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ST. JOAN OF ARC

CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

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A wonderfully diverse Catholic community, we joyfully worship God,
celebrate fellowship and care for our neighbor.

www.stjoan.org

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 9:00am to 4:00pm
370 SW 3rd St. • Boca Raton • FL 33432
561.392.0007 • 561.392.0074 Fax
Saturday 4:00pm to 6:00pm
in the Gift Shop • 561.393.0006

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

561.392.7974 • 561.368.6671 Fax
Monday - Friday 8am to 4pm

DAILY MASSES

Mon. - Fri. 8:15am & 12:15pm
Saturdays: 8:15am & 4:30pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY MASSES

7:30am, 9:15am, 10:45am, 12:15pm
& 5:30pm (Spanish)

MASS SCHEDULE ON:

Eve of Holy Days: 6:00pm
Holy Days: 8:15am, 12:15pm
Holidays: One Mass at 9:00am

CONFESSIONS

Sat. 3-4:00pm,
Sun. 4:50-5:20pm Spanish

ADORATION

Tuesdays 4:00pm to 8:30pm
Fridays from 9:00am to 8:30pm

BAPTISMS

Call the Parish Office 561.392.0007

MARRIAGES

Must be registered parishioner/s for at
least 6 months before the wedding date



SIGN UP FOR OUR ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL NOW!



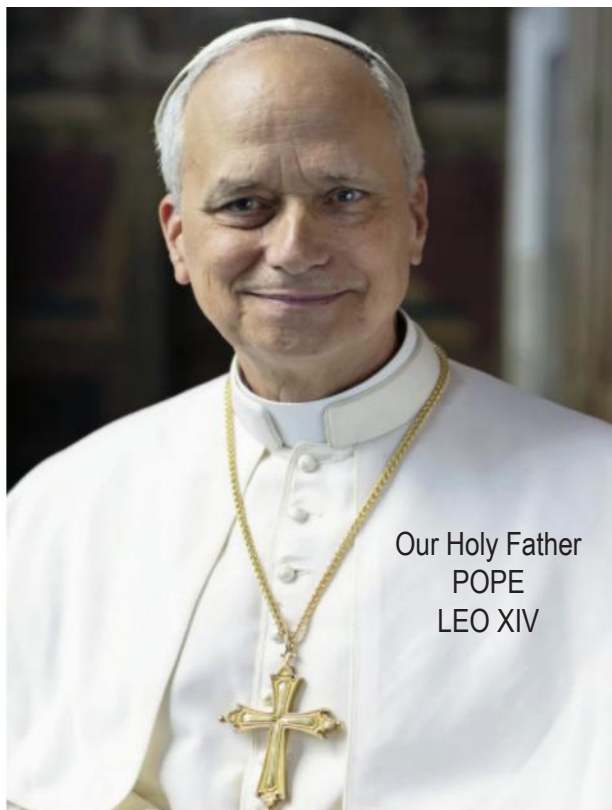
October 12, 2025

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: 2 KINGS 5: 14-17

SECOND READING: 2 TIMOTHY 2: 8-13

GOSPEL: LUKE 17: 11-19



Our Holy Father
POPE
LEO XIV

pontifex EN: The Risen Lord walks alongside each of us, as we journey every day. With infinite care, he asks to let Him warm our hearts. He waits patiently for the moment when our eyes will open to see His friendly face, so He can transform our resignation into hope.

[#GeneralAudience](#)

ES: El Señor resucitado viene junto a cada uno de nosotros mientras recorremos nuestros caminos cotidianos, y con infinita delicadeza nos pide que nos dejemos calentar el corazón. Con paciencia espera el momento en que nuestros ojos se abran para ver su rostro amigo, capaz de transformar la resignación en esperanza.

[#AudenciaGeneral](#)

REMEMBER YOUR SPIRITUAL FAMILY

Side by side we have been here for you through important family events. At Weddings, Baptisms, First Communions, Confirmations, Hospital Visits and Last Rites, we are there in support; just as your family would be. Please consider remembering St. Joan of Arc in your will, for donations in memory of a loved one who has passed away, or in lieu of flowers. Please call 561.952.2868 for more information.

MASSSES FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 11 to OCTOBER 18, 2025

SATURDAY – October 11

4:30pm +Barbara D'Amico • +Raymond Belcer by The Family
+Anne and Anthony Porcelli by Joseph Porcelli

SUNDAY – October 12

7:30am Nicolas Rodney Brauer
9:15am +James Ball by Debbie and Paul Story • +Janet McClelland by Curtis Colberg
Deacon Jedidiah Preble by mom
10:45am +Adriano Vala by The Brothers and Sisters
+Carlos Arturo Gomez by Maria Beatrice Miranti • +Charlie Kirks by Terri Picinich
12:15pm +Gregory Lacivita by his wife Debbie • +Pablo and Rosa Zamora by Nubia Zamora
Kay Approbato 104 years birthday by Al and Midge Novoth
5:30pm +Mary Messing by Messing Family
+Teo Castellano Franco by Gonzalez Castellano Family

MONDAY – October 13 (Columbus Day)

9:00am Deacon Jedidiah Preble by mom • + Luis Saucedo by J. Paloma
+Adriano Vala by Teresa Vala

TUESDAY – October 14

8:15am +Maria Tejera by Terry Story
12:15pm +K. Dale Doyle by Lori Doyle • Deacon Jedidiah Preble by Mom

WEDNESDAY – October 15

8:15am +Carlos Mionis by Linda Pasquale
Deacon Jedidiah Preble by mom
9:30am St. Joan of Arc Parishioners and Benefactors
12:15pm Christ Child Society • +Todd Hendrickson by Patsy Davis

THURSDAY – October 16

8:15am +John Rodriguez • Iris Ramos • Casey Clarity
12:15pm For our St. Joan of Arc Priests • Deacon Jedidiah Preble by mom

FRIDAY – October 17

8:15am +Paul Anthony Tarantino by Paul Anthony
12:15pm +Marie McDonald by Dagistino Family • Deacon Jedidiah Preble by mom
+Deacon Dick Venezia by his son

SATURDAY – October 18

8:15am +Maria Vergara De Tcherassi
Deacon Jedidiah Preble by mom

St. Joan of Arc 's **Eucharistic Ministers** bring Holy Communion to the sick and Fr. Chidi Ogbuagu serves as Hospital Chaplain at **Baptist Health Hospital**. For **Anointing of the Sick Sacrament** we advise you to request his visit at the hospital customer service or you can also call our Parish Office to schedule his visit.

Fr. Chidi is a new resident priest here at St. Joan of Arc Church and School. *We welcome him to our parish family!*



ST. JOAN OF ARC

PASTORAL STAFF: Very Rev. Nestor Rodriguez, V.F.,
Fr. Junesh Xavier, Fr. Armando Leon, Fr. Michael Driscoll,
Fr. Adam Forno, Fr. Richard Moran, Fr. Chidi Ogbuagu, Fr. Peter Wojuaye
Deacon Bill Watzek, Deacon Michael Zatarga

INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19 AT 1:15pm
at St. Joan of Arc's Mercy Center & Athletic Center

Join our parish family for an exciting afternoon of friendship and cultural celebration! Discover the rich tapestry of cultures that make St. Joan of Arc so vibrant and faith-strong. **Bring your favorite dish to share and represent your heritage**, and enjoy a feast of flavors, music, and traditions from around the world. Let's come together to honor our diverse backgrounds and strengthen the bonds that unite us. *We look forward to celebrating with you!*

ADULTS: \$15 • CHILDREN 3 & UP: \$10 • CHILDREN UNDER 3: FREE

Please fill-in this stub and place it in the Collection Basket or drop-off at the Church Gift Shop, Parish or School Offices.

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

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NAME OF DISH: _____

ST. JOAN OF ARC
CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

AVOID LINES!

PURCHASE YOUR ENTRANCE TICKETS
AHEAD OF TIME. SCAN THE QR CODE
WITH YOUR CELL PHONE



On event day, please drop-off ready-to-serve plate between
11am & 12pm at the Athletic Center.

or Sign-up online at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E45ABAB2BA0F49-58920826-international>

WEEKLY TREASURE

We ask you to please continue to support your church, The Weekly Offertory Collection for October 4/5 totaled \$26,600. You can mail in your envelopes to St. Joan of Arc, or click on the secure yellow "Donate" button located on our website stjoan.org. We can also securely store your donation information by filling-in the Online Credit Card Authorization Form that can also be found on our website under WAYS TO GIVE. St. Joan of Arc appreciates whatever support you are able to offer.

HAPPY COLUMBUS DAY!

IN OBSERVANCE OF COLUMBUS DAY THERE WILL BE ONE MASS AT 9:00AM, ON MONDAY, OCT. 13. ST. JOAN OF ARC PARISH OFFICE WILL CLOSE FOR THE DAY & IT WILL REOPEN ON TUESDAY, OCT. 14.

October 19 • Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Exodus 17 8-13

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3: 14, 4: 2

Gospel: Luke 18: 1-8

Anasai, Viole
Anderson, Joanne
Anderson, Michael
Angove, Cathy
Ball, James A.
Barbis-Tanji, Emilia
Baeza, Laura
Berman, Monique
Bernstein, Joy
Bernabey, Andrea
Bonilla, Luis
Benavides W, Alfredo
Bernabey, Andrea
Bouchard, Carolyn
Brown, Ted
Burton, Tummy Marie
Caceres, Gustavo
Caica, Claudia
Campbell, Carol
Cancel, Sal
Carl, Marilyn
Carrera, Monica
Castelli, Angela
Campbell, Virginia
Carrigan, Doreen
Casagnol, Alix
Castillero, Lilia
Castro, Rosa
Chapa, Jennifer
Chapa, Juliana
Chapa, Rodney
Clarity, Casey
Clark, Ermit
Cluster, Mike
Cluster, Francene
Collins, Brooke
Cominski, Bill
Cordoba, Jeannette

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Cordoba, Fernando
Cwal, Anna
Cwalinski, Paul
D'Amico, Mr. & Mrs.
David, Betty
Davidson, Nelda
Davidson, Rosa
Des Maris, Jean Charles
De Souza, Deborah
Diamond, Richard
Di Federico, Carmen
Dole, Rana
Dunne, Joyce
Duque, Luz
Durant, Alyssa
Eastes, Andrea
Farrell, Helene
Frazier, Natalie
Funk, James
Galeano, Camilo
Gallardo, Cindy Ryan
Ganley, Frank
Garavito, Caitlin
Giannetti, Maria
Gibmeyer, George & Debbie
Giguere, Gerald
Giguere, Theresa
Golembeski, Vincent
Gustus, Annette
Halperin de Soihet, Fanny
Handal, Richard
Hasey, William
Hennessey Shirley
Hodar, Pamela
Hoot, Linda
Huguet, Luis Benjamin
Hynes, Billy
Hynes, Rita

Jacob, Kim
Jara, Patricia
Jimenez, Mia Isabel
Kabbas, Diane
Kabbas, Elise
Kayle, Mildred
Kallaher, Colleen
Kelleher, John
Knickman, Shane
Krolkowski, Johnny
Kussack, Russ
Lango, John
LaPan, Rebekah, Maggie
and Carol
LaRiche, James
Laroche, Ashley
Layor, Robert
Le Bienvenu, Christian
Ledin, Murry
Leey, Patricia
Leturmy, Larry
Levi, Elio
Leon, Marion
Lobaton, Rossi
Lombardi, Anthony
Lombardi, Juliana Kay
Lopes, Felisberto
Lopez Torres, Anita
Lopez, Fernando Javier
Lopez, Carlos
La Rota, Antonia
Lynch, Chuck
Maloney, Jim
Maingot, Keith
Maingot, Mary
Mantey, Sandra
Martinengo Pino, Lucila
Martinez, Joel

Mena, Suzanne
Mendez Thorne, Rosario
Medina, Luis Javier
Montigny, Cathy
Morgan, Todd
Mullen, Peter
Murphy, April
Nowak, Andrzej
O'Toole, Dennis
Oncon, Andres
Pardo, Figueroa
Palacios, Teresa
Peterson, Niles
Petkovik, P.J. Predrag
Pittaluga, Madelon
Prieto, Maria Fernanda
Pratt, Kinsley
Quillard, Millie
Ramos, Iris
Randall, Fr. Robert
Raudenbush, John
Rebata de Gruber, Elsa
Recharte, Carlos
Restrepo, Jaime
Rende, Mary
Ritacco, Candace
Rodriguez, Ramon
Roberts, Robyn
Roggenburg, Marcela
Rosas-Moran, Tetete
Roy, Barbara
Ruscito, Nancy
Russell, Taxo
Saavedra Burbank, Lea
Salamack, Debbie
Sanders, Dylan
Saunders, Cindy
Saunders, Jackie

Sarra, Carolina
Sgarlato, Mary Ann
Sedik, Steven
Shepherd, Alan
Shoopman, Sarah
Silva, Kevin
Silva Moreira, Maria M.
Solari, Pablo
Spinella, Grace
Sreenan, Alex
Strazzulla, Chris
Stefancic, Guido
Steinmann, Anne
Stewart Mendez, Rocio
Tarlow, Chris
Thompson, Jaqueline
Torrejon, Rodrigo
Torres, Andres
Torres Yañez, Juana
Torres, Rosa
Thomsen, Donna
Trupiano, Anthony
Tumer, Sarah
Urbina, Bertha
Vargas, Rosa
Vass, OSC. Sr. Frances
Velotta, Louis
Vera, Isabella Regina
Vetto, Regina
Wachowicz, Jamey
Wilt, Marge
Whitney, Beverly
Wilhelm, Karl
Williams, John
Wolff, Michael
Wooley, Bill
Zaloom, Mr. & Mrs.
Zatarga, Deacon Mike



Thank You for Your Support!

A heartfelt thank you to all who supported our St. Joan of Arc Golf Tournament, as well as to all who participated in this great event! Thanks to your generosity, the event was a great success, and a whole lot of fun! We truly appreciate your commitment to St. Joan's good works. We're already looking forward to another fantastic day on the green in 2026!



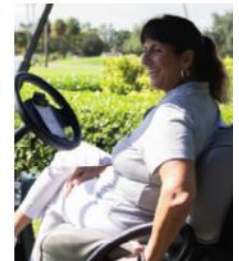
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our supporters!*



ST. JOAN OF ARC

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

U. S. DEPT. OF EDUCATION BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE



OPEN HOUSE

FOR NEW INTERESTED FAMILIES

Tuesday, October 21, 2025
8:30am in Mercy Center



Immerse yourself in the vibrant SJA community!
Join us for our upcoming open house and
discover what makes SJA the top choice
for Catholic primary education.

Explore the multitude of opportunities available
across various grade levels.

RSVP by October 15th

Pre-K2 through 8th Grade

Accepting Step Up For Students Scholarship and VPK voucher

For more information please contact Marie Loomis at 561-392-7974 or loomis_marie@stjoan.org

ST. JOAN OF ARC'S



*Silver
Sleigh Bells Gala*



AT THE CLUB AT BOCA POINTE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2025 • <https://one.bidpal.net/silverbells>



CALLING ALL SJA SUPPORTERS!

We're now accepting **NEW** item donations, gift cards, travel experiences, event tickets, business services and monetary gifts for our upcoming Gala Auction!

Your generosity helps make this event truly unforgettable.
Visit our Gala portal. Scan the QR code for more details.

Thank you for your support!



SJA ANNUAL ALL SOULS DAY MEMORIAL MASS

COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED VIGIL MASS
will be held on Friday, Nov. 1, at 7:00pm in the Church.

The Mass is celebrated every year in loving memory of all those who have passed away or have been buried since last November 1st. You are invited to bring a framed photo of your loved one who has passed; which will be placed on the steps of the Sanctuary. Due to the potential number of families attending, we must limit the photos to **ONE picture only** and no larger than 8x10" please.

Everyone who has passed away this last year will have their name read during the Mass. If you are a parishioner who has had a loved one pass away out of town and would like to participate, please call **Mary Lavalley** at **561-789-8707** or email mlaval7@aol.com as soon as possible with your loved one's name and date of death. You are more than welcome to invite family members or friends to attend this Mass with you.





LIFE MARCH



Sunday October 12, 2025



**In support for
the Unborn and Life
from conception to
natural death**

**Please gather with
the Knights of Columbus and
St. Joan of Arc parishioners
in our yearly March for Life**

**Meet at 1:30 PM at
St. Joan of Arc Church, Mercy Center
370 SW 3rd St, Boca Raton, FL,
March through the streets of
downtown Boca Raton
to Sanborn Square Park,
Return to St Joan of Arc Church**

ST. JOAN OF ARC
MINISTERIO HISPANO

Virgen de Guadalupe



Father of Mercy, you have placed your people under the special protection of the ever Virgin Mary of Guadalupe, Mother of your Son, grant that through her intercession we may deepen our faith and seek the advancement of our country through paths of justice and peace. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12TH
MERCY CENTER**

- 6:30 PM Procession / Rosary
- 7:00 PM Mass
- 8:00 PM Dinner and mariachi, tickets \$25 per person

Ticket sales : **ERIKA CANCINO** 954-873-9346

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 200 RAFFLE:

The following numbers are the winning tickets for the September KoC 200 Raffle:

Ticket #1275 for \$125

Ticket #1228 for \$100

Ticket #1222 for \$75



SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN FORMATION AT ST. JOAN OF ARC!

The School of Christian Formation guides individuals in growing deeper in their understanding and practice of their faith, ultimately equipping them to live out their Christian calling and make a meaningful impact in the world.

Classes at St. Joan of Arc meet Tuesdays and are held in Room 209 in Mercy Center from 7pm to 9pm, they began last week. *You may still join the classes.*

Vatican II: Oct. 14, 21, 28;
Nov. 4, 11, 18

Ecclesiology: Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27; Feb. 3, 10

Liturgy and Sacraments: Mar. 3, 10, 17, 24;
Apr. 7, 14 -

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

ReligiousEd@stjoan.org • 561-391-4345

Summer Office Hours: Mon-Thur: 9AM-4PM

Fri: 9AM-4PM • Sat-Sun: Closed

*****RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES**
& ***PARENTS CLASSES***
Every Wednesday at 5:30pm**

COMING OCTOBER THIS YEAR

PreK and Kindergarten Montessori Catholic Based

*****Catechesis of THE GOOD SHEPHERD*****

*****Catholic Tots***Mommy & Me Format**

Liturgy of The of the Word with Children During Sunday Mass

***** CONFIRMATION 2026 *****

1st Parents meeting Tuesday October 14th at 5pm in the Church

***** ADULTS CONFIRMATION 2025-2026 *****

Confirmation Classes start on Oct. 18 at 10am in the Parish Office.

ADULTS SACRAMENTS - OCIA ENGLISH AND SPANISH 2025-2026

Classes are every Monday at 7pm

BAPTISMS

Please contact the Parish Office to sign up for

Classes for Parents and Godparents

November 6th (English), 15 de Octubre (Español)6

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St. Teresa of Avila - Episode 1 (subtitled)

A powerful epic mini-series shot on location in Spain that tells the story of one of the most amazing women in history, St. Teresa of Avila. With meticulous attention to detail and historical accuracy, this acclaimed major film production is the definitive film on the life of this great saint.

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An offering from the  AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

**WEDNESDAYS
7-8PM**

ST. JOAN OF ARC TEEN MINISTRY

**JOIN US FOR FAITH, FUN,
AND FRIENDSHIP!**

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2025:

Oct. 15,
Oct. 29, Nov. 12, Dec. 10

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2026:

Jan. 7, Jan. 21, Feb. 4, Feb.
25, Mar. 4, Mar. 25, April 8
April 22, May 6, May 20

At the Mercy Center

For more information, contact:

Ms. Cat Serra-Garcia 914-490-1247

Dr. Rosa 915-422-9585

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Diocese of Palm Beach

Office of Safe Environments

**PROMISE TO
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**PLEDGE TO
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www.diocesepb.org/safe-environments

If someone is in immediate danger, call 911

IMPORTANT CONTACTS:

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www.myflfamilies.com

Chancellor 561-775-9507

Victim Assistance Coord. 561-775-9558

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ST. JOAN  OF ARC



Feligreses de St Joan of Arc
Descubran lo que Dios puede hacer en 33 días

33 DIAS HACIA LA GLORIA EUCARISTICA

Octubre 9 a Noviembre 20

Nuestro estudio con la Consagración comunitaria a Jesús
Eucaristía termina el día de

La Solemnidad de Cristo Rey

CONFIA. ENTREGATE. CREE. RECIBE.

NINFA MORENO 561-305-6882

ST. JOAN  OF ARC
MINISTERIO HISPANO

SEMINARIO DE TEOLOGÍA ESPIRITUAL

DISCÍPULOS MISIONEROS : LLAMADOS A CONTINUAR EL PROYECTO DE JESÚS

Te invitamos cordialmente a participar en el Seminario de Teología Espiritual, un espacio de formación y reflexión profunda sobre la vida interior y el camino espiritual en el contexto actual.

La charla estará dirigida por el Padre Sandro Castaño, sacerdote capuchino de nacionalidad colombiana. Es pedagogo, Máster en Teología Espiritual y Doctor en Teología por la Universidad Pontificia Bolivariana (UPB). Actualmente, coordina la Pastoral Juvenil y Vocacional en ocho países de Sudamérica.

Este seminario será una oportunidad para descubrir nuestra identidad como discípulos misioneros llamados a continuar el Proyecto de Jesús.



Martes 28 de Octubre
7:00pm a 9:00pm
Iglesia
St. Joan of Arc

Registrarse por TEXTO con
SANDRA CASTRO 954-448-9914

ST. JOAN  OF ARC
MINISTERIO HISPANO

ENCUENTRO MATRIMONIAL

A TODOS LOS MATRIMONIOS:

Si bien la mayoría de los matrimonios emprenden una aventura con muchas ilusiones y un amor sincero, las acechanzas de la sociedad actual, de violencia, agresividad, pérdida de valores, consumo desmedido y el desgaste propio de la convivencia diaria; provocan que los matrimonios experimenten desavenencias y rupturas.

Te invitamos a un Taller de Matrimonios, en el que te queremos acompañar a superar estas desavenencias y rupturas. Nuestro objetivo es que experimentes en tu matrimonio un gozo recíproco de amor y paz.

En el taller aprenderemos, en un movimiento de comunicación y diálogo, de dentro a dentro, de corazón a corazón a establecer una línea de apertura y acogida, donde los esposos se clarifican, se entienden, se comprenden, se perdonan, se aceptan y entran en armonía experimentando así una nueva oportunidad para revivir su "primer amor".

Duración: **6 reuniones**, una cada semana, con duración de 2.5 horas.

Fechas: Miércoles **15 de Octubre** a Miércoles **19 de Noviembre**

Horario: **7:00pm a 9:30pm**

Lugar: **Mercy Center en St. Joan of Arc**

Requisitos:

- Deseos sinceros de mejorar tu matrimonio.
- Matrimonios que tengan entre 3 y 30 años de casados (pueden ser parejas que no estén casadas por ninguna ley, pero con el tiempo señalado de vida conyugal).
- Puntualidad, asistencia y participación.

El taller es **GRATIS**

Registrarse por TEXTO con **ERIKA CANCINO 954-873-9346**



MINISTERIO HISPANO DE LA IGLESIA CATOLICA

ST. JOAN OF ARC
MINISTERIO HISPANO



RETIRO PARA HOMBRES #2
OCTUBRE 31, NOV. 1 Y 2

**TE INVITAMOS A TENER UN ENCUENTRO
CERCANO CON JESUS**

INFORMACIÓN:

(561) 299-0886

EMAUS_HOMBRES@STJOAN.ORG

*¿No sentíamos arder
nuestro corazón cuando
nos hablaba en el
camino.....?* LUCAS 24: 13-35

370 S.W. 3RD STREET, BOCA RATON, FL 33432

MARCH FOR LIFE



La Marcha por la Vida, una de las mayores manifestaciones anuales por los derechos humanos en el mundo, reúne cada año entre decenas de miles y cientos de miles de defensores de la vida de todo el país para un día de oración y testimonio pacífico.

Domingo, Octubre 12
1:30 pm
Mercy Center

ST. JOAN OF ARC
MINISTERIO HISPANO



Vigésimo Octavo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
Primera Lectura: 2 Reyes 5: 14-17
Segunda Lectura: 2 Timoteo 2: 8-13
Evangelio: Lucas 17: 11-19

En tiempos de Jesús, la terrible enfermedad contagiosa de la lepra afectaba a mucha gente, como a los diez leprosos del pasaje de este domingo. Para evitar contagios, el Antiguo Testamento estipulaba normas severas: «el enfermo de lepra llevará los vestidos rasgados, el cabello desgreñado, cubierta la barba; y al pasar gritará: “¡impuro, impuro!” Durante el tiempo en que esté enfermo de lepra es impuro. Habitará aislado fuera del campamento, pues es impuro» (Lv 13,45-46). Los sacerdotes eran quienes tenían autoridad para declarar públicamente que una persona era leprosa, o anunciar también su curación para que pudiera regresar a la sociedad.

A las afueras de un pueblo, vivirían pues los diez leprosos de esta escena que narra Lucas. Entre ellos se encuentra un samaritano, porque el dolor común enfrió la enemistad habitual entre judíos y samaritanos. Aquellos enfermos habrían oído hablar de Jesús, el maestro de Galilea que curaba gente. Es muy posible que acariciasen en grupo más de una vez la esperanza de encontrarse con él. De modo que cuando le ven pasar y le reconocen, gritan fuerte desde lejos para que tuviera piedad de ellos. «Esperan desde lejos –dice un Padre de la Iglesia– como avergonzados por la impureza que tenían sobre sí. Creían que Jesucristo los rechazaría también, como hacían los demás. Por esto se detuvieron a lo lejos, pero se acercaron por sus ruegos. El Señor siempre está cerca de los que le invocan con verdad (Sal 145,18)»[1].

De la petición de los diez leprosos podemos aprender a rogar a Dios con confianza, convencidos de que Él lo puede todo y de que no hace falta esperar a sentirnos dignos, para pedir y recibir lo que necesitamos.. Aunque Jesús sabe todo de nosotros, cuenta con nuestra petición llena de fe y perseverancia para darnos lo que pedimos. Es más, como decía san Agustín, en realidad tiene el Señor «más ganas de dar que nosotros de recibir; y tiene más ganas Él de hacernos misericordia que nosotros de vernos libres de nuestras miserias»[3].

Jesús escuchó la petición de los diez leprosos, y como suele hacer con todos los personajes con los que se encuentra, les pide a cambio un gesto de confianza, ajustado a la situación personal de quienes le ruegan. En este caso, no les toca, ni les impone las manos. Sencillamente les manda asumir que se van a curar y dirigirse a quien tiene autoridad para declararlos puros de su enfermedad. Y en el camino, quedaron todos curados. Seguro que se llenarían de inmensa alegría, conocida de mucha gente, cuando los sacerdotes verificaron públicamente la curación del grupo. Pero solo el samaritano se acordó agradecido de su benefactor, Jesús, y supo «dar Gloria a Dios» volviendo con acción de gracias a sus pies. De la actitud del samaritano y del reproche que hace Jesús hacia los nueve desagradecidos, sacamos otra lección muy importante de este pasaje: que nuestra acción de gracias da gloria a Dios y nos preparara para recibir dones mejores.

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The Newcomers group meets on THURSDAY night in the Conference Room A (2nd floor of the "Ministry Building") beginning at 6:30pm. Contact Pat McLaughlin 561.239.2462 or April Stone 760.717.5184 for more information.

Al-Anon - Meet Mondays 7:00-8:15pm in the Kilby House. Call Lucy at 915-799-7699 & **Alateen** Saturdays 10:00am -12:00pm 2nd floor of the Education Bldg.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - Tuesdays: 4pm to 8:30pm
Fridays: 9am to 7pm, 7 until 8:30pm Bilingual Rosary and Meditation. Would you sign-up for a weekly Adoration Hour? Please without such personal commitment Adoration cannot continue. Please be a Eucharistic Adorer and commit to one hour. Call Laura at 561.702.3303 or Rosie at 954.534.5380 or 561.392.0007

CARE MINISTRY & FOOD PANTRY: Offers aid to confirmed residents of Boca Raton or Delray Beach who find themselves in crisis situations with rent, electric or water bills, childcare, etc. Hours of operation on Monday, Tuesday and Friday are from 9:00am to 12noon. Clients must call ahead in order to schedule an appointment: 561.962.6000. We also have a Food Pantry to supply those in need with basic food items. The Food Pantry is open to registered clients only on Saturdays from 10:30am to 12 noon. Clients must have a pre-scheduled appointment time to receive food. The vast majority of the SJA Care Ministry resources are donations of Time, Talent and Treasure from the generous hearts of our parishioners. All donations, either monetary or food items go to help those in our community.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES COUNSELING CENTER - Counseling services at Catholic Charities' satellite office at SJA's Kilby House by Professional Counselors. Services are available Mon-Fri 9am to 5pm. Contact our Counselor Maria Nowak: 561-952-2852 or email: amnowak@ccdpb.org. For scheduling please contact Maria Lumbi at counseling@ccdpb.org

CENACULO de MARIA MADRE, GUARDIANA de la FE - Reuniones del cenáculo todos los Miercoles a las 7:00pm en el Salon Santa Rosa de Lima del Kilby House de St. Joan of Arc.

COLUMBIETTES - Ladies group building a strong bond in our parish. Columbiettes, are religious convictions: Mass attendants, blood drives, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Bereavement Committee. Many members serve on various committees of their parish. Join us and help us make a difference by touching hearts and changing lives. For details call Terry Picinich at 561-901-7312.

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN (CCW) - We are a joyful group acting through our members to support, empower and educate Catholic women in spirituality, leadership and service. Our seven circles offer a variety of monthly meeting times. Join us and make new friends as we are Women Making a Difference. SJA Council of Catholic Women Circles: Santa Ana Circle, Last Wednesday of the month 7pm to 9pm, St. Martha & Mary Circle, 3rd Thursday 1 -2:30 P.M. Kilby House
St. Monica Circle, 4th Monday 1-3 P.M. Kilby House
For more information, email stjocccw@gmail.com.

DAD'S CLUB - Every Monday in Mercy Center at drop off - 7:45am. All dads in the Parish welcome. For more information contact the school office.

DAILY ROSARY: We pray the Holy Rosary at 4:00pm at the Marian Garden.

GRIEF SUPPORT SESSIONS - When grief is shared, pain may be eased and life be more bearable because we see that we are not alone. The SJA Grief Support Program have been having small group meetings in the Kilby House on Wednesdays from 4-5pm. If you've lost a loved one and would like to participate in this program please call Marjorie O'Sullivan at 561.609.2542 or email osullivanmarjorie546@gmail.com.

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KOINONIA - Our annual St. Joan of Arc Lenten Retreat. A spiritually uplifting weekend experience that takes place on our parish grounds. Please contact: John Stoltz at jcs0011@gmail.com or call 561-322-8819.

MEN'S MINISTRY - Strives to develop God-centered Catholic men through Christian fellowship, education and service. Meetings Wednesday evenings from 6:30pm-8:15pm in Mercy Center's Room #209. All men of the parish are most welcome. Call Paul Paschke 561-392-2476.

MOTHER MARY CONTINUUM BIBLE STUDY Meet Fridays at St. Kateri Room in the Kilby House or online. We start with the Rosary at 9:15am. For additional information please contact Kathy Graham (kathymthgraham@gmail.com)

PRE-BAPTISMAL CLASS IN ENGLISH - First Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM in Mercy Center, 2nd Floor. Please contact the Parish Office at 561-392-0007 to register before attending.

CLASE PRE-BAUTISMAL EN ESPANOL - Tercer Jueves del mes a las 6:30 PM en Mercy Center, 2nd Floor. Por favor comuniquese con la Oficina Parroquial al 561-392-0007 antes de asistir.

SCRIPTURE STUDY - Sunday mornings at 9:15 in Mercy Center upstairs. Contact George Kunzman at bridgefin@bellsouth.net or call 561-394-7128.

SJA SCHOOL ALUMNI - We invite you to register on our St. Joan of Arc website as an alumni if you haven't already done so at stjoc.org/school/alumni-outreach/

SPANISH ACTIVITIES:

Rosary for Priestly Vocations – Wednesdays at 5pm in the SJA Chapel.

Prayer Group – Every Tuesday at 7pm at the Kilby House.

Pre Baptismal classes in Spanish every 1st Thursday of the month at 6:30pm at the Kilby House.

SOULCORE CLASSES - SoulCore is an apostolate that nourishes mind, body and spirit by combining the prayers of the rosary with movement of gentle stretching and core strengthening exercises. Classes are offered Mondays at 5:15pm in Mercy Center (upstairs Msgr. McGraw Study Room), Wed. at 4pm at Emmanuel Church & Sat. sunrise at Boca Beach at 6:45am. Please contact Ramona joachim for locations or more info 561-866-4820

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UPLIFT THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY - Please join UPLIFT, the Thursday morning Bible Study group. We meet Thursday mornings from 9:30 to 11:15 in Mercy Center, 2nd floor conference room. Please contact the Religious Education office to register (561-391-4345 or ReligiousEd@stjoan.org).

USHERS - Men & women at SJA represent the parish and the community in their function as hosts and hostesses at our liturgies. For more information contact Javier Palermo via text at 561-445-1782 or call Fr. Junesh Xavier at 561-392-0007.

WOMEN OF GRACE - Travel a spiritual pathway with the Blessed Mother through the Women of Grace Foundational nine-week program and discover your purpose, your mission, and the gift of your feminine genius! For more information contact Mary Indiviglio at maryind@aol.com

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