



# ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

OCTOBER 18, 2020 | 29TH 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.



## From the Pastors' Desk

In last week's first reading we see how Isaiah gives us a vision of God's generosity to us. The prophet tells of God's plan to nourish people to life. Isaiah speaks of fine food and select wines that are available at God's banquet. There is no limit to God's resources to sustain life. The people must recognize the abundance that flows from God's ways. The ways of God are above every other way.

Unfortunately, the pride of the people get into the way. The people of Israel and their leaders trust not in the ways of God, but in the way of the world. They put more trust in their military, their finances as well as many of the nationals around them. Trusting in the ways of the world lead to war violence and poverty. Isaiah tells us that on God's holy mountain these problems will not occur. On God's holy mountain there will be no more killing, no more violence, no more losses of life due to war. God will bring peace and tranquility to the world and wipe away every tear due to suffering.

God's mountain will also be a place of healing for humanity. Nations will turn to God in thanksgiving for the gift of salvation. Joy will replace the tears of the past for those who seek the Lord on His holy mountain. But the choice is for the people of Israel. They can either accept or reject the ways of God.

In last week's gospel, Jesus gives a similar message. That message is an allegory of salvation history. It is a messianic banquet that is seen as a wedding fest. All are invited to the feast. However, some will reject that message and decline a personal invitation from God.

In the parable that Jesus tells, a king sends his servant to invite guests to his son's wedding feast. Refusing such an invitation would be shameful. But this is what happens. For various reason people rejected this invitation. After this snub, the king again sends his servants out to invite other people to the feast, which is ready to begin. This time, the response of the people invited is even worse. The king's servants are physically mistreated; some are even killed. The king is so outraged, that he kills those who are responsible for the death of his servants. Then the king sends out his servants out to invite to the wedding feast whoever they find. The hall is now filled with even marginal guest ready to enjoy the feast.

As the wedding feast begins, the king makes a big scene over a guest not wearing the proper wedding garment. The king reprimands the quest that is not properly dressed and throws that quest out of the banquet hall. This seems odd to invite a person to a wedding feast and then throw him out because he is not wearing a wedding garment. The point that Jesus makes is that the wedding garment is more than proper clothing. The wedding garment is a sign that indicates the readiness to enter into the kingdom of heaven. Jesus is telling us that we must be ready and prepared to enter in the kingdom of heaven. Salvation is not automatic. Salvation requires faith and good deeds, which that man who was improperly dressed was lacking. The wedding garment is a sign of a person who is truly committed in their faith. This means that we truly imitate Christ by turning away from sin and striving to serve those in need.

The banquet is ready. God wants us to know that we are invited. All that is needed is for us to respond to God's invitation. We can be certain that if we come wearing the proper clothes, that is, ready to acknowledge our need for God, and ready to share with open hearts the blessing God gives us, God will provide the feast. We receive that feast each Sunday when we receive the Lord in the Eucharist.

**Help save a child's life: Option Line Alternatives to Abortion**

**Call: 1-800-395- HELP (4357)**

**Remember, the Catholic Church is Pro-Life. Please vote Pro-Life.**

### **Observances for the week of October 18, 2020**

**Sunday:** 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday

**Monday:** Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs

**Tuesday:** St. Paul of the Cross, Priest

**Thursday:** St. John Paul II, Pope

**Friday:** St. John of Capistrano, Priest

**Saturday:** St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

## NOTES FROM DEACON FRED

### *Love or Taxes?*

Taxes are often seen as a necessary burden. Very few of the folks we know find paying taxes a joyful experience and wish they could pay more. And yet the services we receive from those taxes are necessary for the quality of life that we enjoy. Often however, we pay for services for the common good and we don't see a direct benefit for what we pay and of course we complain. As an example, education expenses for our children are a large portion of our tax bill, and perhaps we do not have children who attend. We try and minimize our tax burden any way we can and yet still demand services as if they were a right and not a paid privilege. Seems that when we donate to the state our hearts are more inclined to become cold rather than warm. Alas, Caesar gets no respect at all.

Are we then to believe that God demands the same from us? A God tax perhaps? Of course not. In marriage we offer 100% of who we are to our spouse - not because we have to or because we need to, but because we choose to. We choose to, out of love for love's sake, and we are better for it and we become family. If we choose to offer all that we are to God for love's sake, we are transformed and become children of God. Priceless!



## NOTITAS DEL DIÁCONO JOSE CRUZ

“El enemigo de mi enemigo es mi amigo”, es un dicho que anda por ahí. El pueblo judío estaría bien de acuerdo con eso en el caso del rey Ciro. Cuando los babilonios conquistaron a Judá, Nabucodonosor destruyó el templo y llevó al pueblo judío hacia el exilio. Cuando el ejército persa venció al ejército babilónico en 539 BC, Ciro fue considerado un salvador. Ciro pudo construir un imperio porque respetó las tradiciones y costumbres del pueblo conquistado, incluso sus prácticas religiosas. Consecuentemente, le permitió a los judíos ir libremente a rendir culto a Dios en Jerusalén. Esa libertad que Ciro le permitió a sus súbditos se convirtió en el modelo para líderes y gobiernos durante milenios. El pueblo judío no tenía en ese tiempo el poder para vencer a sus opresores y por eso necesitaba las fuerzas del enemigo de su enemigo. Creían firmemente que Dios estaba detrás de todas las cosas y por eso concluyeron que el poder y la benevolencia de Ciro debían venir de Dios.

Los eruditos bíblicos nos dicen que la primera carta de san Pablo a los tesalonicenses fue probablemente escrita antes que ningún otro libro del Nuevo Testamento, sólo a unos veinte años después de la muerte y resurrección de Jesús. Hoy escuchamos los primeros versículos de esa carta. En el primer versículo san Pablo se refiere a la “comunidad”, que será un vocablo precursor de lo que se llegaría a llamar “Iglesia”, una comunidad cristiana de millares de diócesis, cientos de miles de parroquias y más de un billón de personas.

“Den, pues, al César lo que es del César, y a Dios lo que es de Dios”, fue la respuesta sabia de Jesús a los fariseos que querían hacer caer a Jesús (Mateo 22, 21). También nos ofrece una sabia perspectiva a nosotros hoy. ¿Qué pertenece a nuestros céсарes? Y si vamos al caso, ¿qué nos pertenece a nosotros? Somos solamente guardianes transitorios de todo lo que tenemos. En toda la historia de la humanidad nosotros ocupamos un tiempo y espacio relativamente infinitesimales o microscópicos. Todos lo que poseemos, todo lo que ganamos sólo lo tenemos alquilado. Y todo lo entregamos al morir. Entonces pues, ¿qué pertenece a Dios? Todo viene de Dios y todo regresa a Dios; por tanto, todas las cosas pertenecen definitivamente a Dios.

**Pregunta de la Semana:** Cuando me recuerdan que todo es don de Dios, ¿de qué manera respondo? ¿Trato de falsear lo que pertenece a Dios, tal como muchos falsean lo que le deben al César?

St. Joan of Arc Columbiettes will be sponsoring a take-out meal on Saturday, Oct. 24th after the 4:00 pm Mass. The meal will consist of **pot roast, mashed potatoes, corn and dessert.** The cost will be \$7.00 each meal. Meals can be ordered up to Thursday, Oct. 22nd by 5:00 p.m. Orders are only accepted by phone.

Call Christie at (412) 266-2600 to place your order.



**October 31st we will celebrate Halloween.**

The **history of Halloween** goes all the way back to a pagan festival called Samhain when people would light bonfires and wear costumes to ward off ghosts. The Catholic Church adopted and Christianized this festival to instruct the Church. The word "**Halloween**" comes from "All Hallows' Eve" and means "hallowed evening", the vigil of All Saints Day. **November 1st is a Holy Day of Obligation** and honors the Saints in heaven. Hundreds of years ago, people dressed up as saints and went door to door, which is the **origin of Halloween** costumes and trick-or-treating. Practiced in the church for centuries, it has since been taken over by the secular world and it's celebration to honor the saints, forgotten. **Who is your favorite Saint in Heaven?** We pray to the Saints to intercede for us before the throne of Jesus. On November 2nd, we Commemorate all the Souls of the Faithful Departed.

**Readings for the week of October 18, 2020**

**Sunday:** Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 [7b]/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

**Monday:** Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5 [3b]/Lk 12:13-21

**Tuesday:** Eph 2:12-22/Ps 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 9]/Lk 12:35-38

**Wednesday:** Eph 3:2-12/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [cf. 3]/Lk 12:39-48

**Thursday:** Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19 [5b]/Lk 12:49-53

**Friday:** Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 12:54-59

**Saturday:** Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [1]/Lk 13:1-9

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17**

9:00 am For healing for James and Lawson, newborn twins, req by Ellen Jimenez  
4:00 pm † Domenic Perosino req by Loving Daughter

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18**

8:00 am † Allen Pasho req by His Loving Wife, Rosemarie  
11:00 am † Merle Durell req by Doug Stone  
1:00 pm For Our Parish Community

**MONDAY OCTOBER 10**

9:00 am † Mary Piazza req by Caroline Trauerts

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20**

9:00 am † Mary Piazza req by Frank and Marie Stabile

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21**

9:00 am † Mary Piazza req by Linda Gailey

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22**

9:00 am † Dr, Michael McKenzie req by McKenzie Family

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23**

9:00 am † Mary Piazza req by the Widows Group

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24**

9:00 am † Dorothea Graca Loving Husband, John Graca  
4:00 pm † Cynthia Kiersey req by Doug Stone

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25**

8:00 am For Our Parish Community req by St. Joan of Arc Staff  
11:00 am † Michael and Agatha Rasak req by Rita Rasak  
1:00 pm † Fabian Ramos req by Marilyn Frontiero

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### CHOSEN

It is getting close to Election Day and I suppose most of us have an idea of how we will cast our vote. We have tried to discern where candidates stand on important issues and what type of leader they might be if elected. However, there is a good chance that when we go into a voting booth, we will cast at least one vote for a person who we never heard of and to do a job we do not understand. We know the more notable people in the more notable contests, but some of those on the ballot as we get further into it? Who knew that was going to be on there?

In life we will at times be asked to make a choice about something or someone we know little about. Our choices will not always be as informed as we would like. Then, when we do know some information needed to make a choice, we still don't know everything. We may support a candidate and not really know him or her personally.

When God chose you and me, He had all the information needed to make the choice. The crazy thing is He chose us anyway! He knew we would sin, turn our backs on Him, and sometimes not be very good ambassadors for Him. However, He still chose us because He loves us. We are a chosen people. We are His own. I don't know about you, but if given the chance I am not sure I would have chosen myself. I rejoice that God sees in me something that at times seems hidden to me.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

### GOSPEL MEDITATION

Nobody enjoys paying taxes. Despite our displeasure in being forced to do so, we also realize that the monies generated from taxes allows governments to provide essential services for its people. Corruption really gets our goat, however. When we witness malfeasance, overspending, irresponsibility, and dishonesty in governmental spending, the grave injustices make an already unpleasant and arduous task even more difficult. The inappropriate distribution and use of hard-earned monies can leave a person quite angry and disconnected. It's bad enough the government wants something from me, now God does, too?

God is not concerned necessarily with our money, although its proper use does factor into our faith life. As the payment of secular taxes speaks of our allegiance to the government, our return to God speaks of our allegiance to God. All of creation, even the entire universe, is fashioned in the image and likeness of God. What speaks to God and has meaning and relevance to him? All of creation and indeed our very selves! God delights in us and when we present ourselves back to him, he delights even more! As the payment of secular taxes is designed to secure the equitable distribution of goods and services to all people, so is our return of ourselves to God in gratitude meant to advance God's kingdom here on earth.

When our exclusive and sincere allegiance is given to God, God can use us to set things right and straight again. The wounds of sin distort our relationship and disorder our world. By giving ourselves and all of creation back to God in gratitude, we acknowledge the proper Creator and Author of life for who He is and devote our labors exclusively to God's kingdom and the justice, peace, or order God envisions. In giving back to God all that belongs to God, we set the axis of our lives correctly and put our priorities in proper order. All of our relationships, especially with God, our brothers and sisters, and all of creation are perceived more clearly as they really are. Using, accumulating, wasting, exploiting, hoarding, and self-preservation are no longer necessary.



## 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](http://www.StJoanofarcfl.com) and click on Online Giving. Thank you.

## STEWARDSHIP

**WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2020**

Attendance 406

Offertory: \$5308.00

## MASS INTENTION REQUESTS

Offering Mass for a special intention has been a long standing tradition in the Catholic Church. It is usually considered that special graces are received by the person who the intention is for. Masses are said for many reasons; for a deceased person, for a living person, in honor of someone's birthday, in honor of someone's anniversary, etc. The name of the person or persons we are praying for is mentioned in the general intercessions, by the priest at Mass and in our weekly bulletin. If you would like to have a Mass said for someone, living or deceased, please go to the Parish Office. A Mass Card will be given to you as a reminder of the time and date you requested.

## Why Are There Liturgical Cycles?

**Question: Why Does the Church Have Different Liturgical Cycles?**

**Answer:**

While most Catholics know that the Church Year is divided into various seasons (e.g. Advent, Christmas, Ordinary Time, etc.), many are unaware that the one Church Year is not like the one that follows. While the main seasons and feasts are the same from year to year, the 3-year cycle for Sundays and the 2-year cycle for weekdays means that, as a general rule, the readings in the Lectionary that we hear at Mass will change from year to year, helping us to have a richer encounter with Sacred Scripture. Each new cycle begins with the beginning of the liturgical year, the First Sunday of Advent.

The reasoning behind this innovation is outlined in Sacrosanctum Concilium, the "Dogmatic Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy" of the Second Vatican Council: "*The treasures of the bible are to be opened up more lavishly, so that richer fare may be provided for the faithful at the table of God's word. In this way a more representative portion of the Holy Scriptures will be read to the people in the course of a prescribed number of years*" (no. 51). This was fully achieved in 1969 when the new cycles of readings were approved by Pope Saint Paul VI. To learn more about the Liturgy of the Word within the Mass, visit:

[www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/the-mass/order-of-mass/liturgy-of-the-word/index.cfm](http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/the-mass/order-of-mass/liturgy-of-the-word/index.cfm)

## TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY.

We celebrate this day by remembering our baptismal call – to bring the Gospel to all! Your donation for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith supports the work and witness of the Mission Church, as it provides for priests, religious and lay leaders who offer the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions.

Thank you for your generosity. Donation envelopes are on our Welcome Desk. Please make all checks to St. Joan of Arc Church and one check will be sent.

## PARISH STAFF

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Rev. Michael Kouts  
Rev. Dennis Kaelin  
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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

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