



ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

OCTOBER 25, 2020 | 30TH 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.

30th Sunday
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He said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself." - Mt 22:37-39

Excerpted from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1979 CCC.

From the Pastors' Desk

In last week's first reading from Isaiah, the prophet tells us that God can use nonbelievers like Cyrus to help believers like the chosen people of Israel. Cyrus is a foreign king who founded the Persian Empire. The Persian Empire defeated the Babylonians in 539 B.C. As a result, King Cyrus freed the Israelites from exile from Babylon. The Israelites, who were in captivity in Babylon, were then able to go back home to Israel. God was also seen as being instrumental in the Persian defeat of Babylon.

Cyrus was regarded as an enlightened ruler because of his forward thinking policy towards other nations. To secure peace in his empire, Cyrus allowed his subjects to practice their religious traditions. For Israel, they were allowed to return and rebuild Jerusalem and the Temple that was destroyed by the Babylonians. Isaiah wants Israel to realize that the Persian victory over the Babylonians was truly a gift from God. It was a grace-filled moment. God had called Jacob, also known as Israel by name. The people of Israel are given the title of "my servant". The people who returned from exile have been humbled. With their pride removed, they are now willing to serve the Lord rather than their own interests. For a while, they may not have known God but now they know that there is no God but the Lord God of Israel.

In today's Gospel we see how God also works through His Son Jesus Christ. In the Gospel, we see how the Pharisees and the Herodians try to trip Jesus up. They ask Jesus if they should pay the census tax to Caesar. If Jesus says pay the tax, the people of Israel will get upset. If Jesus says do not pay the census tax, the Herodians, who are loyal to Rome, will be up in arms. Jesus knows this is a setup which is why He refers to the Pharisees and Herodians as hypocrites. Jesus then asks them to hand Him a roman coin. Jesus says to them, "Whose image is this and whose inscription?" They said "Caesar's." Jesus states, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." So only the official coin belongs to Caesar. However, Jewish creation theology taught that everything belongs to God. Jesus denies Caesar any claim to divinity. That is reserved to God alone. Caesar can have his coin back because it belongs to him.

Jesus makes it clear that we possess a dual citizenship. We are citizens of earth and citizens of heaven. Because of our dual citizenship we have responsibilities towards God and towards our country. This being an election year, it is imperative that we vote. We want to vote for the candidate who can best serve God and Country, and as I stated last week, we must vote pro-life because God is pro-life.

To vote, we need to look at issues like abortion, our economy, euthanasia, capital punishment, the environment, people with special needs, the elderly, hunger, health care, gun control. If you have any questions you can go on the USCCB (United States Catholic Conference of Bishops) (www.usccb.org) web page for these and other issues to help you decide what the issues are and what the Bishops of the United States are discussing.

As we vote, hopefully we can take this to prayer. As God has used people like Cyrus and His loyal servants in the past; He uses us as well. Hopefully we are open to doing the will of the Lord. As we properly discern who can best lead us, we can ask the Lord to guide us in this important decision making process.

Observances for the week of October 25, 2020

Sunday: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday (Send a card of appreciation to your pastor.)

Wednesday: Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles

Saturday: All Hallow's Eve

Next Sunday November 1st: All Saints; Daylight Saving Time ends; National Vocation Awareness Week

NOTES FROM DEACON FRED

I Object!

In our culture today we constantly are drawn into thinking with a legal perspective. It seems we all have passed the bar in Philadelphia and have earned the title of Philadelphia lawyer. When presenting ideas or thoughts to ponder, often we are challenged with technical legalities or liability issues which, by design, are meant to discredit or belittle our thought or idea.

Matters of the heart do not surrender to the law with the exception of the spirit of law if the spirit of the law comes from the heart.

A lawyer asked Him a question, to test him.....“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?” He said to them, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And the second is like it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

Recently we challenged one of our religious education classes to provide a persuasive presentation to a person unfamiliar with our faith tradition to convince them that our tradition is something they may want to consider. This challenge is difficult, even for many adults in the faith. They did well. They talked about sacrament and community. They discussed the details of our tradition.

If we were asked the same question, how would we answer? Would we start putting into practice our law degree from Philadelphia and argue the compelling reasons for engaging in our faith tradition? If we do, it is doubtful we would win our case... so let's step back a bit.

Perhaps we would begin by asking if they have ever experienced love in their lives. What did that feel like? How important is that in your life? Do you believe that love lives forever, or does it cease to exist? These are matters of the heart.. There is no argument to be made, just an affirmation of something special that touches our lives and is deeply woven into our soul... by the One Who made us.

We as a Catholic community of faith strive to become closer in relationship with God and to celebrate that journey. God is love... and we are His children, heart, mind, and soul!

NOTITAS DEL DIÁCONO JOSE CRUZ

El Señor escucha la oración de todos y cada uno, pero la lectura del Éxodo enfatiza su atención en las súplicas de los más necesitados. De seguro el Señor escucha los clamores de las viudas y los huérfanos, los extranjeros y deudores tratados injustamente. Todos ellos son los más desamparados y vulnerables de nuestra sociedad, en aquellos tiempos y ahora. El pueblo escogido había vivido hasta recientemente en cautiverio en Egipto. Deben definitivamente identificarse ahora con todos aquellos que sufren tribulaciones similares, aquellos que dependen de la misericordia y la bondad de otras personas.

“Ustedes fueron extranjeros en Egipto”, le dice el Señor a los israelitas (Éxodo 22, 20). Nosotros mismos pudiéramos ser extranjeros en el país en que vivimos o tal vez lo fuimos alguna vez. Quizás nunca hemos pasado por la experiencia de ir a un país que no es el nuestro y empezar a asentar raíces allí, pero es probable que nuestros padres, abuelos o bisabuelos sí hayan tenido esa experiencia. Muy pocos de nosotros no tenemos algún antepasado que una vez fue extranjero aquí. Por lo tanto, aun si nunca hemos sido extranjeros, podemos trazar un vínculo genealógico con nuestros antepasados, que sí lo fueron.

La respuesta que da Jesús al doctor de la ley le hace eco al pensamiento judío entre los círculos rabínicos de aquella época, así es que, en ese sentido, pasó la prueba. Es significativo que él diga que “el segundo (mandamiento) es semejante a éste” (Mateo 22, 39). Los dos mandamientos, amar a Dios y amar al prójimo, están interrelacionados. Puesto que hemos sido creados a imagen y semejanza de Dios, y ya que somos llamados a amar a Dios con todo nuestro ser, amar al prójimo y amarnos a nosotros mismos es amar a Dios.

Pregunta de la Semana

¿De qué manera soy ejemplo para otros creyentes, tal como lo fueron los tesalonicenses? ¿Qué puedo hacer para dar ejemplo a otras personas del más importante mandamiento de todos?

Fr. Bob Romaine of St. Paul Parish, Tampa, FL invites all: Children, Youth Adults and Seniors to join the

CONFRATERNITY OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION FOR LIFE (CEAL).

The Confraternity is a Catholic private Association which received 'de facto Association' status from the Diocese of St. Petersburg and is in the process of obtaining canonical recognition in the near future.

The Confraternity consists of Lay Faithful, Religious and Clerics from around the World who, of their own free will, pledge to spend certain number of hours a year in Eucharistic Adoration in their own Parishes and Institutes to pray for the objectives of the Confraternity such as:

1. Protection of the Unborn from Abortion
2. Protection of children and youth from Human Trafficking
3. Protection of the elderly from Euthanasia
4. Protection of the troubled from Suicide.

Members share in the indulgences attached to Eucharistic Adoration. Please sign up by visiting our website: www.cealservants.com or through Enrollment link: [http://bit.ly/CEAL Enrollment](http://bit.ly/CEAL%20Enrollment)

Readings for the week of October 25, 2020

Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40

Monday: Eph 4:32—5:8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Eph 5:1]/Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [1a]/Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5a]/Lk 6:12-16

Thursday: Eph 6:10-20/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 [1b]/Lk 13:31-35

Friday: Phil 1:1-11/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [2]/Lk 14:1-6

Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26/Ps 42:2, 3 5cdef/Lk 14:1, 7-11

MASS INTENTIONS

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
11:00 am † Michael and Agatha Rasak
req by Rita Rasak
1:00 pm † Fabian Ramos
req by Marilyn Frontiero

MONDAY OCTOBER 26

9:00 am In Thanksgiving for the gift of Life,
req by Mary Jo Waggoner

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27

9:00 am † Edward Swiderski req by
Pattie and Tim Cotter

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28

9:00 am † Angelina Domenech req by
Caroline Trauerts

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29

9:00 am † Deacon Lee Hinderscheid
req by Wife, Ann

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

9:00 am † Angelina Domenech
req by Marie and Frank Stabile

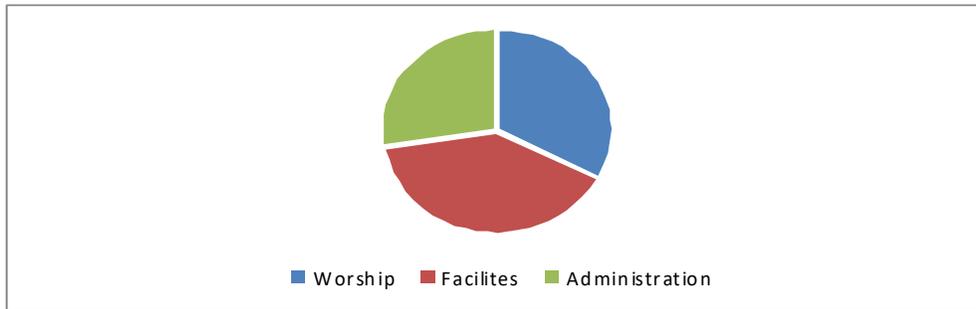
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

9:00 am † Vincent Gallo req by
Maria and Robert Wolf
4:00 pm † Michael Martucci
req by The Lescio Family

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

8:00 am † James Sheridan req by Loving Parents
11:00 am † Monilall Subick req by
McKenzie Family
1:00 pm † For Our Parish Community

July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020 Finance Report



Budget 2020-2021

Income/Revenue:	\$553,571	Includes one time church ceiling and carpet donations and parking lot church and Hall paving distribution.
Worship Expenses:	\$232,577	Includes worship, Pastor & Priests salaries and expenses, catholic school support, faith formation, music and liturgical expenses
Facilities Expenses:	\$283,203	Includes all maintenance, utilities, insurance, grounds keeping, building repairs and salaries. Includes one time expenses for new church ceiling and carpet, parking lot church and hall paving and to replace broken church a and hall alarm panel systems.
Administration Expenses:	\$195,809	Includes office expenses, salaries, benefits and day-to-day operational expenses.

As mandated by the Diocese of St. Petersburg, when the fiscal year numbers are finalized, they are to be reported and shared with our St. Joan of Arc parishioners. There are three categories to which every expense is attributed: Worship, Facilities and Administration.

Income

Offertory	\$440,500
Fundraising (Primarily Ethnic Festival, cancelled due to Covid)	0
Other Revenue (Hall Rental, Religious Ed, Debt/Maint., etc.)	60,400
Total Revenue Budgeted	\$500,900

Expenses

Worship	222,064
Facilities	123,000
Administration	178,150
Total Expenses Budgeted	\$523,214

*Thank you for your continued generous support of St. Joan of Arc, especially during these times which have tested us spiritually and financially .
 . God Bless You All, Fr. Pat*



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 4, 2020

Attendance 379

Offertory: \$7491.00

Help save a child's life:

Option Line Alternatives to Abortion

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

Equipping Parents for an Ongoing Conversation About Internet Pornography

This Webinar is an opportunity sponsored by St. Paul Parish, Tampa.

Thursday, Oct 29, 2020 07:00 PM

Join us to hear from Ryan Foley, Vice President of Business Development for Covenant Eyes. Ryan has spent the last eight years educating and supporting Dioceses, Parishes, and Catholic Schools in addressing the harms of pornography. Education efforts include CleanHeart.Online and Strive 21, a free 21-day detox course for men.

Register at: https://covenanteyes.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_32O6BN0wQFiU0Ep0k35SEg

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

GOSPEL MEDITATIONS

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.

PARISH STAFF

Pastor Rev. Patrick Rebel

Asst. Priests..... Rev. Edward Reiter
Rev. Michael Kouts
Rev. Dennis Kaelin
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Deacon Jose Cruz
Deacon Mike Ruffner

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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.

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