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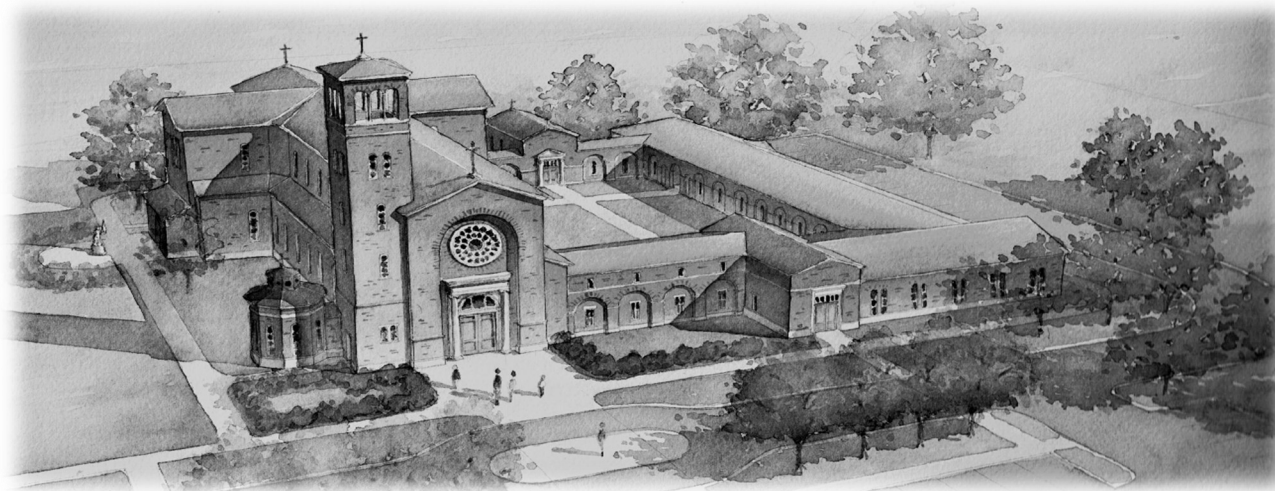


Third Sunday of Advent

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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 December 13th Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)	Young Adults, Fine Brewed after 9:30 AM Mass	7:30 AM: Private 9:30 AM: (Sung Mass) Private 12 PM: Pro Populo 5 PM: Private
Monday December 14th Feria of Advent	Catechism classes: 6:30 pm	6:30 AM: Private 12:15 PM: Private
Tuesday December 15th Feria of Advent	Homeschool Moms mtg. 7 pm	6:30 AM: Private 12:15 PM: Private
Wednesday Dec. 16th Ember Wednesday (St. Eusebius)		6:30 AM: Private 12:15 PM: Private
Thursday Dec. 17th Greater Feria of Advent	Adoration/Benediction 5 pm	6:30 AM: Private 12:15 PM: Private
Friday December 18th Ember Friday	Young Men's' mtg. 6 pm	6:30 AM: Private 12:15 PM: Private
Saturday Dec. 19th Ember Saturday	Little Flowers 10:30 am Parish Caroling 3:30 pm Men's group mtg. 7 pm	6:30 AM: Private 9:30 AM: Purgatorial Society
Sunday December 20st Fourth Sunday of Advent	Young Adults, Fine Brewed after 9:30 AM Mass Tamale fundraiser after 9:30 Mass	7:30 AM: Private 9:30 AM: (Sung Mass) Pro Populo 12:00 pm: Private 5 PM: Private

Adoration Chapel candles: For the spiritual and temporal needs of our children & their families (Barney & Gerianne Buckley)

Sanctuary candle: For all priests & for a good outcome to the presidential election (Anonymous)

Flowers for the Altar of the Bl. Mother: (No sponsor this week)

TODAY'S HYMNS

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Processional Hark, A Herald Voice

Recessional Wake, Wake

Mass XVII, Credo I

Marian Antiphon *Alma Redemptoris Mater*

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 Gordon will be on retreat this week.

Fr. Gordon's Mass intentions: 12/14 Alexandra Chamberlain (Lucrecia Crimmins); 12/15 Special Intention; 12/16 †Joyce Ditmanson Cotterill (Lucrecia Crimmins); 12/17 Release of the Poor Souls in Purgatory; 12/18 †Jane DeLauri (Matthew White); 12/19 Special Intention; 12/20 Pro Populo/Special Intention.

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 Friday 10 am and 12 noon. Please email questions to adoration@stjoanarc.com

Welcome! Please welcome the newest members of the congregation; **Nettie Marie Andrews**, who entered the church through a conditional baptism on November 28, 2020 and also received the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation; **Analise Amelia Rice** who entered the church through the sacrament of baptism on December 4. She is the daughter of Charles & Mary Rice; and **Faustyna Lorraine Roach**, who entered the church through the sacrament of baptism on December 5. She is the daughter of John & Tira Roach. Congratulations and welcome to all three!

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.**

Homeschool Moms Social: Will be **December 15, 7-9pm:** Please bring an appetizer and/or drink to share & a wrapped ornament for an exchange. All homeschooling mothers are welcome. Contact Jennifer Junkin, jenjunkin@gmail.com with questions or to be added to the group list.

Young Men's group: will meet Dec. 19 at 6 pm. Please call **509-863-7153** for directions and more info.

Little Flowers: will meet **Dec. 19th from 10:30am - noon** in the parish hall. All girls of the parish, ages 5 to 12 yrs., are welcome to join to learn about the saints and make new friends! Please contact Kristen Hitch with any questions at (208) 762-5907.

Parish caroling: Come join the youth and young adults on **Saturday December 19th** beginning at 3:30 pm. We will visit the Kit Fox neighborhood across the street from the church and sing for a couple of hours then return to the parish hall ~6 pm for hot cocoa and fellowship time.

The Troops of St. George will **not** be meeting this month, however, all fathers are invited to the 2021 planning meeting. More details will be available in the Troop Slack Community. If you would like to be added to Slack for Troop Communication and planning please email the captain (miles.robby@gmail.com) with your preferred email address. Thank you.

Purgatorial Society: The Purgatorial Society of St. Joan of Arc will be remembered on every third Saturday, of the month at the 9:30 am Mass. All members are encouraged to attend.

Tamale Fundraiser: Delicious handmade pork tamales will be available only on **December 20th**, after the 9:30 am Mass. This year, it is 'First Come, First Served' with no advanced orders taken. Suggested donations 12/\$25. Payment should be made upon pick up after the 9:30 am Mass on December 20th. Checks should be made payable to St Joan of Arc. All proceeds will go to support the building fund. Gracias!

Children's Procession for Midnight Mass: All children of the parish are invited to walk in procession before Midnight Mass on Christmas. Open to any children old enough to walk in procession, up to age 14 or so. Children will line up in the hallway at 11:50 pm & process at Midnight behind the clergy. After that, they will attend Mass with their parents. Those old enough to sing should learn *O Come All Ye Faithful* to sing while processing. A brief walk-through (15 minutes) will be held after the 9:30 Mass on Saturday, December 19. Further details can be found [here](#).



APOLOGETICS CORNER

Defending our Faith with the Truth

By Father Dennis M. Gordon, FSSP

After Death

Question: “After death, can a person still be converted to the faith or change his eternal destination?”

Answer: “Now, keeping in mind that we don’t know *exactly* the moment that the soul leaves the body (the actual moment of death), once death has truly occurred, the soul is fixed where it will be in eternity. (Obviously, purgatory is not permanent, but it is fixed that the soul in purgatory will go to heaven, once its time of justice in purgatory has been completed.) The church will allow a priest to conditionally anoint an apparently-deceased person even hours after apparent death, since we don’t know precisely when the soul leaves the body.

“Once death has definitively taken place, there is no ‘re-evangelization opportunity’ after death. With death, the possibility of merit or demerit or conversion ceases. This is a ‘*sententia certa*’, [a certain conclusion] based upon other *de fide* propositions.

“Saint Paul wrote, ‘*All must be manifested before the judgment seat of Christ, that everyone may receive the proper things **of the body** according as he has done, whether it be good or evil.*’ (2 **Corinthians 5:10**). Notice that he says that *the things of the body* will be what we are judged on before the judgment seat of Christ. In other words, only those things that we did while we were in our bodies. A human soul without a body is an *incomplete substance*, and it is only as *complete substances* (i.e., integral humans) that we make our human acts, on which we are judged.



“The fixed character to the place in which we will find ourselves after our death, and after our particular judgment at the moment of death, is alluded to in **Luke 16:26**, in the story of the rich man and Lazarus; ‘*And besides all this, between us and you, there is fixed a great chaos: so that they who would pass from hence to you, cannot, nor from thence come hither.*’

“The period of earthly life has been likened to the ‘day’ and the period after death has been likened to the ‘night’ in Sacred Scripture. Our Lord said, ‘*Yet a little while, the light is among you. Walk whilst you have the light.*’ (**John 12:35**). He also said, ‘*The night comes, when no man can work.*’ (**John 9:4**). These are illusions to the fact that our time for working and journeying toward the Lord is *now, before* the ‘night’ of death.

“St. Paul exhorts us, ‘*Therefore, whilst we have time, let us work good...*’ (**Galatians 6:10**). Once a person is dead, that person is taken outside of time into eternity.

“The Synod of Constantinople in 543 A.D. rejected the idea that the damned Angels and men would be eventually converted (Denzinger 211). Also, the First Vatican council defined the impossibility of justification after death. Saint Cyprian declared the doctrine clearly: ‘*If one is departed from thence, then there is no longer any possibility of penance, and expiation has no effect. It is here below that life is either lost or won.*’ (Ad Demetrianum 25).

“**Now** is the time for conversion, then, and to come to a knowledge and love of Our Lord!”

The Importance of Spiritual Reading

St. Alphonsus Liguori

To a spiritual life the *reading of holy books* is, perhaps, not less useful than *mental prayer*. Saint Bernard says that reading instructs at once both in prayer and in the practice of virtue. Hence, he concluded that spiritual reading and prayer are the weapons by which hell is conquered and heaven is won.

We cannot always have access to a spiritual father for counsel in our actions, and particularly in our doubts; but reading will abundantly supply his place by giving us light and direction to escape the illusions of the devil and of our own self-love, and at the same time to submit to the divine will. St. Athanasius used to say that no one is found devoted to the service of God who does not practice spiritual reading. Hence all the founders of religious orders have strongly recommended this holy exercise to their religious. But above all the Apostle, Saint Paul, prescribed spiritual reading to Timothy. "*Attend unto reading.*" (Timothy 4:3). Note the word *attend*, which signifies that although Timothy, being a Bishop, was greatly occupied with the care of his flock, still the Apostle wished him to attend to the reading of holy books, not in a passing way and for a short time, but regularly and for a considerable time.

The reading of spiritual books is as profitable as the reading of bad books is noxious. The first author of pious books is the Spirit of God, as the author of pernicious writings is the devil. Consider some of the great blessings the reading of spiritual books brings to the soul.

As the reading of bad books fills the mind with worldly and poisonous sentiments, so pious reading fills the soul with holy thoughts and good desires. He that keeps the mind filled with devout thoughts, such as spiritual maxims, and examples of the virtuous actions of the Saints, will, not only during prayer, but at other times also, be accompanied by these thoughts, and by them be kept almost continually united to God. Saint Bernard explains this by a beautiful similitude in his exposition of the words *seek and you shall find* (Matthew 7:7), when he says, "*Seek* by reading books of devotion, *and you shall find* in meditation; for reading, as it were, puts the food in the mouth, which is afterwards chewed by meditation."

The soul that is imbued with holy thoughts in reading is ever and always prepared to banish its

internal temptations. Saint Jerome advised his disciple, Salvina: "Endeavour to have ever in your hands a pious book that with this shield you may repel all the arrows of bad thoughts."

Spiritual reading serves to make us see the stains that infect the soul and helps us to remove them. The same Saint Jerome recommends Demetriade to avail herself of spiritual reading as of a mirror. As a mirror exhibits the stains of the face, so holy books show us the defects of the soul. Saint Gregory, speaking of spiritual reading says: "*There we perceive the losses we have sustained and the good things we have acquired; our falling back or our progress in virtue.*"

In the reading of holy books we receive many lights and divine calls. Saint Jerome says that when we pray, we speak to God; but when we read, God speaks to us. St. Ambrose says the same: "*We address Him when we pray; We hear Him when we read.*" In prayer God hears our petitions, but in reading we listen to his voice. Saint Augustine writes that good books are, as it were, so many "love letters" that the Lord sends us. In them He warns of our dangers, teaches us the way of Salvation, animates us to suffer adversity, enlightens us in inflames us with divine love. Whoever, then, desires to acquire Divine Love and to be holy, should often read those letters of paradise. Oh, how many Saints have, by the reading of a spiritual book, been induced to forsake the world and to give themselves to God! St. Augustine, St. Ignatius, St. John Columbino, and many more. "*My God,*" exclaimed St. Augustine, "*the examples of Thy servants, when I meditated on them, consumed my tepidity and inflamed me with Thy holy love.*"

To draw great fruit from spiritual reading:

1. You should recommend yourself beforehand to God that He may enlighten the mind while you read.
2. You should read, not in order to acquire learning, or to indulge curiosity, but for the sole purpose of advancing in divine love.
3. You should read pious books slowly and with attention.



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	5 First Saturday & Parish brunch 11 am Maidens mtg
6 Second Sunday of Advent	7 5:30 pm Vespers 6:30 pm Catechism classes	8 Holy Day of Obligation 7:30, 9:30, 12 noon, & 6:30 (Sung)	9 7 pm Men's Focus mtg.	10 5 pm Adoration Benediction	11 7:30 pm Christmas play	12 9:30 am Sung Mass 11am Luncheon 4:30 pm 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 10:30 Little Flowers 3:30 pm Par- ish Caroling 7 pm Men's group mtg.
20 Fourth Sunday of Advent	21	22	23	24 11:15 pm Carols Midnight Mass	25 Christmas Day	26 10:30 am Server mtg. 5 pm Ice skating
27 Sunday within the Octave of the Nativity	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, Dorothy Gallus, 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, Erma 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

December 6th Collections

General, envelopes, loose cash	
Capital Campaign	
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On line donations	
Security items donation	
Wish list	
Immaculate Conception	
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