

PASTORAL PLAN FOR REOPENING ST. JOAN OF ARC CHURCH

The dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass, issued by Bishop da Cunha, remains in effect until further notice. Those who are most vulnerable and at a greater risk due to age, preexisting health conditions, or in close proximity to vulnerable people are encouraged to remain home at this time. If you or a close loved one shows any symptoms of illness, please do not come to church.

The weekend Mass schedule here at St. Joan of Arc Church will remain the same throughout the summer months... Saturday at 5:00pm, Sunday at 8:00am and 10:00am. We have decided this primarily because adding another Mass on Sunday morning, as we normally do during the summer months, would not allow sufficient time to properly sanitize the church after each Mass. Mass intentions that have already been requested for 9:30am will be included with the 8:00am Mass for that day and the intentions requested for 11:00am will be remembered at the 10:00am Mass of that day unless otherwise requested. **During the week Mass is celebrated Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 8:00am.**

Per state regulations, gatherings cannot exceed 40% of a house of worship's occupancy capacity. Taking into account social distancing of 6 feet between people (or households), means only approximately 3 people in every other pew.

All worshippers will enter the church through the Main Entrance. For safety and order, a person will not be able to choose a specific seat. A specially trained group of greeters will be used to assist people to their seats. Once we reach our occupancy limit, we will not be able to admit others. Charity, cooperation and understanding are asked of all.

Everyone entering the church is required to wear a mask or other face covering. Please provide your own masks. While there is hand sanitizer available at the entrance, please consider providing your own, if you can, as supply is limited.

There will be receptacles at the entrance of the church in which you may place your contribution to the parish as you enter. You may place both 1st and 2nd collections together. On-line giving is encouraged via our parish website. Thank you so much for your support, especially at this extraordinary time.

The offertory procession (bringing up of the bread and wine) and the usual sign of peace will be eliminated. You may offer the sign of peace with a head nod and wave. The holy water fonts at the doors of the church will remain empty. Missals/hymnals have been removed as it would be difficult to sanitize them. Singing will be eliminated from our worship until further notice.

Holy Communion will be distributed at the usual time during the Mass. Those receiving Communion will approach row by row (keeping the 6 feet safe distancing protocol) and section by section. Please remain at your pew until your row is called. The priest will distribute Communion with sanitized hands while wearing a mask. Communicants may lift their mask just prior to receiving Holy Communion.

Following the Final Blessing, please immediately, reverently and quietly leave the church by the door closest to your pew maintaining the 6 feet distancing protocol. Upon exiting the church, please refrain from congregating near the doors of the church. After each Mass, the tops of the benches, door handles and other high traffic areas will be sanitized.

Scheduling for Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers will be suspended for the time being. All parish ministries and events will remain suspended until further notice. The church will be closed following each Mass. The Parish Office, Faith Formation Office and Thrift Shop will remain closed.

I encourage all who make the prudent judgement for themselves not to return to church for Mass, to instead participate in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and view other good quality spiritual programming on Catholic TV, found on your local cable Channel 268 or on EWTN, Channel 56. Mass is televised each Sunday at 11:00am on Channel 6. You can also view daily Mass on-line at <http://www.catholictv.org/masses/catholictv-mass>.

Let us remember one another in prayer especially those most in need of our prayers at this time. Let us commit ourselves to prayer for an end to the COVID-19 coronavirus.

God bless,
Fr. Bill Rodrigues

**MASS INTENTIONS
THIS WEEK**

Saturday 5:00 Peter Leheney
 Sunday 8:00 John & Janice Carey
 Charlie Wolff
 Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
 10:00 John Dowman
 Monday 8:00 Richard Auda
 Tuesday 8:00 Fr. James Lynch, SJA Founder
 Wed 8:00 Eileen & John Ahle
 Fri 8:00 Mary Anthony

NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday 5:00 John & Ann Birmingham
 Sunday 8:00 Joseph Osmanski, Lew Carrington
 Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
 10:00 Helene Finn

PRAY FOR OUR BELOVED DECEASED

Denis Ambrose, Jr.

COLLECTION RESULTS—THANK YOU!

June 28 Regular \$6,574.69
 June 28 Latin America \$ 606.00

Your generosity to St. Joan of Arc is greatly appreciated.

NEXT WEEKEND IS HARVEST SUNDAY

The second collection next weekend is the Harvest Sunday Collection, which supports the efforts of our St. Vincent de Paul Conference to help those in need with necessities – food, medicine, rent, utilities.

GABRIEL SYSTEM ON-LINE GIVING

We are so grateful to all who have donated through the envelope system or through Gabriel, our new on-line giving program. **Whether you choose to continue with the envelopes or donate on-line, we encourage everyone to register with Gabriel so we can build an up-to-date parish census including emails and mobile phone numbers to better handle situations like this going forward.** **Directions:** On the left-hand side of the SJA website home page scroll down beneath the photo of the church until you see the Online Giving Icon. Click the icon which gives you two options: one to register and one to donate. Please register BEFORE making an on-line donation so the system will recognize you.

**PLEASE HELP US KEEP
THESE LISTS UP TO DATE**

PRAY FOR THE ILL OF THE PARISH

Martin Coughlin, Loretta Stephens, Harry Marcoux, John Keane, Tris Windle, David Cousins, Lynne Scalia, Alex Podeszwa, Thomas Stone, Nick Bartick, Pam Hedlund, Len Hedlund, Greg Morongell, Nora Gould, Edan Pearl, Anne Caruso, John M. Pollard, Peter Cruckshank, Bill Hannon, Ivy Davis, Maddy Hayes, Clare Stevenson, Joseph Nosari, Vincent Lencvewski, Jeffrey Wolfgang, Joan Ouellette, Bev Sarazin, Tyler Benscoter, Agnes Wolfgang, Fr. Paul Smith, Marilyn Drewes, Ray Castriotta, Julianne Sullivan, Robert Grudzina, Marge LaGrassa, Jim Lewis, Joyce Loechner, Frank Salomone, Chad Larivee, Dick Wentworth, Nuvia Downs, Karen Mary McNulty, Olivia Hart, Alex Haas, Patrick Devine, Gerry Csaposs, Addie Priess, Frank McCarthy, Andree Yager, Loretta Reiter, Paul Kascsak, Patty Camarra, James Manley, Betty Babcock, Thomas Murphy, Chris Frazier, Melissa K., Baby Lillian Thoman, Jessica O., Fran McDonagh, Donna Hibbert, Margaret Royce, Beth Nixon, Anne O'Brien, Ben McMahon, Gerry Moynihan, Martha Moynihan, Richard Paskiewicz, Mary Rodrigues, Emily Sparks, Stephen Moreau, Paula Madeiro, Paul Brandon, Rita Folger, Gerri DiCristina, Kathleen Kilmer, Marguerite Forren, Mary Pickard, Deepthi Moola, Steve Novick, Ernie T., Eleanor Symecko, Joseph Wignot, Hector Pelletier, Bob Cunnane, Thomas McSparron

**PRAY FOR OUR ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE
MEN AND WOMEN**

Brandy Nelson, Timothy Horigan, Scott Doucette, Michael Wilson, David Lucas, Sean Lucas, Peter Civita Shayne, Peter Cabral, Gregory DeLuca, Joshua Schmitt, Joseph Long, Brad Howard, Thomas Scudder, Jeffrey Stebbins, Phillip McDonough, David Wilcox, John Amick, David McDonald, Lt. Edward J. Maloney, Andrew Kelley, William James Miller, David Orloski, Stephen Tammaro, Michael L. Hamilton, Thomas Crawford, Aaron Charette, Nicholas McGahey, Edward Pruffer, Christian P. Goodman, Trevor Lafontaine, Connor Lafontaine, Colin Bracken, Michael Bracken



79th Annual Catholic Appeal
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DONATIONS TO DATE: \$41,360.00

ANNUAL DIOCESAN CATHOLIC APPEAL

SPOKEN FROM THE HEART: Rui Rosa is Vice President of Finance and Administration at Catholic Social Services (CSS). He is happy to serve on our 2020 Catholic Appeal Speakers Bureau and recently filmed an iPhone “selfie” video telling the story of his family’s journey to the United States and how critical assistance through Catholic Charities helped them to achieve their dreams. His testimonial is an inspiring, personal look at how the Appeal brings about hope for so many. Please watch the video of Rui’s story on The Catholic Foundation’s Vimeo page.

If you are unable to make a financial gift, the gift of your prayers in support of our ministries is greatly appreciated.

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**SHARE THE NEWS**

Please help us share parish news and updates by mentioning to your neighbors and friends that the weekly bulletin and other parish and diocesan news can be found on our parish website, [www.joanarc.org](http://www.joanarc.org).

**FR. BILL’S HOMILIES ON SJA WEBSITE**

Audio recordings of Fr. Bill's homilies are uploaded to our Parish Website each week. Go to [www.joanarc.org](http://www.joanarc.org) to find the audio link on our home page.

**GOOFING OFF**

Several years ago the comic strip, *Stone Soup*, depicted 10-year-old Alix deciding to get a head start on summer by building a fort in a tree in the backyard. Her beloved little dog, Biscuit, offered moral support in the form of a wagging tail and enthusiastic yelps. Alix hauls planks of wood, hammer and nails up the tree. Finally, the fort is done. Alix then hauls her buddy Biscuit up to the fort in a bucket.

Standing on the wooden platform of her new fort high above the yard, Alix is delighted: “*Biscuit*” she says, “*we’re brilliant building our tree house at the very beginning of summer. We’ll get a head start on goofing off!*”

Already sprawled out on the platform Biscuit thinks, “*Apparently, for humans, goofing off requires planning!*” Actually, Biscuit is right on target – it seems that we humans do have to make a conscious effort to let go of our constant striving and our many burdens. Disappointments, hurts, quandaries, dead-lines, pandemics, and other predicaments beyond our control are part of every human life. Sometimes we do need to make time for that “*out of-the-way*” place in order to power down and reconnect with simple gratitude, relaxation, reflection, and balance. From this “*goofing off place*” which is really a “*sacred space*”, we remember the value of family, friends, and neighbors – we are able to restore a sense of our place in creation and renew our awareness of our Creator.

Today’s Gospel harkens back to the Wisdom writings in the Old Testament where we see *Lady Wisdom delighting in the human race and seeking to instruct them as her children*. She lovingly invites all those who struggle to her table; just as Jesus – Wisdom Incarnate – invites the weary; the burdened; the broken-hearted and the lowly to come to him to share in God’s goodness and find rest for their souls.

Today may we be refreshed by the delight of Lady Wisdom and encouraged by the image of Jesus walking beside us – yoked together with us – sharing our load. May we heed Wisdom’s words and make time for “*goofing off*” with pure delight – an early morning walk; a few minutes spent in quiet prayer and mindful reflection; an evening sunset; smelling the salt air; squishing the sand between our toes; the beauty of gardens in bloom – *goofing off* can become a regular, holy, and brilliant part of our summer—a time for restoring hope and peace to our minds and hearts.

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