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# **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 6 <sup>th</sup> Second Sunday of Advent	Young Adults, Fine Brewed after 9:30 AM Mass	7:30 AM: Pro Populo 9:30 AM: (Sung Mass) Private 12 PM: Private 5 PM: Private	
Monday December 7 <sup>th</sup> St. Ambrose, Bishop, con- fessor, & Doctor	Vespers 5:30 pm 6:30 AM: Private 12:15 PM: Reparation for sins considered Heart of Jesus (Truong children)		
Tuesday December 8 <sup>th</sup> Immaculate Conception	Holy Day of Obligation	7:30 AM: Pro Populo 9:30 AM: Private 12 Noon: Private 6:30 PM: (Solemn High Mass) Private	
Wednesday Dec. 9 <sup>th</sup> Feria of Advent	Young Adult spiritual talk 6:30 Men's Focus group 7 pm, Tom deTar's home	6:30 AM: Private 12:15 PM: Special Intention	
Thursday Dec. 10 <sup>th</sup> Feria of Advent	Adoration/Benediction 5 pm	<b>6:30 AM:</b> Private <b>12:15 PM:</b> Conversion of Sinners (Truong Children)	
Friday December 11 <sup>th</sup> St. Damasus I, Pope & Confessor	Christmas play 7:30 pm	6:30 AM: Private  12:15 PM: Release of Poor Souls in Purgatory (Truong children)	
Saturday December 12 <sup>th</sup> Feria	Our Lady of Guadalupe 6:30 AM: Pri Luncheon 11 am 9:30 AM: Joa Youth group 4:30 pm, Loftus home		
Sunday December 13 <sup>th</sup> 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 12:00 pm: Pro Populo 5 PM: Private	

**Adoration Chapel candles**: Severance of every bondage & deliverance of every captive of Satan (Anonymous) **Sanctuary candle:** Healthy pregnancy & delivery for Jessi & grandbaby; Holy Spirit strong presence in guiding Andrew. (Anonymous)

Flowers for the Altar of the Bl. Mother: Prayers for †Rozalia Uchal (Anna Babich)

# Today's Hymns

Processional On Jordon's Banks
Recessional O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
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. Rapoport's Mass intentions: are private this week.

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 Monday 9 am and Friday 12 noon. Please email questions to <a href="mailto:adoration@stjoanarc.com">adoration@stjoanarc.com</a>

Welcome! Please welcome the newest member of the congregation, Eloise Josephine Marie Leonard who entered the church through the sacrament of baptism on November 26, 2020. She is the daughter of Joshua and Geneva Leonard. Welcome!

**Roses for Our Lady's feast day!**—those who want to donate roses for Our Lady of Guadalupe's Feast Day can bring them starting Wednesday, Dec. 9th. Buckets will be available in the vestibule on Wednesday.

"Las Mananitas": are traditional Spanish songs sang early morning to serenade Our Lady on her feast day, December 12 at 6 am followed by the Holy Mass at 6:30 am. Traditional Mexican pastries and hot chocolate will be served after Mass in the parish hall. Come join us Saturday morning December 12, to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

**Candles**: It's time to place next year's Candle Order. These candles are for your home and will be blessed at Candlemas, February 2, 2021. Please see the order forms in the vestibule. Please call 208-640-9064 with questions. Keep the Candle Burning!

**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 (<a href="https://cogforlife.org">https://cogforlife.org</a>). 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 **EXECPT** 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.

**Christmas play**: The parish is putting on a Christmas play in the parish hall this year called "The Christmas Lamb". The play will be performed Friday, **December 11th** at 7:30 pm. Please contact Patty at **god-nus11@aol.com** with questions.

**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 hall-way carpet. Help us to keep our church in good condition. 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.** 



# **APOLOGETICS CORNER**

Defending our Faith with the Truth By Father Dennis M. Gordon, FSSP

# **Israel and Idolatry**

even encouraged?"

**Answer**: "Here is the short answer to this question: many are not aware that God did not want the Israelites to go this route, and that it was due to Israel's progressively worse sinfulness that this last resort was taken and commanded; one cannot do this kind of thing today.

"Here is the longer answer, based upon insights by Dr.

Brant Pitre and Dr. Scott Hahn... God originally planned that Israel come into the promised land and convert the inhabitants. But as it became clear that Israel was itself getting worse, God had to impose firmer commands regarding how they were to deal with idolaters around them, as it became clear that Israel, which was meant to **lead** the nations, teaching them about the worship of the true God, was itself following the nations - into idolatrv!

"The original command was that Israel be 'a nation of with the inhabitants of that land, knowing that if they priests'. Not just the Levites were to be priests, but every dwelt side by side with idolaters, the Israelites would firstborn male. This we see in **Exodus 4:22** and **19:6** themselves adopt their idolatrous ways. In other words, it ('you shall be to me a priestly kingdom, and a holy na- was a dispensation to Israel's sinfulness that 'forced' God tion'). As a 'priestly kingdom', Israel was to lead the pagan to have Israel deal so drastically with the idolaters of the nations in the worship of the true God. God wanted Israel land, lest they succumb to the most grave sin of idolatry. to lead and teach the nations: **Isaiah 42:6** 'I the Lord This was a temporary concession. God even says to Israel have called thee in justice, and taken thee by the hand, that this concession was given 'as a testimony against and preserved thee. And I have given thee for a covenant you' - Deuteronomy 31:26 - to show how sinful Israel of the people, for a light of the Gentiles.'

the Israelites themselves fell into idolatry like the pagan morally impose the death penalty for crimes which violate nations, the priesthood was limited to the male *Levites*, the common good, but people often don't acknowledge the and God's command was not to enter into friendships and crime of idolatry as being one of those crimes affecting the covenants with the pagans, lest the Israelites be tempted common good. Only a legitimate authority could impose to leave off the worship of the true God:

"Exodus 34:12-15 'Beware thou never join in friend-

Question: "Why is it, when Israel returned to the Prom-ship with the inhabitants of that land, which may ised Land which God had given them, that they killed the be thy ruin: But destroy their altars, break their statidolatrous inhabitants of the land who had taken over the ues, and cut down their groves: Adore not any strange place, and it seems this killing was divinely permitted or god. The Lord his name is Jealous, he is a jealous God. Make no covenant with the men of those countries lest, when they have committed fornication with their gods, and have adored their idols, someone call thee to eat of the things sacrificed.'

> "After the Israelites sinned in idolatry again on the plains of Moab, the Israelites were not only to destroy the pagan altars, in the promised but also now destroy the inhabitants: Numbers 33:51-53 'When you shall have passed

> > over the Jordan, entering into the land of Chanaan, **Destroy** all the inhabitants of that land: beat down their pillars, and break in pieces their statues, and waste all their high places, Cleansing the land, and dwelling in it.'

> > "Twice Israel fell into the sin of idolatry, and so twice God had to progressively increase the firmness of His command, to keep this people from being utterly lost to paganism.



**fulness.** God became firmer with how they were to deal had become.

"However, after the golden calf debacle, in which "One might acknowledge that a legitimate authority can such a penalty, so a person should not take it upon himself to do this today."



# Seeking Solitude for Prayer with God

St. Alphonsus Liguori

Whosoever loves God, loves solitude. There the Lord communicates Himself more familiarly to souls because there He finds them less entangled in worldly affairs, and more detached from earthly affections. Hence, Saint Jerome exclaimed: "O solitude, in which God speaks and converses familiarly with His servants." O blessed solitude, in which God speaks and converses with His beloved ones with great love and confidence!

The Lord is not in the earthquake (3 Kings 19:11). But where is He found? I will lead her into the wilderness, and I will speak to her heart (Hosea 2:14). He is found in solitude, and there He speaks to the heart in words that enflame it with holy love, as the sacred spouse attests: My soul melted when my beloved spoke (Canticle 5:6). Saint Eucharius relates that a certain man, desirous of becoming a saint, asked a servant of God where he should find God. The servant of God conducted him to a solitary place, and said, "Behold where God is found!" By these words he meant to say that God is found not amid the tumults of the world, but in solitude.

Virtue is easily preserved in solitude; and on the other hand, it is easily lost by intercourse with the world, where God is but little known, and therefore His love, and the treasures He gives to those who leave all things for His sake, are but little esteemed. Hence the Saints, in order to live in solitude and far from tumult, have so ardently loved the caves, the mountains, and the woods.

It is certain that to keep the heart united with God we must preserve in the soul the thought of God, and of the immense reward He prepares for those who love Him. But when we hold intercourse with the world, it presents to us earthly things that obliterate spiritual impressions and pious sentiments. Worldlings shun solitude, and with good reason; for in solitude they feel more acutely the remorse of conscience, and therefore they go in search of the conversations and bustle of the world, that the noise of these occupations may stifle the stings of remorse. It is true that man loves being in society; but what society is preferable to the society of God? Ah! to withdraw from creatures and to converse in solitude with our Creator brings nei-

ther bitterness nor tediousness. Of this the Wise Man assures us: for her conversation hath no bitterness, nor her company any tediousness but joy and gladness (Wisdom 8:16).

It is not true that a life of solitude is a life of melancholy: it is a foretaste and beginning of the life of the Saints in bliss, who are filled with an immense joy in the soul occupation of loving and praising their God. Saint Jerome tells us that fleeing from Rome, he went to shut himself up in the Cave of Bethlehem, in order to enjoy solitude. The Saints in solitude appeared to be alone, but they are not alone. Saint Bernard said: "I am never less alone than when I am alone" for then I am in the company of my Lord, who gives me more content than I could derive from the conversation of all creatures.

The world, seeing the Saints far away from earthly amusements, regards them as miserable and disconsolate; but they are not so; they, as the Apostle attests, enjoy an immense and continual peace. As sorrowful, yet always rejoicing (2 Corinthians 6:10). The Lord will make her desert as a place of pleasure, and her wilderness as the garden of the Lord. Joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving and the voice of praise (Isaiah 51:3). The Lord well knows how to console the solitary soul, and will give a thousand-fold compensation for all the temporal pleasures which it has forfeited: He will render its solitude the garden of His delights.

Let us then understand what is meant by solitude of the heart. It consists in expelling from the soul every affection that is not for God, by seeking nothing in all our actions but to please His divine eyes. Someone complaints that he does not find God; But listen to what Saint Teresa says: "Detach the heart from all things, seek God, and then you will find Him." A soul detached and free from earthly affections, says Saint Peter Chrysologus, finds solitude even in the public streets and highways.

Be still, and see that I am God (Psalm 45:11).

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# 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	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 Saturday/ 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,

#### **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 29 <sup>th</sup> Collections				
General, envelopes, loose cash				
Capital Campaign				
St. Helen's Poor box				
On line donations				
Individual gifts				
Social events donations				
Votive Candles				
Total				

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