



ST. JOAN OF ARC

CATHOLIC CHURCH

NOVEMBER 21, 2021 / 21 DE NOVIEMBRE 2021

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

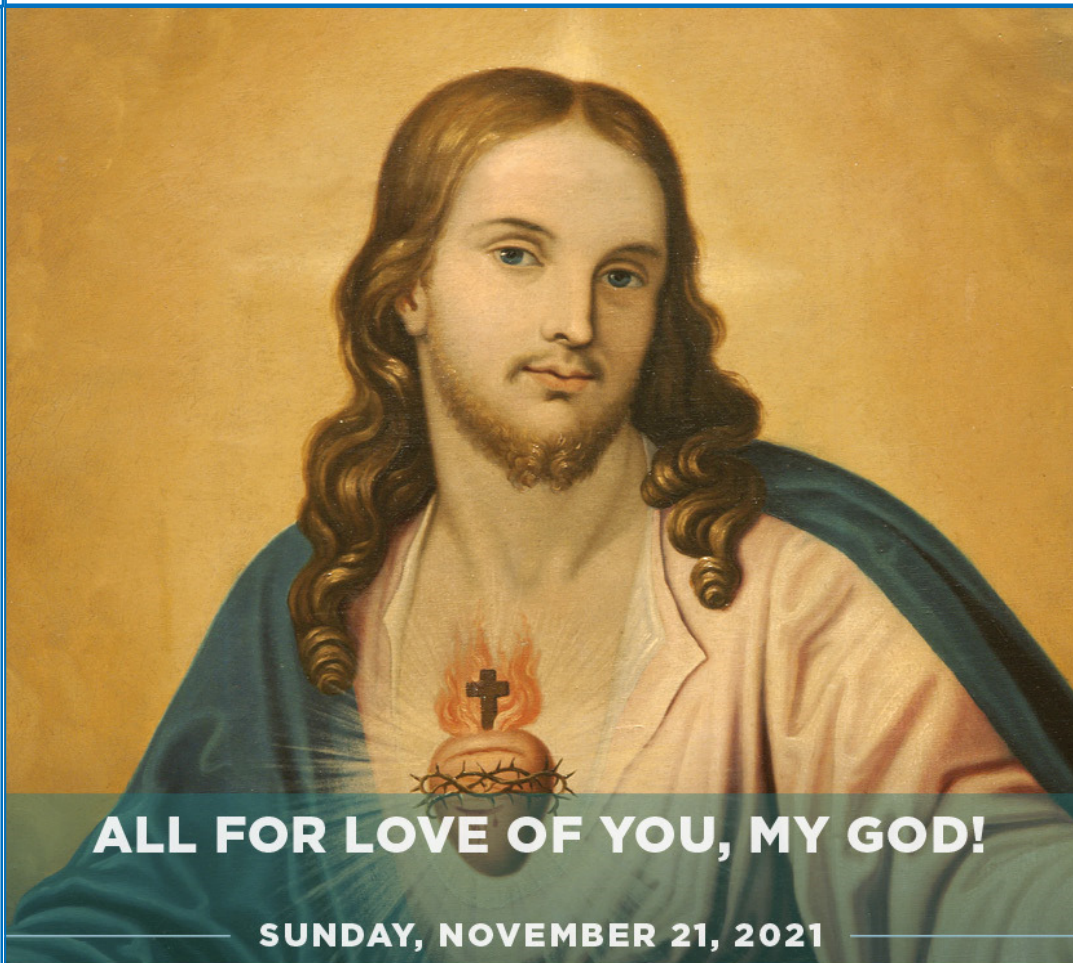
9:00 AM Monday-Saturday

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.

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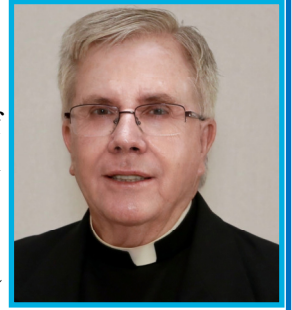
WEEKEND
ATTENDANCE IS
MANDATORY.
MASKS ARE
OPTIONAL IF YOU
HAVE HAD YOUR
VACCINATION.



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." - Jn 18:37

FROM OUR PASTOR, FR. PATRICK REBEL



In the first reading from last Sunday from The Book of Daniel, we see that Daniel is devoted to God. Even though Israel was being oppressed by King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon, Daniel lets the people know that God has not forgotten them. Our Lord will protect the people from all harm. Daniel talks about the end times as people knew it. There will be earthly and cosmic upheavals and catastrophes that have never been seen before. Despite these disasters like earthquakes, tornados, asteroids and flooding, God will send a great heavenly prince to defend them. his name is St. Michael the Archangel.

At the end of time God's faithful people will have their names recorded in heaven. They will rise from their sleep of death and enter into eternal life. This is the Bible's first reference to the Resurrection from the dead. On earth, their wisdom was superior to all others, because their wisdom came from God. They chose justice as their guiding principle. As a result, their lives inspired many others to serve God's kingdom. Now the splendor of their light stands out like the stars against the night sky.

In the Gospel for last Sunday, Jesus also refers to the end times. He states that before the second coming of the Son of Man there will be a day of great tribulation. He says that the sun will darken and the moon will not give its light, also the stars will be falling from the sky; then the power of heaven will be shaken. The Son of Man will come from the clouds with power and glory. This imagery is similar to what is stated from the first reading for last Sunday. The coming of the Son of Man refers to Jesus Christ.

Jesus tells a parable of the fig tree. Jesus states that the fig tree grows in the spring and summer. The signs of growth indicates what to expect and when to expect it. Like the fig tree life is cyclical. Jesus then states that the coming of the Son of Man will also be preceded by signs indicating that the event is near. These words of Jesus manifest divine authority.

Jesus lets the people know that they have to be ready. They have to be on guard. Even though there will be signs of the end times and the return of Jesus, no one knows when this will occur. There should not be erroneous speculations. People have made false predictions in the past, like at the end of WWI or when Israel became a nation in 1948, at the start of the new millennium in 2000, and even when the Mayan calendar ended in 2012. They all have been wrong with false predictions of the second coming of Christ. Jesus tells us that only His heaven Father knows the time or the hour. Even Jesus Christ did not know when His second coming would occur.

But in reality, the Son of Man comes now! He does not come in a remote far away time in a cloud. He comes now in the ordinary earthy signs of bread and wine which become His Body and Blood. We can prepare to meet our Lord by extending forgiveness and justice to the world. When we live in this way and appear before Christ for judgement, we will hear Him say: "Well done, you good and faithful servant. Come in and share my happiness."

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THRIFT STORE AND FOOD PANTRY ANNUAL TOY AND FOOD DRIVE FOR OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED

Dear Friends,

Tis the season for giving and sharing for those in our community less fortunate. Holidays can be overwhelming for many of our neighbors and your generous support is greatly needed and appreciated. St. Vincent de Paul is determined to ensure that everyone has a safe and happy holiday throughout our community.

Your support for our holiday program is extremely important, and if you wish to help, please send your check to: SVDP, 1291 Kass Circle, Spring Hill, FL 34606, marked Holiday Food and Toys. We are a 501C3 organization run by volunteers and supported by people like you.

From our family to yours, we wish you a very happy Holiday season. Thank you and may God Bless you from Christi Muise, Store Manager and Tim Rumptz, Food Pantry Manager.

DEACON FRED LAPIANA

Who is Truth?

What is truth? How do we find it? In today's dynamic we wrestle with this question everyday. On the downside we sacrifice relationships, challenge other's character, seek consensus to rationalize irrational decisions and so many other hurtful actions in an attempt to establish the truth as we see it. On the upside, in pursuit of truth we find revelation in science, in nature, or in creativity which touches God's thumbprint of creation. We know it when we find it. It is not for us to establish, but for us to experience when God reveals it to us. He does this in His time and place, not ours. If our hearts and eyes are open to it when God reveals it to us, we smile with a joy that cannot be described, and I think when we do, God smiles too.

Pilate questions Jesus. He asks the question, "Are you the King of the Jews?". He was looking for an answer that would justify the action he was about to take. He was trying to rationalize the irrational decision of putting an innocent man to death to keep the peace. The goal of keeping the peace was noble. The means to get there...not so much. In this exchange between the Christ and Pilate, Jesus extends Pilate an invitation to experience revelation by proclaiming to Pilate, "I came into this world to testify to the truth".. The truth stood before Pilate and he did not recognize Who was standing before him! He dismissed the opportunity by his belief that truth was defined by power and consensus, and cynically replied to Jesus, "What is truth?".

If we reflect on the events unfolding in our society and in the world today, we ask this question all of the time. Politicians, businessmen, political activists, social justice advocates and lobbyists of every sort many times will try and obtain a noble cause by any means because, from their perspective, 'in the end truth is served'. But truth requires, and is sometimes revealed, when we value the means, more than what we believe the ends should be.

If we remember to ask the right question as we move forward, it can make all the difference.

The question is not what is truth, the question is "Who is truth?". That is our journey to His Kingdom.

NOTITAS DEL DIÁCONO JOSE CRUZ

Jesús le dice a Pilato que si su Reino fuese de este mundo sus servidores lucharían para prevenir su persecución. Puesto que el Reino de Jesús no es de este mundo, no cuenta con gente que luchan para salvarlo. Su única arma en su lucha contra esta injusticia terrible es la verdad. Jesús vino a dar testimonio de la verdad. Como discípulos suyos que somos pertenecemos a la verdad y por eso tenemos que escuchar su voz, buscar la verdad y luchar contra las injusticias. Y al así hacerlo, Cristo Jesús hará de nosotros un reino, tal como dice el autor del Apocalipsis.

Sabemos que Pilato rehusó aceptar la verdad, pero unas horas antes otro hombre débil tampoco pudo encarar la verdad. Ese hombre era san Pedro. El miedo de Pedro por lo que hubiera podido sucederle prevaleció sobre su amor por Jesús, sobre su lealtad y sobre la verdad. El deseo de poder de Pilato le impidió aceptar la verdad, pero fue su miedo lo que le hizo dejar de buscar la verdad y la justicia. Tuvo miedo de que el resultado del hostigamiento de la gente lo llevara a la ruina frente a sus superiores. Nosotros decimos que el poder queda vencido frente a la verdad, como por decir que así se lograría un cambio, pero no siempre eso tiene éxito. Pedro llegó a encarar la verdad y lloró de arrepentimiento, pero Pilato ignoró la verdad hasta el final.

Aceptar la verdad a pesar de adonde nos lleve puede ser un desafío. ¿Qué verdades nos ha enseñado Jesús? Él nos llama no para la gloria personal o el poder, sino para servir a los demás. Él nos dice que vendamos todos nuestros bienes y se lo demos a los pobres, y después lo sigamos. Él nos dice que debemos negarnos a nosotros mismos y cargar nuestra cruz. Él afirma que el Reino pertenece a los pobres de espíritu. Jesús ha dado testimonio de la verdad y eso es algo revolucionario.

Pregunta de la Semana

¿Puedo vivir conforme a la verdad de la cual Jesús ha dado testimonio?

Altar flowers are given in memory of a loved one in honor of a special day. Each week the Altar Flower Memorial is announced in our Parish Bulletin. It is a special blessing to purchase flowers for our Masses, to know you have offered something to beautify our celebrations. To request your flowers, please come to the Parish Office during the week.

Donation is \$40 to cover our cost of the flowers.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT WORKING ON THE MARGINS

Next week our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. More than thirty-eight million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to bring permanent and positive change to their communities. Envelopes are on our Welcome Desk. Please make checks out to St. Joan of Arc and one check will be mailed to the Diocese. Thank you for your generosity.

SAVE A LIFE!!!

Kidney Donor Hero Needed—Blood Type “O”

Bert is the father of two teenagers and is in great need of a kidney transplant. Regardless of where you live in the USA, there are not costs to donate—all expenses are paid for donor and caregiver. The **National Kidney Registry's Donor Shield Program** offers comprehensive support and protection for living kidney donors.

Please contact us at:

Bert Savage (recipient) email: kidney-for-bert@outlook.com

Barry Cousins (father-in-law): 419-356-9455, or bcounsins@toast.net

Facebook or Google: Kidney for Bert Savage

Thank you and please consider helping to save a life.

HEALING AFTER ABORTION

The Project Rachel office offers healing for the wound of abortion for women, men, couples and families.

Upcoming Day healing programs:

January 22, 2022- St. Timothy in Lutz,

February 26, 2022- Blessed Sacrament in Seminole

Call 813-924-4173 or email projectrachel@ccdosp.org for more details/registration.

These are Catholic programs designed to assist participants to open their minds and hearts to Christ who heals in Word and Sacrament.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Are you interested in learning about Jesus and exploring the Catholic Faith? Would you like to join the Catholic Church? If you have never been baptized or were baptized in another Christian tradition, then the process of the **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults** is for you. If you would like more information, please call the Parish Office at (352) 688-0663 and leave your name, phone number and email address. RCIA sessions are Sundays at 9:00-11:00 am in the Nursery/Kitchen.

BIBLE STUDY HAS BEGUN!

We have Bible study Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm in the Deacon Lee Library.

We are studying OREMUS, A GUIDE TO CATHOLIC PRAYER. Everyone is invited to attend.

Stewardship for Sunday, November 7, 2021

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

Attendance: 655

Offertory: \$7651.00

All Saints: \$213.00

All Souls: \$373.00

World Mission Sunday: \$10.00

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 21, 2021

Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5 [1a]/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61 [59b]/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67 [59b]/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Dn 6:12-28/Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74 [59b]/Lk 21:20-28

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 FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 21, 2021

Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe—**Last Sunday of our Liturgical Calendar**

Monday: St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

Tuesday: St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr; St. Columban, Abbot; Bl. Miguel Agustín Pro, Martyr

Wednesday: St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

Thursday: St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr; Thanksgiving Day

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

THE 2022 MASS BOOK IS NOW OPEN. RESERVE YOUR MASSES EARLY!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20

9:00 AM † For the Souls in Purgatory req by Barbara Brush

4:00 PM † John Hopkins req by John Carvender

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21

8:00 AM For Our Parish Community

9:30 AM † Gregorio Honrado req by Sylvana, su esposa

11:00 AM † Joaquina Bagalhas req by Family

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22

9:00 AM † Michael Lynch req by Rita Ducharme

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

9:00 AM † Charles Incarnato req by Mary Sciorra

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

9:00 AM † Consuelo y Milagro req by Loving Niece

HAPPY THANKSGIVING DAY!

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25

9:00 AM † Paul A. Sirois req in Loving Memory from his wife, Anne

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26

9:00 AM † Carlota Ortiz req by daughter, Aurora Ortiz

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27

9:00 AM † Alfred Patane req by son, Ed Patane

4:00 PM † Alfred Stewart req by his loving wife, Vickie

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28

8:00 AM † Fernande and Antoine Hall req by Yanick and Mario Tryfonos

9:30 AM † Nereida Vasquez req by Guillermina Cruz

11:00 AM For Our Parish Community

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.

Request a Mass for your loved ones, living or deceased, at the parish office.

Bishop Gregory Parkes has launched GulfCoastCatholic.org, a news website to help Catholics Know, Live and Share their Faith.. You'll find articles that inform and hopefully inspire. Plus, each article can be shared via social media with one click. GulfCoastCatholic.org will provide timely and relevant articles for staying up to date with Catholic Life. We will also share stories about people who are courageously living the Gospel. Visit GulfCoastCatholic.org to check out the website and to sign up to our free weekly e-mail for top stories.

COLUMBIETTES PROJECT FOR CHILDREN

"Over the Toes and Under the Clothes."



The Columbiettes are collecting **new** underwear for their project "Over the Toes and Under the Clothes." All underwear will be donated to our Hernando County Schools, focusing on the most needy schools. Size 4 to adult are needed, and we need both boys and girls sizes. We hope to distribute them before Christmas. If you wish to help, you can drop off a package at the gift shop on Saturday or Sunday before or after Mass. If you have any questions, please contact Christie Fiorentino at cfaux11317@gmail.com. Thank you, and may God bless you.

"In His Footsteps" Lunch Program

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶ I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me. These are words from our Lord, Jesus Christ in Matthew 25 compel us to help others. The St. Joan of Arc, "In His Footsteps" Lunch Program answers this and we continue to feed those in need with your financial help.

We are asking your help to pass the word about our 'Free' Lunch Program. Do you know friends or neighbors in the Spring Hill area who are homebound and might benefit from our twice a month lunch delivery? They **DO NOT HAVE TO BE CATHOLIC!** They may only need our services temporarily; perhaps after a brief hospital stay or surgery; or maybe their situation calls for a long-term situation. Our ministry is here to fill their needs.

If you know someone who would like to take part in our program, please have them contact the parish office. One of our volunteers will reach out to them for their preference of sandwich (ham or turkey) with condiments. Also included is soup, potato salad, chips, fresh fruit, snack and dessert. We do our deliveries on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month. Thank you and God bless you!

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT: WORKING ON THE MARGINS

Please be generous in this week's special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in eight people live in poverty. With this collection, you support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect remain in our Diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and those working on the margins. Please make your check out to St Joan of Arc and one check will be sent to the Diocese of St. Petersburg.

BAPTISMAL CLASSES!!

Baptism classes are held 6:00 pm on the **Third Tuesdays** of every month. Our next class will be on December 21st in the Kitchen/Nursery. Parents and Godparents must be practicing Catholics and **MUST** pre-register with the parish office by the Monday prior. If you do not pre-register, we will assume no one is coming and there will be no class.

PARISH STAFF

Pastor Rev. Patrick Rebel
Asst. Priests Rev. Edward Reiter
 Rev. Michael Kouts
 Msgr. Joe Sobiesiak
Deacons Deacon Fred LaPiana
 Deacon Jose Cruz
 Deacon James Riveiro
 Deacon Mike Ruffner
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 Sjoaorganist@gmail.com

SACRAMENTS

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturday: 10:00 am-11:00 am & by appointment.

BAPTISM FOR CHILDREN
Please call the Parish Office to pre-register. (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 INFORMATION

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
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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