



St. Joan of Arc

May 30

Who was St. Joan of Arc?

Joan of Arc, born 1412, in Domremy, France, holds a significant role as the patron saint of soldiers and of France. Born to a peasant family, she claimed to have received divine messages from St. Michael, St. Catherine, and St. Margaret from a young age, directing her to drive the English out of French territory and to bring the Dauphin to Reims for his coronation.

At age 16, Joan sought permission from the garrison commander to visit the French Royal Court. Despite initial skepticism, her accurate prediction of a military reversal at the Battle of Rouvray near Orléans convinced Baudricourt of her divine connection. With the support of two soldiers, Joan met Charles VII, earning his trust and the opportunity to join military campaigns.

Joan played a pivotal role in lifting the siege of Orléans in 1429, turning the tide of the Anglo-French conflict into a religious war. After being tested by theologians at Poitiers and declared of irreproachable life, Joan continued to lead successful military campaigns, reclaiming cities and earning ennoblement for her family.

Her eventual capture by Burgundian troops and the following trial marked a dark chapter. Despite lacking evidence, she was tried as a heretic and a witch, facing an unjust tribunal. Joan's steadfastness during the trial amazed many, but she was ultimately condemned and executed by burning on May 30, 1431.

Her feast day, celebrated on May 30th, serves as a reminder of Joan of Arc's courage, faith, and enduring impact on the history of France and the Catholic Church.

[St. Joan of Arc CHS Website](#)

[St. David's Roman Catholic Church Website](#)



Quotes

"Act, and God will Act."

"If I am not, may God put me there; and if I am, may God so keep me."

"I place trust in God, my creator, in all things; I love Him with all my heart."

Prayer

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit;

Loving God,

We thank You for the witness of St. Joan of Arc,
who trusted in Your voice and followed Your call with courage and faith.

Through her example, teach our students to listen carefully,
to stand firm in truth,
and to act with bravery when doing what is right is difficult.

May St. Joan of Arc intercede for all students,
that they may grow in confidence, integrity and perseverance,
placing their trust always in Your loving guidance.

Bless their studies, strengthen their hearts,
and help them to serve others with humility and hope.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Patron Saint of:

France

Those in need of
courage

Soldiers





York Catholic District School Board



FEAST DAY:
May 30

SCHOOL LOCATION:
Maple, ON

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