



# ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

MAY 9, 2021 | 9 DE MAYO 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.**



## MOTHER'S DAY

*The woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. ~Proverbs 31:30b*

## FROM OUR PASTOR FR. PATRICK REBEL

### A Prayer in Gratitude for Our Mothers

Good and Gentle God, we pray in gratitude for our mothers and for all the women who have joined with you in the wonder of bringing forth new life. You, who became human through a woman, grant to all mothers the courage they need to face the uncertain future that life with children always brings. Give them the strength to live and to be loved in return, not perfectly, but humanly. Give them the faithful support of husband, family and friends as they care for the physical and spiritual growth of their children. Give them joy and delight in their children to sustain them through the trials of motherhood. Most of all, give them the wisdom to turn to You for help when they need it most.

- Author Unknown

## BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG SUCCESS - *You are Champions of Life!*

The **Baby Bottle Boomerang** at Saint Joan of Arc was a rousing success! So far parishioners have charitably donated \$3,840! Your investment in our mission will help Catholic Charities **Foundations of Life Pregnancy Center** continue to assist and guide women and families in unplanned pregnancies to choose life. It is through your donations that we can help to protect God's precious preborn babies and serve infants and their mothers.

**Please contact the office at 727-401-1326** (phone/text) if you would like to participate but did not receive an envelope to do so.

On behalf of the staff, volunteers, and clients we serve,

**Thank You** for your generosity and support.

*"Whatever you do for the least of my brothers and sisters, you do for me."*

*Matthew 25:40*



**Baptism classes are the Third Wednesday of every month. Our next class will be on May 19 at 6:00 pm in the Nursery. You must be regular attendees at Mass in order to have your baby baptized. Please call the office to let them know you will be attending.**

### Stewardship for Sunday April 25th

Did you know that only 2% of parishioners pay for all the bills of our parish?

*You cannot outdo the generosity of God.  
Try tithing 10% for three months and see  
how God blesses your life.*

**Attendance:** 447

**Offertory:** \$5459.00

**Online Giving for April:** \$3310.00

### Congratulations to the children receiving First Communion today.



Brianna Basile

Kealani Rohde

Giovanni Ziccardy

Mayala Pereira-Ramos

Alfredo Tirado

Salvatore Zoccoli

Thank you, especially Jill LaPiana, for preparing them to receive their First Eucharist.

## NOTES FROM DEACON FRED

### A Good Friend

“I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father.”

Jesus would like us to be very close to him. He loves us so much.

Most of us remember and cherish friendship. Friends gone by, friends on our journey today and those we will walk with tomorrow, add a rich texture to our journey. I have heard that friendships come and go, but in truth friendships never go away at all. Our friends are separated from us for a time, but we know that one day they will be celebrated in the life to come. Love never dies.. but lives, and good friendships by their very nature are loving relationships.

We share our confidences, our joys and sorrows and care about our friends by supporting them in their journey and they support us in ours.

There is one friendship we all are blessed to be a part of. This friend is always there for us. Our friend is never parted from us. He shares with us his journey and we share with Him our struggles, joys and tears... We spend time with Him in the intimacy of our hearts, when we invite Him when we receive the Eucharist. Take a moment and remember the first time we received Him. The first time we let Him into our hearts. The moment love broke through and heaven seemed so near...

We are so privileged this weekend to be witnesses of this moment for six of our children. As Gianna, Mayela, Kealani, Alfredo, Giovanni, and Salvatore receive Jesus for the first time in the Holy Eucharist, our hearts are joined in celebration of their special moment with Christ. Their Emmaus journey is just beginning! ..... Oh happy day!

### Announcement:

St. Joan of Arc Parish will be starting a **IGNATIAN PRAYER GROUP** the week after Pentecost, **May 27th**, with Ignatian Contemplative Prayer. Ignatian Contemplation is prayer with Scripture. It is meeting God through story. The prayer develops as we “live into” a Scripture story with all of our senses and imagination. We let the Spirit guide the prayer - we don't force anything to happen - we let it happen to us, within us and around us. We will meet in the Church **every Thursday from 6-7 pm**, except the first Thursday of the month when we meet for Exposition, Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, **6-7 pm**. All are welcome!

## NOTITAS DEL DIÁCONO JOSE CRUZ

La sencillez de las dos primeras palabras de la primera lectura de hoy —“entró Pedro” (Hechos 10, 25)— esconde la trascendencia de la acción que describen. Un judío practicante de aquel tiempo no entraría normalmente en la casa de un pagano, la cual hubiese sido considerada impura. No sólo era Cornelio pagano, sino que también era un centurión romano al servicio del régimen que gobernaba al pueblo judío. Y, sin embargo, el Espíritu Santo condujo a Pedro a fin de que viera en esta persona alguien cabal y genuinamente interesado en Jesucristo. Al llegar al final de este pasaje vemos que el Espíritu Santo fue derramado sobre Cornelio y su familia. Las barreras culturales y religiosas quedaron derribadas por el Espíritu Santo y por Pedro.

A menudo las barreras culturales y religiosas son mantenidas por el odio y la violencia en vez de ser superadas por el amor y la tolerancia. Éste no es un fenómeno reciente; las Escrituras nos enseñan que esto se remonta a millares de años atrás. Pero las Escrituras también tienen la respuesta. El Espíritu Santo no conoce barreras. Depende de personas valientes como Pedro resistirse a aquellos que rechazan unas manos abiertas y temen a la parte opuesta, y tratar de convertir el corazón de aquellos que están satisfechos con el mundo tal y como es.

El Evangelio de hoy posee la fórmula para encontrar el gozo total. Jesús lo declara muy directamente a sus discípulos: “que se amen los unos a los otros como yo los he amado” (Juan 15, 12). Les dice esto para que el gozo completo que él siente también lo tengan ellos. Y ahora también nosotros. El gozo proviene de una actitud desprendida y de las acciones desinteresadas. Proviene del amor mutuo. No es por accidente que alguna forma de la palabra amor aparezca en la segunda lectura y en el Evangelio un total de diecinueve veces. El amor que es sacrificado, como el de Jesús, trae consigo un gozo inigualable.

### Pregunta de la Semana

¿De qué manera debo sacrificar mis propias prioridades a fin de servir a los demás?

**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 6th Sunday of Easter**

“Remain in my love,” and, “I call you friends,” are powerful words that are found in John’s Gospel. Most of us probably have them committed to memory or have at least heard them proclaimed dozens of times. They are words that can easily become trite and quickly glossed over without fully pondering and digesting their profound beauty. When we take the time to immerse ourselves in them, they can radically change our lives and our relationships. They can open up new doors of adventure and hold countless possibilities for meaning. The essence of love and friendship are things that can easily be taken for granted. They have always been there and are a significant part of our lives. Many would say that they could not live without love and friendship, and they put a great deal of care into preserving, deepening and sustaining them. Love and friendship share a mutual relationship with each other that deserves more reflection.

Where does love come from? We can consider relationships that have not succeeded and conclude that they were somehow due to our “failures in love.” In doing so, we assume that human beings are the ones responsible for love, its success and also its failure. While our weakness, emotional composition and sinfulness can easily impact our ability to love, its origin is not human. God is love. God is love’s author and origin. When we love, it is God who loves in and through us. It is because of this divine closeness that Jesus is able to call us friends! It is not because of anything we have done but simply because of who we are. Realizing and contemplating this awesome reality becomes a game changer across the board. It gives us reason to clear the table of anything that can adversely affect the way we love so that we can open the door for its author to shine forth.

Coming upon this truth is what leads folks like St. Francis of Assisi to leave that which is comfortable and worldly and live a radical life. They relate with the love of God that radiates in and through all living things and appreciate their sacredness. It was having an intimate experience of God’s love and friendship that propelled St. Francis and others to embrace simplicity, act nonviolently, pursue humility, love enemies, care for the earth and open up avenues for true justice. Understanding this profound truth will also help us find peaceful solutions to world’s problems, restore relationships with our sisters and brothers, bring the grace of loving stewardship to creation and heal many wounds. Once we begin to see how wonderfully holy all of life really is, we discover joy. We lose our need for fear, develop a fierce fortitude, act prudently and seek justice. There is great power in love because it comes from God. It will never fail. It also enjoys the company of two other friends who are eager to become our friends as well: faith and hope. These are just as important to have and to share.

For women suffering with infertility, Mother’s Day can be hard. There is hope and healing in community! ***Springs in the Desert*** is dedicated to spiritually and emotionally supporting women and couples navigating the frustration, pain and difficulty of infertility.

For encouraging blog posts, resources, and a community of support, visit

[www.springsinthedesert.org](http://www.springsinthedesert.org).

## MASS INTENTION REQUESTS

Offering Mass for a special intention has been a long standing tradition in the Catholic Church. It is usually considered that special graces are received by the person who the intention is for. Masses are said for many reasons; for a deceased person, for a living person, in honor of someone's birthday, in honor of someone's anniversary, etc. The name of the person or persons we are praying for is mentioned in the general intercessions, by the priest at Mass and in our weekly bulletin. If you would like to have a Mass said for someone, living or deceased, please go to the Parish Office. A Mass Card will be given to you as a reminder of the time and date you requested.

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“The largest marginalized group in the world can be found in the U.S. They are the unborn.”

"El grupo marginado más grande del mundo se puede encontrar en los EE. UU. Son los no nacidos."



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.

**Registration** flyers are now in the parish office for **Faith Formation** for 4yr old to 5th grade, meeting on Wednesdays beginning August 18th and **EDGE**, meetings for 6th, 7th and 8th graders begins Sundays on August 15th and **Confirmation** for 9th graders who have finished 7th and 8th of EDGE, will be meeting on Sundays beginning August 15th. Get your registration flyers from the office.

### Readings for the week of May 9, 2021

**Sunday:** Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

**Monday:** Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 15:26—16:4a

**Tuesday:** Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [7c]/Jn 16:5-11

**Wednesday:** Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

**Thursday:** Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Jn 16:16-20 Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20

**Friday:** Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8]/Jn 15:9-17

**Saturday:** Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-10, 10 [8a]/Jn 16:23b-28

### Observances for the week of May 9, 2021

**Wednesday:** Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr

**Thursday:** The Ascension of the Lord [holy day in some U.S. dioceses]; Our Lady of Fatima

**Friday:** St. Matthias, Apostle

**Saturday:** St. Isidore; Armed Forces Day

**Next Sunday:** The Ascension of the Lord

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### SATURDAY, MAY 8

9:00 AM † For the Souls in Purgatory

4:00 PM † Theodore and Mary Ann Statuto  
Req by Their Loving Family

#### SUNDAY, MAY 9

8:00 AM For our Parish Community

11:00 AM For all Mothers on this celebration of  
Mothers' Day

1:00 PM † Victoria Marie Geelen req by  
Prudie Torre Groscl

#### MONDAY, MAY 10

9:00 AM † Shirley Sereno req by JoEtte Chau

#### TUESDAY, MAY 11

9:00 AM For Healing from cancer for  
Mark Waggoner

#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 12

9:00 AM † Sharon Dondero req by  
Bob Dondero

#### THURSDAY, MAY 13

9:00 AM † Fr. Ray O'Neill req by  
SJoA Parish Staff

#### FRIDAY, MAY 14

9:00 AM Healing for prematurely born twins  
Cade and Reece

#### SATURDAY, MAY 15

9:00 AM † For the Souls in Purgatory

4:00 PM † Maria Sanvenero req by  
Michelle and Dennis Wyllie

#### SUNDAY, MAY 16

8:00 AM Healing of mind and heart for Angelo  
Cerrone req by mom, Elaine

11:00 AM † Evelyn Crouch Perez req by Joan Ruiz  
1:00 PM For our Parish Community

### FAITH FORMATION CLASSES BEGIN AGAIN ON AUGUST 18TH, WEDNESDAY EVENINGS AND WE NEED YOUR HELP!

**ABUNDANT BLESSINGS TO ALL OF OUR CATECHISTS WHO TAUGHT THROUGH ZOOM THIS ENTIRE YEAR. YOUR MINISTRY IS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED.** For our Faith Formation program for 2021-2022 [we need of volunteers](#) . We need one person for a Door Monitor. We also need new Catechists and Aides for some grades. All volunteers would have to be background checked through the Diocese, which our parish will pay for. Please pray for our Faith Formation program to get the volunteers we need. We cannot begin classes unless we have two adults in each classroom. Call the office if you are interested. Thank you for putting this to prayer.

## PARISH STAFF

Pastor Rev. Patrick Rebel

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Rev. Michael Kouts  
Rev. Dennis Kaelin  
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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.

## PARISH INFO

### OFFICE EMAIL

Sjoa-office@tampabay.rr.com

### FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

(352) 686-7864

### RCIA/RCIC

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### "IN HIS FOOTSTEPS" SOUP & SANDWICH LUNCH

Served in our Parish Family Hall the 2nd Thursday of each month from Noon-2:00 pm & for our homebound, the 4th Thursday of each month.

### MARY & MARTHA'S GIFT SHOP (NOT OPEN AT THIS TIME)

Wednesday ..... 9:30 am-10:30 am

Saturday ..... 3:30 pm-5:30 pm

Sunday ..... 7:00 am-1:00 pm

Closed during all Masses & the month of August.

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