

November 29, 2020



First Sunday of Advent

ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH



*Traditional Latin Rite Parish of the Diocese of Boise
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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 November 29th First Sunday of Advent	Young Adults, Fine Brewed after 9:30 AM Mass	7:30 AM: Private 9:30 AM: (Sung Mass) Pro Populo 12 PM: Private 5 PM: Private
Monday November 30th St. Andrew, Apostle	Catechism classes: 6:30 pm	6:30 AM: Private 12:15 PM: Private Intention (Molly Murphey)
Tuesday December 1st Feria of Advent	Women's' group mtg. 6 pm	6:30 AM: Private 12:15 PM: Private Intention (Molly Murphey)
Wednesday Dec. 2nd St. Bibiana, Virgin & Martyr	Bible Study, Livestreamed 6:30 pm	6:30 AM: Private 12:15 PM: Private Intention (Molly Murphey)
Thursday December 3rd St. Francis Xavier, Confessor	Adoration/Benediction 5 pm	6:30 AM: Private 12:15 PM: Private Intention (The Barsanti's)
Friday December 4th St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop, Confessor & Doctor	First Friday Adoration mtg. 6:30 pm	6:30 AM: Private 12:15 PM: Private Intention (The Barsanti's)
Saturday December 5th Feria of Advent (St. Sabbas)	First Saturday Rorate Mass 6:30 am Parish brunch 10:30 am Maidens mtg. 11:30 am	6:30 AM: Private 9:30 AM: Private Intention (The Barsanti's)
Sunday December 6th Second Sunday of Advent	Young Adults, Fine Brewed after 9:30 AM Mass	7:30 AM: Pro Populo/Special Intention 9:30 AM: (Sung Mass) P 12:00 pm: Private 5 PM: Private

Adoration Chapel candles: †Dr. Brendan McGuire & his family (The Ed deTar family)
Sanctuary candle: For our country and political leaders (Barney & Gerianne Buckley)
Flowers for the Altar, St. Joseph, & Bl. Mother: No intention this week

TODAY'S HYMNS

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Processional

Recessional

Mass XI, Credo I

Marian Antiphon *Salve Regina*

REMINDER: Please *silence* your cell phones!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fr. Terra is currently taking Mass intentions Make checks to **Fr. Joseph Terra** and limit to three intentions. Thank you.

Fr. Rapoport's Mass intentions: 11/29 Private; 11/30 Guinevere Ade (Karen Ade); 12/1 Felicity & Anthony Ade (Karen Ade); 12/2 †James F. Woodward Sr. (JW); 12/3 †James F. Woodward Jr. (JW); 12/4 †Laurene M. Woodward Sr. (JW); 12/5 †Andrea Dobrowski (Anna Babich); 12/6 Private.

Bishop Christensen **continues the 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. Sunday Holy Mass is **livestreamed at 9:30 am at stjoanarc.com**

Perpetual Adoration: current hours needed are Sunday 3 pm and Monday 6 am. And, please remember the **mandatory** adoration meeting for all adorers and substitutes on **Friday Dec 4. at 6:30 pm** in the parish hall. Please email questions to adoration@stjoanarc.com

Welcome! Please welcome the newest member of the congregation, **Madeline Jane Rodriguez**, who entered the church through the sacrament of baptism on November 21, 2020. She is the daughter of Jose and Christianna Rodriguez. Welcome!

Vaccine Information: Since there are so many questions regarding the potential Covid-19 vaccines, and whether it is moral to receive them or not, I would like to direct you to a good website that analyzes the vaccines that are in development. The website is Children of God for Life (<https://cogforlife.org>). On the site, under the "Vaccines" tab, there is a "Covid-19 Vaccines" page, which lists the vaccines that are in development by pharmaceutical companies, and divides them by those that were *produced with or contain aborted fetal cells* and those that do not. Vaccines that are produced from or contain aborted fetal cells would be immoral to use; those **not** produced from or containing aborted fetal cells would be permissible, so long as there is no other moral principle violated.

Modesty and Decorum at Holy Mass: Out of decorum for the Holy Mass, mothers of infants are reminded that nursing is available, with proper modesty (covering), in most parts of the buildings **EXCEPT** inside of the church proper; that is, from the glass doors to the sanctuary. Nursing should not be done in the church proper out of respect for the sacredness of this place of prayer. The nursing mother's room, by the Adoration chapel, has been set up especially for nursing mothers during the Mass, and nursing may also be done in other parts of the building, with proper covering. We appreciate your cooperation.

Donuts and drinks on Sunday: please keep donuts and coffee (and drinks) **INSIDE** of the parish hall during the Sunday get togethers. We are finding drinks left on window sills and partial donuts in the hallway carpet. Help us to keep our church in good condition. Thank you.

See's candies: to support various youth activities at St. Joan of Arc. Online fund raising sale through December 4 allowing time to ship before Christmas; candies ships directly to the person. Prices charged are the same price as the See's Candy site. https://www.yumraising.com/secure/stjoa_st_joan_of_arc49 A final note on this; Father Gordon asked everyone to plan ahead so that they **DO NOT purchase items on a Sunday!** Thank you.

Flower donations are now being accepted for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Dec 8), roses for Our Lady of Guadalupe (Dec 12) and Christmas Poinsettias. Total cost \$1200+ for these three occasions. Donations can be placed in the black box in the credenza or the collection basket on Sundays.

Catechism class: Monday evenings with five separate classes for ages 6—17 yrs. Classes begin at 6:30 pm and end at 7:30 pm. Catechism class will be on break with **no classes on Dec. 21, 28, and Jan. 4.**

Troops of St. George—are offering to rake leaves and help with snow removal this fall and winter. Please contact Robby Miles with any questions at miles.robby@gmail.com.



APOLOGETICS CORNER

Defending our Faith with the Truth

By Father Dennis M. Gordon, FSSP

Our Lady's Purification Offering

Question: "I read in Luke 2:22 that the Blessed Virgin Mary brought two doves as an offering 'for her purification', and that Leviticus 12:6-8 says that the two doves are an offering of the poor 'one for a holocaust, and another for sin'. If the Blessed Virgin Mary was without sin, why does she need purification, and why is there an offering 'for sin'?"

Answer: "We'll see exactly why she offered

this offering, and why it does **not** mean that she had sin, by looking in the Bible.

"First, why the purification?"

The 'purification' does not imply a cleansing from sin, since this is a ritual purification as a symbolic restoration of the person to a normal state: it is not an implication of any moral wrong committed. We know this because the 'purification' was required simply for every child born! (**Leviticus 12:6-8**) Does that really imply that bearing children is morally wrong? Of course not! It would be absurd to imply that bearing the Child Jesus was morally wrong! The purification is just a rite that ritually restores a person to her usual state after having given birth.

"So what about the offering 'for sin'?" The offering 'for sin' is really just symbolic of the

state that we are in after the fall, and was offered for even actions that had no immoral component to them, like touching a dead body. Obviously, one has to bury the dead, and this is of course not immoral, but the person touching the body offered a sin-offering, showing that showing an awareness that death is a result of the sin of Adam; it was not an admission that the person burying the dead had sinned. Likewise, the trials of childbearing are a result of the fall, and the sin offering acknowledges this. "The offering 'for sin' is distinct from a 'trespass offering', and it is the trespass offering which must be made when



any one has committed a personal sin. This distinction between trespass offerings (which are for personal sins) and sin offerings (which are not necessarily for actual sins) is described as follows by Alfred Edersheim in his book *The Temple*: 'The trespass offering may be regarded as represent-

ing ransom for a special wrong, while the sin-offering symbolized general redemption."

"Just because Our Lady underwent these rituals does not mean that She needed purification. Recall that Our Lord Himself was baptized, which was a spiritual washing. Did He need cleansing from sin? Of course not! Yet He underwent this ritual in humility and to give us an example, as did Our Lady with the Purification."

Dove and the Ark

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.



December 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6 pm Women's group meeting	2 6:30 pm Bible Study livestream	3 5 pm Adoration Benediction	4 First Friday 6:30 pm Adoration mtg.	5 First Saturday & Parish brunch 11 am Maidens mtg
6 Second Sunday of Advent	7 6:30 pm Catechism classes	8 Holy Day of Obligation 7:30, 9:30, 12 noon, & 6:30 (Sung)	9 6:30 pm Young adults spiritual talk 7 pm Men's Focus mtg.	10 5 pm Adoration Benediction	11 6 pm Christmas play	12 9:30 am Sung Mass 11am Luncheon 5pm Youth Group
13 Third Sunday of Advent	14 6:30 pm Catechism classes	15 7 pm Home- school group mtg.	16 No Bible Study	17 5 pm Adoration Benediction	18 6pm Young adult men's mtg.	19 1 pm Troops 5 pm Youth Focus 7 pm Men's group mtg.
20 Fourth Sunday of Advent	21	22	23	24 Midnight Mass	25 Christmas Day	26 10:30 am Server mtg. 5 pm Ice skating
27 Second Sunday of Advent	28	29 6 pm Women's group meeting	30 6:30 pm Bible Study livestream	31 5 pm Adoration Benediction	1 First Friday New Years Day	2 1st Satur- day/ Brunch 11 am Maidens mtg

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, Julie deTar, Tom deTar, Regina Dumas, Ruben Finn, Sharon Flores, Alvin Froehlich, Barbara Gagne, Robert Geist, Karen Graham David Gunseor, Gale Hamilton, Susan Hamilton, Sherri Higgins, Donald Holbrook, Kathryn Holbrook, Margaret Hurn, Joseph Kemna, Carrie Kralicek, Paul Krieg, Joseph Larsen, Marianne Leake, Donald Lohman, Spencer Lowell, Bryce Lund, 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, 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 Hattrup, Leo Heinan, Patricia Howland, Fr. Michael Irwin, FSSP, Rosemary Jacobs, John Keller, Mary Lynn Kenary, Daisy Koler, Paul Koudelka, Elemer Kovacs, Boleslaw Kozlowski, Wanda Kozlowski, Josephine LoCurto, Sandra Madrid, Patrick Mahoney, Bonnie McDonald, Erna McKay, Kevin McKay, Mike McManus, Agnes McMillan, David Metzger, Norm Miller, Florence McNamara, Lynnette Miller, Michael Mitchell, 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; Fr. Joseph Loftus, FSSP;
Fr. Martin Adams, FSSP;
Sr. Teresa Benedicta & Sr. Mary Crimmins, Carmel of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Post Falls, ID; Dom Mary Peter Leedy, OSB, Monastero di San Benedetto Norcia;
Brother Lawrence Burns, OSB, Clear Creek Monastery,
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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

November 22th Collections

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Capital Campaign	
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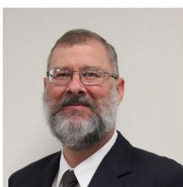
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