

December 27, 2020



Sunday within the Octave of the Nativity

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 December 27th Sunday within the Octave of the Nativity	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 28th Holy Innocents, Martyrs		6:30 AM: Private 12:15 PM: Christmas Novena Intentions
Tuesday December 29th Day within the Octave of the Nativity		6:30 AM: Private 12:15 PM: Christmas Novena Intentions
Wednesday Dec. 30th Day within the Octave of the Nativity	Bible Study Livestream 6:30 pm	6:30 AM: Private 12:15 PM: Christmas Novena Intentions
Thursday Dec. 31st Day within the Octave of the Nativity	Adoration/Benediction 5 pm	6:30 AM: Private 12:15 PM: Christmas Novena Intentions
Friday January 1st Octave of the Nativity of the Lord	Holy Day of Obligation First Friday	7:30 AM: Private 9:30 AM: Christmas Novena Intentions 12 NOON: Private 5:00 PM: Private
Saturday January 2nd Our Lady on Saturday	First Saturday Parish brunch 10:30 am Maidens of St. Joan 11:30 am Choir concert 6:30 pm	6:30 AM: Christmas Novena Intentions 9:30 AM: Private
Sunday January 3rd Holy Name of Jesus	Young Adults, Fine Brewed after 9:30 AM Mass	7:30 AM: Private 9:30 AM: (Sung Mass) Pro Populo 12:00 pm: Private 5 PM: Private

Adoration Chapel candles: Prayers for the conversion of Luke (Anonymous)
Sanctuary candle: For the United States of America (Anonymous)
Flowers for the Main Altar, of the Bl. Mother, and St. Joseph: Private Intention) Mark & Janice Lambert)

TODAY'S HYMNS

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Processional Lo How a Rose

Recessional Joy to the World

Mass XVIII, Credo III

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. As he lives in another part of the country, 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. Rapoport's Mass intentions: 12/27 Private; 12/28 †Maria de Soleda Arriga Sandoval (Loera family); 12/29 †Blake Burger (Loera family); 12/30 †Maria de Refugio (Loera family); 12/31 Private; 1/1 Private; 1/2 Francesco & Patricia Barsanti; 1/3 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: All hours currently filled—Thank you!! Please email questions to adoration@stjoanarc.com

Bible Study: Livestream classes will be this Wednesday Dec. 30 at 6:30 pm at stjoanarc.com
The teaching will be on the 18th chapter of the Apocalypse.

Holy Day of Obligation: Friday **January 1st**, is a Holy Day of obligation in the diocese of Boise. Mass times are 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM (sung), 12:00 noon, and 5:00 PM.

First Saturday brunch: We will have a brunch in the parish hall this Saturday after the 9:30 am Mass.

Maidens of St. Joan's meet 11 am to 2 pm on Saturday in the parish hall. If you have any questions or would like to join, please contact Fr. Rapoport.

Choir concert: Saturday, January 2 at 6:30 pm in the parish hall. Please come and continue to celebrate the Christmas season!

Congratulations: to Jordan Melvard who won the raffle of the nativity set. Over \$500 was raised for the building fund. Thank you to all who participated.

End of year giving: In your charity, please keep the new church and building fund in mind for your end of the year giving. May God reward you many fold!

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.

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

St. Helen's Fund: This important fund is a means of helping those in our parish and in the community with extraordinary needs. Named after the great saint, Helen, who took care of the poor and needy, these funds have helped provide rent/mortgage, hospital and utility bills in emergencies. Please consider giving to St. Helen's Fund. Pennies, dollars, checks, all add up! May God reward your charity! (*Checks should be made payable to St. Joan of Arc*).

Prayer chain: St. Joan of Arc has a prayer chain to pray for parishioner's needs. If you would like to be part of it and contacted by the coordinator when there is a prayer need, please send your email address to secretary@stjoanarc.com. May God reward you for your prayers for others.

In your charity and generosity, please remember the cloistered **Carmelite nuns** who pray and fast continuously for all of us. May God reward you.



APOLOGETICS CORNER

Defending our Faith with the Truth

By Father Dennis M. Gordon, FSSP

Jesus IS God

Question: “I have question about proof from the Bible that Jesus is God. I had a visit from a *Jehovah’s Witness* (JW) and she quoted to me John 14:28 wherein Jesus said, “the Father is greater than I.” If the Father is greater, how can Jesus also be God as the Father is God?”

Answer: “Ah, yes! This passage is *commonly* used by the JW’s to spread the error that Christ must not have the Divine nature as God the Father! The problem with this conclusion from this passage is that it *ignores the rest of the evidence* in the New Testament! When finding out the truth about Our Lord’s Divinity from the Bible, wouldn’t statements about His Nature that include *all-encompassing* words like “all” or “fullness” or “equal to” be especially helpful?”

“Here is what I mean—take your JW visitor to these passages in the Bible:

“**Colossians 2:9** says of Jesus, “In Him dwells **ALL** the **FULNESS** of the **Godhead** corporeally.” Ask your JW visitor, “If **ALL** the **FULNESS** of something is present, how could one believe that *anything* is left out? And if the Bible, the inspired Word of God, tells us that **ALL** the **FULNESS** of **GOD** is in Jesus, then shouldn’t a Bible-believing Christian conclude that the **FULL DIVINITY** of God *must* be present in Jesus?”

“Then point out to her **Philippians 2:5-6**, “Jesus, being in the **form of God**, thought it not robbery to **be equal with God**.” ASK her: ‘Don’t these words mean that Jesus was *not* ‘robbing’ God by **being equal with God**, because He was God?’

“Next ASK her, ‘What does your bible say in **John 16:15**, where Jesus says, “**ALL** things **WHATSOEVER** the Father has are *mine*.”?’ (Let her read it: her translation will read, ‘**All** the things that the Father has are mine.’) Next ASK her, ‘Doesn’t the Father have a Divine Nature? If **YOUR** bible says that ‘**ALL** the things the Father has’ belong to Jesus also, wouldn’t one have to conclude from *your* bible that since the Father does *have* a Divine Nature, then Jesus *must also have* this; unless one believes that *your* bible is wrong when it says ‘**All** the things the Father

has are mine’...?’

“Now ASK her, ‘If God the Father were to want the Son honored “**JUST AS**” one honors the Father, wouldn’t that only be possible (without committing blasphemy) **IF** the Son were **equal** to the Father in His Divinity? If the Son were *not* Himself Divine, equal to the Father, then wouldn’t the Father be asking us to commit *blasphemy* by honoring the Son **JUST AS** we honor GOD the Father?’

“Now ASK her, ‘What does your bible say in **John 5:22-23**?’ (Let her read it: our bible says there, “The Father has given all judgment to the Son that all men may honor the Son, **as** they honor the Father.” The JW bible says, “The Father has entrusted all the judging to the Son, so that all may *honor the Son JUST AS they honor the Father*.”) Now ASK: ‘So if *your* bible says that the Father wants the Son honored **just as** all honor the Father, shouldn’t one conclude from *your* bible that the Son *must be equal* to the Father to receive this kind of honor?’

“If you have time, see also John 3:35, John 8:58, John 10:30, John 14:9, John 17:10, Hebrews 2:9, Isaiah 9:6, Isaiah 35:4, Isaiah 45:14-15, Isaiah 48:17, Ezechiel 34:11, Osee (Hosea) 13:4, Micheas 5:2.”

“So what is John 14:28 talking about with, ‘the Father is greater than I’? Our Lord Jesus could say this because He has TWO NATURES; one *divine* nature (which Col 2:9, Phil 2:5-6, John 16:15, John 5:22-23 and *many other* verses speak about), AND a *human* nature. God the Son also has His **ORIGIN** in the Father (He came *from* the Father—and the Son *always* thus existed); but God the *Father* is **ORIGINLESS**; the Father came *from no other Person*. Therefore, speaking *from His human nature* the Son can say, ‘the Father is greater than I’. Speaking about *how He originated from the Father*, and the Father originated from *no one*, the Son can say, ‘the Father is greater than I’. But speaking about His *Divinity*, we must conclude, from the Bible, that the Son has the *same Divine Nature* as God the Father and is **equal** to God the Father!”

How do I know if I have a religious vocation?

St. Alphonsus Liguori

A vocation is certain when three things concur **first**, a good intention; that is to say, the desire of escaping from the dangers of the world, of better ensuring eternal Salvation, or of becoming more closely united to God ; **secondly**, when there is no positive impediment in regard to health or talent, or necessity of parents, and upon all these the novice should be perfectly at rest after he has submitted them to the judgment of his superiors sincerely and truthfully; **Thirdly**, when he is accepted by the superiors. *Now where there is a concurrence of these three things, the novice should not doubt that he has a true vocation.*

A temptation which the evil spirit employs with those who, before entering religious life, [already] led a spiritual life, is this; "When you were in the world," the devil says, "you prayed more than now, you practiced more mortifications, you observed silence better, you were more recollected, and gave more arms and so forth. You are not able to do all these things now, and still less will you be able when you have finished your novitiate, for your superiors will then put you to study or employ you in some office in the community, or in other things of obedience which will divert you from these pious works."

O what an illusion! If a novice heeds such a temptation it is a sign that he does not understand the great merit of obedience. He who offers all his prayers to God (and Saint Mary Magdalen de Pazzi says that everything which is done in a religious community is prayer), his arms, his fast and penances, gives to him a part of what belongs to him, but not all; or, to speak more correctly, he gives what he possesses, but he does not give himself; or as he who renounces his own will by a vow of obedience, gives himself entirely to God, and may say: "Lord, having consecrated my whole will to Thee, I have nothing more to give."

His own will is the thing of which it is the most difficult for a man to divest himself, but it is the gift which is most acceptable to God which he requires of us. "my son give me thy heart" (Proverbs 13:26), that is, thy will; and therefore Our Lord declares that obedience is more pleasing to him than all other sacrifices. "Obedience is better than sacrifices" (1 Kings 15:22). thus he who gives himself to God by obedience obtains, not only once, but forever, victory over the riches, honors, and pleasures of the world, and whatever else may stand in the way of his perfection.



A man who lives in the world, no doubt, gains merit by his fasts, disciplines, prayers, and suchlike, but following in these his own will, he gains less than a religious (Sister or Brother), who does all through obedience. The religious gains more merit, and gains continually, because everything in the community is done under obedience. Here he merits not only when he prays, or fasts, or takes the discipline, but also when he studies or sits at table or takes recreation or rests. Saint Aloysius Gonzaga used to say, that in the vessel of religious life we always advance, even when we do not apply the OR. Hence we understand how persons who have led a spir-

itual life in the world have sought to submit themselves to obedience by entering some religious order, well knowing the greater merit of good works that are performed through obedience.



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 9pm Matins 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 Holy Day of Obligation	2 1st Satur- day/ Brunch 11 am Maidens mtg 6:30 pm Choir concert

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

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General, envelopes, loose cash	
Capital Campaign	
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