



ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

NOVEMBER 29, 2020 | FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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.



1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning." - Mt. 13:35

From the Pastors' Desk

Feast of Christ the King

In Last Sunday's first reading from Proverbs, God states, "I myself will look after and tend my sheep". This is because the leaders of the House of David failed in their responsibility. They neglected the people of Israel. The ruling class of Israel is referred to the House of David. This is because David, a shepherd himself, was entrusted by God to be king and ruler of Israel. This made David and his successors shepherds over the people of Israel. However, because of poor leadership the people scattered. God stated that He is among "His scattered sheep". Some of the people were forced into exile in Babylon. Others fled to neighboring countries for safety. This is because the leaders or shepherds of Israel did not serve God, the True Shepherd. These leaders served only their self-interest. God is now calling these scattered sheep back to Israel.

God the Divine Shepherd will give the people the rest they deserve. They will now experience all the benefits they would have had if the leaders of Israel would have imitated the compassion of King David. God, the Divine Shepherd will heal the sick. He will also remove the evil leaders who neglected their sheep. God will also judge the character of each member of His flock. God will not allow the strong to take advantage of the weak. The faithful sheep will now live in peace and harmony.

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus talks about the final judgement. He tells a parable about the separation of the sheep and the goats, or the good and evil, at the end of time. The sheep represent the holy people who looked after the needs of others. The goats represents the evil people who neglected the needy. The sheep will be on the right hand of God while the goats will be on the left. The sheep will find eternal salvation while the goats will find eternal damnation.

The corporal works of mercy, like helping those in need, will be the criteria for judgement. Those who are declared righteous have no recollection of helping the king. Jesus tells these righteous people that they, in fact, did help the king whenever they performed good deeds for the poor and needy. However those who were considered unfit for the kingdom failed to help the king when they neglected to reach out to those in serious need.

The point that Jesus makes is that we have to see the love of Jesus in all the faces of the needy. Serving those in need means serving Christ Himself. Jesus tells us that we must put the corporal works of mercy into action. In other words, we must feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, cloth the naked, visit the imprisoned, shelter the homeless, visit the sick and bury the dead. Jesus tells us, "that whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me".

Christ Our King has summoned us to His Eucharistic banquet. Through the breaking of the bread, He will empower us to better serve the poor and suffering. With faith and dependence on His love for us, we can do works of charity and justice. As often as we do them for the least of our brothers and sisters in our family, city, country and world, we do them for Our Lord.

Observances for the week of November 29, 2020

Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent

A Root shall come forth from the stock of Jesse, and a Flower shall rise out of his root! And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him —the spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the spirit of counsel and of fortitude, the spirit of knowledge and of godliness. The people that walked in darkness shall see a great light, for a Child is born to us and a Son is given to us. To Him all power shall be given. His Name shall be: Wonderful One, Strong God, Eternal One, Prince of Peace. He shall sit on the throne of David, and He will found a new Covenant which will last for ever and ever.

Monday: St. Andrew, Apostle

Thursday: St. Francis Xavier, Priest

NOTES FROM DEACON FRED

Standing Watch for Grace

St. Paul writes, “I give thanks to my God always on your account for the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ Jesus, that in Him you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ.” Moments of grace we experience are powerful in their intimacy with our Lord. Grace prepares us for an encounter with Christ.

Moments of grace... we have all experienced them. Unlike many things that happen in our lives, we don't forget them. We always remember moments of grace and they usually bring a smile and a warm heart. They often interrupt our lives and remind us who we are and whom we are called to be... children of God.

Have we ever thought about the number of moments of grace we did not notice? Is that possible? Sure is... Have we ever just escaped harm and have said to ourselves, “Someone was watching over me?” Have we ever witnessed kindness being extended to others where none was expected? God's grace is everywhere, working through us and around us always.

If we have served in the military or worked on board a ship at sea, we know what it is to stand watch. If it is our turn to stand watch, we remain alert for anything unusual or dangerous. The one who is on watch trains their senses to detect anything that might need attention. The best way to learn how to detect them was to stand watch and develop that sense of what was normal.

We can, in the same way, experience and witness God's grace in action if we but pay attention and know what to look for. We are asked to keep watch... not for the elements of danger, but for the Christ in action. We are asked to open our hearts to the possibilities and in every challenge recognize that Jesus has given us an opportunity to ask for His grace and experience His saving help.

We are beginning a new year of Grace... Let us keep watch together for God's grace in action and humbly request to become a better messenger of His grace in what we say and what we do.

Sounds like a pretty good New Year's resolution, heh?

NOTITAS DEL DIÁCONO JOSE CRUZ

Nuestra vida está repleta de horarios. Tal vez hasta tengamos dos aplicaciones diferentes para nuestro calendario, una para el trabajo, y otra para nuestras citas y responsabilidades personales. Al final del día laboral miramos el horario de programación de la tele o de nuestro equipo de deporte favorito. Por supuesto que las parroquias también tienen un horario de Misas. Dios no trabaja con horarios. Jesús tiene el hábito de irrumpir en nuestra vida cuando menos lo esperamos y definitivamente sin conformidad a un horario prefijado. Así les dijo a sus discípulos: “No saben cuándo llegará el momento” (Marcos 13, 33). Es importante estar preparados en todo momento. El final de nuestra vida puede que sea esta noche. El final del mundo puede que sea mañana. La venida de Jesús a nuestra vida de una manera inesperada puede que sea en cualquier momento.

Queremos tener control de nuestra vida en todo lo posible. Quisiéramos ser el dueño de la casa del Evangelio y organizar nuestras responsabilidades de manera que puedan ser realizadas por nosotros mismos o por otras personas. Pero no podemos hacerlo todo. Podemos adoptar un régimen gastronómico y un estilo de vida saludable, pero eso no garantiza que viviremos cien años. Al fin y al cabo, somos el barro y no el alfarero. Oremos para recibir la gracia de aceptar la manera en que Dios nos está moldeando.

“Todos estábamos marchitos, como las hojas” (Isaías 64, 5). Ésta es una imagen apta para este tiempo del año en que, en la mayor parte de la nación, las hojas secas se han caído de los árboles. Qué apropiado es escuchar estas palabras en esta celebración de la Eucaristía en que recibimos el pan de vida, el Cuerpo y la Sangre de la vida eterna, que pueden transformar nuestro espíritu inerte en un recipiente del Cristo vivo.

Pregunta de la Semana

¿Cómo puedo entregarle a Dios el control de mi vida?

The Christmas Giving Tree is now up!

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

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

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

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

Thank you for your generosity.

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Readings for the week of November 29, 2020

Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b;
64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19
[4]/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

Monday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps
19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10]/Mt 4:18-22

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/ Ps 72:1-
2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf. 7]/Lk
10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps
23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt
15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1
and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/
Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4,
13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/
Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. Is
30:18d]/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28

9:00 am † Theresa Russo and Celia DeLuca
req by anonymous

4:00 pm † Dominic Perosino req by
Loving Daughter

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

8:00 am † Deceased Members of SJOA
Conference of St. Vincent de Paul

11:00 am For Our Parish Community

1:00 pm † Mildred Salas-Badilla req by
Fernando Quintero

MONDAY NOVEMBER 30

9:00 am Healing for Donovan Lovelock
req by Phyllis Costello

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1

9:00 am † Fr. Paul Merry req by Ann McGovern

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2

9:00 am Healing for Donovan Lovelock
req by Marie and Herb Duphiney

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3

9:00 am † Rodger Siem req by
Anne Marie and Denise Ryan

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

9:00 AM † Deceased Husbands of Widows Group

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

9:00 am † Josephine Andrews
req by Charles and Judy Cipriani

4:00 pm † Alfred Stewart req by Loving Wife

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

8:00 am For Our Parish Community

11:00 am † Leonard Griebel req by his
Loving Wife, Erica

1:00 pm † Fabián Ramos req by
Ushers at the 1pm Mass

ADVENT WREATH PRAYERS

Opening Prayer:

O GOD, BLESS THIS ADVENT WREATH.
MAY IT HELP US PREPARE TO WELCOME JESUS, YOUR SON,
INTO OUR LIVES.
MAY THE LIGHT OF HIS LOVE SHINE THROUGH US. AMEN.

WEEK 1-First Sunday of Advent (Light candle # 1) – *HOPE*

WE BELIEVE IN YOU, LORD.
WE KNOW THAT YOU CAN HELP US
TO LOVE AND RESPECT EACH OTHER MORE.
YOU ARE OUR LIGHT,
THE LIGHT THAT OVERCOMES DARKNESS.
COME, LORD JESUS!

(Pause for silent prayer. Share your good deeds)

WEEK 2 – Second Sunday of Advent (Light candles #1 & #2) – *LOVE*

COME, LORD JESUS.
WARM OUR HEARTS WITH YOUR LOVE.
HELP US TO PREPARE FOR YOUR COMING.
HELP US TO SEE THE GOOD THINGS WE CAN DO.
HELP US TO SEE THE GOOD THINGS OTHERS DO.
COME, LORD JESUS!

(Pause for silent prayer. Share your good deeds)

WEEK 3 – Gaudete Sunday (Light candles #1, #2, #3) – *JOY*

JESUS, WE WANT YOUR COMING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE
IN HOW WE LIVE AND LOVE.
OPEN OUR HEARTS TO HEAR YOUR TELLING US
HOW WE CAN BRING PEACE AND JOY TO OTHERS.
COME, LORD JESUS!

(Pause for silent prayer. Share your good deeds)

WEEK 4- Fourth Sunday of Advent (Light candles #1, #2, #3, #4) – *PEACE*

LORD JESUS,
QUIET THE WORRIES AND FEARS IN OUR HEARTS.
GIVE US YOUR PEACE.
THANK YOU FOR THE LIFE YOU SHARE WITH US.
HELP US TO SHARE YOUR LIFE WITH OTHERS.
COME, LORD JESUS!

(Pause for silent prayer. Share your good deeds)



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 NOVEMBER 15, 2020

Attendance 396

Offertory \$5635.67

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY

Each year we ask Friends of the Poor for a donation to help us serve Holiday packages to our neighbors in need. This unusual year, your help is needed more than ever, please help us bring hope and joy others with your donation.

Mark check FOOD or TOYS as you wish, and mail it to the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry at 1291 Kass Circle, Spring Hill, FL. 34606.



Thank you and may God Bless you this Thanksgiving and Christmas with His love.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DRIVE THRU PICK-UP DINNERS

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SATURDAY • Dec 05

Baked Potato

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Dessert

SATURDAY • Dec 19

Mashed Potatoes

Corn

CHICKEN FRANCAISE

Dessert

ST. VINCENT de PAUL TREE OF LIGHTS

The St Joan of Arc Conference of the Society of St Vincent de Paul is again, this Christmas season, sponsoring our **Tree of Lights**. Because of COVID-19 we have to make some changes to how we do this. We are asking those who wish to remember loved ones, either living or deceased, to look for St. Vincent de Paul baskets in the narthex that contain cards and envelopes for the Tree of Lights.

**You may not stay in the narthex
to fill out these cards.**

**Please take them home and return he next
week.**

Please write the names of those to be remembered on the cards provided and include a \$5.00 donation for each individual. Cash is acceptable. Checks are made out to St. Vincent de Paul. Place your envelope in the SVdP alms boxes at either end of the Narthex. We will record all of the names on our Scroll, which will then be placed on both sides of the altar during the Twelve days of Christmas. Thank you for your continued support and helping us to help those who are in need. Blessings to you all.



The Tribunal Office of the Diocese of St. Petersburg administers all diocesan estates and trusts in accordance with diocesan policy and procedures. *As corporation sole and in accordance with canon law, the bishop is the recipient and administrator of all bequests made to the diocese and any diocesan entities.*

There can be many advantages to leaving a gift in this way. Naming a parish, school or diocesan entity in your will, trust or as a beneficiary on a life insurance policy is a way for any parishioner to bless future generations through a legacy gift and support the ministry of the church. The parish, school or diocesan entity also benefit immensely by getting more money than they would otherwise if tax deductions had to be taken into consideration. This gift is a living reminder left by individuals and/or families that will continue to support the causes they believe in for years to come. Any donor can plan a legacy gift regardless of current assets or income.

There are basically two kinds of gifts that most people need to be concerned with. They are residuary bequests and pecuniary (specific) bequests. Pecuniary bequests are the more common for most people. It means that you specify a certain amount that will be given, or you can specify various amounts to be given to several entities.

Residuary bequests are in many ways the easier to make. It means that after you have allotted certain amounts to family members and friends, and whoever else you wish to be considered in your will, whatever is left over will go to a stated entity of your choice. There may be very little left over, or there may be disproportionately too much. However, you do have a choice of how you can distribute money through making legacy gifts.

You may also consider naming a parish, school or diocesan entity as the beneficiary on one of your life insurance policies or IRA account or adding as a contingent or percentage beneficiary to an existing policy or IRA.

To observe the best method for naming a parish and or school in your will or trust, please ask your attorney to use the following terminology: "I give devise, and bequeath (amount, article, stock, etc.) to Gregory L. Parkes, as Bishop of the Diocese of St. Petersburg, and his successors in office, a Corporation Sole, for the use of (insert name and address of the parish, school, etc.)." For additional information or any questions, please contact the Office of the Tribunal.

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

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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.

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