



ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

APRIL 25 2021 | 25 DE ABRIL DE 2021

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

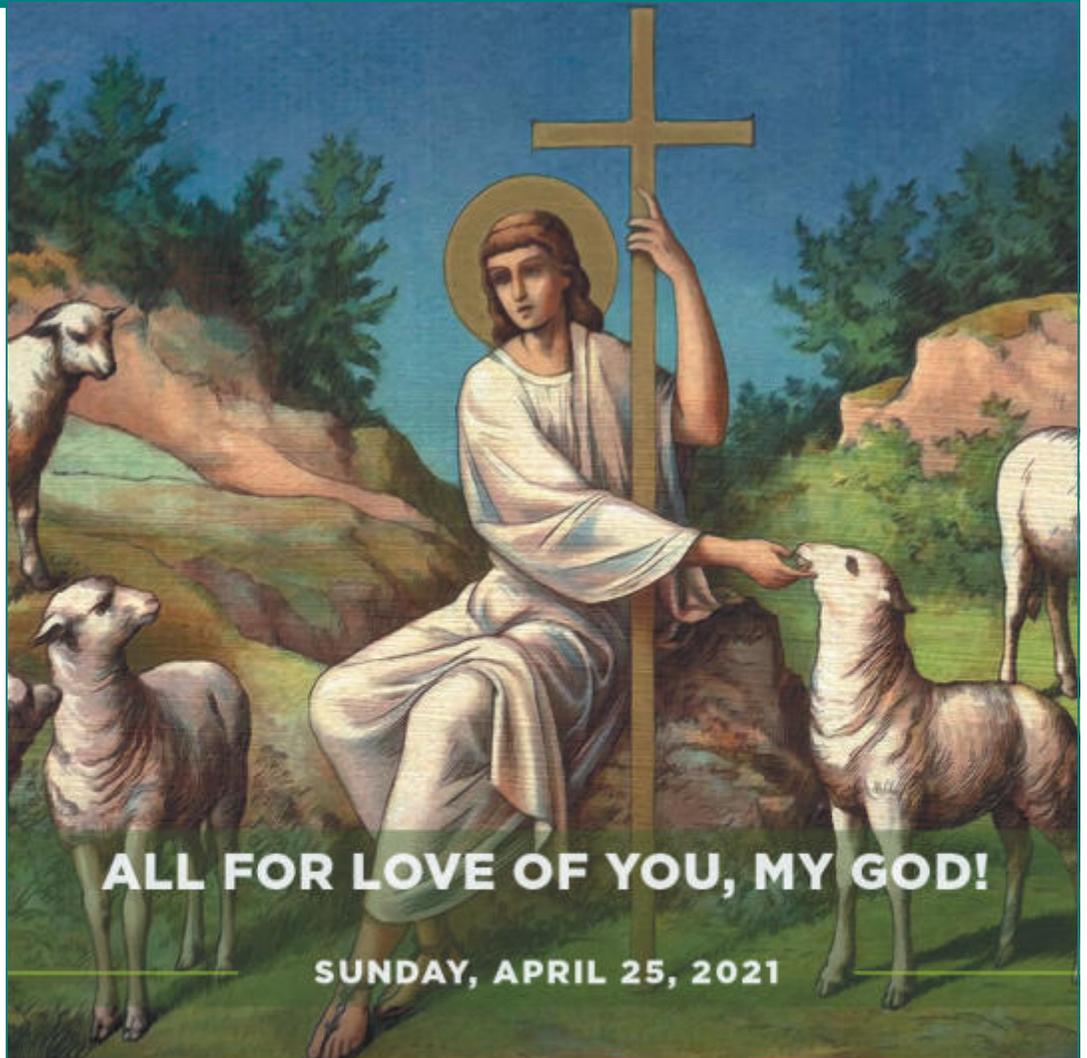
MISSION

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 UNTIL THE WEEKEND OF MAY 21-22. MASKS ARE REQUIRED. WE WILL ALLOW ONLY 50% CAPACITY FOR EACH MASS AND YOU MUST PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING.

WE MUST ALL RETURN TO MASS ON SUNDAYS, BEGINNING MAY 21-22.



ALL FOR LOVE OF YOU, MY GOD!

SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 2021

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep." - Jn 10:14-15

FROM OUR PASTOR FR. PATRICK REBEL

In the first reading from Acts of the Apostles last weekend, Peter addresses the people. He tells them that *“the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified His servant Jesus whom you handed over and denied in Pilate’s presence, when he had decided to release Him.”* The crowds had instead asked that a known murderer be set free and as a result they ended up putting to death the Author of Life. Peter tells them that they did this out of ignorance, *“but God has thus brought to fulfillment what He had announced beforehand, through the mouth of all the prophets, that His Christ would suffer. **Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away**”*. Jesus is the Suffering Servant whom the Father raised from the dead. Jesus is now glorified by His heavenly Father for bringing to fulfillment the plan of salvation.

In the second reading from the First Letter of John, the evangelist tells us that we should not commit sin. *“But if anyone does sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, the righteous one”*. On the very evening of Easter Sunday, Jesus appeared to the Apostles. Jesus said to the disciples, *“Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send You. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.”* In saying this, Jesus institutes the Sacrament of Penance.

In Luke’s Gospel from last week, we see another post-resurrection appearance of Jesus. Two disciples *“recounted what had taken place on the way, and how Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of the bread”*. While recounting this to the disciples, Jesus appears again to all present. *“But they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost”*. Jesus asks them, *“Why are you troubled?”* Jesus then shows them His wounds on His hands and His feet to prove again that He is not a ghost. He also asks for something to eat and they give Him baked fish, *“He took it and ate it in front of them”* demonstrating that He is truly resurrected and alive.

After eating the fish, Jesus tells his disciples how He is the fulfillment of the Scriptures. This fulfillment is seen in the law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms. He tells them that it is written in the Old Testament that the Messiah, or *Christ* in Greek, *“would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day”*. This is written in Isaiah 53 and Hosea 6:2. In the verse following this Gospel, Luke 24: 49, the disciples are commissioned to continue the work of Jesus. They are to start in Jerusalem and go to all nations. They must spread the Good News of Salvation.

As we reflect on last weeks’ readings we know that Jesus is truly present, as He was with the Disciples in the breaking of the bread, He is today, in our broken lives. We learn that Jesus was put to death through “ignorance”. We learn also that we can make wise or ignorant choices. We hear in the second reading that Jesus asks us to follow the Commandments, *“whoever keeps His word, the love of God is truly perfected in him”*. So we are to pray, we are to act righteously and we are to serve one another. Christ is truly present in us in every breath we take. We gather to have that real presence affirmed and strengthened by seeking the nourishment of His Body and Blood in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Then we too, are sent out, to Love and Serve the Lord.

Diocese of St. Petersburg Annual Courage & Encourage Day of Recollection

Saturday, June 5, 2021. A day of spiritual renewal for Catholic men and women who experience same-sex attraction and desire to live a chaste life.

Parents and family members of people who experience same sex attraction are welcome. Enjoy time for reflection in beautiful surroundings.

Fr. John Lipscomb and Fr. Alex Padilla will lead this day of prayer and silence under the patronage of St. Joseph. Suggested \$30 donation covers meals. For more information contact:

MOTHER’S DAY MASS REMEMBRANCE

will be celebrated on **Sunday, May 9th.**

Mother’s Day Remembrance Envelopes are available at our Welcome Desk and the suggested donation is \$10.00.



Happy
Mothers
Day

Please return all Mass intention envelopes to the Parish Office by Thursday May, 6th. All envelopes will be placed on the altar.

NOTES FROM DEACON FRED

Oh Happy Day!

Children are one of the greatest blessings God has granted us as parents. We provide for them, care for them, and spend as much time with them as possible. We go to the concerts, baseball games, football games, performances and so many other activities to cheer them on and to appreciate watching them grow as they learn new experiences in what life has to offer. Their joys, their frustrations, the tears and laughter, and the excitement and wonder we share with them, is priceless.

We know them and they know us. They recognize the sound of our voice, and unless they are teenagers, they will follow. What parent would say no to offering the largest of sacrifices of themselves for the benefit of their children?... How many of the parents who have lost their child would not offer to take their place so that their child may live? What parent has not pondered what their child would become, and wish for them all the best?

We are all God's children now, what we shall be is yet to be revealed. These are powerful words. They express the bond between parent and child. We may have long since forgotten what it was like to be a child. But we know what it is like to be a parent... and in being a parent, memories of our childhood come to life, don't they? As a child we wanted to learn how to grow into an adult and have some fun along the way. As a child of God, we want to learn how to grow into someone like Jesus and have some fun along the way.

The Jewish leaders, elders and scribes challenged Peter after he cured the crippled beggar in our Lord's name. Rather than celebrating the joy of the moment, they could not accept the miracle. Celebrating the joy of the moment is the fun we have in recognizing the miracles of Jesus. Sort of like watching our son or daughter hit that home run out of the park.

If we allow Jesus to become the cornerstone of our life, He will reveal to us the wonders of heaven. He will introduce us to the heavenly angels and most importantly to our Holy Father and our Blessed Mother. We do not know what we are to become, but we do know who we are going to be with... our parents and our brothers and sisters.

Oh Happy Day!

NOTITAS DEL DIÁCONO JOSE CRUZ

La primera lectura de hoy tiene lugar un día después de que Pedro curara a un hombre paralítico de nacimiento, que se hallaba junto a la puerta del templo. Los miembros del Sanedrín hicieron comparecer a los apóstoles, pues estaban enojados de que Pedro predicara que Jesús había resucitado de entre los muertos. No había pasado mucho tiempo desde que Pedro negara tener algo que ver con Jesús. Pero esta vez Pedro se mantuvo firme. No sólo da testimonio apasionadamente de que el hombre fue curado en nombre de Jesús, sino que los acusa de crucificar a Cristo, el Mesías. ¿Qué le dio a Pedro la audacia tan extremadamente ausente el Viernes Santo? Tal vez la primera frase nos dé una idea. Él estaba ahora lleno del Espíritu Santo, esa fuente de fortaleza interior que le dio la valentía, a él entonces y a nosotros ahora, para proclamar nuestra fe aun cuando no sea fácil hacerlo.

Las lecturas de hoy se refieren a nosotros como hijos e hijas y como un redil de ovejas, lo cual le sugiere a algunos que somos serviles o infantiles. Pero no es ésa la intención. Juan nos llama hijos e hijas de Dios, y Dios nos ama y nos nutre tal como los padres aman y nutren a sus hijos. Jesús nos llama un redil de ovejas en el sentido de que somos guiados y protegidos por el Señor que vela por nosotros. Aun así, estamos libres de alejarnos, pero sabemos que verdaderamente el Buen Pastor entregó su vida por nosotros.

Hoy es la Jornada Mundial de Oración por las Vocaciones. Oramos para que hombres y mujeres escuchen el llamado del Señor y respondan generosa y valientemente. Jesús nos ofrece el modelo de servicio al identificarse a sí mismo como el Buen Pastor, que dirige, guía y protege a su rebaño. Oremos para que haya muchos pastores que cuiden del rebaño del único y verdadero Pastor.

Pregunta de la Semana

¿De qué manera me llama el Señor para que guíe, alimente y cuide de otras personas?

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE DIOCESAN OFFICE OF ST. PETERSBURG

Americans' tax dollars are in real danger of being used to pay for abortion. The **Hyde Amendment**, contained in the federal government's annual appropriations legislation, prohibits federal funding of most domestic abortions. It is a bipartisan provision that has been part of federal appropriations for 45 years and has been credited with saving 2.5 million lives.

Despite having supported this bipartisan provision prohibiting federal funding, President Biden, Speaker Pelosi and House Appropriations Chair Rosa DeLauro are now committed to its repeal. The USCCB is working to mobilize a largescale response to meet this threat. Keep your tax dollars from going to abortion!

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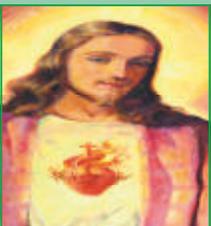
GOSPEL MEDITATION 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Any builder worth his or her salt knows the value and importance of a cornerstone. Properly laying and securing this primary unit determines how the rest of the project unfolds and its success. Cornerstones are necessary elements not only of buildings but of lives as well. Many human beings conduct the business of their lives paying little attention to a grounding reference or starting point. Hence, what unfolds is a tapestry of relativism, with few anchors or guideposts and many impulsive choices. Some consider love to be their cornerstone. While this may sound attractive and useful, the pursuit of love without a simultaneous pursuit of its source can be shallow and self-focused. Just because a person chooses to do no harm and love others does not mean that they are living in truth and properly anchored to the real cornerstone.

Jesus is the true and authentic cornerstone and shepherd. It is only in following the Risen One as the way, the truth, and the life that we can move from being well grounded ethical people to properly focused moral ones. Proper conduct, a true sense of justice, wisdom, virtue, moral principles, faith, hope, and love will be difficult to find unless we listen to the right Voice. It is when we learn to listen to the voice of God that we begin our journey on the road to salvation. It is only the Good Shepherd, the authentic and solid cornerstone, who can guide us through life's questions and challenges and bring us to the safe and proper pasture.

A person's life only has meaning when the cornerstone is properly selected and set. Understanding themselves only as random acts of creation, existing without intent or purpose, will color their choices and influence their decisions. The foundation of their lives will be simply a matter of preference and choice, leaving benchmarks of growth and higher ideals optional to pursue. Whereas people who believe that they are fashioned and loved into existence by a God who purposely made them, have this incredible unconditional relationship at their source which has tremendous significance. Their allegiance is not to themselves but to their Creator. Life, then, is an adventure in search of this Creator God and a journey of self-discovery that seeks to unite their will to His. There is a cost. We have to give up our life in order to gain our life. As ironic as that sounds, it is true. It is only when we finally figure this out that the true cornerstone of our lives will be properly laid and we can, with God's help, get about the business of properly constructing a temple that endures.

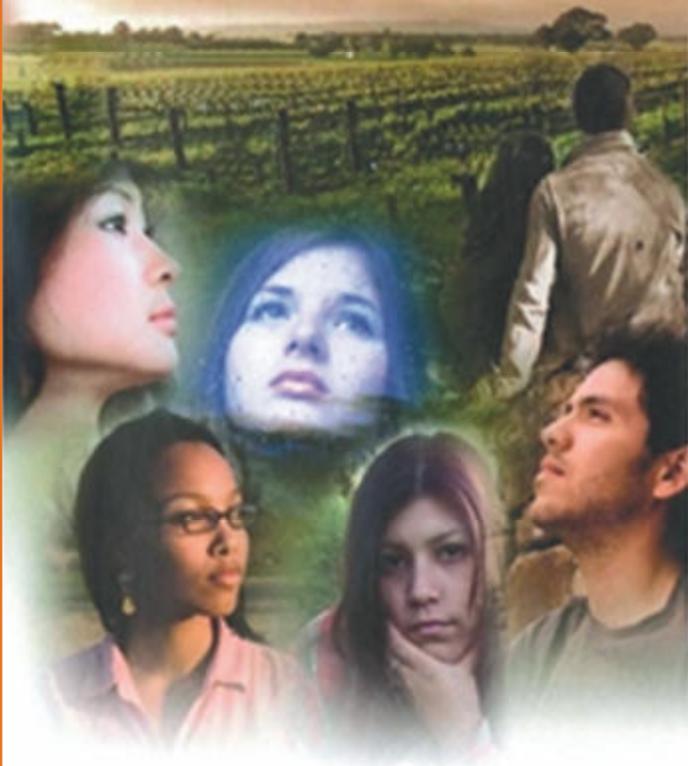
Remember in your prayers all those affected by the Coronavirus throughout the world.



Compassionate and Loving Father, in the face of confusion and concern impart to us the calm of Your presence. In You allow us to find hope and healing. Be with those who serve the sick and give them Your caring hands. Be with those who lead and give them Your Spirit of wisdom. Be with those who have fallen ill and give them Your comforting heart. Wrap Your arms around our world and hold us in Your love. Allow us at this time of trial to then serve as instruments of that love to all we meet. We ask this in Your name. Amen

Rachel's Vineyard

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The Rachel's Vineyard Weekend retreat utilizes the concept of Living Scripture to give comfort to women and men hurt by abortion. It is designed to allow them to experience the goodness and forgiveness of God.

It is an opportunity to listen to the Word of the Lord, which echoes His tenderness.

The action and reflection during the retreat include imagery designed to help the participants experience God's undiminished love for them individually.

The biblical readings connect topics that are relevant to the situations they face.

The prayers and meditations help participants internalize the Word of God to feel it in their hearts and believe it in their souls.

The Rachel's Vineyard Retreats have been available in the Diocese of St. Petersburg since 1998. Retreat is limited to 10 participants.

Cost is \$200.

There is a \$100 non-refundable registration fee with final payment of \$100 due one week prior to the retreat weekend.

We do not offer on-line registration.

Simply call the Project Rachel resource line
813-924-4173

All calls are held in complete confidence. To read testimonies and get more information concerning Rachel's Vineyard Retreats across the nation go to:

www.rachelsvineyard.org

**Next Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreat
Diocese of St. Petersburg, Fl.**

July 9-11, 2021

Clearwater, Fl.

Readings for the week of April 25 2021

Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 [cf. 3a]/Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [117:1a]/Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8 [4]/Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27 [2]/Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab [7bc]/Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 14:7-14, St. Joseph the Worker: Gn 1:26—2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/ Ps 90:2, 3-4, 12-13, 14 and 16 [cf. 17b]/Mt 13:54-5

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, APRIL 24

9:00 † For the Souls in Purgatory
4:00 PM † Danny Tartamella req by Family

SUNDAY, APRIL 25

8:00 AM For our Parish Community
11:00 AM † Dorothea Graca req by
Loving Husband
1:00 PM † Nereida Vasquez req by
Guillermina Cruz

MONDAY, APRIL 26

9:00 AM For the spiritual and physical needs
of Mark Waggoner

TUESDAY, APRIL 27

9:00 AM † Bruno Lambraia req by
his Loving Wife

Stewardship Easter Sunday April 4th

Attendance: 661

Offertory: \$6761.00
Holy Thursday: \$738.00
Easter: \$4546.00

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28

9:00 AM † For the needs of Joanne Zamorski

THURSDAY, APRIL 29

9:00 AM For the health of Premature Twins,
Cade and Reece

FRIDAY, APRIL 30

9:00 AM For Healing for Donovan Lovelock

SATURDAY, MAY 1

9:00 AM † For the Souls in Purgatory
4:00 PM † Scott Hawley req by mom and brother

SUNDAY, MAY 2

8:00 AM † Maria Sanvenero req by
Linda Campo
11:00 AM For our Parish Community
1:00 PM † For the health of Premature Twins,
Cade and Reece

Stewardship Divine Mercy Sunday April 11th

Attendance: 417

Offertory: \$6191.00
Easter: \$375.00
Catholic Relief Services: \$25.00



Thank you once again to our wonderful Columbiettes Ladies for our delicious St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef, Cabbage and Potatoes Dinner.

These dinners take a lot of planning, shopping, time, effort and hundreds of volunteer hours from our Columbiettes, their husbands and a handful of parishioners.

For those of you who weren't able to get their take-out dinner, it's delicious and at a very reasonable price. Mark your calendars for next year!

Thank you once again to our Wonderful Knights of Columbus for our Lenten Fish Fry Take-Out Dinners!

It's a lot of time, effort and hundreds of volunteer hours from our Knights, their wives and a handful of parishioners.

For those of you who weren't able to get a dinner to-go, they were delicious and at a very reasonable price. Mark your calendars for next year!



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SACRAMENTS

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

BAPTISM FOR CHILDREN

Please call the Parish Office. (352) 688-0663

MATRIMONY IF YOU ARE CONTEMPLATING MARRIAGE AT ST. JOAN OF ARC CHURCH, PLEASE BE MINDFUL THAT THERE IS A SIX MONTH PRIOR NOTICE REQUEST REQUIRED.

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