

December 20, 2020



Fourth Sunday of Advent

ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH



*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

Weekdays 6:30 AM, 12:15 PM

Saturday 6:30 AM, 9:30 AM

Confession Times

45 min. before each Sunday Mass

30 min. before each daily Mass

4:00-5:00 PM Saturday

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MASS AND EVENT SCHEDULE

Events		Mass Times & Intentions
Sunday December 20th 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 PM: Private 5 PM: Private
Monday December 21st St. Thomas, Apostle	Catechism classes, Cancelled	6:30 AM: Private 12:15 PM: †Mrs. Johnnie Mae Ware (Crimmins family)
Tuesday December 22nd Greater Feria of Advent		6:30 AM: Private 12:15 PM †Ralph A. Fournier (Crimmins family)
Wednesday Dec. 23rd Greater Feria of Advent		6:30 AM: Private 12:15 PM: †Ann O'Brien (Anna Babich)
Thursday Dec. 24th Vigil of the Nativity of Our Lord	Adoration/Benediction 5 pm Matins: 9 pm	6:30 AM: Private 12:15 PM: Private
Friday December 25th Nativity of Our Lord	Christmas Day Holy Day of Obligation	12 MIDNIGHT: Private 7:30 AM: Private 9:30 AM: (Sung Mass) Pro Populo 12 PM: Private
Saturday Dec. 26th St. Stephen, Deacon & Protomartyr	Ice Skating 6 pm	6:30 AM: Private 9:30 AM: †Rozalia Uchal (Anna Babich)
Sunday December 27th Sunday within the Octave of the Nativity (St. John the Evangelist)	Young Adults, Fine Brewed after 9:30 AM Mass	7:30 AM: Private 9:30 AM: (Sung Mass) Private 12:00 pm: Pro Populo 5 PM: Private
Adoration Chapel candles: For the parishioners of St. Joan of Arc (Frs. Gordon, Flick, & Rapoport) Sanctuary candle: For the parishioners of St. Joan of Arc (Frs. Gordon, Flick, & Rapoport) Flowers for the Altar of the Bl. Mother: (No sponsor this week)		

TODAY'S HYMNS

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Processional Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Recessional Savior of the Nation, Come

Mass XVII, Credo I

Marian Antiphon *Alma Redemptoris Mater*

REMINDER: Please *silence* your cell phones!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mass intentions are once again CLOSED for all priests. There is a priest on sabbatical who only says the Mass in Latin, has the time and is accepting Mass intentions. Please make your check out to 'St. Joan of Arc', drop it in the black box in the credenza and Father Gordon will make sure he receives the Mass intention and stipend. Thank you.

Fr. Flick's Mass intentions: are private this week.

Frs. Gordon, Flick, Rapoport, and Terra wish everyone a very merry and blessed Christmas and New Year! They are very grateful for all of your support and prayers throughout this year. May God bless and reward you!

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

Christmas Mass Schedule:

Thursday, December 24th: The Vigil of the Nativity of Our Lord

Mass at 6:30 AM, and 12:15 PM.

Matins at 9:00 PM; Carols by the Choir at 11:15 PM.

Friday, December 25th: The Nativity of Our Lord

Mass at 12:00 MIDNIGHT, 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM (sung), 12:00 noon.

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](#).

Midnight Mass: no reservations needed nor taken as it will be on a **first come basis**. We do anticipate Midnight Mass to be extremely full and will have both the parish hall and the nursing mothers room open for overflow (and sleeping or fussy children). Carols by the choir start at 11:15 pm. Please come early and expect a **very full church**. May God bless you for your charity, patience, and kindness.

Skate Party: The annual St. Joan of Arc Ice Skating Party will take place on Saturday, December 26th, from 6:00 - 9:00 pm, at the Frontier Ice Arena (3525 W. Seltice Way, CDA). Children and adults of all ages are invited to attend. Admission and skate rental are free!

Nativity set raffle—a beautiful handmade and hand painted Nativity set is being offered for raffle in the parish hall. Please purchase your tickets (\$1 each, 6 for \$5, or 13 for \$10) in the parish hall as soon as possible for the manger scene and 10 figurines. Raffle drawing will be soon! Proceeds go to the building fund.

FSSP 2021 Calendars still available: For those who have purchased Fraternity calendars, please pick up your calendar **on the table in the parish hall**. Your name will be on the front of the calendars. If you would like to purchase a calendar, please drop a check for \$10 per calendar either in the black box in the credenza or mail it to the church. Thank you.

Donation Envelopes: As we continue to grow and add new members weekly, the parish has changed the way we will receive donation envelopes in 2021. There will no longer be yearly boxes of envelopes; instead, your donation envelopes will be mailed directly to you every 2 months from the distributor. This will allow us to add new members as they join the church and will be more cost and time efficient. If, in the past, you have not received donation envelopes and would like to receive them, please contact the parish office at c.crimmins@stjoanarc.com Thank you for supporting our wonderful parish.

No Catechism classes on Dec. 21, 28, and Jan. 4.



APOLOGETICS CORNER

Defending our Faith with the Truth

By Father Dennis M. Gordon, FSSP

Mary and the birth of Our Lord

Question: “I came across where your Church says in its Catechism that the Blessed Virgin Mary gave birth to Jesus “without experiencing... any sense of pain” (Catechism of the Council of Trent, 50); and that one of your Popes, Pope Pius XII, reiterated that, saying that She “gave miraculous birth to Christ Our Lord” (Mystici Corporis).

“You Catholics don’t really believe that **the Blessed Virgin Mary gave painless birth to Our Lord**, do you?”

Answer: “Sure we do! And it’s not just our own idea—did you know that it is in the Bible?

“Why don’t we turn to the Good Book?! Let’s see the prophecy of Our Lord’s Birth found in **Isaiah 66:7-8**—“***Before she was in labor she brought forth:***

before her time came to be delivered ***she brought forth a man child***. Who hath ever heard such a thing?” The birth of this *man child* foreshadows the Birth of Our Lord, according to even the early Christians! And this passage says that it will happen before the child’s Mother is in labor.”

“But what about Revelations (Apocalypse) 12:2: *being with child, she cried travailing in birth: and was in pain to be delivered?*”

“Ah, yes! Notice the *time reference* for this passage given in the very next verse, for *when* this pain-filled birth takes place, to determine which event this refers to: the next line (Rev. 12:3) says the dragon *with seven heads and ten horns* awaited the birth. But this dragon with the seven heads and ten horns is

explained a little later in **Revelations 17:12**: “The ten horns which thou sawest, are ten kings, who have ***not yet*** received a kingdom, but ***shall*** receive power as kings one hour *after* the beast.” ‘***Not yet*** received a kingdom... they ***shall*** receive power...’ In other words, the entire vision that *includes* the beast with ten horns awaiting the birth of the woman’s child is about **something that had not yet happened** when Revelations was written!

“Revelations 12:2 is about something ***after*** the physical Birth of Our Lord, and even *after* the writ-



ing of the Book of Revelations—it is about *the Church*, ***after*** the time of the vision of the Book of Revelations (a vision which took place in about 90 A.D.). *The Church* is the woman that *does indeed* travail in ‘birth’ (bringing

Christ into the world), and is ‘in pain to be delivered’ as the Church *suffers* in bringing Christ to the world. The woman in pain to give birth in Revelations 12:2 *has* to be referring to something *other* than the physical Birth of Our Lord, because the dragon waiting for the birth in the vision to happen is the one with the ten horns; which the Bible says are ten kings that have *not yet* come to power, and at the time of this vision, Our Lady had *already* given Birth to Our Lord.

“The only passage, then, that *does* refer to the manner of Our Lady’s giving Birth to Our Lord at a moment in history is **Isaiah 66:7-8**, which states that she delivered ***before*** she was in labor!”

God, the Joy of my Life

St. Teresa of Jesus of the Andes

Those who live a contemplative way of life are more deeply drawn to experience the nearness, the closeness of God. Those drawn by God to a more active imitation of the ministry of Jesus are more directly available to all God's people, as Jesus Himself was. Others drawn to God to an exclusively contemplative vocation, as was the cloistered Teresa of the Andes, make themselves totally and directly available to God as they pursue their hidden quest for divine intimacy, but are chiefly available to the needs of God's people through their life of prayer and reparation.

All saints have one thing in common, the fact that they are striving **to live for God alone**, the compelling concern to make God the deepest and most profound center of their personal life. Saint Paul is a splendid example of what it means to live for God alone. After he met the Risen Lord on the way to Damascus and was subsequently baptized, his whole life was radically changed. Christ had taken possession of him and he could in all truth say to the Galatians: "I live no longer I, but Christ lives in me." Paul knows too that despite his weakness, he can do all things because of his union with the Risen Lord.

God's love for every person is unique, and it is not surprising that each person has a very special and a personal relationship with God. While He is the God of all, He is the God of each in a very special way. No individual person can understand all the attributes of perfections of God, but we find individual saints especially drawn toward a particular divine attribute and take their delight in a specific divine perfection manifested in the life of Christ. Thus we see Saint Francis and his compelling love for the poor Christ of the Gospel; he loved to contemplate the poverty of Christ who became needy so we can be filled with the richness of God. Saint Dominic, on the other hand, feels driven to bring the wisdom of God to those in ignorance about God and His Holiness. St Therese of the Child Jesus felt especially drawn to the Divine Mercy and experienced that despite her little littleness God stooped down to raise her up to His divine heights. The little Chilean Carmelite, Teresa of the Andes, felt irresistibly drawn to the mystery of the joy of God's presence. She longs that Christ's words will be ful-

filled in each one that we may have His joy and that no one will take this joy from us. She would also like us to go out and share our divine joy with others.

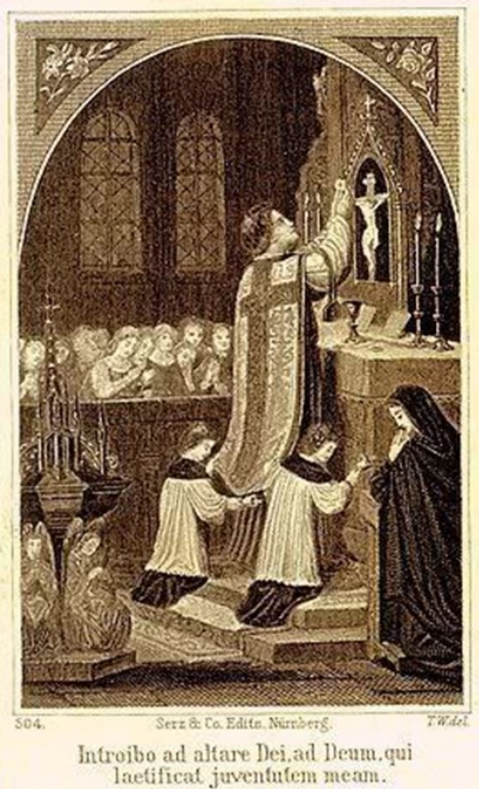
Spiritual joy is one of the most precious gifts of the Holy Ghost and its fullness is an unmistakable sign of holiness. Joy indicates very intense pleasure as well as a sense of exceptional good fortune. True spiritual joy emanates from the presence of God in our life, and especially from our awareness of His loving and abiding presence. In the New Testament we see that tidings of great joy filled the world when

it was announced that God the Savior was born. Under the guidance of the Holy Ghost, men and women in Luke's Gospel are filled with joy at His appearance and are unshakably assured that the Savior will be with His people forever.

Because spiritual joy does not depend on our emotions or on material well-being, it cannot be lost as long as God is present and as long as we believe in His presence and love. In fact, as we can see in the lives of the martyrs, not even suffering, hardship or sickness deprived them of the joy of God's presence. When God is the loving guest of a soul, nothing can interfere with the joy He brings.

The feelings and emotions directly opposed to joy are sadness and despondency. Sadness is the great enemy of spiritual joy.

When we are aware of the presence of God in our lives, we are eager to serve Him fervently, practice the virtues and spread goodness everywhere. When we are spiritually sad, we feel and act in just the opposite way. Our souls are troubled and disheartened, unable to find inner peace; we avoid prayer and our good resolutions are weakened and diminished. Deprived of the delight of the nearness and closeness of God in our lives, we feel helpless and disinclined to do good. With wisdom that is both human and divine, Saint James writes : "If anyone among you is sad, let him pray" (James 5:13), thus reminding those who are suffering sadness because of hardship or tribulation that if they pray, their hearts will be strengthened and awareness of the goodness and presence of God will lift their spirits and fill them with confidence.





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 13th Collections

General, envelopes, loose cash	
Capital Campaign	
St. Helen's Poor box	
On line donations	
Wish list	
Immaculate Conception	
Social events donations	
Votive Candles	
Total	

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