

# ST. JOAN OF ARC ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

**AUGUST 16, 2026 / TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

## DAILY MASS TIMES

M,T,W,Th,F,Sat 8:30am  
Monday: 6:00pm/English  
Wednesday: 6:00pm/Sp

## WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil 4:30pm  
Sunday 8:30am, 10:30am  
12:30pm Sp

## CONFESSION/CONFESION

Mon-Sat 8am-8:25am  
Mon 5:30pm-5:55pm  
Wed 5:30pm-5:55pm  
Sat 9am-10:30am  
or by appointment on above  
listed days

## OFFICE HOURS/GIFT SHOP 602-867-9171

Mon-Thurs 9am-12pm  
1pm-5pm  
\*closed 12pm-1pm  
Friday \*closed until 8/1/26  
Saturday & Sunday closed

## 24 HR ADORATION CHAPEL

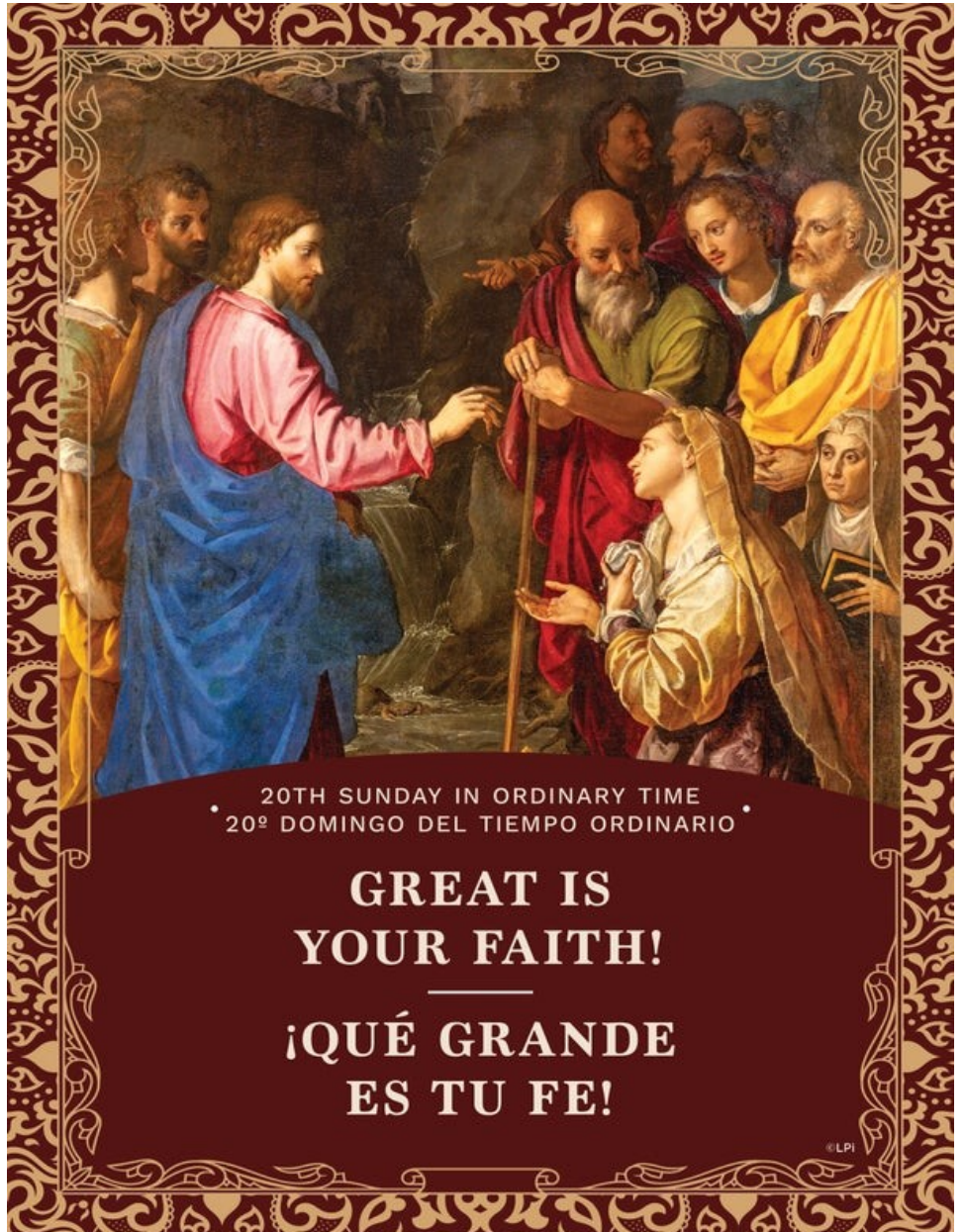
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20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
20º DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

**GREAT IS  
YOUR FAITH!**

**¡QUÉ GRANDE  
ES TU FE!**

## ARE YOU A REGISTERED PARISHIONER?

We're so glad you're a part of our  
worshipping community! While  
attending Mass is the heart of our  
faith, official registration is the  
best way for us to support  
you and your family.

<—Please scan and register today!—>



ENGLISH



SPANISH

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**Courageously following Christ by serving  
the community through Catholic liturgy,  
gospel values, charity and education.**

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# A LETTER FROM OUR NEW SEMINARIAN

Dear fellow parishioners of St. Joan of Arc,

As I head off to begin my seminary studies in order to be formed as a priest for the Diocese of Phoenix, I want to send my heartfelt thanks to all of you who have prayed for me over the years as you watched me grow up. I also want to give you a brief idea of how our wonderful parish, St. Joan of Arc, specifically has brought me to this point in my life.

I began serving as an altar boy at SJA when I was nine years old and Father Don Kline was pastor. Three years later, a newly ordained priest, Fr. Daniel Cruz, came to the parish.

From my earliest memory of Fr. Cruz, he had always been full of joy. In fact, he was so joyful all the time that one thing specifically struck me. One Good Friday during the Stations of the Cross, I looked over to Father and saw that he was not smiling, but rather solemn. I think that perfectly sums up Fr. Cruz: a faithful priest filled with the joy of Christ, yet with a solemn reverence for the deep mysteries of our Faith.

After a while, Fr. Daniel Connealy, another young priest, became our pastor. I remember one day Fr. Connealy told me he wanted to speak to me after we had finished doing a funeral Mass. He sat me down and asked if I had ever considered the priesthood. I had already decided I was never going to be a priest, so I gave him what was probably a non-answer and said something along the lines of "it's something to pray about and be open to." But of course, I had made up my mind not to be a priest. I moved on, hoping the notion would eventually go away.

I look back now realizing that the influence as well as the prayers of both Fr. Connealy and Fr. Cruz are what helped lead to the softening of my heart and then to proper discernment and genuine openness to the priesthood.

One night when I was about 20 and attending ASU, I went to adoration with a heavy heart, contemplating my future. In St. Joan of Arc's St. Katharine Drexel adoration chapel is the personal altar of Saint Katharine Drexel, to the right of the exposed Blessed Sacrament. I had heard that Saint Katharine had found (or strengthened) her vocation while praying in front of that altar and tabernacle. I knelt down to pray there right before I left the adoration chapel. It was subtle, but I believe that ever since that night, my pull towards the priesthood was greatly increased and has fostered a devotion to the holy saint.

Praying the rosary daily since high school has also played a huge role in my discernment. Mary has been with me every step of the way. All of this has culminated to where I am now: almost 22 and one of your parish seminarians. I now see the priesthood as a privilege to live like Our Lord Jesus. I cannot stress enough how grateful and indebted I am to Fr. Cruz and Fr. Connealy, especially through the experience of altar serving. Their witness to the Church and the Faith was integral to my life as a Catholic and my ongoing discernment. I thank them for their many prayers. I thank my parents as well, for giving me the Faith and taking it seriously enough to create a wonderful Catholic family.

But I also want to thank all of you, my parish family here at St. Joan of Arc. Because by your prayerful, joyful, and reverent example of living our Catholic faith, I have been formed just as truly as by my priests and parents. We have something very special here at SJA. God has blessed us, and I know we are all eternally grateful to Him for this parish community.

I can only continue to pray and to resign myself to God's Will and His Providence, trusting that He is cultivating my life to be fruitful for the Body of Christ and ultimately, for the Glory of the Divine Goodness.

I covet your prayers for me, and be assured of my prayers for you!

John Miller



# PRAYERS, READINGS, AND STEWARDSHIP



## STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts to Us

**Update for the  
MONTH OF JULY 2026 (\*FOUR WEEKS IN JULY\*)**

COLLECTION (BASKET): \$40,833.66

ONLINE GIVING: \$40,352.51

TOTAL: \$81,186.17 (ACTUAL  
COLLECTION)

BUDGETED INCOME: \$87,307.00 (ANTICIPATED  
COLLECTION)

**DEFICIT: \$6,120.83 (SHORTFALL)**

Support the works and needs of the parish by accessing our St. Joan of Arc online giving portal with various accepted methods of payment. Instructions may be accessed at [www.stjoanofarc.com](http://www.stjoanofarc.com) and click on the GIVING button for detailed instructions found at the bottom of the page.



### 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time / August 16, 2026

#### **First Reading:**

Thus says the LORD:  
Observe what is right, do what is just;  
for my salvation is about to come,  
my justice, about to be revealed. (Is 56:1)

#### **Psalm:**

O God, let all the nations praise you! (Ps 67)

#### **Second Reading:**

For God delivered all to disobedience,  
that he might have mercy upon all. (Rom 11:32)

#### **Gospel:**

Then Jesus said to her in reply,  
"O woman, great is your faith!  
Let it be done for you as you wish." (Mt 15:28)

### **Prayer for Conversion in Our Communities**

Dear God, Move in our community: Bring Your light to the darkness, Your justice to the oppressed, Your hope to those in despair, Your healing to those in pain.  
Work in us, Lord, and change our hearts, making us more loving, more merciful, and more compassionate

Amen.

## The Challenge of Stewardship

Every day we are called by Christ to respond in some way. The more practice we have at giving of ourselves freely and living in His presence, the easier it is to discern that call. Once we hear the call, the choice is ours: will we respond with yes or no? We could say that we are not required to say yes because God has given us free will. However, our response speaks much to where we are in our maturity of faith. When we were children, the word "no" used to be one of our favorites. If we continue to say that as we get older, well, that says something about where we are in our walk with the Lord. If we truly are disciples of Jesus Christ and are serious about growing in our faith, we will say "yes." We are not required to say yes, but we say yes because that is who we have become.

This is the challenge of a stewardship way of life. Have we matured enough to say yes when God calls, regardless of how much our answer may cost us? What matters more to us: what it will cost us or our relationship with Jesus? Some days we will easily be able to say yes. The grace and love he gives us will be plenty to see us through whatever situation in which we find ourselves. However, we are imperfect beings and there will be days when we are more into ourselves than him. It is on those days that we find ourselves at a true crossroads of a challenge. The choice is always ours. Hopefully, our faith will be strong enough. His call is never for his own sake. He calls us because the world he created and the Church he instituted need us. They wait just as he does for our response.

– Tracy Earl Welliver

### **PLEASE REMEMBER...**

Being a registered, active member  
of our parish is essential for:

- Serving as a Godparent or Sponsor.
- Accessing in-parish tuition rates for our preschool and Diocesan schools.
- Planning weddings and funeral services within the parish.

Take a moment today to register at  
[www.stjoanofarc.com](http://www.stjoanofarc.com).

For questions, please contact the  
Parish Office at 602-867-9171.

SCAN TO REGISTER

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# PRAYERS, READINGS, AND ADORATION

## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 15

8:30am SJA PARISHIONERS  
4:30pm SJA PARISHIONERS

Sunday, August 16

8:30am †Patty Arens  
10:30am SJA PARISHIONERS  
12:30pm †Raul Muñoz

Monday, August 17

8:30am †David Kalisch  
6:00pm Catalina Seelig

Tuesday, August 18

8:30am †Robert & Yvette Tanguay

Wednesday, August 19

8:30am †Juan Muñoz  
6:00pm †Abraham Olmos Ruiz

Thursday, August 20

8:30am The Taft Family

Friday, August 21

8:30am †Alice Caoutte

Saturday, August 22

8:30am †Shirley Anne Sposi  
4:30pm The Ransom and  
Navarro Families

Sunday, August 23

8:30am †Vicki Stephens  
10:30am †Lydia Farrington  
12:30pm SJA PARISHIONERS

## ADORATION CANDLE SPONSORS FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 16

**MICKEY BENNETT**

**In Memory of**

**HANK "HENRY" GREGOROWICZ**

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**CARMELO ARENA**

**In Memory of**

**SALVATORE VITELLO**



## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

### **WHY SHOULD I BE AN ADORER?**

There are many reasons! Most importantly is to visit and spend time with Our Lord Jesus Christ who is ever present in the Holy Eucharist (also called the Blessed Sacrament). Like any relationship, what we put in is what we will get back and our Lord is not outdone in generosity! As a committed adorer you also have the amazing responsibility to keep the Lord not only company but also safe in the Adoration Chapel. Coming to adoration is a perfect way to draw ever closer to Jesus and to intensify our spiritual life.

For more information, please call  
Desiree Schlangen at 763.807.7015 or  
des.schlangen@gmail.com.

## WEEKLY MASS READINGS

### **Readings for the week of August 16, 2026**

**Sunday:** Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/  
Mt 15:21-28

**Monday:** Ez 24:15-23/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21/Mt 19:16-22

**Tuesday:** Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab/  
Mt 19:23-30

**Wednesday:** Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 20:1-16

**Thursday:** Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 22:1-14

**Friday:** Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 22:34-40

**Saturday:** Ez 43:1-7ab/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 23:1-12

**Next Sunday:** Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2a, 2b-3, 6 and 8/Rom 11:33-36/  
Mt 16:13-20

### **Observances for the week of August 16, 2026**

**Sunday:** 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Monday:**

**Tuesday:**

**Wednesday:** St. John Eudes, Priest

**Thursday:** St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

**Friday:** St. Pius X, Pope

**Saturday:** The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Next Sunday:** 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

## 24 HOUR ADORATION CHAPEL

### ADORERS NEEDED:

**Sunday:** 2am, 12pm

**Monday:** 7am, 9am, 12pm,  
**Thursday:** 12am, 10am, and  
11am

**Friday:** 7am, 12pm, 1pm

Prayer partners are always  
needed.

For more  
information, please  
contact Desiree at  
(763)807-7015



# MINISTRY NEWS PAGE



## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

In the Gospel, we find the demand of daily Christian living is to spend our life primarily searching for the kingdom of God.

This month through your gifts to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul we were able to assist 98 families, providing 224 boxes of food, and provided financial aid to 5 families for utility and rent bills...  
**THANK YOU!!!**

The food items needed in the pantry this week are the following:

- A Box of Cereal
- A Box of Hamburger Helper
- A Jar of Jelly

The pantry is open the following days & times:

\*\*\*Mondays— 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM &  
6:00 PM to 7:30 PM

\*\*\*Wednesdays – 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM  
6:00 PM- to 7:30 PM

\*\*\*Saturdays – 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

## SJA PRAYER LINE

The Mission of the SJA Prayer Line Ministry is to provide an opportunity to support others in our community with special prayer requests. <<< >>>

Members of the SJA Prayer Line offer their own prayers on the requestor's behalf.

Please contact Margo Enfield:

[4prayeronly@gmail.com](mailto:4prayeronly@gmail.com).

## Attention ALL Ministry Volunteers:

Please renew your Safe Environment Training!  
**Our parish deadline is September 30th.**

- Go to: <https://phoenix.cmgconnect.org>
- Go to your "Dashboard" and click on the ONLINE Renewal Video 2026-2027.
- REMINDER: DO NOT create a new account! If you have forgotten your password, click on the forgot password link located under SIGN IN. If you have forgotten your username, you can click on the "Forgot Username" link.
- Verify the expiration date of your criminal background check. If it expires within the coming year please renew it.

For questions about the Safe Environment Training Program, please contact Annette Garrison at [liturgy@stjoanofarc.com](mailto:liturgy@stjoanofarc.com) or 602-867-9171 x308



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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

## YOUTH MINISTRY STARTING SEPTEMBER



**EDGE** (Middle School)  
Fridays: 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

**Life Teen** (High School)  
Mondays: 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

*Thank You!*

A huge THANK YOU to our parish family for your incredible generosity! Your donations mean the world to us—helping fund our retreats, service projects, and fellowship events.

We also want to give a warm thank-you to everyone who has reached out to volunteer! Your support will help keep our ministry thriving.

**We Still Need Your Help!**

We are actively looking for a few more volunteers to join our team, especially on Fridays. If you'd like to share your time and support our young people as they grow in faith, we would love to have you!

Please reach out to Ally today to learn more or sign up to help on Fridays. God bless you all!

**Contact Ally**  
Youth Ministry Coordinator

[acastillo@stjoanofarc.com](mailto:acastillo@stjoanofarc.com), Ph: (602) 867-9171 ext. 309

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for the following requests that have been recently received either by the Prayer Line ([4prayeronly@gmail.com](mailto:4prayeronly@gmail.com)), the bulletin, or both.

**Ricardo Bravo, David Capanezzi, Jim Cooke,  
Clemente Bautista Dalag, Mary Flores,  
Darren LaCroix, and Charlie Smith...  
For Healing**

For bulletin only submission requests, please email  
[SJAbulletin@stjoanofarc.com](mailto:SJAbulletin@stjoanofarc.com)

## In-Person Safe Environment Renewal Class

The only opportunity to complete the Safe Environment Renewal Class in person is on one of the following dates. Please register online at [cmgconnect.org](https://cmgconnect.org) before attending.

**English**

Date: **Tuesday, August 25, 2026**

Time: **9:30 AM**

Location: **Santa Maria Hall**

**Important: This class is for renewals only.** If you did not complete your Safe Environment training last year, you are not eligible to attend this renewal class and will need to complete the full training instead. If you have any questions, please contact Annette Garrison at [liturgy@stjoanofarc.com](mailto:liturgy@stjoanofarc.com) or 602-867-9171 ext. 308

# AROUND THE PARISH

# WELCOME

## Welcome New Parishioners!

If you are considering registering with the parish or have registered this year, please stop by Santa Maria Hall the weekend of **August 22 & 23 after all the Masses** to meet a few of our welcoming families and receive a welcome packet! Light refreshments will be served!



**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SOULS OF ALL OUR DEARLY DEPARTED**

**Brian Vincent Braden**

**&**

**Luisa Lopez Serna**

**"Eternal rest grant unto them, o Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace."**



## COR Men's Formation

**Saturdays, 7:00–8:30 a.m., Santa Maria Hall**

**Aug. 22: What Were You Made For?**  
**The Last Things and Your Destiny**

**Sept. 12 & 26; Oct. 10 & 24:**  
**Who Do You Say That I Am? —The Gospel of Mark**

**All men welcome. Join at any time.**  
**Sessions are in English.**

**Todos los hombres son bienvenidos. Las sesiones se ofrecen en inglés.**



**Funeral Mass**  
**Connie Mesquita**  
**1934-2026**  
**September 18, 2026**  
**10:30AM**

**Funeral Mass**  
**Brian Vincent Braden**  
**1960 - 2026**  
**August 21, 2026**  
**10:30AM**

# Altar Server

## TRAINING

### NEW ALTAR SERVER TRAINING CLASSES

**INVITATION TO ALL YOUNG MEN AGE 10+ OF SJA**

**Class #1: Saturday, 8/29 @ 11am in the church**

**Class #2: Saturday, 9/12 @ 11am in the church**

**Both classes are required to become an altar server and be scheduled to serve Mass.**

**Boys must possess a deep passion for Jesus and the desire to assist our priests and deacons during Holy Mass.**

**\*Boys must be part of a registered family at SJA.**

**\*Boys must be fully initiated (First Eucharist and Confirmation Sacraments).**

**For more information and/or to RSVP your son for the training classes, please contact**  
**Tracy Stofflet, altar server coordinator at**  
**tasarizona@cox.net**

**NEWLY MARRIED**

**Manuel De Atocha Vasquez Chavez &**  
**Lourdes Anai Mendoza Zapien**  
**7-25-2026**

**Jonathan Michael Crawford &**  
**Amanda Esperanza Navarrete**  
**8-01-26**

**Zeigen Kai John Yandell &**  
**Corrina Renee Allen**  
**8-08-26**

***Congratulations!***

### HOLY CATHOLIC MARRIAGE MENTORING

**www.holycatholicmarriage.com**  
**By: Alberta & Gary Pizzitola, PhD—602-743-4303**

# PARISH & DIOCESE EVENTS

## 2ND ANNUAL SJA PARISH-WIDE RUMMAGE SALE



ALL DONATION ITEMS ARE WELCOMED!

PLEASE DROP OFF ALL DONATIONS IN WEIDNER HALL ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

- AUGUST 15TH FROM 4PM - 6PM
- AUGUST 16TH FROM 8AM - 2PM



RUMMAGE SALE WILL TAKE PLACE IN WEIDNER HALL ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21ST, SATURDAY, AUGUST 22ND, AND SUNDAY, AUGUST 23RD FROM 8AM - 5PM

For more information please contact Edye @ 602-549-6469 or Mary @ 602-295-5973

Join us for a time of reflection, prayer, and Mass



## The Gift of the Blessed Mother

by Cassy Beltran



Wednesday, August 19, 2026



11am - Reflection • 12pm - Daily Mass



Diocesan Pastoral Center - Virginia G. Piper Chapel  
400 E. Monroe Street, Phoenix, AZ 85004



Where:  
St. Helen's  
Catholic Church  
5510 W. Cholla St.  
Glendale, AZ 85304  
Time: 10:45-2:30  
on September 12, 2026

Come and Join Us  
Registration \$18.00



Registration through Eventbrite—search for  
Magnificat Meal

Speaker: Fr. Miguel Solis, Assoc. Pastor, SSJ  
Chapter in Phoenix, Deadline Sept. 9 2026  
Mail-in registration's deadline Sept. 5, 2026

Magnificat is a Ministry to Catholic Women (and men)  
in the Diocese of Phoenix.

Women sharing in testimony of how  
God has worked in their lives.

Contact information for registration  
Esther Ramirez, 623-565-0304, mrs.estherramirez@gmail.com  
make checks payable to Phoenix Magnificat;  
please include your email address and mail to: Esther Ramirez,  
10604 N. 53rd Ave., Glendale, AZ 85304

## Queenship of Mary

Question:

Why do we have a feast for the Queenship of Mary?

Answer:

For many of us, the language of kings and queens may seem like they belong to history or a medieval movie. Royalty have absolute authority over a kingdom and their subjects, a concept that is foreign to many of us today. While Jesus doesn't rule a political kingdom, we honor and recognize him as the King of Kings, Lord of Heaven and Earth. To God alone belongs absolute authority over all of existence.

We may think of queens as the spouse of the king, but there is another key relationship: the king's mother. In Biblical history, we see instances where the mother of the king is given due as a queen herself, complete with a throne! Mary's guiding influence over her Son is seen most notably in the Wedding Feast at Cana. Mary is not Queen on her own merit. She is "full of grace" and "blessed" in "all ages" because of the reign of her Son.



# REFLECTIONS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## Chess, Not Checkers

There's a saying that good leaders have to play chess, not checkers.

It will surprise no one who knows me well that I am terrible at chess. It's not so much a lack of skill (although that's part of it) as a lack of effort. I find chess exhausting. To succeed at this complex game of strategy, you have to see not just the board in front of you, but the person in front of you — and more than that, you have to consider not just what is, but what could be.

I prefer checkers.

When I read a Gospel passage like today's, I think of what Jesus would be like as a chess player. It's so easy to see this account of the Canaanite woman and her tenacity and take it at face value, as a reminder to pray without ceasing, to never stop asking God for what we need. And certainly, it is that.

But it's not only that.

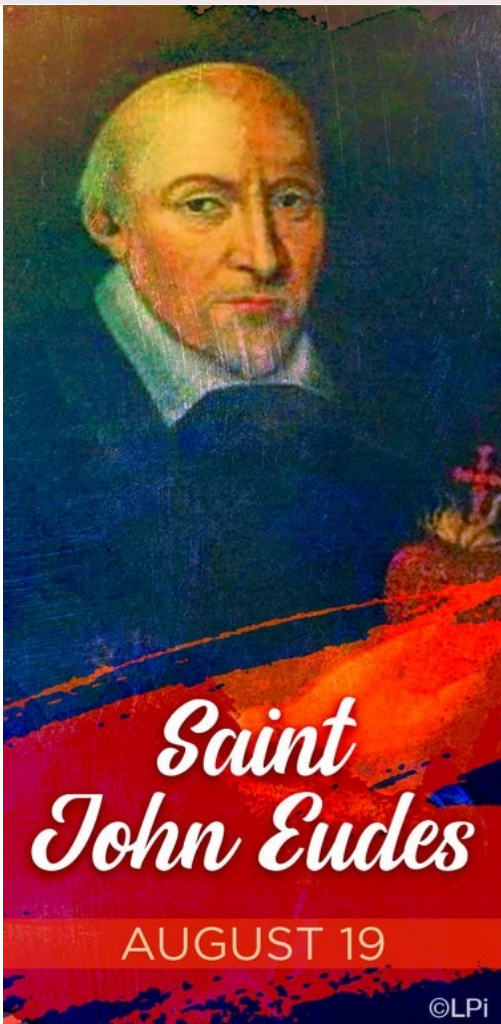
We see a woman begging God for help, and we see God refuse — at first. We see her persist, and we see him capitulate. At least, that's what it looks like to us.

What does it look like to Jesus?

Jesus sees this woman's face and hears her words, just as his disciples do — but he also sees her heart. He sees her whole life. He sees every moment that leads up to this one. He sees her belief, but he also sees her unbelief. He sees her wounds. He sees her daughter.

He sees the game board not just for what it is, but for what it could be.

## SAINTS OF THE WEEK



# NOTICIAS

## Entrenamiento de MONAGUILLOS

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Clases de entrenamiento para nuevos Monaguillos  
INVITACIÓN A TODOS LOS JÓVENES DE 10 AÑOS O  
MÁS DE LA PARROQUIA DE SJA

**Clase #1:** Sábado, 29 de agosto, a las 11:00 a.m. en la iglesia.

**Clase #2:** Sábado, 12 de septiembre, a las 11:00 a.m. en la iglesia.

Es necesario asistir a los 2 entrenamientos para convertirse en monaguillo y poder servir en la Santa Misa.

Los jóvenes deben tener un profundo amor por Jesús y el deseo de ayudar a nuestros sacerdotes y diáconos durante la Santa Misa.

Los jóvenes deben pertenecer a una familia registrada en la parroquia de SJA.

Los jóvenes deben haber recibido plenamente los sacramentos de iniciación: la Primera Comunión y la Confirmación.

Para obtener más información y/o confirmar la asistencia de su hijo a las clases de entrenamiento, comuníquese con Carmen Zuno, coordinadora de monaguillos, al correo electrónico:

Cyzuno@gmail.com

### Atención a todos los voluntarios de los ministerios:

Por favor, renueven su capacitación de "Ambiente Seguro" (Safe Environment Training). La fecha límite de nuestra parroquia es el 30 de septiembre.

\*Visite: <https://phoenix.cmgconnect.org>

\*Vaya a su "Panel de control" (Dashboard) y haga clic en el video de renovación en línea para el periodo 2026-2027.

\*RECORDATORIO: ¡NO cree una cuenta nueva! Si ha olvidado su contraseña, haga clic en el enlace "Forgot password" (¿Olvidó su contraseña?) situado debajo de "SIGN IN" (Iniciar sesión). Si ha olvidado su nombre de usuario, puede hacer clic en el enlace "Forgot Username" (¿Olvidó su nombre de usuario?).

\*Verifique la fecha de vencimiento de su verificación de antecedentes penales. Si vence durante el próximo año, por favor renuévela.

Si tiene preguntas sobre el programa de capacitación de "Ambiente Seguro", comuníquese con Annette Garrison en liturgy@stjoanofarc.com o al 602-867-9171, extensión 308.

## ADORACIÓN EUCARÍSTICA

### ADORADORES NECESARIOS:

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LUNES-7am, 9am, 12pm

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VIERNES-7am, 12pm, 1pm



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### NECESITO COMPAÑEROS DE ORACIÓN

Por favor Nora.SJAadoration@gmail.com

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Si está interesado en ser voluntario como Capitán por hora, comuníquese con Nora al 602.731.1174.

### ¿Le interesa celebrar una Quinceañera con una bendición especial?

Se requiere un aviso con un mínimo de un año de anticipación para programar una bendición de Quinceañera. Para obtener más información y comenzar el proceso, comuníquese con Annette Garrison @ 602-867-9171 x308

### Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:

Estamos profundamente agradecidos con las familias que llevan a sus hijos a la Misa dominical. La presencia de los niños es un hermoso recordatorio de que nuestra parroquia es una comunidad de fe viva y en crecimiento. Es una bendición acogerlos mientras aprenden a conocer, amar y adorar al Señor.

Sin embargo, en ocasiones, los niños pequeños pueden inquietarse o alterarse durante la celebración de la Misa. Si su hijo llegara a causar molestias, les pedimos amablemente que utilicen el vestíbulo o la sala para padres con niños pequeños hasta que estén listos para regresar. Este pequeño gesto de consideración ayuda a mantener un ambiente de oración, permitiendo así que todos los presentes participen plenamente en la Sagrada Liturgia.

### Clase de Renovación de Ambiente Seguro en Persona

La única oportunidad para completar la Clase de Renovación de Ambiente Seguro en persona será en una de las siguientes fechas. Por favor, regístrese en línea en [cmgconnect.org](https://cmgconnect.org) antes de asistir.

Español

Fecha: **Miércoles, 26 de agosto de 2026**

Hora: **6:30 PM**

Lugar: **Santa Maria Hall**

Importante: **Esta clase es únicamente para renovaciones.**

Si usted no completó su capacitación de Ambiente Seguro el año pasado, no es elegible para asistir a esta clase de renovación y deberá completar la capacitación inicial.

Si tiene alguna pregunta, comuníquese con Annette Garrison al [liturgy@stjoanofarc.com](mailto:liturgy@stjoanofarc.com) o al 602-867-9171 ext. 308.

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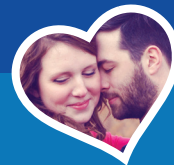
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