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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

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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

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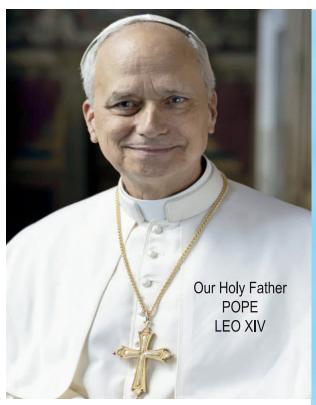
Must be registered parishioner/s for at least 6 months before the wedding date





November 16, 2025

THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FIRST READING: MALACHY 3: 19-20A SECOND READING: 2 THESSALONIANS 3:7-12 GOSPEL: LUKE 21: 5-19



pontifex EN: Our humanity is best fulfilled when we exist and live together, when we succeed in experiencing authentic, informal bonds with the people around us. If we close in on ourselves, we risk growing sick with loneliness, or even narcissism, which leads us to care for others only out of self-interest. #GeneralAudience

ES: Nuestra humanidad se realiza mejor cuando estamos y vivimos juntos, cuando somos capaces de experimentar vínculos auténticos, no formales, con las personas que tenemos al lado. Si nos encerramos en nosotros mismos, corremos el riesgo de enfermarnos de soledad e incluso de caer en un narcisismo que se preocupa de los demás solo por interés.

#AudienciaGeneral

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.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 15 to NOVEMBER 22, 2025

SATURDAY - November 15

4:30pm +Barbara D'Amico • Mildred Moviello by Maryanne Sarner

Deacon Jedidiah Preble by mom

SUNDAY - November 16

7:30am Liguori family by Jerry Liguori

9:15am +Carolyn Harvard by Terry Story • +Theresa Serra • + Catherine Lasala
10:45am Deacon Jedidiah Preble by mom • +Diane Maruzzi by John and Jeanie Dapolito
12:15pm +Gregory Lacivita by his wife Debbie • +Yolanda Favazzi by Jacqueline Ouellette

+June Blanski by Vilma and Tom

5:30pm +Ivan Hernandez by Gloria Hernandez • +Arturo Gonzalez by Alonso family

MONDAY - November 17

8:15am +Debbie Smarr by lauren Manglitz • Kenneth Desantis by Aymonin Family
12:15pm Deacon Jedidiah Preble by mom • +Richard Spizzirro by Paula Donayri

+Robert Marmara by Family

TUESDAY - November 18

8:15 am +Debbie Smarr by Lauren Manglitz • +Joan DeSantis by Aymonin family
12:15 pm Deacon Jedidiah Preble by mom • Jane Calandra by Barbara Jackson
Father Peter by Therese Brady

WEDNESDAY - November 19

8:15am asey Clarity

Iris Ramos

9:30am +Dr. Samuel Fandiño by the daughters
12:15pm Jose and Cristina Babun by the daughter
+Sandra Wesley by her Prayer group
Deacon Jedidiah Preble by mom

THURSDAY - November 20

8:15am +Lilia Castaneda by Andrea Ford 12:15pm +Carmen Lopez by G. Murphy

+Mimy Torrice \boldsymbol{I} by Fran and Keith Maisano

Deacon Jedidiah Preble by mom

FRIDAY - November 21

8:15am +John Rodriguez

12:15pm Deacon Jedidiah Preble by mom

SATURDAY - November 22

8:15am St. Joan of Arc Parishioners and Benefactors

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.

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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, Deacon Oscar Rodriguez



Very Rev. Nestor Rodriguez V.F.,
Mrs. Rita Kissel,
and the St. Joan of Arc
Church & School Gala/Auction Committee
request the pleasure of your company at

ST. JOAN OF ARC'S



AT THE CLUB AT BOCA POINTE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2025 6:00 pm

The Club at Boca Pointe
7144 Boca Pointe Dr, Boca Raton, FL 33433

To purchase your Table, Couples or Individual reservations, please visit our Gala website at https://one.bidpal.net/silverbells







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Plants can be donated to honor a loved one or in loving memory of a deceased person.

\$30 per plant

Please fill-in the envelopes located on the church credenzas. Names will be listed in the Bulletin in January 2026.



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or call 561-952-2868



Auction bidding will be done on your cell phone through BidPal. Registration is required at https://one.bidpal.net/silverbells, SIGN IN at the top right corner and register. Volunteers will be on-site if you need help. Auctions will finalize on December 6th at The Club at Boca Pointe. If you win the bid, please pick up your prize at the event.

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QUESTIONS? 561-952-2868 or info church@stioan.org

WEEKLY TREASURE

We ask you to please continue to support your church, The Weekly Offertory Collection for November 8/9 totaled \$24,967. The Campaign for Human Development Collection totaled \$1,171. 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.



Nov. 23 • Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe
Thirty fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
First Reading: 2 Samuel 5: 1-3
Second Reading: Col 1: 12-20
Gospel: Luke 23 35-43



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Anasaii, Viole Anderson, Joanne Anderson, Michael Angove, Cathy Azzinaro, Patty Sue 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, Marylin Carrera, Monica Castelli, Angela Campbell Virginia Carrigan, Doreen Casagnol, Alix Castillero, Lilia Castro, Rosa Chapa, Jennifer Chana Juliana Chapa, Rodney Clarity, Casey Clark, Emmit Cluster, Mike Cluster, Francene Collins Brooke Cominski, Bill

Cordoba, Jeannette 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, Alvssa Fastes Andrea Farrell, Helene Frazier, Natalie Forno, Ann Funk, James Galeano, Camilo Gallardo, Cindy Ryan Ganley, Frank Garavito, Caitlin Garcia, Stephanie Geraci, Frank 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 Benjamín Hynes, Billy Hynes, Rita Jacob, Kim Jara, Patricia Jimenez, Mia Isabel Kabbas, Diane Kabbas Flise Kayle Mildred Kallaher, Colleen Kelleher, John Knickman, Shane Krolikowski, Johnny Kussack, Russ Lango, John LaPan, Rebekah, Maggic and Carol LaRiche, James Laroche, Ashley Layer, Robert Le Bienvenu, Christian Ledin, Murry Leey, Patrica Leturmy, Larry Levi. Elio Leon, Marion Lobaton, Rossi Lombardi, Anthony Lombardi, Juliana Kav Lopes, Felisberto Lopez Torres, Anita Lopez, Fernando Javier Lopez, Carlos La Rota, Antonia Lynch Chuck Maloney, Jim

Maingot, Keith

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 Phillips Caryn Pittaluga, Madelon Prieto, Maria Fernanda Pratt, Kinsley Quillard, Millie Ramos, Iris Randall, Fr. Robert Rauchfleisch, Mark Raudenbush, John Rebata de Gruber Elsa Recharte Carlos Restrepo, Jaime Rende, Mary Ritacco, Candace Rodriguez, Ramon Roberts, Robyn Roggenburg, Marcela Rosas-Moran Tetete Rov. Barbara

Saavedra Burbank, Lea Salamack, Debbie Sanders, Dylan Saunders, Cindy Saunders, Jackie Sarra, Carolina Sgarlato, Mary Ann Sedlik, Steven Shepherd, Alan Shoopman, Sarah Silva, Kevin Silva Moreira, Maria M. Solari, Pablo Spinella, Grace Sreenan, Alex Strazzulla, Chris Stefancic, Guido Steinemann, Anne Stewart Mendez, Rocio Tarlow, Chris Thompson, Jaqueline Torreión, Rodrigo Torres, Andres Torres Yañez, Juana Torres, Rosa Thomsen, Donna Trupiano, Anthony Turner, Sarah Urbina, Bertha Vargas, Rosa Vass, OSC. Sr. Frances Velotta, Louis Vera, Isabella Regina Vetto, Regina Wachowiz, Jamey Wilt, Marge Whitney, Beverly Wilhelm, Karl Williams, John Wolff, Michael Wooley, Bill Zaloom, Mr. & Mrs. Zatarga, Deacon Mike

Russell, Taxo

Coffee and Donuts

This Sunday

St Joan of Arc Mercy Center

After the 7:30, 9:15, and 10:45 AM Masses

Donations welcomed!



FREE MEDICARE 101 EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS:

At St. Elizabeth Anne Seton Room in Kilby House Friday, November 21st, 2025 from 11 AM to Noon.

Please join us for an informational seminar regarding your 2026 Medicare options. Annual Enrollment Period (AEP) is between October 15th and December 7th. This is the time for you to select a new Medicare Health Plan for 2026 if you are not happy with your existing plan! Please call Jerry for more detail or RSVP at 561-843-7057 (TTY 711). This event is only for educational purposes and no plan specific benefits or details will be shared.



Presents:

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kick-off the Advent Season

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/han-dels-messiah-tickets-1671383987499

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Monica Berovides-Hidalgo MEZZO-SOPRANO

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Matthew Daniels
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DECEMBER 5, 2025 7:00 pm

ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH BOCA RATON • FLORIDA







Join us on a deeply moving spiritual pilgrimage to Italy, prayerfully led by our beloved Pastor, Fr. Nestor Rodriguez. Together, we will walk in the footsteps of the saints, visit sacred shrines, and celebrate our faith in some of the most holy places in Christendom.

APRIL 13 – APRIL 21, 2026 • Mark your calendars now!

Day 1 – Flight to Rome, Italy

Your sacred journey begins today as you board your flight to Rome, the Eternal City! Prepare your heart for an unforgettable pilgrimage filled with prayer, reflection, and spiritual renewal across the Atlantic.



Day 2 - Arrival in Rome

Welcome to Rome, a city steeped in faith and history! After meeting our local guide and driver, we'll embark on a panoramic tour featuring the famous Trevi Fountain, where you'll enjoy time for lunch and leisure. We'll then settle into our hotel, share our first dinner together, and rest — the perfect beginning to our spiritual adventure.

Day 3 – Papal Audience & The Vatican

Experience a once-in-a-lifetime moment at the Papal Audience in St. Peter's Square (Wednesdays). Afterwards, explore St. Peter's Basilica and the Vatican Museums, featuring Michelangelo's Pietà, the Raphael Rooms, and the Sistine Chapel. We'll also visit St. John Paul II's tomb and the Basilica of St. Mary Major before returning to our hotel for dinner and rest.



Day 4 - Rome: The Holy Sites

After breakfast, visit the Basilica of St. John Lateran, the oldest and most important of Rome's major basilicas. Reflect and pray at the Holy Stairs, walk along the ancient Appian Way, and visit sacred sites such as the Domine Quo Vadis Chapel and Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls, where St. Paul is buried. End the day with dinner and peaceful rest at the hotel.

Day 5 – Assisi: In the Footsteps of St. Francis

Journey to Assisi, the home of St. Francis and St. Clare. Visit the Basilica of St. Francis to pray at his tomb and see the chapel where he once prayed. We'll also visit the Church of St. Clare and St. Mary of the Angels Basilica, which houses the Porziuncola. Enjoy free time in the medieval streets before visiting the Santuario della Spogliazione, where Blessed Carlo Acutis is laid to rest. Dinner and overnight in Assisi.





Day 6 – Loreto / Lanciano / San Giovanni Rotondo

Travel to the Marian shrine of Loreto, home to the Holy House of Nazareth. Continue to Lanciano, site of the Eucharistic Miracle of the 8th Century, where we'll celebrate Mass. Afterwards, journey on to San Giovanni Rotondo, the home of St. Padre Pio, for dinner and overnight stay.

Day 7 - San Giovanni Rotondo & Monte Sant'Angelo

Visit the Old Church in San Giovanni Rotondo to see the crucifix where St. Pio received the stigmata, and his confessional where he guided countless souls. Then travel to Monte Sant'Angelo, the sacred Grotto of St. Michael the Archangel. After reflection and free time, return to San Giovanni Rotondo for dinner and rest.





Day 8 - Monte Cassino / Return to Rome

Journey north through Italy's stunning countryside to Monte Cassino, where St. Benedict founded his monastery in 529. Visit the Abbey of Monte Cassino and the Church of Sts. Peter and Paul. Return to Rome for a special farewell dinner at a local restaurant and your final night in the Eternal City.



With hearts full of gratitude and renewed faith, we bid farewell to Italy. Transfer to the airport for your flight home — carrying with you the blessings and memories of this sacred pilgrimage.





Limited to 40 pilgrims — first come, first served.

This information is preliminary and subject to change.

Departure from Miami \$4,499. If interestedplease contact

Jerry Chua at 561-843-7057or email wwjdj@yahoo.com

Brochures with more details will be available soon.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

ReligiousEd@stjoan.org • 561-391-4345 Summer Office Hours: Mon-Thu: 9AM-4PM Fri: 9AM-4PM • Sat-Sun: Closed

***RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES**

PARENTS CLASSES

Every Wednesday at 5:30pm

Catechesis of THE GOOD SHEPHERD

PreK and Kinder Montessori Catholic Based at 4:30 pm to 6:30pm

Blessing of the Creche at Sanborn Park: December 1st at 6pm

COMING SOON ***Catholics Tots***Mommy & Me Format
Open online enrollment in our website
Liturgy of The of the Word with Children During Sunday Mass

*** CONFIRMATION 2026 *** Students Mandatory Retreat Saturday September 26, 2026, at Amoris Christy CONFIRMATION Day Saturday October 10th, 2026, at 11 am

*** ADULTS CONFIRMATION 2025-2026 ***
Confirmation is Saturday, April 4th at 7pm in the Church.

ADULTS SACRAMENTS - OCIA ENGLISH AND SPANISH 2025-2026 Classes are every Monday at 7pm

> BAPTISMS Classes for Parents and Godparents Please contact the Parish Office to sign up for December 4th (English), 20 de Noviembre (Español)





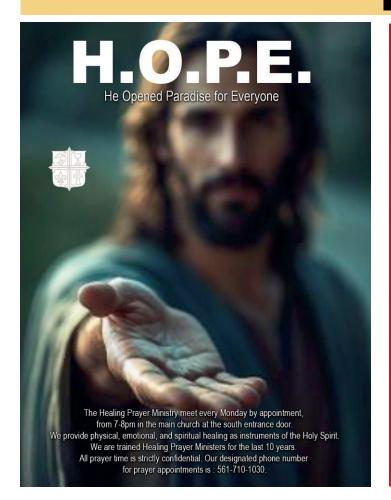
What Catholics Believe About Mary: Immaculate Conception, Virginity

Join Dr. Edward Sri as he answers some of the internet's most asked questions about Mary. Who is Mary? Why do Catholics pray to Mary? How could she be a virgin if Jesus had brothers and sisters according to the Bible? Find out answers to these and more questions in this episode of What Catholics Believe.

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An offering from the 🔛 Augustine Institute





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, tickets \$25 per person

Ticket sales: ERIKA CANCINO 954-873-9346







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For more information, please call 561.952.2946 · info_school@stjoan.org 501 SW 3rd Avenue, Boca Raton, FL 33432

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Virgen de Guadalupe



Padre de Misericordia, que has puesto a este pueblo tuyo bajo la especial protección de la siempre Virgen María de Guadalupe, Madre de tu Hijo, concédenos, por su intercesión, profundizar en nuestra fe y buscar el progreso de nuestra patria por caminos de justicia y de paz. Por nuestro Señor Jesucristo. Amén.

VIERNES, DICIEMBRE 12 MERCY CENTER

- 6:30 PM Procesión / Rosario
- · 7:00 PM Misa
- · 8:00 PM Cena, tickets \$25 por persona

Venta de tickets: ERIKA CANCINO 954-873-9346







Trigésimo tercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario Primera Lectura: Malaquias 3: 19-20a Segunda Lectura: 2 Tesalonicenses 3:7-12

Evangelio: Lucas 21: 5-19

PARA HACER ORACIÓN ANTE EL SANTÍSIMO

El misterioso personaje que luchó con Jacob no había sido convocado. Se presentó él, por su propia iniciativa. Y así sigue siendo ahora: es Dios quien viene a nuestro encuentro, porque «tiene sed de que el hombre tenga sed de él»[8]. Resulta sorprendente, pero esa sed «llega desde las profundidades de Dios»[9]: es tan grande y misteriosa como el amor que lo llevó a crearnos a cada uno, a cada una.

De nuestra parte, sencillamente hemos de plantarnos frente a él. El lugar de la cita no es solo el ámbito de los afectos, ni tampoco la imaginación o la razón, sino el corazón, «en lo más profundo de nuestras tendencias psíquicas»[10]. Se trata de estar ahí, de mantenerse en su presencia, de permanecer en su amor (cfr. Jn 15,9). No nos hemos embarcado en una simple operación psicológica, ni en un mero esfuerzo de concentración para llegar a un vacío mental: no estamos peleando contra el aire... Nuestra contemplación tiene la estructura de la fe cristiana: es «un diálogo personal, íntimo y profundo, entre el hombre y Dios»[11].

A solas con Cristo, tomando conciencia de que él está plenamente volcado hacia mí, e invitándome a que también yo esté totalmente disponible para él. ¿Mirar la pantalla del teléfono? No; se cortaría el ámbito del contacto interior. ¿Las distracciones que vemos venir, como lo son tantas veces todo tipo de cuestiones organizativas, o la curiosidad por lo que sucede a nuestro alrededor? No. Y tampoco los pensamientos centrados en estar a la altura o dar la talla, que pueden ser un retorno sutil sobre nosotros mismos. Toda nuestra vida está centrada en alguien, en «la persona de Jesucristo, a quien deseamos conocer, tratar y amar»; y ponerle «en el centro de nuestra vida significa adentrarse más en la oración contemplativa»

La contemplación busca «al amado de mi alma (Ct 1,7). Esto es, a Jesús»[14]. Alguien como yo, a quien puedo tratar a mi nivel, porque él mismo me ha llamado amigo (cfr. Jn 15,15). La oración contemplativa no será tal mientras no haya personalización. «Para acercarnos a Dios hemos de emprender el camino justo, que es la humanidad santísima de Cristo»[15]. Jesús es el puente que, a través de lo corporal, nos lleva a lo divino. Esa «lucha» cuerpo a cuerpo supone un encuentro de miradas, de sonrisas, de rostros y, sobre todo, de corazones. Se trata de apropiarnos del sentir del corazón de Jesús, aprender «el "conocimiento interno del Señor" para más amarle y seguirle»[16]. ¿Cómo se siente él hoy conmigo? ¿Encuentra sintonía, concordia? ¿Advierto y asumo sus alegrías y sus penas?

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHRISTIAN SERVICE

AA (Alcoholic Anonymous) Men & Women - Saturdays meetings at Immaculata Center. Saturdays 10:00am -12:00pm.

The Newcomers group meets on THURSDAY night in the Conference Romm 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@ccdbp.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, Bearevement 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 stjoanccw@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.

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY - Call us if you or someone you know is no longer able to attend Mass. Our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion visit the elderly & infirmed parishioners 561-392-0007.

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• SJA Campus Room Reservations:

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offers individual and private prayer sessions. To schedule your personal prayer time, please call 561-710-1030.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - We are a part of this great dynamic Catholic International Organization. Contact: knights.council13051@gmail.com

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 6:30pm in Mercy Center, 2nd Floor. Please contact the Parish Office at 561-392-0007 to pre-register before attending. Then, you must attend your scheduled class & receive your verification at the class. You can pick up your certificate at the parish office.

CLASE PRE-BAUTISMAL EN ESPANOL - Tercer Jueves del mes a las 6:30pm en Mercy Center, 2nd Floor. Por favor comuníquese con la Oficina Parroquial al 561-392-0007 para pre-registrarse antes de asistir. Luego, Ud. debe asistir a la clase seleccionada y ahí recibirá su constacia y el certificado lo puede recoger en la oficina.

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 stjoan.org/school/alumni-outreach/

SPANISH ACTIVITIES:

Prayer Group – Every Tuesday at 7pm 2nd floor in Mercy Center.

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 strenthening 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

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

more info 561-866-4820

SUNDAY TV MASS FOR THE HOMEBOUND - The Diocese of Palm Beach's weekly Sunday morning Mass for the homebound airs on CW34 WTVX at 10:30am -11: 00am 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

WEDDING MINISTRY - If you have a question about marriages, first please visit our website stjoan.org for Wedding Requirements. For appointments, please contact the Parish Office at 561-392-0007 or email info_church@stjoan.org.

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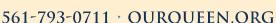
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