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JANUARY 17, 2021 | 2ND SUNDAY OF 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

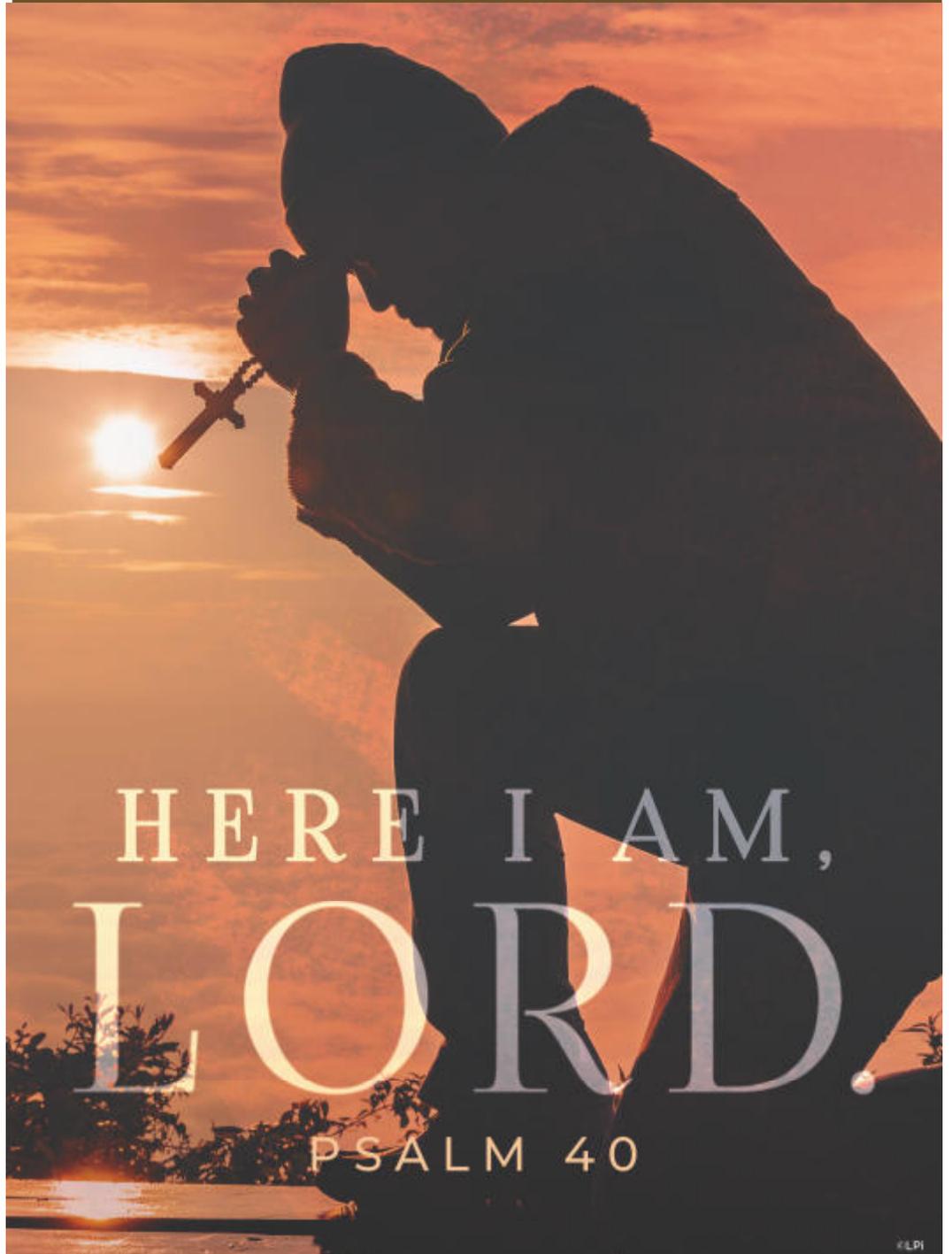
9:00 AM Monday-Saturday

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.



Baptism of the Lord

In the first reading from the Book of Isaiah from last week, the author prophesizes the coming of the Messiah, Jesus Christ. The author tells us that this Messiah must suffer to accomplish the mission God has given Him. He also tells us that this suffering Messiah will proclaim the Word of God in public places. He will not shout or raise his voice. Instead this suffering servant serves the will of God through good His example. He will do the work of the Lord with humility and kindness. He will not use force, especially with the weak and the disabled.

In this vision, this suffering Messiah will be very successful because God will work through him. The Messiah will establish justice here on earth. His efforts will lead others to a right relationship with God. He will open the eyes of the people once blinded by pride. People once imprisoned by sin and ignorance will be freed from their personal demons. At the same time, no one will be restricted by the limited resources of the world. With renewed faith Israel will become a light for the nations.

In the Gospel from Mark 1:7-11, we see the Baptism of Jesus Christ. Jesus is identified as God's beloved Son. The reason for Jesus' baptism is to show the importance of the Sacrament of Baptism for all of us. Through Baptism we are one with God because we become a part of God's Church community. But because Jesus was free from sin at the moment of His conception, Jesus did not need to be baptized.

We see in the Gospel of Mark, that Jesus is mightier than John. John's mission is simply to prepare the way of Jesus Christ, the Messiah. John prepares the way of the Lord through his baptizing in the name of repentance; a Jewish baptism of repentance. It was a purification ritual in which water was used, a symbolic cleansing that helped a person to get ready for the Messiah. The actual Baptism in the Gospel of Mark is very brief. A dove-like spirit descends upon Jesus. This is Jesus's official anointing by the Holy Spirit. This prepares Jesus for ministry. We then hear a voice from the heavens "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.

In the reading from 1 John 5:1-9, we are told that we belong to God's Family when we believe in Jesus as the Christ and Son of God. (This is what we profess in our Baptism). This leads us to love the other members of God's Family and to keep God's Commandments.

Finally in Colossians 3:1-4 St. Paul concludes his instruction on Baptism. He writes: You have been raised to life with Christ, so set your hearts on the things that are in heaven, where Christ sits on His throne at the right side of God.

Keep your mind fixed on things there, not on things here on earth. For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God. Your real life is in Christ and when He appears again, you too will appear with Him and share His glory.

NOTES FROM DEACON FRED

How often do we stop at the end of the day and reflect upon how God worked in our lives that day? Who did we meet and how did we affect someone else in what we said or what we did in the moment? These are questions we don't often ask ourselves on a daily basis. But, perhaps we should.

We probably have a check list we go through each day of the accomplishments we mean to perform and are satisfied with the outcome if we meet our expectations. When it comes to our faith's journey, this may be harmful.

It is like hitting the road to a destination. We figure out the shortest path and try and make good time getting to our destination. The places we travel through don't mean that much as long as they help achieve the goals we set for distance traveled to our destination. Just passing through.

We should guard ourselves from that recipe when it comes to our faith's journey. Walking with Christ will take us out of our comfort zone to places we would never consider going on our own. Why would a disciple ever consider following a man, leaving his family and livelihood behind? Why would Samuel follow Eli, or Andrew follow John the Baptiste and then Christ, or Simon follow Christ? There was no earthly gain in doing so. As Jesus asked the two disciples of John who began to follow Him, "What are you looking for?" They didn't have a clue, except that they wanted to know where He was staying. They wanted to be in His presence. Something deep inside of them was calling them to be one in Spirit with Him. "Where are you staying they asked", "Come and see", He replied.

Time is precious and too often we waste it. This is why taking time at the end of the day, just to reflect on where Christ was staying on that day, helps to open our eyes to His presence the next day. "Come and see", He whispers to each of us each and every day. We are not just passing through to the next day, we are living the moment of each day when we hear His call to "Come and See"....

Eventually it will be our blessing and joy if He asks us on our last day here on earth... "Come and see". Let us not choose an answer of "just passing through", I don't think we want to miss our calling home.

NOTITAS DEL DIÁCONO JOSE CRUZ

Al oír la historia del llamado de Samuel tal vez te maravilles de que él podía conciliar de nuevo el sueño después de que lo despertaran varias veces durante la noche. ¡Ése es el verdadero milagro! Pero pudiera sernos ventajoso pensar en "dormir" como una metáfora de los días vividos rutinariamente y sin pensar. Todos los días nos despertamos, nos lavamos los dientes y nos peinamos, vamos al trabajo o a la escuela, regresamos a casa, miramos la tele y nos vamos a la cama. Día tras día, tras día. Tal vez de vez en cuando durante nuestro adormecimiento recibimos un suave codacito: ¿Hay algo más en mi vida? ¿No debería estar haciendo algo más? El llamado de Dios tal vez no ocurra durante la noche, pero podríamos estar durmiendo cuando suceda. ¿Nos despertará? Todos hemos recibido el llamado en nuestro bautismo de servirnos los unos a los otros. También recibimos el Espíritu Santo para asistirnos en esa misión. Pablo le dijo a los corintios: "su cuerpo es templo del Espíritu Santo...y habita en ustedes" (1 corintios 6, 19). Tenemos en nosotros los medios necesarios para cumplir la misión de Cristo. Nuestras manos y brazos, y nuestra voz tienen el poder dado por el Espíritu Santo para servirnos los unos a los otros en la construcción del Reino y para la gloria de Dios. Cada persona que recibe un llamado en las lecturas de hoy necesita de un intermediario. Sin Elí, Samuel no hubiera caído en la cuenta de quién lo llamaba. Andrés siguió a Cristo sólo porque Juan el Bautista identificó al Señor como el Cordero de Dios. Y Simón llegó a Jesús por Andrés. Después de esos encuentros la vida de cada uno de ellos quedó transformada, pues se quedaron con el Señor y el Señor se quedó con ellos.

Pregunta de la semana :

¿Cómo puedo discernir el llamado de Dios entre tantas voces que hay en mi vida? ¿Hay algún intermediario en quien puedo confiar para reconocer la voz del Señor?



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MOBILE ULTRASOUND INITIATIVE YOU CAN MAKE THIS HAPPEN!

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Foundations of Life, a ministry of Catholic Charities Diocese of St. Petersburg will use its custom designed Medical Mobile Unit to provide FREE on-site Ultrasound and Pregnancy Tests with Life Options counseling. The Mobile Unit will assist reaching into the community to offer help and hope to those experiencing the difficulties of pregnancy and those who may be considering abortion. Outreach to colleges, schools, churches, and community fairs will also be provided.

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For more information go to: <https://foundationsoflife.org/events-2/>

National Memorial Concerts

National Memorial Concerts in Washington, D.C., have always been a beautiful tribute to our Armed Forces. I congratulate the people who put the show together every year, who gather the special and the wonderfully talented singers who perform.

As I write this, I am still moved remembering the stories they told of the men who were wounded and shattered and of those who gave the ultimate sacrifice to protect us and our country. Oh, so many, many wars.

I can't help comparing them and the war of abortion - and it is a war! Babies are killed in the wombs of their mothers in the death camps of abortion clinics. Their little arms and legs are ripped to shreds just as surely as those of our soldiers and they, too, pay the ultimate sacrifice.

Why?? Sin has become justified, legalized and glorified but it is still 'Sin.' We have become blind to sin and its effects. Aren't we supposed to be "The Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave"? What has happened to our country? Why do we continue to allow abortions to happen? Why?

Ruth Weber, Davenport Iowa

ATTENTION ALL MEN!!!

We are establishing a **Parish Honor Guard (PHG)** here at St. Theresa's as a service opportunity. The public appearance of the **PHG** at functions is an important activity. Its role is as a ceremonial honor guard that adds dignity to the celebration and/or emphasizes the importance of the proceedings.



The **PHG** will provide an honor guard when the bishop comes for Confirmation, when we have 1st Communions, for the Corpus Christi procession, and other celebrations.

To be part of the **PHG** you must:

- ◆ Be a male, at least 18 years old, and have received the 3 Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.
- ◆ Be a practicing Roman Catholic "in good standing with the Church". To be "in good standing with the Church" means that the man must be living his Catholic faith on a daily basis. He must be attending Mass every weekend and Holy Day of Obligation as long as it is humanly possible. If he is married, his current marriage must be recognized as valid by the Catholic Church.
- ◆ The man must be willing to make himself available for a minimum of 2 events a year and commit himself to attend practices to learn the procedures of the **PHG**.
- ◆ The man must provide all parts of his own **PHG** uniform except the sash. The uniform is: **either** a black tuxedo; **or** a black suit; **or** a black blazer and black dress trousers. White shirts, a black bow tie, white gloves and black shoes complete the uniform.

To be on the **PHG**, it is **NOT NECESSARY** to be a member of any organization **NOR** is it required to be a member of our parish. Members of other parishes may also serve on St. Theresa's **PHG**

If you would like to be on the **PHG**, fill out the slip below and either bring or mail it to the office or put it in the collection basket.

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BAPTISM CLASSES

Baptism classes are the Third Wednesday of every month. Our next class will be on January 20th at 6:00 pm. Please call the office to let them know you will attend.



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.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

STEWARDSHIP WEEKEND OF JANUARY 3, 2021

Attendance: 402
Offertory: \$8146.00
Christmas: \$505.00
Solemnity of Mary: \$1514.00

Readings for the week of January 17, 2021

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/
Jn 1:35-42

Monday: Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c [5]/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [8a and 9a]/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [11a]/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Mk 3:20-21

Observances for the week of January 17, 2021

Monday: January 18-25 is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity; Martin Luther King Day

Wednesday: St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr

Thursday: St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

Friday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Saturday: St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin; BVM

Help save a child's life: Option Line Alternatives to Abortion- Call: 1-800-395- HELP (4357)

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16

9:00 AM For Healing of Donovan Lovelock

4:00 PM † Philip McGovern req by
Wife, Anne

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

8:00 am † Frank Barle req by Sharon,
Loving Wife

11:00 am For Our Parish Community

1:00 pm † Blanca Colon and Rafael Osorio
req by loving daughter, Magda

MONDAY JANUARY 18

9:00 am For Healing of Donovan Lovelock

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19

9:00 am For Healing of Donovan Lovelock

WEDNESDAY, January 20

9:00 am † Fabián Ramos req by
His Loving Wife, María

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21

9:00 am † Thomas and Mary Ann Statuto req by
Their Loving Father

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22

9:00 AM That pregnant mothers bring their
children to a healthy birth and for the
end of abortion
req by Mary Jo Waggoner

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23

9:00 AM For Healing of Donovan Lovelock

4:00 PM † Richard Mundy req by
Anne McGovern

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24

8:00 am † Clifford Aldrich, Sr req by
Robyn Aldrich

11:00 am † Veronica Mollmann req by
A friend

1:00 pm For Our Parish Community

Fundraiser Dinners from Knights of Columbus and Columbiettes

On January 30th the Knights of Columbus will have pork mashed potatoes carrots and bacon.

On February 13th the Knights of Columbus will have chicken parmesan with ziti and sauce.

All meals will come with dessert the price was still stay at \$7 and you still need to call by the Thursday of the week of the event thank you so much for all your support this past 3 or 4 months hope you are enjoying these meals and hope to see you soon you're Columbiettes and Knights of Columbus of St. Joan of Arc.

For Knights of Columbus dinners please call the Thursdays prior by 5PM.. Call: 352-556-4606

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Rev. Michael Kouts
Rev. Dennis Kaelin
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Sjoa-youth@tampabay.rr.com

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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. (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

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