

**MASS INTENTIONS & WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**Saturday, April 4 VIGIL**

**2nd COLLECTION FOR SEMINARIAN EDUCATION**

7:00pm Mass Intention for the people, by Fr. Dean Cesa and in memory of Nancy Matt + By Craig Matt

**Sunday, April 5 EASTER SUNDAY**

**2nd COLLECTION FOR SEMINARIAN EDUCATION**

**FAITH FORMATION CLASSES CANCELLED FOR THIS MORNING**

9:00am Choir Rehearsal (Meeting Room # 3)  
 9:25am Rosary  
 10:00am Mass (English) Intention for all those mentioned on the Easter List  
 11:25am Spanish Rosary  
 12:00pm Mass (Spanish) Intention for all those mentioned on the Easter List  
 12:00pm Presentación: Suzette Perez

**Monday, April 6**

**DIOCESAN HOLIDAY / PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

**NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES**

**Tuesday, April 7**

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED / REPLACEMENT OF FLOORS IN PARISH OFFICE**

**NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES**

6:30pm Choir Rehearsal (Church)

**Wednesday, April 8**

**NO ADORATION AND NO NOON MASS**

**NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES**

**Thursday, April 9**

**NO NOON MASS**

10:00am-2:00pm Quilters & Try Crafters / Laura Pease & Gail Israel  
 7:00pm Coro (Church)

**Friday, April 10**

**NO NOON MASS AND NO EVENING ADORATION**

**Saturday, April 11**

**2ND COLLECTION / SJA MORTGAGE & BUILDING FUND**

1:00pm Quinceanera: Natalia Raya / Anabel Raya (Mother) 400-7958  
 4:00pm Choir Rehearsal (Meeting Room # 3)  
 4:00pm Confession  
 4:25pm Rosary (Knights of Columbus)  
 5:00pm Mass Intention in memory of Patricia Mascolo + By Christopher White  
 5:00pm Fr. Dean will Commission Liturgical Ministers (Church)

**Sunday, April 12**

**2ND COLLECTION / SJA MORTGAGE & BUILDING FUND**

9:00am Faith Formation Class (Spanish) 2 students w/Teresa Lozada (Meeting Room # 4)  
 9:00am Choir Rehearsal (Meeting Room # 3)  
 9:25am Rosary (Knights of Columbus)  
 10:00am Mass (English) Intention in memory of Jerry Horak + By Abby Horak  
 10:00am 12:00pm Fr. Dean will Commission Liturgical Ministers (Church)  
 11:00am Spanish Confirmation Class w/Lizzy De Santiago (Meeting Room # 4)  
 11:25am Spanish Rosary (Knights of Columbus)  
 12:00pm Mass (Spanish) Intention for Teresa Rodriguez and Alfredo Sanchez Rodriguez, by the Rodriguez and Sanchez Families  
 12:00pm Bautismo: Isabella Valencia Hernandez



**Para la Comunidad Hispana**

El Ministerio para los enfermos estamos invitando a que nos informe si conoce a alguien o tiene un miembro de su familia enfermo o en el hospital que no puede asistir a la Santa Misa a si le gustaria que le lleven la Sagrado Comunión a su casa por favor comuniquese con Flor Zacarias a 828-337-7411 o a la Oficina Parroquial 828-670-0051.



**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS COURT  
 ST. JOAN OF ARC # 2471 IN UNITY AND CHARITY**

Catholic Daughters of the Americas puts faith into action through a spirit of love to promote justice, equality, human rights and dignity for all people. We support the following: Catholic Charities "Angel Tree", Victory Junction Camp, The White Ribbon Campaign, along with other non-profit ministries and our ministries within our Church. Our Chapter meets the third Sunday of each Month.

**HIJAS CATÓLICAS DE LAS AMÉRICAS TRIBUNAL  
 ST. JUANA DE ARCO # 2471 EN UNIDAD Y CARIDAD**

Hijas Católicas de las Américas pone la fe en acción a través de un espíritu de amor para promover la justicia, la igualdad, los derechos humanos y la dignidad de todas las personas. Apoyamos lo siguiente: Caridades Católicas "Angel Tree", Victory Junction Camp, The White Ribbon Campaign, junto con otros ministerios sin fines de lucro y nuestros ministerios dentro de nuestra Iglesia. Nuestro Capítulo se reúne el tercer domingo de cada mes.

**SPIRITUALITY READING GROUP**

Join us for the "Spirituality Reading Group" which will take place on the first Thursday of each month. This will be a "Brown Bag Lunch" meeting in the Fellowship Hall. We will be sharing your insights into faith from Mass Readings, Books and Catholic Literature. Join us for some interesting discussions!

**Grupo de Lectura de Espiritualidad**

Acompañenos al "Grupo de Lectura de Espiritualidad", que se reunirá el primer jueves de cada mes. Esta será una reunión tipo "almuerzo informal" en el salón de usos múltiples. Compartiremos sus perspectivas sobre la fe a partir de las lecturas de la Misa, libros y literatura católica. ¡Participe en interesantes conversaciones!

**St. Joan of Arc Library Corner**

**Join us for a Spirituality Reading Group Discussion: Listen to announcements and read the bulletin for upcoming Discussions.** Readers, come for sharing and discussion of readings in faith. Help us to learn more, reflect more deeply and have time to meditate on the Way and the Truth. Stop by the Library (Conference Room) and choose a book from the monthly list or take one off the shelf and join in on the Book Discussions!



Let us pray for all those who serve our country in the Military, at home and abroad, and their families. We thank them for their service.

Oremos por todos aquellos que sirven a nuestro país en las Fuerzas Armadas, en casa y en el extranjero, y sus familias. Les agradecemos por su servicio.

**SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2026**

**APRIL 4 & 5—SEMINARIAN EDUCATION**

**APRIL 11 & 12—ST. JOAN OF ARC MORTGAGE & BUILDING FUND**

**APRIL 18 & 19—ABCCM & ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND MASS, PLEASE SEND IN YOUR OFFERTORY AND DONATIONS FOR THE SECOND COLLECTIONS. YOU CAN ALSO SIGN UP FOR ONLINE GIVING; PLEASE CONTACT KIM ADAMS, BOOKKEEPER ON MONDAYS AT 828-670-0051, BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 10:00AM—1:00PM. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY. PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FOR 2026 COLLECTED TO DATE: \$956.00; 2026 GOAL T/B/A.

**SEGUNDA COLECCIONES PARA EL MES DE ABRIL 2026**

**4 Y 5 DE ABRIL: FORMACIÓN DE SEMINARISTAS**

**11 Y 12 DE ABRIL: FONDO DE HIPOTECAS Y CONSTRUCCIÓN DE SANTA JUANA DE ARCO**

**18 Y 19 DE ABRIL: ABCCM Y SAN VICENTE DE PAÚL**

PUEDA ASISTIR A LA MISA, ENVÍE SU OFFERTORIO Y LAS DONACIONES PARA LAS SEGUNDAS COLECCIONES. TAMBIÉN PUEDES REGISTRARTE PARA DAR EN LÍNEA; COMUNÍQUESE CON KIM ADAMS, CONTADOR DE LIBROS LOS LUNES AL 828-670-0051, ENTRE LAS HORAS DE 10:00 AM A 1:00 PM. GRACIAS POR SU CONTINUA GENEROSIDAD. JUBILACIÓN DE SACERDOTES PARA 2026 RECAUDADO HASTA LA FECHA: \$956.00; META 2026 POR CONFIRMAR.

Stewardship Weekly Summary			
Month of March / 5th Sunday of the Month			
5 Sundays in March 2026	Amount Collected	Amount Needed This Week	Difference For This Week's Needs
Offering for Operating Expenses	\$12,168.00	\$5,972.00	\$6,196.00
Mortgage / Building Fund	\$1,556.00	\$840.00	\$716.00
Stewardship Monthly Summary			
Month of March / 5th Sunday of the Month			
5 Sundays in March 2026	Amount Collected	Amount Needed This Month	Difference For This Month's Needs
Offering for Operating Expenses	\$33,271.00	\$29,856.00	\$3,415.00
Mortgage/Building Fund	\$4,223.00	\$4,197.00	\$26.00

2026 Diocesan Support Appeal (DSA)					
2026 GOAL FOR ST. JOAN OF ARC: \$31,788.17					
Amount Paid	Pledge Balance	Paid & Pledge Balance	Goal	Over/Under	Donors
\$8,295	\$5,072	\$13,367	\$31,788	(\$18,421)	46

**Capital Campaign to Upgrade our Sound System**  
**CONGRATULATIONS! WE HAVE EXCEEDED OUR GOAL!**  
**THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

**Our Goal is: \$50,000.00**  
**To date we have collected: \$50,526.00**

**Campaña de recaudación de fondos para mejorar nuestro sistema de sonido**  
**¡FELICIDADES! ¡HEMOS SUPERADO NUESTRO OBJETIVO!**  
**¡GRACIAS A TODOS POR SU GENEROSIDAD!**  
**Nuestra meta es: \$50,000.00**  
**Hasta la fecha hemos recaudado: \$50,526.00**

**Discussion Questions**

**Easter Sunday  
 April 5, 2026**

**First Reading (Easter Sunday) / Acts 10:34a, 37-43**

1. What is the significance of the word "witness," in the sentence, "We are witnesses of all that he did"? Peter uses it both as a noun (meaning "observer") and a verb (meaning "corroborate," "testify"). It is something you can be (how are you a witness?) and do (what is your action to witness to truth?).

2. Should we witness with more than words? Peter bore witness in a different manner after the Resurrection than he did before Christ died. To what do you attribute this? Was he consumed by love for Christ and his Gospel? Could the source of strength for Peter be the same source for us?

**Second Reading (Easter Sunday) / Colossians 3:1-4**

1. "Brothers and sisters: If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above." (See later in Colossians 3 for Paul's meaning of "above"). He says that we should put on heartfelt compassion. What does compassion look like in our immediate world and in the larger one? What cries of the poor "deeply move" you? Of dying children in Ukraine? Of people suffering from effects of global warming, unhoused people and starvation?

2. How does St. Paul's statement, "seek what is above" relate to Pope Francis message below?

*We incarnate the duty of hearing the cry of the poor when we are deeply moved by the suffering of others. ... This is why I want a Church which is poor and for the poor. They have much to teach us. Not only do they share in the sensus fidei, but in their difficulties they know the suffering Christ. We need to let ourselves be evangelized by them. The new evangelization is an invitation to acknowledge the saving power at work in their lives and to put them at the centre of the Church's pilgrim way. We are called to find Christ in them, to lend our voice to their causes, but also to be their friends, to listen to them, to speak for them and to embrace the mysterious wisdom which God wishes to share with us through them. Pope Francis / Evangelii Gaudium #193, 198*

**Gospel: Vigil: Luke 24: 1-12 / Easter: John 20:1-9**

1. The same women who came to anoint his body in the morning had been with Jesus when he died. Were they deterred from their task by fear? Compare and contrast their behavior with some of Jesus' other disciples. In thinking about events like the Ukrainian war and protests against injustice, do we think President Zelenskyy is stopped by fear? Were people like John Lewis, Gandhi, Doctors without Borders, and Dorothy Day stopped by fear? Where is your courage on a scale of 1 to 10? Will it look different on every person and in every situation?

2. What is it that allowed John to "see and believe," to have this kind of clarity? Does love give you knowledge about a person, insights into their behavior? In John, Jesus said "Whoever loves me ... I will love him (her) and reveal myself to him (her)" (Jn 14:21). Is there a connection between Jesus' statement and John's "seeing and believing"?

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Annual Easter Word Search

Q K U H A B S S I E R H A E N S Z W F L  
 K X C G K P T I V B R L O R D T F P H S  
 N F C U F D P N Y P L M D F V O Z E M X  
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Mary of Magdala	Burialcloths	Resurrection King
Cornerstone	Forgiveness	Righthand Lord
Disciple	Simon Peter	Immortal
Alleluia	Galilee	Shroud
Angels	Morning	Victim
Glory	Sinless	Paschal
Risen	Victor	Stone
Lamb	Tomb	



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**WEEKLY KNIGHT**

April 4 & 5, 2026 / Abril 4 y 5, de 2026

Supreme Chaplain's Challenge

*Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread. (Gospel for April 19, Lk 24:35)*

The disciples on the road to Emmaus did not recognize Jesus until the breaking of the bread. Jesus promised he would be with us always, and the Eucharist is his fulfillment of that promise. We encounter his presence most profoundly in the Eucharist, where he is truly present — body, blood, soul, and divinity — under the appearance of bread and wine. The disciples' experience on the road to Emmaus was no ordinary meal, but an encounter with Christ, who invites us, too, to enter into communion with him through the Eucharist.

Do you fully realize it is the true body and blood of Christ that you receive in the Eucharist? Do you habitually pray in thanksgiving after Communion for this immeasurable gift? Do you consistently participate in Mass on Sundays and holy days? Do you make an effort to attend more frequently, so that you might avail yourself of the graces of this great sacrament?

This month, I challenge you to remain in prayer and adoration for several minutes after Mass to grow in awareness of Christ's true presence in the Eucharist.

Desafío del Capellán Supremo

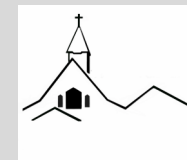
*Entonces los dos relataron lo sucedido en el camino y cómo se les había revelado Jesús al partir el pan. (Evangelio del 19 de abril, Lc 24:35)*

Los discípulos en el camino a Emaús no reconocieron a Jesús hasta el momento de partir el pan. Jesús prometió estar siempre con nosotros, y la Eucaristía es el cumplimiento de esa promesa. Experimentamos su presencia de la manera más profunda en la Eucaristía, donde está verdaderamente presente —cuerpo, sangre, alma y divinidad— bajo las apariencias de pan y vino. La experiencia de los discípulos en el camino a Emaús no fue una comida cualquiera, sino un encuentro con Cristo, quien también nos invita a entrar en comunión con él a través de la Eucaristía.

¿Comprendes plenamente que lo que recibes en la Eucaristía es el verdadero cuerpo y la verdadera sangre de Cristo? ¿Oras habitualmente en acción de gracias después de la Comunión por este don inmensurable? ¿Participas con regularidad en la Misa los domingos y días festivos? ¿Te esfuerzas por asistir con más frecuencia para poder recibir las gracias de este gran sacramento?

Este mes, te invito a permanecer en oración y adoración durante varios minutos después de la Misa para crecer en la conciencia de la presencia real de Cristo en la Eucaristía.

April 4 & 5, 2026 / Abril 4 y 5 de 2026  
 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord  
 Domingo de Pascua de la Resurrección del Señor



Welcome to Saint Joan of Arc Catholic Church  
 Bienvenidos a la Iglesia Católica de Santa Juana de Arco

SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF WEST ASHEVILLE, CANDLER, ENKA & BEYOND!

MOST REVEREND MICHAEL T. MARTIN, OFM  
 BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE OF CHARLOTTE

Fr. Dean Cesa, Pastor  
 768 Asbury Road  
 Candler, NC 28715  
 Phone: (828) 670-0051  
 Email: Fr. Dean Cesa (decesa@rcdoc.org) or  
 Parish Office (cawald@rcdoc.org)  
 On the Web: [sjoanofarcandler.org](http://sjoanofarcandler.org)

Flocknote: [signup at saintjoanofarc1.flocknote.com](http://signup@saintjoanofarc1.flocknote.com) —OR— Text the word **SJA1** to 84576

*“Valuing our Church as a community of faith that is welcoming and affirming, we strive to live and spread our Catholic faith so as to grow and unify the Saint Joan of Arc Parish through prayer, worship and service.”*

*“Al valorar nuestra Iglesia como una comunidad de fe que es acogedora y afirmativa, nos esforzamos por vivir y difundir nuestra fe católica para hacer crecer y unificar la parroquia de Santa Juana de Arco a través de la oración, la adoración y el servicio”.*

Pastor	Fr. Dean Cesa	828-670-0051
In Case of Emergency	Fr. Dean Cesa	828-670-0053
Parish Secretary	Carol Wald	828-670-0051
Bookkeeper (Monday)	Kim Adams	828-670-0051
Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)	Parish Office	828-670-0051
Finance Council	Trisha Nicoll, Chairperson	504-919-3801
Evangelization, Ecumenism & Communication Commission	Candace Werhan	704-548-9521
Buildings & Grounds Commission	Mike Andreucci, Chairperson	828-778-1233
Faith Formation Commission	Tim Kelley, Faith Formation Coordinator	828-777-1514
Spanish Adult Faith Formation	Lupe Uriostegui	828-423-3996
Spanish RCIA	Teresa Lozada,	828-665-0527
Liturgy & Spiritual Life Commission	Connie Cathey, Chairperson	828-777-9748
Music Director	Anita Freeman	828-670-0051
Coro Director	Aaron Castaneda	828-670-0051
Altar Society	Barbara Penix	828-670-0051
Children's Liturgy	Jean Gales	828-667-0097
Altar Society	Parish Office	828-670-0051
Praying Hearts Ministry	Elaine Lovelace	828-545-3251
Music Ministry	Parish Office	828-670-0051
Parish Life & Fellowship Commission	Jo MacWilliam, Chairperson	828-777-6096
Quilting Ministry	Laura Pease	828-670-1534
Stewardship Committee	Parish Office	828-670-0051
Catholic Daughters of the Americas	Susan Hunter	828-318-5168
Catholic Daughters Bereavement	Diane Clarke-Hawkins	828-337-7714
Try Crafters	Gail Israel	828-231-4464
Knights of Columbus	Bob Lanza	828-246-7744
Ministerio Hispánico	Antonio Garcia	828-713-3210
St. Vincent de Paul	Pager Number	828-775-1933
Catholic Charities (ccdoc.org)	50 Orange Street, Asheville, NC 28801	828-255-0146

**MASS SCHEDULE—Subject to change, please listen to announcements:**

- Wednesday, 11:00am—Adoration
- Wednesday, 12:00pm—Mass
- Thursday, 12:00pm—Mass
- Friday, 12:00pm—Mass
- Saturday, 5:00pm—Mass (English)
- Sunday, 10:00am—Mass (English)
- Sunday, 12:00pm—Mass (Spanish)

**CONFESSIONS—Saturday, 4:00pm OR Contact Fr. Dean Cesa for appointment.**

All other inquiries, please contact the Parish Office, Monday through Friday, 11:00am—3:00pm. Front Doors to the Church are locked at all times.

Para todas las demás consultas, comuníquese con la Oficina Parroquial, de lunes a viernes, de 11:00 am a 3:00 pm. Las puertas de entrada a la iglesia están cerradas en todo momento.

**SACRAMENTS**

**Baptism**—For English: Call Parish Office to arrange preparation class for Parents and Godparents.

**Bautismo**—La clase bautismal es el tercer jueves del mes a las 6:30pm. Cuando haya completado la clase, comuníquese con la Oficina Parroquial para fijar una fecha. For Spanish: Guillermo Miranda, Charlos por Bautismos 828-367-8976

**Matrimony**—Couples planning marriage must contact parish priest at least six (6) months in advance of the marriage.

**Matrimonio**—Seis (6) meses de preparación. Deben ser miembros de la comunidad parroquial. Favor hablar con el padre después de la misa.

**Quinceaneras**—Please call the Parish Office and make an appointment with Fr. Dean Cesa at least four (4) months in advance for preparation information and forms.

Por favor llame a la Oficina Parroquial por lo menos con cuatro (4) meses de anticipación. La preparación dura alrededor de un mes. En la Iglesia existen unos formularios que debes llenar; en ellos encontrarás más información.

**Communion Calls & Hospital Calls**—Please call Parish Office to request the Sacraments of Communion or Anointing at home or in the hospital.

**Sacramento de los enfermos**—llamar a oficina a cualquier hora.

**Registration**—New parishioners please register at the Parish Office. Notify the office of any changes to help keep our records up to date.

**Registro**—Los nuevos feligreses por favor regístrese en la Oficina Parroquial. Notifique a la oficina de cualquier cambio para ayudar a mantener nuestros registros actualizados.