

# SAINT JOAN of ARC NEWS

The members of St. Joan of Arc Parish are disciples of Jesus Christ, who recognize God's love for the world & are empowered by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Gospel to all people through joyful worship, life-long education, compassionate service, responsible stewardship, & active community living.

~ Mission Statement - Pentecost 1998 ~

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THEN JESUS SAID TO HER IN REPLY, "O WOMAN, GREAT IS YOUR FAITH! LET IT BE DONE FOR YOU AS YOU WISH." —MT 15:28

20<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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## Parish Directory / Liturgy Schedule

### ST. JOAN OF ARC DIRECTORY

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### LITURGY SCHEDULE

#### Weekdays

Monday thru Friday: 7:00 am  
Wednesday: 6:00 pm

#### Weekends

Saturday: 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am,  
12:00 pm

#### Holy Day Masses

Vigil Mass: (evening prior) 7:00 pm  
7:00 am, 12:00 pm, 7:00 pm

#### Reconciliation

Wednesdays: 5:00 pm  
Saturdays 11:00 am - 12:00 pm  
in the Sister Carol Center

#### Holy Hour

Thursdays in Church at 7:00 pm

#### Rosary

Monday - Friday after the 7am Mass

### PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

**The Parish Center is open: (Summer Hours)**  
**Monday - Thursday from 8:30am - 4:00pm**  
**Friday: 8:30am—12:00pm**

Mass intentions and most services can be done in person or by calling us at 586-777-3670 during these hours.

Our after-hours emergency number: 586-777-1342.

**Baptisms:** Please go to our website (stjoan.church) and fill out the Baptism request form. You will be contacted to make further arrangements based on submission of that form.

**Marriages:** Arrangements should be made at the Parish Center at least six months prior to the desired date. Pre-marriage series required.

**Registration:** It is very important that every family and independent adult be registered in the Church in order to keep our records and mailings current. Please contact the Parish Office to register at your earliest opportunity: 586-777-3670.

**OCIA:** Please call the Parish Center: 586-777-3670.

### INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PARISHIONER?

If you would like to become a parishioner of St. Joan of Arc, please register at [stjoan.church](http://stjoan.church) and we will contact you by phone. Or by calling us at 586-777-3670 during office hours.

### Live Streamed Broadcasts at St. Joan of Arc

Live Stream Broadcasts have become a standard part of our celebrations at St Joan of Arc. This has increased our mass participation at daily and weekend masses. It has also allowed many of our parishioners to stay in touch with their faith community remotely.

**Go to: [livestream.stjoan.church](http://livestream.stjoan.church) to watch all live streaming and to view archived celebrations.**

#### Weekday Masses

Monday thru Friday @ 7am  
Wednesday @ 6pm

#### Weekend Masses

Saturdays @ 4pm & 6pm  
Sundays @ 8am, 10am, 12pm

#### Holy Hour

Thursdays @ 7pm



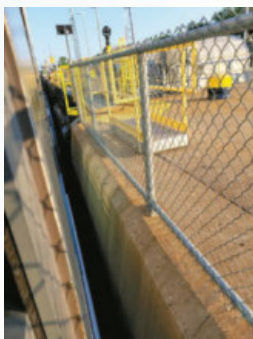


**Cruisin' with Mom (Part Four):** For the last several weeks, I have been sharing about my trip with my mom on-board the Viking Octantis for a

Great Lakes Cruise. Doing a Great Lakes cruise was at the top of my mom's bucket list of things to do in her senior years! Our journey began in Toronto, and from there, we traversed the Welland Canal Locks and made stops in Port Colborne, Point Pelee, Detroit, Alpena, Mackinac Island, and finally, Milwaukee.

After setting sail from Toronto, we went through the Welland Canal Locks. THAT was fascinating. A little history about the Welland Canal: it is a ship canal connecting Lake Ontario and Lake Erie. It enables ships to ascend and descend the Niagara Escarpment and bypass Niagara Falls (thankfully ... otherwise, it would be a rough ride). The current canal is the fourth version. The first Welland Canal was excavated from 1824 – 1829. The existing canal's construction took place between 1913 to 1932. The locks are 80 feet wide and 766 feet long. The canal is equipped with eight locks compared to the forty locks needed by the First Welland Canal. The lock is necessary because the southern Lake Erie terminus of the canal is 326 feet higher than the northern terminus of Lake Ontario.

As mentioned above, the eight locks are 80 feet wide and 766 feet long. The Viking Octantis and her sister ship, the Polaris, are 77 feet wide and 665 feet long! Imagine navigating these ships through these locks



with only 3 feet of clearance! Watching the precision in maneuvering the Octantis through these locks was unbelievable. I could touch the lock fences once I put our stateroom window down. While I have a picture here, I will post a 30-second video of the experience in my Sunday email.

It took about 8 hours to pass through all the locks; most of this occurred while we slept that first night. I'm glad most of it happened at night because I was bored after

the third lock. The first one caught my attention, but then it became too routine. At one point, I stopped looking out the window, flopped on the bed, and streamed the ship's bow camera on our TV to see what was happening. There was only one time during that lock journey that the ship bounced up against the wall of the locks. This happened in the middle of the night, waking my mom and me. I looked out the window and realized we were still in the locks, so I rolled over, unphased by the experience.

What was fun was watching all the people on land watch us as we passed through the locks. It was a Friday night, so as dusk was falling on this beautiful Canadian landscape, plenty of gawkers enjoyed watching the mighty Octantis pass through the locks (they must not have had anything more exciting to do on this Friday night). I have no idea how many on-board the ship were looking out their stateroom windows, but plenty of people on land were waving at us. My mom and I enjoyed looking out our lowered stateroom balcony window, enjoying the beautiful scenery, and pretending we were the only ones on board that all these people were waving to. We just kept waving back as if we were the Queen Mum and her son cruising on some royal yacht!

**Sacrament of the Sick (Part Three):** I began this series on the Sacrament of the Sick a few weeks ago by looking at how Extreme Unction gave way to our current understanding of the Sacrament of the Sick. The change in the theological understanding of the sacrament (namely that it's not only for the dying) was the work of the Second Vatican Council and Pope Saint Paul VI. This week, I want to begin by looking at the redemptive value of our sufferings.

Christ had enormous compassion for the sick. Christ's many healings were not only a sign that God had visited his people but were a sign of the very nearness of the Kingdom of God. Christ was so moved by those who suffer that he not only allowed himself to be touched by the sick but also made their miseries his own. The prophet Isaiah reminds us that the suffering servant would take on our infirmities and bare our diseases and weaknesses. "By his passion and death on the cross, Christ has given a new meaning to suffering: it can henceforth configure us to him and unite us with his redemptive Passion" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 1505).

Uniting our sufferings to the sufferings of Christ is often an overlooked practice in our human experience (okay, reread that sentence). Looking beyond ourselves or our situation when we are sick is hard. Yet, there is incredible value in seeing how our sufferings unite us with Christ's redemptive Passion. Our sufferings have a redemptive value, and we must awaken ourselves to such a reality.

Before we go any further, let's deal with this notion of redemption. The word "redeem" literally means to buy out. Specifically, it meant the purchase of a slave's freedom. In the Christian context, it means that we have been freed from our slavery to sin and death by Christ's cross. Yes, by the wood of the cross, we have been redeemed! Yet, there are ways along our life journey that bring about little redemptions. Our crosses and sufferings, as long as we endure them with the proper attitude of faith, can be great sources of blessing for us.

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus told his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me (Matt. 16:24)." To follow in the footsteps of Christ means that suffering, and even the acceptance of crosses, are part and parcel of our life. Some may see sufferings and crosses as nothing but negative realities. However, a person of faith sees the redemptive value in every suffering and cross they are called to embrace.

In the book *Mother Teresa: In My Own Words*, Mother Teresa tells an often-quoted story about suffering: "Suffering will never be completely absent from our lives. If we accept it with faith, we are given the opportunity to share the passion of Jesus and show him our love. One day I went to visit a lady who had terminal cancer. Her pain was tremendous. I told her, 'This is nothing but Jesus' kiss, a sign that you are so close to him on the cross that he can kiss you.' She joined her hands and said, 'Mother, ask Jesus not to stop kissing me.'" I wonder if we would say the same if we were in a moment of suffering.

Next week, I'll continue reflecting on the redemptive value of our sufferings.

Enjoy the week. Know of my prayers.

In Christ,

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# THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of August 20, 2023



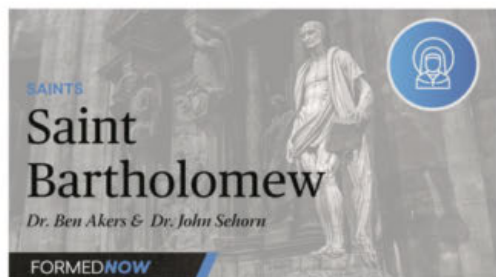
## Pope Saint Pius X

Join Dr. Ben Akers with Lucas Pollice as they discuss the life of Pope St. Pius X and his work to restore all things in Christ.



## The Queen Mother | Lectio: Mary | Episode 4

Mary serves as our Queen Mother. What does that mean? Join Dr. Brant Pitre as he explores the scriptural roots of this title.



## Saint Bartholomew

Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. John Sehorn discuss the great apostle, St. Bartholomew. Grab your Bible and follow along. We recommend The Augustine Bible.

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Last week I wrote about the Year of Jubilee for St. Thomas Aquinas and the possibility of an indulgence that is granted for those who visit and pray at a church, shrine, or other holy place connected to the Dominican Order. To attain the plenary indulgence, one must pray the Lord's Prayer, recite the Creed, and invoke the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Thomas Aquinas (as well as the other conditions necessary—read on). The special graces offered during the Jubilee end on Jan. 28, 2025.

### But what is an indulgence?

The word “indulgence” may make some feel uncomfortable. But this is mostly because it is misunderstood. You might think that indulgences were just something Martin Luther got upset about when he separated himself from the Catholic Church back in 1517. But the reality is that the Church's practices of granting indulgences are a great gift to us, are part of the living Tradition of the Church, and are Scripturally backed! And Martin Luther? His complaint about the giving of indulgences happened at a time when people were using them wrongly—trying to sell them for profit.

Indulgences. The very word stirs up more misconceptions than perhaps any other teaching in Catholic theology. Those who attack the Church for its use of indulgences rely upon – and take advantage of – the ignorance of both Catholics and non-Catholics.

What is an indulgence? The Church explains, “An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven, which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under certain defined conditions through the Church's help when, as a minister of redemption, she dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfactions won by Christ and the saints” (*Indulgentiarum Doctrina*, 1).

The word *indulgence* originally meant kindness or favor; in post-classic Latin it came to mean the remission of a tax or debt. In Roman law it was used to express release from captivity or punishment. In theological language the word is sometimes employed in its primary sense to signify the kindness and mercy of God.

Because the Apostles, and thus the Church, have been given the power to forgive sins

by Our Lord, Jesus Christ, there is a logical inference that the Church also has the power to grant indulgences. Since the sacramental forgiveness of sins extends both to the guilt experienced at the time *and* to the eternal punishment, it follows that the Church can also free the penitent from the temporal penalty, what we call Purgatory. (Again, I'm giving myself more homework because I'll probably need to write an article on Purgatory too!) From the very foundations of the Church, indulgences have been a theological point of consideration. Tertullian, St. Cyprian, St. Basil, and St. Gregory of Nyssa wrote about indulgences in the 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> Centuries.

As I said, this is not to say that indulgences haven't been abused in the past, and the Church recognizes that. Leading up to the Protestant Reformation indulgences were being “sold” to fund many Church projects. I remember reading about this in my undergraduate studies at the University of Detroit Mercy. There was a German Dominican priest, Fr. Johann Tetzel, who is famous for saying (whether he actually said it or not, we do not know): “As soon as the coin in the coffer rings, the soul from purgatory springs.” The image shared here is a painting by Ludovico Carracci. Painted in 1610 it depicts an angel releasing souls from purgatory.



### Plenary vs. Partial

Nonetheless, despite past abuses, indulgences remain a teaching of the Church. There are two types of indulgences available in the Church, a plenary indulgence and a partial indulgence.

An indulgence is partial or plenary

according as it removes either part or all of the temporal punishment due to sin. Only God knows exactly how efficacious any particular partial indulgence is or whether a plenary indulgence was received at all.

To gain any indulgence you must be a Catholic and in a state of grace. You also must have at least the habitual intention of gaining an indulgence by the act performed.

To gain a partial indulgence, you must perform with a contrite heart the act to which the indulgence is attached. To gain a plenary indulgence you must perform the act with a contrite heart, plus you must go to confession (one confession may suffice for several plenary indulgences), receive Holy Communion, and pray for the pope's intentions. The final condition is that you must be free from all attachment to sin, including venial sin. If you attempt to receive a plenary indulgence, but are unable to meet the last condition, a partial indulgence is received instead.

Here are some other examples of indulgences listed in the *Handbook of Indulgences*:

—A partial indulgence is granted the Christian faithful who devoutly spend time in mental prayer.

—A plenary indulgence is granted when the rosary is recited in a church or oratory or when it is recited in a family, a religious community, or a pious association. A partial indulgence is granted for its recitation in all other circumstances.

—A partial indulgence is granted the Christian faithful who read sacred Scripture with the veneration due God's word and as a form of spiritual reading. The indulgence will be a plenary one when such reading is done for at least one-half hour [provided the other conditions are met].

—A partial indulgence is granted to the Christian faithful who devoutly sign themselves with the Cross while saying the customary formula: “In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.”

I know, there is a lot here, probably too much for just one article. Stay tuned for next weeks follow up!

Blessings, Fr. Adam



August 20, 2023

Written by  
THE  
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## Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 56:1, 6-7 | Rom 11:13-15, 29-32 | Mt 15:21-28

### GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

The abundance of God's love for us is what stood out for me in our readings today. If we consider the concept of abundance outside the Scriptures, it can be tricky. When we have it, does it imply we have too much when others have too little? If we are speaking of material things, then perhaps. But God's infinite and merciful love for us resound in each of our readings today, and this is cause for joy. In Isaiah, the Lord announces that he will accept offerings from anyone who holds to his covenant, Jewish or not. Saint Paul stresses that God's mercy is for *all*, and Jesus, after some back-and-forth with the Canaanite woman, heals the woman's daughter because of her great faith. God never tires of desiring healing and wholeness for *all* his children, which is a great gift. Let this gift of grace from God be a catalyst for us to reach out in love to others so that we also can come to God's "holy mountain and [be made] joyful in [his] house of prayer."

### GO EVANGELIZE

#### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

How can we reach out in love to others as we called to do? Perhaps we can start with our parish. Is there a ministry we have read about in the bulletin that needs volunteers? Or a coordinator? Perhaps it is time to ask God how we can be his instrument in the world. We can start small. I will never forget when my friend volunteered to run our Vacation Bible School one summer. Of course, she turned to her friends to help her with this daunting task! What she desperately needed was someone to go from classroom to classroom and lead the children in song. Talk about out of my comfort zone! But she gave me the music books and song suggestions, and pretty soon, "This Little Light of Mine" was reverberating through the halls of the school. I learned then and there that kids don't notice the quality of your voice if you are joyful and enthusiastic. They love to sing! Take a chance and get out there. You won't regret it.

**PRAY** *Lord, Jesus Christ, give me the wisdom to view my hands as extensions of yours. Give me eyes to see all people as you see them. Help me to use my voice to praise you and bring the truth of your goodness to everyone I encounter. Give me the strength to have unwavering faith. Amen.*



# Readings for the Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time



## TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – AUGUST 27 A

### Reading One – Is 22:19-23

Thus says the LORD to Shebna, master of the palace: "I will thrust you from your office and pull you down from your station. On that day I will summon my servant Eliakim, son of Hilkiah; I will clothe him with your robe, and gird him with your sash, and give over to him your authority. He shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah. I will place the key of the House of David on Eliakim's shoulder; when he opens, no one shall shut, when he shuts, no one shall open. I will fix him like a peg in a sure spot, to be a place of honor for his family."

### Responsorial – Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8

**R. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.**

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with all my heart, for you have heard the words of my mouth; in the presence of the angels I will sing your praise; I will worship at your holy temple.

**R. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.**

I will give thanks to your name, because of your kindness and your truth: When I called, you answered me; you built up strength within me.

**R. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.**

The LORD is exalted, yet the lowly he sees, and the proud he knows from afar. Your kindness, O LORD, endures forever; forsake not the work of your hands.

**R. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.**

### Reading Two – Rom 11:33-36

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How inscrutable are his judgments and how unsearchable his ways! *For who has known the mind of the Lord or who has been his counselor? Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?* For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

### Alleluia – Mt 16:18

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

### Gospel – Mt 16:13-20

Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi and he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Then he strictly ordered his disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

# Join us for St. Joan of Arc School's 17th Annual Gala and ...

*color the night*

# Red & White

Our annual gala is an awesome night filled with good food and great fun. Thanks to our amazing parish, school community, and friends, it's a huge benefit to our school as it's the most important fundraiser each year. Invite your friends, host a table, or plan to purchase some lucky raffle tickets in support of this big event.

**Can you donate items for our silent or live auction?  
Need more information?**

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**SAVE  
THE DATE**

# October 21, 2023

## At the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club



*A foundation of faith and excellence.*

**St. Joan of Arc**  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL





17th Annual

## Auction & Dinner Gala

EVENT DATE: 10/21/2023



### AUCTION ITEMS

One of the greatest sources of revenue for the Gala event comes from items that are auctioned. These items are donated by local businesses as well as from private individuals, many of whom are families of St. Joan of Arc School. If you would like to donate an auction item, or know of somebody that you can ask... this would go a long way to helping this year's auction be especially successful.

### RAFFLE TICKETS

Our grand prize raffle is the backbone of this fundraiser. Only with steady sales of tickets for this raffle over several months can the Gala committee bring you the Gala dinner and auction event. For ticket sales information, check with the Parish and School offices. Help by buying tickets or becoming a ticket agent, selling them to friends, family or coworkers.

### DINNER & AUCTION TICKETS

Come to the Gala event on Oct.21, 2023. Party with your friends and members of the School and Parish community. Enjoy a gourmet dinner, open bar, live entertainment, live and silent auctions, raffles and much more. The event will be held at the prestigious

Grosse Pointe  
Yacht Club



### ADVERTISE

Advertise your product or service in our keepsake Gala Auction item catalog.

### VOLUNTEER

Join our 100% volunteer committee that plans and works this event.

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## CONTRIBUTOR FORM

DUE DATE: **SEPTEMBER 29, 2023**

**Donor:** Please print clearly so we may accurately acknowledge your company

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Auction Item/Cash Donation:** Please include any restrictions and expiration dates.

Donation Description: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Donor Value: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Gift certificate included \_\_\_\_\_ Event committee to create \_\_\_\_\_

**Program Ad:** Please attach business card or email camera ready ad to [gala@stjoan.net](mailto:gala@stjoan.net)

\_\_\_\_\_ Back Cover Ad in Full Color \$1,000 \_\_\_\_\_ ½ Page Ad (B & W) \$150

\_\_\_\_\_ Inside Cover Ads in Full Color \$500 \_\_\_\_\_ Business Card (B & W) \$75

\_\_\_\_\_ Full Page Ad (B & W) \$250

**Event Tickets:** \$125.00/ea (Sold online. Available September 2023. Check [sjaauction.org](http://sjaauction.org) for details)

Please make all checks payable to St. Joan of Arc School. Please submit donations and ads no later than September 29, 2023 to ensure recognitions in the Gala program. The Gala committee reserves the right to hold any item received after the deadline for the 2024 Gala.

For any questions regarding donations, tickets or advertising please contact:

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- Parish Center at 586-777-3670 or [gala@stjoan.net](mailto:gala@stjoan.net)

- Pam Graskewicz at 313-443-9059

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## GRAND PRIZE RAFFLE

**\$5,000 in prizes:** one(1) \$3000, one (1) \$1000 and two (2) \$500 cash prizes. Tickets are available for \$20 each or six for \$100.

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## CALLING ALL CHILDREN AND TEENS

**Come and join our new liturgical choirs for students from our parish and school**

**Rehearsals are in the Church Music Room beginning Wednesday, September 6**

**Grace Notes** is for students in grades 2-5. Practice is from 6:15-6:45

**Genesis** for students in grades 6-9. Practice is from 4:30-5:15

**Email or call Catherine Trudell with questions or if your child is interested**  
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**or 586-777-3670**

Registration is now open for  
**Faith Formation**

**JOIN US FOR A MONTHLY FAITH ADVENTURE FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY.**

Visit [sjascs.org/Faith-Formation](https://sjascs.org/Faith-Formation) for all the details including dates, sacrament preparation and materials fees.

**Our Family Formation Sunday School starts October 1. Register by Sept. 5 for early registration rates.**

**Our monthly Sunday School is for all parish families with children in grades K-6. See the website for the schedule of Monday night classes for students preparing for Confirmation.**



**Questions?**

Contact Kristine Hass  
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 or 586-772-1282

*To Honor the Gravesites of our Unborn Brothers and Sisters*

**National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children** **Saturday Sept. 9 2023**

On Saturday, September 9, pro-life Americans will honor the memory of the more than 60 million unborn victims of abortion during the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children.

Solemn prayer services will be held simultaneously at gravesites around the country where abortion victims have been buried, as well as at many other memorial sites dedicated in their honor.

Join us for the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children and ensure that our unborn brothers and sisters will not be forgotten.

**Memorial Service for Victims of Abortion**

*Date & Time*  
 Saturday, September 9, 1:00 PM

*Location*  
 ASSUMPTION GROTTO  
 13770 Gratiot  
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*Special Details*  
 Pastor Kenneth Snodgrass from "Thy Word is Truth Church" to speak on the dignity of life. ICU Mobile unit which provides free pregnancy tests and ultrasounds will be on site.  
 [Parking in the church parking lot.]

*Local Contact*  
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*For more information on this event, visit [NationalDayOfRemembrance.org](https://NationalDayOfRemembrance.org)*

**The 16<sup>TH</sup> Annual Friends Walk**

Please join us for a day of fun, friendship, and fundraising to support the work of St. Vincent de Paul!

**Saturday, September 30th**  
 9AM Registration ♥ 10AM Walk Kick Off

**Belle Isle State Park**  
 \*\$11 State Park Recreation Pass required per vehicle entry

Funds raised will help those in need within Lapeer, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, St. Clair, and Wayne counties.  
 Free lunch provided! Register before September 1st for a free T-shirt.

For more information and to register visit [fopwalk.org](https://fopwalk.org)



## Weekly Calendar of Events

### Monday, August 21st

7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed

### Tuesday, August 22nd

7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed

### Wednesday, August 23rd

7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed

5:00 PM Reconciliation

6:00 PM Mass - Live Streamed

### Thursday, August 24th

7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed

7:00 PM Holy Hour - Live Streamed

### Friday, August 25th

7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed

### Saturday, August 26th

9:00 AM Hackathorn/Bono Wedding

11:00 AM Reconciliation

12:30 PM Baptism of Sadie Eloise Hacias

1:30 PM Baptism of Emilio Jahziel Martinez

4:00 PM Sunday Mass Vigil - Live Streamed

6:00 PM Sunday Mass Vigil - Live Streamed

7:00 PM Date Night - Emmaus Hall  
(reservations required)

### Sunday, August 20th

8:00 AM Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

10:00 AM Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

12:00 PM Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

## Words on the Word

### *Aug. 20, 2023 – Here First*

Some faithful Christians are probably biting their tongues so as not to be uncharitable towards others by exhibiting an I-told-you-so sort of attitude. A recent article in *Newsweek* pointed out the growing popularity of Christianity in media, referencing the phenomenal popularity of “The Chosen,” the crowd-funded miniseries about the ministry of Jesus and its impact.

Aside from that, the story noted how some Hollywood powerhouses have launched faith-based studios to pursue such projects, along with plans by at least one of the primary streaming services to offer more faith-based programming, and a large advertising campaign intended to leverage the trend.

“There’s a tremendously powerful movement toward Jesus right now that most people aren’t aware of,” one industry expert was quoted as saying in the story. “The nature of man is to be hostile to Christianity and to salvation. But there’s more and more people in Hollywood moving in the other direction.”

Thus, at least for some folks, comes the selfish “we were here first” feeling.

After all, people of good faith could rightly say, we have been striving our whole lives to spread the gospel, and now people are, potentially, coming into the fold because it’s the trendy thing to do. But it’s worth remembering that wherever and however God finds an opening to more hearts, he will take it. And if that brings more people salvation, all the better.

It’s probably a dynamic similar to what St. Paul describes in today’s second reading to the Romans, in which he speaks of the importance of welcoming the heretofore unsaved Gentiles.

“Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I glory in my ministry in order to make my race jealous and thus save some of them,” he writes. “For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?”

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## Mass Intentions / Weekly Readings

### Mass Intentions

<b>Monday</b>	<b>August 21, 2023 Saint Pope Pius X, Pope (White)</b>
7:00 a.m.	Robert Bidigare
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>August 22, 2023 Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary (White)</b>
7:00 a.m.	Thomas Gillette
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>August 23, 2023 Weekday Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin (Green/White)</b>
7:00 a.m.	Antonietta Mazzella
6:00 p.m.	Special Intention for Andrew Varrasse & Molly Burnett
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>August 24, 2023 Saint Bartholomew, Apostle (Red)</b>
7:00 a.m.	Pedro Silva
<b>Friday</b>	<b>August 25, 2023 Weekday, Saint Louis; Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest (Green/White/White)</b>
7:00 a.m.	A Special Intention for all those affected by the fires in Maui
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>August 26, 2023 Vigil of the Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green/White/White)</b>
4:00 p.m.	Deacon Robert Busch, Bonnie Batche, Rita Pomante, Paul T. Daudlin, Marie Rogier, Grace & Sam Valenti, Shirlene Frech, Mr. & Mrs. Casimir Wojcik and Special Intentions for the J. Champine Family, the Thomas Family, for Alison Reslow, Pam Haisenleder, Lorraine Jonas and Sally Cabot
6:00 p.m.	Pio Alberti
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>August 27, 2023 Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green)</b>
8:00 a.m.	For the Intentions for St. Joan of Arc Parishioners
10:00 a.m.	David Pochmara
12:00 p.m.	Peter Sarra, Allen Baumgart, David Henry Peacock, Florence Semany, Marguerite Joseph, Joan Hardy, Felician King, Joseph DiTrapani, Mikie T. Artley, and Special Intentions for Alison Reslow, and Sally Cabot

### Daily Readings

#### Monday, August 21

Judges 2:11-19  
Matthew 19:16-22

#### Tuesday, August 22

Judges 6:11-24a  
Matthew 19:23-30

#### Wednesday, August 23

Judges 9:6-15  
Matthew 20:1-6

#### Thursday, August 24

Revelation 21:9b-14  
John 1:45-51

#### Friday, August 25

Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22  
Matthew 22:34-40

#### Saturday, August 26

Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17  
Matthew 23:1-12

#### Sunday, August 27

Isaiah 22:19-23  
Romans 11:33-36  
Matthew 16:13-20



### I Am The Resurrection & The Life

“Heavenly Father, welcome home those who you have called from this world and grant peace and consolation to their families.”

**Thomas Pollack**  
**Charlotte Miller**  
**Betty Squire**



“I said to the man who stood at the Gate of the Year: Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown. and he replied: Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light, and safer than a known way.”

*Minnie Louise Haskins*



### Reporting Sexual Abuse

Individuals with knowledge of sexual abuse by clergy or other Church representatives are urged to contact local law enforcement and/or the Michigan Attorney General's Office at 844-324-3374 or [aginvestigations@michigan.gov](mailto:aginvestigations@michigan.gov).

Individuals also may contact the Archdiocese of Detroit by visiting [protect.aod.org](http://protect.aod.org) calling the toll-free, 24/7 victim assistance line at 866-343-8055 or by emailing [vac@aod.org](mailto:vac@aod.org). There are no time limits or restrictions on individuals wishing to report abuse. Every complaint shared with the Archdiocese of Detroit, regardless of its source or the date of the alleged activity, is reported to civil authorities. No complaints are held back, pre-screened or disregarded.



# St. Joan<sup>of</sup> Arc OCIA

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

***Are you or anyone you know  
interested in learning more about the  
Catholic Church?***

## What is OCIA?

OCIA is the process through which a person becomes a fully initiated member of the Catholic Faith. It's for

- Adults and children of catechetical age (over 7 years) who have not been baptized
- Those who have been baptized in another Christian denomination who want to become Catholic
- Those who were baptized as infants in the Catholic Church but have not completed the Sacraments of Initiation (First Eucharist and/or Confirmation) and who have had no faith formation

## How long does it take?

Each person is on a personal journey in his/her relationship with God. Time varies depending on the individual. We walk with you in this process.

## Do I have to commit to becoming Catholic if I enter the OCIA process?

No, the OCIA process is marked by opportunities for discernment along the way, and ultimately it is about one's readiness and desire to be received into the Church.

***A new OCIA  
group at SJA  
is starting  
soon!***

Fill out the contact form for our OCIA coordinator, Patty Chase, at [sjascs.org/ocia](http://sjascs.org/ocia) or call the Parish Center at 586-777-3670

## *A prayer for conversions*

*O blessed apostle, St. Paul, greatest of all converts, who labored unceasingly for the conversion of other souls, inspire me with the ardor of your zeal that I may pray and work for the conversion of my brethren, redeemed in the blood of Christ but not as yet blessed with the full light of his truth.*

*Mindful of the loving concern of the Divine Shepherd for the salvation of the "other sheep that are not of this fold," I now beg your intercession to obtain the grace of conversion for those who do not know you and your church.*

*May God, the Holy Spirit from whom alone this gift can come, hear my humble prayer and thus enable me to share with others the riches of my heritage of faith through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.*

## Prayers Needed

### PRAY FOR THE SICK

Andrew Barth  
Geri Beaugrand  
Gaetano Biondo  
Gilbert Bousho  
Edna Burton  
Sally Cabot  
Angeline Calus  
Lori Cardosi  
Ed Cole  
Joan Combella  
Maura Corrigan  
Richard Coatney  
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Catherine DeRose  
Diane DeSantis  
Alan DePorter  
David Detroyer  
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Loretta Williams  
Bridgette Wirtz  
Richard Wojcik  
Joan Wright  
Janet Yntema  
Eddie Zatyrcz  
Patricia Zublin

**Pray for the Sick List:** Please note that we regularly clear the “Pray for the Sick List” because the list grows beyond our space allocation and we don’t always hear from people when they’ve gotten better. If you would like to add a person

### PRAY FOR OUR MEN & WOMEN IN THE MILITARY

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# *Date Night*

## **for married couples**

*August 26th after 6 pm mass  
In the Sr. Carol Center's Emmaus Fellowship Hall*

**Remember to Remember:  
A Beautiful Evening of Reflection and  
Renewal for Married Couples**

Studies show that reflection is key when it comes to personal and professional growth. So imagine, whether you're married for four or forty years, what reflection can do for your relationship with your spouse and Christ.

Join Deacon Dom Pastore and Teresa Tomeo Pastore as they lead married couples in a special evening of looking at all that God has done and continues to do in their lives and the lives of others.

You'll hear their story of how God healed their marriage and how He continues to guide them on their journey. You'll enjoy good food, wonderful fellowship, and most importantly take time to just enjoy a very special date night compliments of St. Joan of Arc parish.

***Learn more and RSVP at  
[sjascs.org/marriage-date-night](http://sjascs.org/marriage-date-night)***

A suggested free-will offering per couple is \$40



*The evening includes wine  
and cheese, dinner and  
dessert.*

 **St. Joan<sup>of</sup> Arc**



# Bringing Home the Word

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

August 20, 2023

## Insider Versus Outsider

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Our need to belong often creates community. As nurturing and supportive as communities can be, they can also be exclusive, concerned only with the insiders and marginalizing the outsiders. Today's readings depict something remarkable. We read that foreigners, or outsiders, enjoy hospitality and privilege that one would expect only insiders to receive.

The prophet Isaiah states that even foreigners will worship in the temple. This is not a story after conversion to the religion of Israel, but of Israel taking a step toward universality: "My house shall be called / a house of prayer for all peoples" (Isaiah 56:7).

### Sunday Readings

#### Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

Them I will bring to my holy mountain / and make them joyful in my house of prayer.

#### Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable.

#### Matthew 15:21-28

[Jesus said to the Canaanite Woman...], "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish."

The Gospel story recounts a discussion between Jesus and a Canaanite woman. She was doubly marginalized—as an inferior woman and as a despised Canaanite. Yet, her love for her daughter compelled her to approach Jesus, pleading for help—something a "proper" Jewish woman would never do to a man, nor a Canaanite to a Jew. Many in Israel certainly had a sense of exclusivity, and a disdain for the Canaanites. Those may be evident in Jesus' reply, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel" (Matthew 15:24). But we can be sure that Jesus—God's love in the flesh—didn't share his countrymen's disdain for anyone. The woman, having heard that Jesus was a healer, remains undaunted. She crosses restrictive gender and ethnic lines in her search for help. Jesus finally praises her, not for her love, but for the faith that her love engendered. And she was a Canaanite! †

***We can be sure that Jesus—God's love in the flesh—didn't share his countrymen's disdain for anyone.***

### A Word from Pope Francis

Let each one of us think of his or her own story. There are always ugly things in a story, always. Let us go to Jesus, knock on Jesus' heart and say to Him: "Lord, if You will it, you can heal me!" We can do this if we always have the face of Jesus before us.

ANGELUS, ROME, AUGUST 16, 2020



### REFLECTION QUESTIONS

#### QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

- What groups are marginalized by our society?
- What is difficult about welcoming people who are new to your groups?



## I Belong to God!

Daniel P. Horan, OFM

Theodore Cardinal McCarrick, the archbishop emeritus of Washington, DC, tells a story that takes place when he was at a large family reunion. He didn't recognize all of the many members of his extended family, particularly the great-nephews and -nieces, second cousins, and the like.

While waiting in line for some food, he struck up a conversation with a young boy who was also waiting in the food line but whom the cardinal didn't recognize. So Cardinal McCarrick asked the child, "Who do you belong to?" meaning that he was interested in learning who the boy's parents are and how he might be related to them. Without missing a beat, the boy said in response: "God! I belong to God!"

Cardinal McCarrick recounts that story with great humility and awe at the wisdom of such a young person. He didn't expect that response, which is partly why the story is so compelling.



Most adults would not immediately identify God as the one to whom they belong. Nationality, religious tradition, ethnic heritage, language group, racial identity, among so many other categories and characteristics might come to mind. But at the core of our faith tradition, we Christians profess that we belong to God, which makes us all sisters and brothers.

The lyrics of John Lennon's song "Imagine" come to mind. It serves as

a secular prayer for yet another gift of the Holy Spirit, one not counted among the usual seven. This is the gift of imagination, a virtue and skill necessary to live out the gospel call of Christ. Lennon invited his hearers to imagine the possibility that things that divide us—nationalism, greed, possessiveness, and even at times religion—were nonexistent. Could we imagine giving up our excuses for exclusion, our reasons for retaliation?"

The Church is, in many ways, like an incredibly capacious family reunion. It comprises sisters and brothers in Christ, the sons and daughters of God, united in our shared baptism and faith. But so often we let other identity markers and differences—real and perceived—get in the way of reunion, of our communion. May we work to be more mindful of the relationships we have as children of God and sisters and brothers to one another. †

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The biblical word for "peace," *Shalom*, refers to well-being in all matters that relate to the good of the human person, human society, and indeed, the whole world. We are peacemakers when we work actively to bridge differences, heal wounds, eliminate injustice, and bring people together. In doing so, we participate in God's work of establishing peace between nations, in communities, and indeed, in the human heart.

Bishop Anthony B. Taylor,  
*Blessed Are the Peacemakers*, Liguorian, January 2013



*God of all nations, hear the prayers of your people this day and unite our prayers to those of believers everywhere. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.*

The Redemptorists

## WEEKDAY READINGS

August 21–26

**Monday**, St. Pius X:

Jgs 2:11–19 / Mt 19:16–22

**Tuesday**, The Queenship of the Blessed

Virgin Mary: Jgs 6:11–24a / Mt 19:23–30

**Wednesday**, Weekday:

Jgs 9:6–15 / Mt 20:1–16

**Thursday**, St. Bartholomew:

Rv 21:9b–14 / Jn 1:45–51

**Friday**, Weekday: Ru 1:1, 3–6,

14b–16, 22 / Mt 22:34–40

**Saturday**, Weekday: Ru 2:1–3,

8–11; 4:13–17 / Mt 23:1–12

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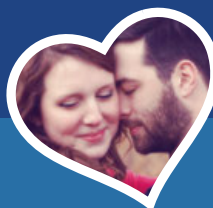
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