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

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

Thursday: St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr

Friday: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

NOTES FROM DEACON FRED

Our Light Undimmed

The lamplighter was a job which required care and constant attention. Oil lamps needed to have their wicks trimmed to allow for a bright light. If they weren't attended to, the light would dim and the flame became smoky. On board ship, many members of the crew were required to attend to these lamps to keep their flame bright through calm nights and stormy nights upon the ocean... That light would pierce the darkness and give comfort to those on board, especially while sailing in the vast abyss of dark ocean waters. It would be extremely frightening to those sailors if these lamps lost their light and they had to sail in complete darkness.

There is something about light that brings peace. There is something about light that invites us to it. There is something about light that pierces the soul and enters in, not as an intruder, but as a valued guest.

"In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." John 1:5

Can there be anything as dark as the grave? And yet, if we kept the light of our souls well trimmed during our journey here, the light stays with us, even to the grave. We have nothing to fear. Remember these words...

Receive the light of Christ. Parents and godparents, this light is entrusted to you to be kept burning brightly. This child of yours has been enlightened by Christ. Your child is to walk always as a child of light. May your child keep the flame of faith alive in their heart. When the Lord comes, may your child go out to meet Him with all the saints in the heavenly kingdom.

These words are just as alive today as they were at our Baptism. Keeping Christ's light, alive in our hearts, is a journey of sacrament, a journey of charity, a journey of sacrifice, a journey of mercy and forgiveness... and so much more...

Helping to keep the light of Christ alive in the hearts of others... so important.

It is this light, undimmed and shining bright, that the Trumpet will announce to all, as we are called to rise again to embrace our Savior.

NOTITAS DEL DIÁCONO JOSE CRUZ

Los cristianos no tenemos que vivir "tristes, como los que no tienen esperanza" (1 tesalonicenses 4, 13). Tenemos la bendición de la esperanza; esperanza en la promesa de la vida eterna, esperanza en que un día podríamos ser invitados al banquete, esperanza en que nuestros seres queridos que han muerto ya viven en la presencia de Dios. Tal como escribe Pablo, si creemos que Jesús verdaderamente resucitó de entre los muertos, la muerte no es el capítulo final.

Hay mucho que desempacar en la corta parábola de Mateo, en la cual un banquete de bodas se compara con el Reino de los cielos. Aquellos que se preparan sabiamente son recompensados; los que no están preparados son rechazados. Todas aquellas mujeres, aún las previstas, se durmieron esperando el momento crucial. Las previstas no pueden compartir con las descuidadas; lo que se requiere para entrar al banquete es lo que has traído o lo que tú mismo has hecho. No hay segundas oportunidades para los que se les acabó el aceite. La necesidad de comprar más resulta fatal. Unas semanas atrás los invitados rechazados eran los que no tenían la ropa adecuada, ahora son las que no tienen lámparas que funcionen. En nuestro Bautismo fuimos revestidos de Cristo y se nos dio una vela encendida. Sólo aquellos que se revisten de Cristo y alumbran el camino son los que serán recibidos en el Reino. Tenemos que vivir nuestro Bautismo.

"Estén, pues, preparados, porque no saben ni el día ni la hora". Esto debe haber sido repetido bien frecuentemente en los días y años inmediatamente después de la muerte y resurrección de Jesús (Mateo 25, 13). La Iglesia primitiva asumió que Cristo regresaría muy pronto. Creían que la segunda venida estaba al doblar de la esquina. Pero no fue así. Y un intermedio de dos mil años nos ha hecho descuidados. Que la sabiduría que viene de Dios nos enseñe la premura que necesitamos día tras día.

Pregunta de la Semana

¿Qué debo hacer este mes, esta semana, y este mismo día para prepararme para el banquete celestial?

The Giving Tree is now up!

Because of Covid-19, and for the safety of our recipients, we are asking that you take a Christmas Bear off of the Christmas Giving Tree and return it taped to an envelope on the outside. Please return the envelopes to the office. We will get your envelopes to the family.

Inside, for your generous donation to help a family in need, please insert **gift cards** for groceries and gifts for the parents and the children. We are asking a \$25.00 minimum gift card for each child in the family.

Your food card can be from Publix, Winn Dixie and even Walmart. The families then will be able to buy gifts for their children and have a Christmas meal. Thank you for your generosity.

No wrapped or unwrapped gifts will be accepted, only gift cards please. I know it takes the fun out of shopping for these children but it is for your safety and the safety of the recipient families. Thank you for your generosity.

Readings for the week of November 8, 2020

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 25:1-13

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

Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Ps 37:3-4, 18 and 23, 27 and 29 [39a]/Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7/Ps 23:1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5, 6 [1]/Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Phlm 7-20/Ps 146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [5a]/Lk 17:20-25

Friday: 2 Jn 4-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18 [1b]/Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 18:1-8

**Help save a child's life:
Option Line Alternatives to Abortion
Call: 1-800-395- HELP (4357)**

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

9:00 am † Jennifer Vilardi req by Mom and Dad and her loving family

4:00 pm For healing from cancer for Donovan Lovelock, son of our Youth Minister, Nancy Lovelock

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

8:00 am † Joaquina (Jackie) Bogalhas req by Loving Family

11:00 am † Jennie Conte req by Toni and Rita Conte

1:00 pm For Our Parish Community

MONDAY NOVEMBER 9

9:00 am † Mary Trojanowski req by Family

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

9:00 am For the McKenzie Family

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

9:00 am † Aline Patane req by her Husband, Ed

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12

9:00 am For the Intentions of the Council of Catholic Women

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13

9:00 AM † Anthony Russo and Dominic DeLuca

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

9:00 am † Theresa Russo and Celia DeLuca

4:00 pm † Marie Incarnato req by Mary Sciorra

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

8:00 am † For those names on the Tree of Life

11:00 am For children and grandchildren of Sylvia Visnakoua

1:00 pm For Our Parish Community

Grateful thanks and prayers for all the Veterans, living and deceased,
from St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church.



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS In Our Midst

One day my son came downstairs in our house and went into the kitchen to get himself a bowl of cereal. He had no idea I was in the front room quietly reading something on my smartphone. He poured his milk and reached to grab a spoon. At that moment, I simply said, "Hello." Startled, he jumped back from the silverware drawer and let out a scream. He would tell this story differently, but it certainly was a scream. He clutched his chest as if he had just seen a ghost. All I wanted to do was say hello.

We have all been startled by someone when we thought we were all alone. Sometimes that person in our midst was simply quiet and hidden from our view. Other times, we simply have our head and mind in the clouds to the point we are ignoring the fact we are not alone.

At times, that person we don't see is Jesus. He might seem quieter some days, but he should never be hidden from our view. He is always there with us, in others, and sharing our everyday moments. When we fail to see him in our midst, it is easy to act in ways we wouldn't if we saw him directly in front of us. We become less giving and more self-centered. No one wants to be surprised one day when suddenly they realize they were not alone, especially if the one who startles us is our God. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

THE TREE OF LIGHTS

The St Joan of Arc Conference of the Society of St Vincent de Paul is again, this Christmas season, sponsoring our **Tree of Lights**. Because of COVID-19 we have to make some changes to how we do this. We are asking those who wish to remember loved ones, either living or deceased, to look for St. Vincent DePaul baskets in the narthex, that contain cards and envelopes for the Tree of Lights. Please write the names of those to be remembered on the cards provided and include a \$5.00 donation for each family or individual. Cash is acceptable. Checks are to be made out to St. Vincent dePaul. **YOU MAY NOT STAY IN THE NARTHEX TO FILL OUT THESE CARDS. PLEASE TAKE THEM HOME AND RETURN THEM NEXT WEEK.** Place your envelope in the SVdP alms boxes at either end of the Narthex. We will record all of the names on our Scroll, which will then be placed on the altar during the Twelve days of Christmas. As in years past, our Trees of Lights are placed on either side of the altar. Thank you for your continued support and helping us to help those who are in need. Blessings to you all.



PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

Our parish is grateful for your continued support at this time. Please consider online giving. Go to our website: www.StJoanofarcfl.com and click on Online Giving. Thank you.

STEWARDSHIP

WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 18, 2020

Attendance 427...Offertory \$5521.00

Peter's Pence \$222.00

World Mission Sunday \$210.00

Disaster Relief \$1050.00

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
DRIVE THRU PICK-UP DINNERS**

Paul's # 352 556-4606...Jim's # 352-650-2533

Meal orders cut off is Thursday 5:00 pm.

Meals served at 5:00 pm

Saturday's drive thru at our Parish Social Hall (behind the church)

ALL MEALS \$7.00 each

SATURDAY ▪ Nov 21

Mashed Potatoes

Green beans

PORK ROAST

Dessert

SATURDAY ▪ Dec 05

Baked Potato

Carrots & Bacon

ROAST BEEF

Dessert

SATURDAY ▪ Dec 19

Mashed Potatoes

Corn

CHICKEN FRANCAISE

Dessert



Not One Life Forgotten

Foundations of Life Gala & Silent Auction 2020

November 7th, 2020

Virtual Foundations of Life Gala Event

The Virtual Foundations of Life Gala & Silent Auction 2020 was held November 7. *The Foundations of Life Silent Auction is also Virtual till the end of November.* Registration to bid on this year's wonderful auction items can be made online. Preview of auction items are now available thru November 14. The Foundations of Life Gala and Silent Auction is our largest fundraising event and raises critical funds needed to help us help mothers *choose life* for their babies. We are counting on you!

Go Online Today and Register Virtual Gala:

<https://FoundationsofLife.org/Gala2020>

Auction: <https://handbid.app.link/FOLGalaAuction>

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.



PARISH STAFF

Pastor Rev. Patrick Rebel

Asst. Priests..... Rev. Edward Reiter
Rev. Michael Kouts
Rev. Dennis Kaelin
Msgr. Joe Sobiesiak

Deacons Deacon Fred LaPiana
Deacon Jose Cruz
Deacon Mike Ruffner

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Director of Music.....Joyce Thorpe
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SACRAMENTS

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 10:00 am-11:00 am & by appointment.

BAPTISM FOR CHILDREN

Please call the Parish Office. (352) 688-0663

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 INFO

OFFICE EMAIL

Sjoa-office@tampabay.rr.com

FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

(352) 686-7864

RCIA/RCIC

Rite Initiation into the Catholic Faith

“IN HIS FOOTSTEPS” SOUP & SANDWICH LUNCH

Served in our Parish Family Hall the 2nd Thursday of each month from Noon-2:00 pm & for our homebound, the 4th Thursday of each month.

MARY & MARTHA’S GIFT SHOP (NOT OPEN AT THIS TIME)

Wednesday 9:30 am-10:30 am

Saturday 3:30 pm-5:30 pm

Sunday..... 7:00 am-1:00 pm

Closed during all Masses & the month of August.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

(352) 556-3670

NOTRE DAME CATHOLIC SCHOOL

(352) 683-0755

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