

May 3, 2020



Third Sunday after Easter

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*Traditional Latin Rite Parish of the Diocese of Boise
Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter*



Preliminary rendering of the new St. Joan of Arc Church

Mass Times

Sunday 7:30 AM Low Mass
9:30 AM Sung Mass
12:00 PM Low Mass
5:00 PM Low Mass
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Weekdays 6:30 AM, 12:15 PM
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Saturday 6:30 AM, 9:30 AM

Confession Times

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

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MASS AND EVENT SCHEDULE

Events		Mass Times & Intentions
Sunday May 3rd Third Sunday after Easter		6:00 AM; 7:30 AM 9:30 AM (SUNG MASS) 12:00 pm: 2:00 PM; 4 PM
Monday May 4th St. Monica, Widow	Catechism Classes, live streamed at 6:30 PM	6:30 AM: 12:15 PM:
Tuesday May 5th St. Pius, Pope & Confessor		6:30 AM: 12:15 PM:
Wednesday May 6th Feria in Pascaltide (St. John)		Bible Study, live streamed at 6:30PM Women's Group mtg. 6:30 PM (Zoom meeting) 6:30 AM: 12:15 PM:
Thursday May 7th St. Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr		6:30 AM: 12:15 PM:
Friday May 8th Feria in Pascaltide		6:30 AM: 12:15 PM:
Saturday May 9th St. Gregory of Nazianzen, Bishop, Confessor, & Doctor		Youth Group, Time TBA 6:30 AM: 9:30 AM:
Sunday May 10th Fourth Sunday after Easter (Mother's Day)		6:00 AM; 7:30 AM 9:30 AM (SUNG MASS) 12:00 pm: 2:00 PM; 4 PM

TODAY'S HYMNS

ProceSSIONAL

RecessionAL

Mass I, Credo I

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

1. Jesus Christ is ris'n today! Alleluia!
 Sinners, wipe your tears away! Alleluia!
 He Whose death upon the Cross, Alleluia!
 Saveth us from endless loss. Alleluia!

2. See the holy women come, Alleluia!
 Bearing spices to the tomb; Alleluia!
 Hear the white-clad Angel's voice, Alleluia!
 Bid the universe rejoice! Alleluia!

REMINDER: Please *silence* your cell phones!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mass intentions are currently **closed** for all of the priests. Thank you for your understanding.

Fr. Gordon's Mass Intentions: 5/3 Pro Populo/ + Beatrice Gordon (Fr. Gordon); 5/4 Private Intention (Michelle Lowell); 5/5 Private Intention (Michelle Lowell); 5/6 Special Intention (SP); 5/7 +Kathryn Helen McMillian (John C. McMillian); 5/8 +Sheldon J. McMillian (John C. McMillian); 5/9 +Catherine J. McMillian (John C. McMillian); 5/10 Pro Populo.

Fr. Flick's Mass Intentions: 5/3 Ryan Grant family (Truong family); 5/4 Dirk Anderson (Dirk & Allison Anderson); 5/5 Ian Brydon (Dirk & Allison Anderson); 5/6 Intentions of the Confraternity of St. Peter (Dirk & Allison Anderson); 5/7 +Joseph Francka (Francka); 5/8 Dennis & Leah Francka (Franka); 5/9 Mark Moyer family (Truong family); 5/10 All Souls in Purgatory (Truong family).

Fr. Rapoport's Mass Intentions: 5/3 Private; 5/4 Monica Popek (Brock & Miriam Popek); 5/5 Imelda Bresee (Grace Brown); 5/6 Rachel Hodges (Grace Brown); 5/7 Grace Brown; 5/8 Darlene Ryan; 5/9 Arlene Janet Perrette (Ruben Finn); 5/10 Private.

Holy Mass: Public Masses resume today Sunday, May 3rd, with 6 Masses at: 6:00am, 7:30am, 9:30am Sung Mass, Noon, 2:00pm and 4:00pm.

Bishop Christensen has granted a dispensation from Sunday Mass obligations for those who are 60 and older, those who are immunocompromised and those who have judged it prudent for their health and safety to stay at home. Holy Mass will now be **livestreamed only on Sunday at 9:30 AM at stjoanarc.com**

Daily Mass: Will resume normal times of 6:30 am and 12:15 pm. Daily Mass will NOT be livestreamed.

Church open: During the day and evening hours. The church office is still closed.

Cleaning help needed: With the new health issues and safety precautions in place, St. Joan of Arc **needs help** to do a deep clean of the church on Monday and Saturday mornings. Help is also needed to sanitize the church on a daily basis after both the 6:30 am and 12:15 pm daily Holy Masses, and the 6:30 am and 9:30 am Saturday Holy Masses. The church will supply all the necessary cleaning supplies. Training on how to clean and sanitize will be done by the **church's maintenance supervisor, Roger Stattel**. Please contact the church office if you can help at any time during the week and/or weekend. May God reward you for your time and charity.

Catechism classes: Live streamed on Monday at 6:30 PM, at stjoanarc.com/live.

Bible Study: will be Live streamed on Wednesday at 6:30 PM at stjoanarc.com/live.

Women's Group: The Women's Group will be streamed via Zoom live meeting on Wednesday, at 6:30 PM. All adult women of the parish are welcome to attend.

Summer camp: Dates for this years summer camp are; Girls camp 8/9 to 8/14 and Boys camp 8/16 to 8/21. More details forthcoming.

Youth Group Meeting: The Youth Group will meet and further details forthcoming. Please contact Fr. Rapoport if you would like to join the youth group or have any questions at fr.rapoport@stjoanarc.com.

Contributions and Donations: In your charity and in these uncertain times, **please remember St. Joan of Arc in your Sunday contribution**. Donations can be brought by the church and placed in the black box in the credenza or mailed to the church. You can also donate on line at stjoanarc.com by selecting the **Giving** tab or by clicking on this link: <https://tithe.ly/pledge/#/campaign/1317719> May God reward your charity!

Assistance for the Elderly: For those elderly who would like some assistance with shopping and errands so as to help protect from exposure to the corona virus please contact the church office. **Young parishioners** who would like to volunteer to help the elderly please contact the church office.

Food Bank: Staple food items are available in the breezeway for any who need assistance during the pandemic. Donations are also being accepted during regular business hours. You may drop your donations off in the breezeway by the office. *Thank you* for your charity!

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APOLOGETICS CORNER

Defending our Faith with the Truth

By Father Dennis M. Gordon, FSSP

Praying to the Dead

Question: “I was recently asked, ‘Why do you pray to Mary – she is dead?’ The dead don’t hear prayers. Pray to Jesus Christ and repent.’ What is your response?”

Answer: “My response is a Biblical one. Let’s take a look to see if those comments above ‘gel’ with Sacred Scripture.

“**Sacred Scripture addresses whether or not those believers who are gone before us are ‘dead’.** Recall that Our Lord Himself addressed this when He showed that in **Exodus 3:6** God called Himself ‘*the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob*’. However, Our Lord explicitly said that although Abraham, Isaac and Jacob had died, to God they are alive, saying that He ‘*is not the God of the dead, but of the living: for all live to Him*’ (**Luke 20:38**). What this implies is that with believers, who are ‘*written in the book of life*’ (**Apocalypse [Revelation] 13:8**), we are *not* dealing with praying ‘to the dead’, for those souls in heaven are *alive* in Him, who have died in godliness, having completed their *earthly* life.

“**Sacred Scripture also addresses whether or not those believers who are gone before us and are in heaven can hear prayers.** There are many places in the Bible where it is evident that the souls in heaven *can* hear our prayers. The Psalms are prayers which were sung in the Temple as part of the Jews’ worship. Well, **Psalms 148-150** address *the souls in heaven* directly, which would be useless if those souls couldn’t actually *hear* our words. Other Psalms that speak to His faithful ones in the context of prayer are **Psalms 32, 99, 112, 116, 134-135, 146-147** [33, 100, 113, 117, 135-136, 146-147].

“Other places in which the inspired Psalmist speaks to souls in heaven are **Psalm 21:24** [22:24], and **Psalm 29:5** [30:5], and the prophet Isaiah does the same in **Isaiah 44:23** and **Isaiah 49:13**.

“Finally, Sacred Scripture also address-

es ‘**praying to**’ saints – like the Blessed Virgin Mary – whether or not this is a good thing, and therefore whether or not it is something to be repented of. St. Paul says that he ‘*desire[s], therefore, first of all, that supplications, prayers, **intercessions** and thanksgivings **be made for all men***’ (**1 Timothy 2:1**); all of which intercessions go **through** the one mediator between God and man, Christ Jesus. St. Paul says that these intercessions are ‘*good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior*’ (**1 Timothy 2:3**).

“In fact, **Apocalypse [Revelation] 12:17** calls those ‘*who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ*’ the **children** of the Mother of the Lord. So according to the Bible, if we bear testimony to Jesus Christ, if we believe in Him, then the Mother of the Lord is **our Mother also!** The Bible commands us to ‘**honor thy father and thy mother**’ (**Exodus 20:12**), and this is what we do when we speak in prayer to Our Lady.

“**So, as you can see**, far from presenting the subject of speaking to believers in heaven in the context of prayer as a bad thing, Sacred Scripture presents this as a *good* thing. Our Lord makes it clear that the souls in heaven *are alive* to Him; the Psalms and prophets make it clear that *we can speak* to them; St. Paul makes it clear that *we can have intercession* to God *through* them; and Revelation makes it clear that the Blessed Virgin Mary is our spiritual mother.

“*This is why we pray to Mary; she is not dead, she can hear our prayers, and it is something to be encouraged, and not repented of!*”

Noah's ark and the dove

Let us consider the doves on Noah's Ark. There is much that can be learned from them for the dove on Noah's Ark is rich in spiritual meaning, which we will discover. Recall that the rain fell the forty days and forty nights and the waters 'prevailed upon the whole earth'. As Scripture describes, "all the high mountains under the whole heaven were covered" with water (*Genesis 7:19*). It was like this, covered, for 150 days. Then the waters began receding, and this went on for three months until the mountains appeared. Forty days later, Noah sent a raven, which did not return.

Then he sent a dove after the raven, to see if the waters had receded enough that Noah and the animals on the Ark could safely go forward onto the earth from it. This dove that was sent free from the Ark, then, was to be a guide for the future of the rest of the animals on the Ark. Three times Noah sent this dove forth. The first time it returned with nothing. The second time it brought an olive branch. The third time it did not return, and Noah knew at that point that the flood waters had receded enough for the animals to be able to make their dwelling on the earth once again.

Now every time we see an event in Sacred Scripture, we must understand that there are several senses of Sacred Scripture which are related to the event – the **literal** sense, the **allegorical** sense, the **moral** sense and the **anagogical** sense – and the event conveys the *truth* in each of these four senses of Scripture.

The **literal** sense regards the historical, visible event itself.

The **allegorical** sense regards the prefiguring of some mystery of the faith.

The **moral** sense regards the improvement of life and practical guidance.

The **anagogical** sense regards the sublime mysteries and secrets of heaven.

So, let's apply these four senses of Scripture to this event. Regarding the Flood, we know that there is the **literal** sense of the event – the Flood really happened; there is also the **allegorical** sense – the Flood prefigures something (we'll get to what that is); there is the **moral** sense – the practical guidance on improvement of life that we learn from the Flood, which is Noah's obedience to God; and there is the **anagogical** sense – the sublime mysteries to which the Ark and the dove point.

Fr. Francisco de Osuna in his spiritual classic *The Third Spiritual Alphabet*, focuses on the Ark and the dove,

in the allegorical sense, as a symbol of a soul in recollection.

The first time the dove returned to the Ark with nothing. The dove flying is there above 'the world' – seeing things from a new perspective and then returns to the Ark. The dove here is a symbol of a recollected person, that raises itself above the world by 'flying' – by meditation and recollection. The recollected person, says Fr. Osuna, should be like the ark of God; a place of refuge. It is carried by the waters of the Holy Ghost – moved by Him. The flood waters become then an allegory for the action of the Holy Ghost, which can raise the soul above the earth, while destroying sin in the person, just as the flood waters raised the Ark above the earth, for its life and eternal safety, while destroying that which was evil on the earth.

The second time the dove brought an olive branch. The olive branch is a symbol of hope, because it is green year-round. The dove, like a soul in taking flight in prayer, returns to the ark (the recollected person) with some hope after its prayer.

The third time it did not return. After its flight in prayer, it was able then to return to the world (to its duties in the world, that is) and find peace in the midst of them.

Now let us consider Noah himself. Noah, the master of the vessel, sent forth the dove through a window in the Ark. In the *literal* sense, Noah really existed, and he really built the ark and really sent the dove forth from the Ark, through an opening in the wood of the ark (a window). The Church fathers tell us that, *allegorically*, the wood of the Ark foreshadows the wood of the Cross. And just as Noah sent the dove through the window in the wood to its freedom to fly about, so our crosses can give us freedom as well. It is when we pass through the crosses, and not avoid them, that we arrive on the other side like the dove – free. This is the *moral* meaning of the dove going through the window of the Ark.

God has much to teach us in Sacred Scripture. By careful reading, guided always by sound Catholic spiritual writers and the ancient Church Fathers' writings, we can understand more deeply the deep mysteries contained in the most simple events of Sacred Scripture.



May 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 First Friday	2 First Saturday
3 Third Sunday after Easter	4 6:30 pm Catechism class (<i>Live streamed</i>)	5	6 6:30 pm Bible Study (<i>Live Streamed</i>) 6:30 pm Women's mtg. (<i>Zoom</i>)	7	8	9
10 Fourth Sunday after Easter	11 6:30 pm Catechism class (<i>Live streamed</i>)	12	13 6:30 pm Bible Study (<i>Live Streamed</i>)	14	15	16
17 Fifth Sunday after Easter	18 6:30 pm Catechism class (<i>Live streamed</i>)	19	20 6:30 pm Bible Study (<i>Live Streamed</i>)	21 Ascension of Our Lord (Holyday of Obligation)	22	23
24/31 Sunday after Ascension/ Pentecost Sunday	25 6:30 pm Catechism class (<i>Live streamed</i>)	26	27 6:30pm Bible Study (<i>Live Streamed</i>)	28	29	30

SICK AND HOMEBOUND

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

Patricia & Francesco Barsanti, David Burns, Dennis Cockrum, Sr. Maria Consuela, David Cools, Roberta Costa, Carmen di Pietro, Cynthia deTar, Tom deTar, Regina Dumas, Ruben Finn, Sharon Flores, Alvin Froehlich, Barbara Gagne, Robert Geist, David Gunseor, Gale Hamilton, Susan Hamilton, Sherri Higgins, Donald Holbrook, Kathryn Holbrook, Margaret Hurn, Joseph Kemna, Mary Lynn Kenary, Carrie Kralicek, Paul Krieg, Joseph Larsen, Marianne Leake, Donald Lohman, Spencer Lowell, Bryce Lund, Bill Mayer Carol Mayer, Sharon McManus, Patrick McMonigle, Paul Orozco, Philomena Ost, Michael O'Sullivan, Florence Pearson, Phyllis Peick, Michael Permen, Rachel Porter, Julia Rose, Coleman Rozsnyai, Louis Sachwitz, Joshua Schlader, Georgia Schrempp, Heaven & Mary Schumacher, Michael Simpson, David & Erika Taxin, Jonathan Taxin, Esther Vasquez, Carol Weiss, Mary & Charles West, Lezlie White, Barbara Woods.

FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Please pray also for the deceased of our parish.

Richard Ambrosi, Angelo Ambrosetti, Diane Braun, David Brunson, Julie Cook, Veronica Cools, Terrence Cooney, Richard Copeland, Robert Courteau, Raymond Covarrubias, Ann deTar, Grover Dilsaver, Joseph Anthony Drongoski, Charles Douglass, Susan Douglass, James Duggan, Joan Duggan, Norman Dumas, Jean Duval, Brenda Finn, Frank Finney, William Fisher, Jess Flores, Mary Forrester, Joan Glaze, Beatrice Gordon, James P. Gordon, Fr. Bill Gould, Joseph Guarnotta, Jeanine Grenier, Helen Groves, Ed Hatstrup, Leo Heinan, Patricia Howland, Fr. Michael Irwin, FSSP, Rosemary Jacobs, John Keller, Daisy Koler, Paul Koudelka, Elemer Kovacs, Boleslaw Kozlowski, Wanda Kozlowski, Josephine LoCurto, Sandra Madrid, 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, Ed Stephens, Maryanna Thompson, Paul Upthegrove, Paul Uribe, Linda Vogel, Paul Van Voorst, Bob Wagner, Dorothy Wagner, Helen Walitzer, Elizabeth Welch, Ernest Willette, Wes Woods

VOCATIONS

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

Rev. Brother Peter Mary, FSSR; Rev. Mr. Joseph Loftus, FSSP; Fr. Martin Adams, FSSP; Mr. Daniel Llera; Sr. Teresa Benedicta, Carmel of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Post Falls, ID; Brother Mary Peter, Monastero di San Benedetto di Norcia; Brother Lawrence Burns, OSB, Clear Creek Monestary, OK

Customary Stipends

Many people ask "what is a customary stipend in gratitude for the Sacraments?" Stipends are **not** required to receive any Sacrament. If one would like to give a gift, here are some customary offerings:

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

We ask that parishioners request no more than three Mass intentions per priest at one time.

FINANCES

April 26th Collections

General, envelopes, loose cash	100.00
St. Helen's Fund	
Capital Campaign	11,260.00
Social Events	204.46
Individual gifts	4535.00
Votive Candles	143.63
Total	16,253.09

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April Collections

	Goal	Actual
General Offertory	18,000	32,012.49
Capital Campaign	55,000	23,463.70



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