

Traditional Latin Rite Parish of the Diocese of Boise



Preliminary rendering of the new St. Joan of Arc Church

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<b>Mass Times</b>			
Sunday	7:30 AM Low Mass		
	9:30 AM Sung Mass		
	12:00 PM Low Mass		
	5:00 PM Low Mass		
Weekdays	6:30 AM, 12:15 PM		
Saturday	6:30 AM, 9:30 AM		
<b>Confession Times</b>			
45 min. ł	before each Sunday Mass		

45 min. before each Sunday Mass 30 min. before each daily Mass 4:00-5:00 рм Saturday

### **Contact Information**

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## Mass and Event Schedule

Frs. Nolan, Flick, and Terra are currently accepting Mass intentions.

	Events	Mass Times & Intentions
Sunday, Dec. 17th 3rd Sunday in Advent	Holy Hour, 3:00 PM	7:30 AM: "Duggan Clan" (Thrashers) 9:30 AM: Pro Populo
		12:00 рм: †Jim Duggan (Rich & Julie Thrasher) 5:00 рм: St. Michael Guild
Monday, Dec. 18th Greater Feria of Advent		<b>6:30 AM:</b> Rorate Caeli Purgatorial Society Members
		<b>12:15 PM:</b> <sup>†</sup> Helen Groves (Rich & Julie Thrasher)
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Tuesday, Dec. 19th Greater Feria of Advent		<b>12:15 PM:</b> †Max Vonarx (Thomas Zimmerman)
Wednesday, Dec. 20th Ember Wednesday		<b>6:30 ам: †</b> Mary Louise Hattrup (Janet Hattrup)
		<b>12:15 PM:</b> In thanksgiving for prayers (Mary Hardwick)
Thursday, Dec. 21st St. Thomas, Apostle		<b>6:30 AM:</b> <sup>†</sup> Mary Louise Hattrup (Janet Hattrup)
		12:15 PM: Bailey Brown (Anonymous)
Friday, Dec. 22nd Ember Friday	Teen Catechism, 6 to 7:20 PM	<b>6:30 AM:</b> †Mary Louise Hattrup (Janet Hattrup)
		<b>12:15 PM:</b> Jason Danner & family (Anonymous)
Saturday, Dec. 23rd Ember Saturday	<b>Major Church Cleaning,</b> following the 9:30 AM Mass	6:30 AM: Private Intention
		9:30 AM: +Janet Drake (Anonymous)
Sunday, Dec. 24th Vigil of the Nativity of Our Lord	Holy Hour, cancelled	7:30 AM: SJA Young Adults
	<b>Matins</b> , 9:00 PM	9:30 AM: Private Intention
	<b>Mass of the Nativity of Our Lord,</b> Midnight, choir begins at 11:30 PM	12:00 PM: Pro Populo
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### Today's Hymns

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**REMINDER:** Please do not bring cell phones into the church, or be sure they are completely silenced *before* entering the church. Thank you for your consideration.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Private Masses: Fr. Flick 's Mass intentions will all be private this week.

**Mass Schedule for Christmas Day:** 12:00 AM, Midnight Mass; 7:30 am; 9:30 AM (sung); 12:00 PM, noon. In addition, Matins will be sung on Christmas Eve at 9:00 PM and the choir will sing carols beginning at 11:30 PM. There will be no Holy Hour on Christmas Eve.

**Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe:** Thank you to all who helped in the preparations for the wonderful celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe. It was an extraordinary event - May God reward you all!

**Baked Goods:** Celebrate Gaudete Sunday! Baked goods will be available after all Masses today, December 17th. All donations will go to support the Youth Camp program.

**Annual Church Cleaning:** On Saturday, December 23rd, following the 9:30 AM Mass, the church will be cleaned from ceiling to floors. Families **please sign up** and bring a bucket as there is work for moms, children and husbands. Men are needed to clean the Sanctuary, statues and chandeliers. Don't miss this incredible annual event that prepares our Church and souls for Christmas. As always, Father Gordon is supplying the pizza!

**FSSP Calendars:** The Fraternity has run out of calendars. However, we have received approximately half of our order, and the Fraternity has ordered more calendars which should be delivered within a couple of weeks. With this in mind, we will distribute one calendar per family on a first come, first serve basis. The price of the calendar is \$6.00. Please make checks payable to *St. Joan of Arc* and mark it *calendar* and place your payment in the white mailbox next to the office door. Your calendar will be placed on the credenza for pick up with a few days, once payment has been received.

**Containers:** Please claim your containers that have been collecting on top of the two refrigerators in the church kitchen. All items remaining after December 23rd will be discarded. Thank you!

Rosary Found: A Rosary was found in the pews last Sunday. Please contact the secretary to claim it.

**Ice Skating Party:** The annual parish Ice Skating Party will take place on Saturday, December 30th, from 6:30 to 8:30 PM at the Frontier Ice Arena.

**Young Adults Party:** On Tuesday, December 26th, there will be a Christmas Party for young adults, married and single, ages 18 to 30. The evening will begin with Holy Mass at 5:00 pm at St. Joan of Arc, then proceed to the Loftus home (4049 Sky Harbor Dr., CDA) for a potluck dinner. Please bring a main dish and beverage. Attire is dressy, and babysitters are available. Kindly RSVP to *rmloftus@hotmail.com*, or call (208) 661-4088.

**Confraternity of St. Peter:** The Confraternity of St. Peter is a society of those who wish to help the charism of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter through prayer and sacrifice, with the intention of contributing to the sanctification of all priests, of supporting priests and seminarians in their pastoral endeavors, and obtaining numerous vocations. Information and membership sign ups will be available following all Masses during Advent. Questions may be directed to Roseann Loftus (208) 661-4088.

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### **Apologetics Corner**

Defending our Faith with the Truth By Father Dennis M. Gordon, FSSP

# Why The Mass?

**uestion**: "I went to a Catholic Mass, I noticed it was different from what non-Catholic Christians do on Sunday. Why do Catholics do and say those things that happen in the Mass?"

**nswer**: "Would it surprise you to discover that we are just doing what the angels and saints *in heaven* are doing to worship God? Take a tour with me into the book of Revelations...!

"In the Book of the Apocalypse [or *Revelations*, as most Christians know the book— Apocalypse is simply the Greek word for 'Revelation'], in chapters 4-8, we get a peek at what the angels and saints are doing

and saying in heaven to praise God. Since this is what they are doing *in heaven* to praise God, we *know* this is good 'praise and worship'! First, in <u>Revelations</u> <u>4:4</u>, we see that '*twenty-four ancients*' [venerable men] play an important role. They are on thrones and they wear crowns of gold. In the Catholic Mass,

these *twenty-four ancients* show up just before the consecration, in the list of the 'apostles and martyrs': <u>twelve</u> apostles ['Peter, Paul, Andrew...'] and then <u>twelve</u> early martyrs ['Linus, Cletus, Clement...']. This makes *twenty-four ancients*.

"We see also in <u>Revelations</u> <u>4:8</u> that the angels 'rested not day and night, saying: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty...' This prayer of those in heaven is shown in the Mass when we pray 'Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Domine Deus Sabaoth...' (Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts).

"Then we see in **<u>Revelations</u>** <u>5:6</u>, the appearance of 'a Lamb standing, as it were slain.' This Lamb is standing, so it is alive, but yet it was *sacrificed* (as it were *slain*). This is shown in the Catholic belief that during the Mass, the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ Himself, who is alive, is nonetheless offered in sacrifice to God the Father, though He does not suffer or die during the Mass—He is 'standing as it were slain' in the Mass!

"After that we see people in heaven having 'golden vials full of smoke, which are the prayers of the saints' in **<u>Revelations 5:8</u>**. This happens at the Catholic Mass when the priest, and later the altar

boys, offer incense to God from a *golden vial*.

"Since these things happen in heaven, we do them also in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass...."

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"Then every creature that is in heaven joins in a word of praise to God in <u>Revelation</u> <u>5:13-14</u>, in which they say all

'honor and glory... for ever and ever' go to God, and the response is given: 'Amen.' These words are reflected in the words at the end of the Canon of the Mass in which the priest says 'Per ipsum... Through Him, with Him in Him all honor and glory...' is to the Father, and the same response is given: 'Amen'.



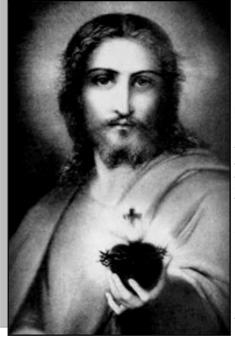
The Holy Mass

"We also see St. John's witness in **Revelations 6:9** that, 'I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held.' The souls of the martyrs, then, in heaven are under the altar in heaven. And so, under the altar in a Catholic Church we also have the relics of marturs (those who have been killed for the word of God and for the testimony of their Catholic faith). [At St. Joan's, we have on our altar the relics of St. Maria Goretti, St. Pius X, St. Rita and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.]

"Since these things happen *in heaven*, we do them also in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, which is the most beautiful

# **Devotion** to the Sacred Heart

Fr. Jean Croiset (1656 – 1738)



Part III Ch. VII - Marks of True Devotion to the Sacred Heart

The imperfections of people reputed to be pious do great injury to the cause of piety. Those people who pass for pious are often filled with self-love and esteem for themselves, and are sensitive to the least contempt. Many of them are melancholy, obstinate, moody; they are sometimes carried away by fits of anger and are unduly solicitous about their own ease and comfort. Excessive fear of injuring their health often renders them slothful, negligent, useless, extremely indulgent to themselves and always severe towards others.

People of the world insensibly get accustomed to judge virtue by the imperfections of those people who pass for pious. They come to the opinion that a person cannot be pious without being melancholy, odd, obstinate, disobliging, filled with self-love and very repellent.

Thus the high esteem that genuine piety should enjoy is lost through being mistaken for what is seen in the lives of the imperfect. Under this false idea, worldlings think it no great misfortune not to have the virtue accompanied by the numerous defects which they see in very many who pass for pious. Repelled by conduct so out of harmony with the true devotion to the Sacred Heart, they imagine either that the virtue of true lovers of Jesus Christ is not genuine, or that it is impossible to have true virtue. We shall endeavor here to refute this false reasoning.

A person who is solidly virtuous and who loves Jesus Christ perfectly is a man without self-love, without guile, without ambition; he is a man who is at all times severe on himself, granting himself no indulgence, but kind towards others and interpreting all that they do in a good sense. He is honest without being affected, polite without being cowardly, obliging without seeking his own interest; he is extremely exact without being scrupulous, he keeps himself continually united to God without contention; he is never idle, yet never allows excessive eagerness to appear, he is never too much preoccupied or distracted with his occupations because he keeps his heart always free and is constantly concerned with the great affair of his life, his eternal salvation. Like the great saints, he will have a low idea of himself and a great respect for others, because he looks only at their virtues and does not pass judgment on their faults. Guided solely by spiritual maxims, he does not think that those who despise him do him wrong, because he does not think that the honor which men refuse him is due to him. Finally, he is a man who is never in bad humor, because he has always what he wants, and provided it is pleasant to God he never wishes for anything different. He is always content, always at peace, always even-tempered; he is neither puffed up by success nor disheartened by failure, because he knows that the blessings and the crosses of life come from the same Divine Hand, and as the will of God is his sole rule of conduct, he always does what God wishes and accepts what God sends him.

Guided by these principles, he does not seek to do what may bring him most fame; and because he knows that what we do has no merit except insofar as it is in conformity with the wishes of God, he does not strive to accomplish much, but he endeavors to do perfectly what his Divine Master wishes him to do. Accordingly, he is constantly on his guard against his natural inclinations and his self-love, and prefers the unpretentious duties of his state of life to great actions of his own choice that suit his own taste. Animated by this pure love for Jesus Christ, he is completely resigned to the privation of talents which it has not pleased God to give him, of virtues which God has not called him

to practice, and of good that He has not wished him to do. He is equally faithful in corresponding with the graces which God gives him, and in practicing the virtues and doing the good that God puts in his way and gives him the desire to do.

This is the character of a truly virtuous man traced by Jesus Christ Himself, which all the saints have so well expressed by their lives and which is the foundation of the holiness and the merit of all the saints; it is also the truest portrait of a man who really loves Jesus Christ. By the traits of this character we can easily see how false it is to say that real virtue is ugly and repulsive, and that the accusation against truly pious people that they are disobliging, melancholic, impatient, irascible, full of self-love, jealousy and ambition, is devoid of all foundation. It can be seen even more clearly how people with a reputation for piety, but who foster in themselves the above-mentioned gross defects, injure the cause of true piety and prejudice the faithful against it; by their manifest defects they bring the virtue which people attribute to them into disrepute, and their example serves as a rampart of defense for the position of the licentious.

St. Francis de Sales says that the greater number people are those who form a false idea of piety. Most of them represent represent it according to their humor, their natural bent, or their passions. A naturally melancholic person makes solid virtue consist in being gloomy, and he cannot imagine that a person could be joyful and pious at the same time. Some others, who look only at the exterior of the spiritual life, make it consist in the use of instruments of penance, fasting, vigils and similar bodily austerities. Many others imagine that they have arrived at the height of virtue when they have acquired the habit of reciting long vocal prayers, hearing many Masses, remaining long in the church, assisting at the whole Divine Office and receiving Holy Communion frequently.

St. Francis himself says in the first chapter of his book *Introduction to the Devout Life*:

'You aspire to devotion, my dearest Philothea, because, being a Christian you know it to be a virtue extremely pleasing to the Divine Majesty. But since small faults committed in the beginning of any business, in the course of time grow infinitely greater, and in the end become almost irreparable, you must know in what true devotion consists. For since there is but one true devotion, and many vain and counterfeit, if you cannot distinguish which is the true one, you may easily deceive yourself in following some fantastic and superstitious devotion.

As Aurelius painted all the faces in his pictures after the likeness of the woman he loved, so everyone paints devotion according to his own fancy and passion. He that practices fasting thinks himself very devout if he fasts, though his heart be at the same time full of rancor; and while being so temperate as to scruple about moistening his tongue with wine or even with water, he makes no difficulty about drinking deep of his neighbor's blood by detraction and calumny. Another accounts himself devout for reciting daily a multiplicity of prayers, though he immediately afterwards utters the most disagreeable, arrogant and injurious words amongst his domestics and neighbors. Another cheerfully draws an alms out of his purse to relieve the poor, but he cannot draw meekness out of his heart to forgive his enemies. Another readily forgives his enemies but never satisfies his creditors except under compulsion.

These, by some, are esteemed devout, while in reality they are by no means so. When Saul's servants sought David in his house, Michol by laying a statue in his bed, and covering it with David's clothes, made them believe that it was David himself; in like manner, many people, by performing certain external actions of devotion, cover themselves with a cloak of piety and thus lead the world to believe them to be truly devout; whereas they are nothing but statues and phantoms of devotion.' <sup>†</sup>

### SICK AND HOMEBOUND

In your charity, please pray for the sick and homebound of the parish.

Patricia & Francesco Barsanti, David Burns, Sr. Maria Consuela, David Cools, Roberta Costa, Regina Dumas, Brenda Finn, Jess Flores, Sharon Flores, Jeremiah Freeman, Robert Geist, David Gunseor, Gale Hamilton, Susan Hamilton, Sherri Higgins, Donald Holbrook, Kathryn Holbrook, Margaret Hurn, Joseph Kemna, Mary Lynn Kenary, Scott Kennedy, Carrie Kralicek, Paul Krieg, Joseph Larsen, Marianne Leake, Donald Lohman, Spencer Lowell, Bryce Lund, Sandra Madrid, Sharon McManus, Patrick McMonigle, Tim Ost, Michael O'Sullivan, Phyllis Peick, Michael Permen, Rachel Porter, Julia Rose, Coleman Rozsnyai, Louis Sachwitz, Joshua Schlader, Georgia Schrempp, Heaven & Mary Schumacher, Ed Stephens, David & Erika Taxin, Jonathan Taxin, Mary & Charles West, Ernie Willette, Lezlie White, Barbara Woods.

### FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Please pray also for the deceased of our parish.

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Richard Ambrosi, Angelo Ambrosetti, Diane Braun, David Brunson, Julie Cook, Richard Copeland, Robert Courteau, Ann deTar, Grover Dilsaver, Joseph Anthony Drongoski, Charles Douglass, Susan Douglass, Fiona DuFrain, James Duggan, Joan Duggan, Norman Dumas, Jean Duval, Frank Finney, William Fisher, Mary Forrester, James P. Gordon, Joseph Guarnotta, Jeanine Grenier, Helen Groves, Ed Hattrup, Patricia Howland, Rosemary Jacobs, John Keller, Daisy Koler, Elemer Kovacs, Boleslaw Kozlowski, Wanda Kozlowski, Josephine LoCurto, Patrick Mahoney, Bonnie McDonald, Erma McKay, Kevin McKay, Mike McManus, Agnes McMillan, David Metzger, Norm Miller, Florence McNamara, Lynnette Miller, Ann Morgan, Arcadia Nicklay, Fr. Colman Nolan, Mary Norman, Molly Rose Pearson, William Pearson, Jerry Peick, Kathleen Rardon, Fr. George Rassley CSSR, Bonnie Royer, Tamiko Shaw, Steve Slater, Jeremy Smith, Maryanna Thompson, Paul Upthegrove, Paul Uribe, Linda Vogel, Paul Van Voorst, Bob Wagner, Dorothy Wagner, Helen Walitzer, Elizabeth Welch

### Vocations

Please pray for the members of our parish who are discerning or pursuing a religious vocation.

Br. Peter Mary, FSSR; Rev. Mr. Marty Adams, FSSP; Mr. Christopher Hattrup, FSSP; Mr. Joseph Loftus, FSSP; Mr. Richard Grablin, FSSP; Sr. Teresa Benedicta, Carmel of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Post Falls, ID; Sr. Mary Gertrude, Norbertine Sister of the Bethlehem Priory of St. Joseph; Brother Mary Peter, Monastero di San Benedetto di Norcia; Brother Lawrence Burns, OSB, Clear Creek Monestary, OK

#### **Customary Stipends**

- ♦ Mass\*: \$10
- ♦ Marriage: \$80-100
- ♦ Baptism: \$25-50
- Other sacrament: no stipend applies

\*We ask that parishioners request no more than three

Mass intentions per priest at one time.

\*Stipends are *not* required to receive any sacraments.

### FINANCES

December 3, 2017			
General, envelopes, & loose cash	4,729.45		
Capital Campaign	25,798.47		
Saint Helen's Poor Box	89.00		
Social Event Donation	14.55		
Votive Candles	178.47		
Tamale Fundraiser	1,267.00		
Flowers	57.00		
Individuals Gift	336.17		
Youth Non Tax Deductible	1,787.00		
Immaculate Conception	1,381.05		
Total	35,638.16		

November Collections				
	Goal	Actual		
General Offertory	18,000.00	23,168.10		
Capital Campaign	55,000.00	30,726.57		

