

May 30, 2021



Trinity Sunday

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

7:00 AM Low Mass
8:45 AM Low Mass
10:30 AM Sung Mass
1:00 PM Low Mass
5:00 PM Low Mass

M, W, F

6:30 AM, 12:15 PM

Tues. & Thurs.

6:30 AM, 8:30 AM

Saturday

6:30 AM, 9:30 AM

Confession Times

30 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 May 30th Trinity Sunday		7:00 AM: Private 8:45 AM Private 10:30 AM: (Sung Mass) Pro Populo 1:00 pm: Private 5 PM: Special Intention
Monday May 31st Bl. Virgin Mary, Queen	Feast of St. Joan of Arc , transferred 9:30 am Sung Mass Parish picnic , Noon-4 pm	6:30 AM Priest of the FSSP (Carol Wiese) 9:30 AM: (Sung Mass) Private
Tuesday June 1st St. Angela Merici, Virgin		6:30 AM: †Robert Cools (Dena Mae Cools) 8:30 AM: Private
Wednesday June 2nd Feria (Ss. Marcellinus, Peter, & Erasmus)	Women's group mtg. 6 pm	6:30 AM: Mrs. Joan Cools (Dena Mae Cools) 12:15 PM: Private
Thursday June 3rd Corpus Christi	Corpus Christi 8:30 am Sung Mass Adoration/Benediction (cancelled)	6:30 AM: Fr. T. Gordon, FSSP 8:30 AM: (Sung Mass w/procession) Private
Friday June 4th St. Francis Caracciolo, Confessor	First Friday	6:30 AM: Special Intention 12:15 PM: Private
Saturday June 5th St. Boniface, Bishop & Martyr	First Saturday Parish Brunch 10:30 am Maidens of St. Joan 11:30 am	6:30 AM: Private Intention 9:30 AM: Private
Sunday June 6th Second Sunday after Pentecost (External Solemnity of Corpus Christi)		7:00 AM: Pro Populo 8:45 AM: Private 10:30 AM: (Sung Mass) Private 1:00 pm: Private 5M: Private
Adoration Chapel candles: Prayers for Jeremiah Leake (Anonymous) Sanctuary candle: Prayers for †Fr. Timothy Hirten (Anonymous) Flowers for the BVM: Our Lady of Lourdes, inspire families to pray the daily rosary (Wolford family) Flowers for the Altar & St. Joseph: No sponsor this week.		

TODAY'S HYMNS

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Processional O God, Almighty Father

Recessional With Thy Holy Benediction

Missa Ave Maria Stella (Victoria), Credo III

Marian Antiphon *Salva Regina*

REMINDER: Please *silence* your cell phones!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fr. Terra is now taking Mass intentions. Please limit intentions to 3 per family. Thank you.

Fr. Rapoport's Mass intentions: 5/30 Private; 5/31 Private; 6/1 Private; 6/2 Private; 6/3 Angela Reindel Kramer (Wm.& Margaret Reindel); 6/4 Brenon Reindel (Wm.& Margaret Reindel); 6/5 Jennifer Reindel (Wm.& Margaret Reindel); 6/6 Private.

Important note from the Bishop: "Beginning on Corpus Christi (June 3), I am **discontinuing** the dispensation of the obligation to attend Mass. As always, the faithful must use their own judgement regarding whether or not to attend Mass if they have any concerns regarding their health. I am instructing our parishes to remove COVID-19-based restrictions as we continue to move toward pre-pandemic conditions." Sunday Holy Mass is **livestreamed at 10:30 am at stjoanarc.com** until May 30 (today) at which time it will be discontinued. Thank you

Perpetual Adoration: Hours needed are Wednesday 9 am, 10 am, and 11 pm need an adorer. If you are interested in becoming an adorer, please email Jason and Sally Tomes at adoration@stjoanarc.com There are many hours that need a second adorer.

Congratulations to Sister Mary Imelda & the Bresee family! Sister was invested in the religious habit of the Filiae Laboris Mariae and received her religious name on May 22nd at the Church of All Saints in Minneapolis, MN. She greatly appreciates all of your prayers and assures the parish of her prayers as well!

Welcome! Please welcome the newest member of the congregation, **Benedict John Martin Jasper** who was baptized on May 22; he is the son of Chris and Molly Jasper. Welcome!

Lost and Found jewelry and more: As we continue to de-clutter and settle into our new church, we still have some jewelry that was found over the years in the former church. Please call the office to identify if you feel it might belong to you; 208-660-6036. And, please check the **Lost and Found** in the bottom drawer of the credenza at the back of church for lost missals and other items. Thank you.

Annual parish picnic: will be Memorial Day, **Monday May 31 from noon to 4 pm** at Prairie View Elementary school, 2478 E. Poleline Ave. in Post Falls. We will be celebrating the Feast of St. Joan of Arc. Please sign up to bring various needed items (and to see what personal items can also be brought) at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoD4EA8AE2CA5F4C52-stjoan> Please save the date and hope to see you at the picnic!

Mass on Monday: will be at 6:30 am **AND 9:30 am**. There will not be a 12:15 Mass on Monday, May 31.

Office closed: Monday May 31, Memorial Day.

Women's Group: The Women's Group will meet on Tuesday, at 6:00 PM, at the Parish Hall. All adult women of the parish are welcome to attend. Father Rapoport will begin with a rosary at 6 pm and continue with a talk on the spiritual life. If you wish to be added to the email list for the monthly Women's group meeting on the 1st Wednesday of the month, please contact the parish office at secretary@stjoanarc.com

First Saturday brunch: in the parish hall this Saturday after the 9:30 am Mass. Please sign up at the link below to bring a dish to the brunch. The Maidens of St. Joan will be serving. <https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/10cod4ea8ae2ca5f4c52-first>

Sacred Liturgy Conference: hosted by the Diocese of Spokane, June 1–4. To attend in person or via livestream, go to [Sacred Liturgy Conference](https://www.sacredliturgyconference.com) or email sacredliturgyconference@gmail.com with questions. Frs. Gordon, Flick, Rapoport, and Terra along with St. Joan of Arc servers, will assist at the Pontifical Extraordinary Form Mass at St. Aloysius Church in Spokane on **June 3 at 5 pm**. All are welcome.

Parish Council: Father Gordon is reconvening the parish council at St. Joan of Arc since we have not met in a long while. As things have settled somewhat following construction, the move to Post Falls, and the craziness of 2020, Fr. Gordon would like to reconvene the council. Dr. Tom deTar will continue as president of the council and Father Gordon will be selecting the remaining members. If anyone has recommendations of suggested members, please let him know. Thank you for your time.



APOLOGETICS CORNER

Defending our Faith with the Truth

By Father Dennis M. Gordon, FSSP

‘And the Word was God’

Question: “I have heard that Jehovah’s Witnesses believe that Jesus Christ, the Word, is ‘a god’ and not of the same nature as God the Father, and they say something about the text of John 1 shows that. Does the Prologue of St. John’s Gospel imply that Christ is a ‘lesser god’ than God the Father?”

Answer: “It does not imply that, and the Jehovah’s Witnesses (JWs) are repeating a tired argument that the Arians tried and was debunked very early on in the Church. The argument is in reference to **John 1:1**, *‘In the beginning was the Word: and the Word was with God: and the Word was God’*.”

“The Arian argument adopted by the JWs, says that by using the definite article ‘the’ with ‘God’ in the first clause of this verse and not in the second clause, St. John was trying to say something about the Word having a *lesser* nature than God the Father; that the Word is ‘a god’ as opposed to simply *God*. The Arian argument is summarized by the 17th Century Jesuit Fr. Cornelius a Lapide in his *Commentary on the Gospel of St. John*, goes something like this:

The Arians object that, in the clause ‘*and the Word was God*’, the Greek word θεόν (*theon*, i.e., God), does not have the article (τόν – the) in this clause as it had in the preceding clause, ‘*and the Word was with God*’ (*apud τόν θεόν* – with *ton theon*, i.e., with God). Therefore, say they, the Word was not true God.

“The JWs’ argument is based on faulty understanding of how Greek uses the article τόν (the), and what the use of the article implies or does not imply. They are really applying a Western, *English* understanding of how “the” is used onto how in Greek τόν is used.

“Fr. Cornelius a Lapide replies to the argument as follows:

I reply by denying the conclusion. For the reason of the difference is that the word God (θεόν) in the preceding clause, *with God*,

denotes a distinct **Person**, namely, the Person of the Father with whom the Word was. But in this latter clause it denotes not a Person but **the essence of the Godhead** common to each Person. For the Word is one God with the Father, so far as relates to Essence and Godhead, but not as regards Person. And the article in this place *signifies a distinct Person*, not the nature common to both.

“What Fr. a Lapide is saying is that, when in the phrase ‘*the Word was with God*’ St. John in Greek includes the article ‘the’ (τόν) with ‘God’, he does so because here ‘God’ is referring to a *specific Person* of the Trinity, God *the Father*, so he uses the definite article ‘the’. However, since in the second clause (‘*and the Word was God*’) by the term ‘God’ St. John is referring, not to one specific Person, but to the Divine Essence, the Divine Nature, here St. John **does not** include the article ‘the’ (τόν), since it refers to the Divine Nature *in general*.

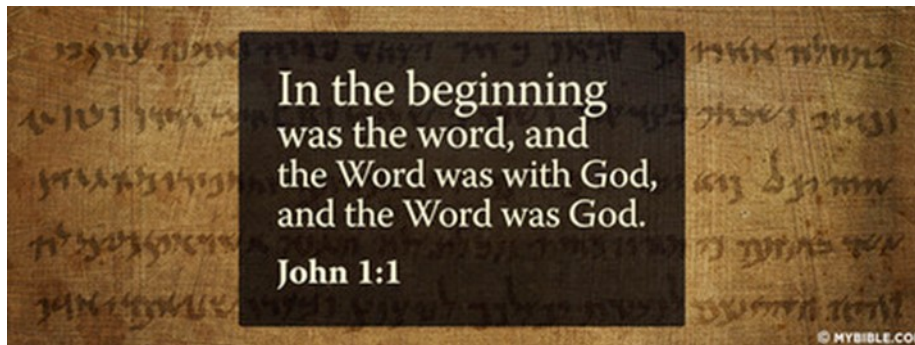
“In other words, in the first clause, the *definite* article ‘the’ makes ‘God’ refer to a *specific Person*, and in the second clause the *absence* of the definite article refers to nature of ‘God’ in general. Therefore, St. John is saying, by how he phrases it in Greek, that the Word *does* have the Divine Nature.

“Fr. a Lapide goes on to conclude:

Again, the Greeks prefix the article to the **subject**, **not the predicate**; and in this place God is the predicate, the Word is the subject.

“Here Fr. a Lapide is pointing out that the presence or absence of the article simply indicates which word is the subject and which is the predicate in the clause; it isn’t trying to imply a distinction between two beings, ‘the God’ verses ‘a god’.

“So thankfully, we can conclude that St. John’s use of Greek is indeed *emphasizing* the Divine Nature of the Word, and is *not* saying that the Word is some lesser god.”



The means of avoiding lukewarmness and attaining perfection

How many souls, for want of applying themselves to lead a life of greater recollection and more detachment from earthly things, do not take care to receive Holy Communion! And this is the true cause of their not wishing to receive Holy Communion frequently. They are well aware that to wish always to appear, to dress with vanity, to be fond of nice eating and drinking, of bodily comforts, of conversations and amusements, does not harmonize with frequent Communion; they know that more prayer is required, more mortification, as well internal as external, more seclusion; on this account they are ashamed to approach the altar more frequently. Without doubt, such souls are right to refrain from frequent Communion as long as they find themselves in that unhappy state of lukewarmness; but whoever is called to a more perfect life should lay aside this lukewarmness, if he would not greatly risk his eternal salvation.

It will be found likewise to contribute very much to keep fervor alive in the soul to often make a Spiritual Communion, so much recommended by the Council of Trent, which exhorts all the faithful to practice it. The Spiritual Communion, as Saint Thomas says, consists in an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament; and therefore the Saints were careful to make it several times a day. The method of making it is this:

"My Jesus, I believe that Thou art really present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love Thee and I desire Thee; come into my soul. I embrace Thee; and I beseech Thee never to allow me to be separated from Thee again." Or more briefly, thus: *"My Jesus, come to me; I desire Thee; I embrace Thee; let us remain ever united together."*

This Spiritual Communion may be practiced several times a day: when we make our prayer, when we make our visit to the Blessed Sacrament, and especially when we assist at Holy Mass at the moment of the priest's Communion. The Dominican Sister, Blessed Angela of the Cross, said: "If my confessor had not taught me this method of communicating spiritually several times a day, I should not have trusted myself to live."

[Another] most necessary means for the spiritual life, and for obtaining the love Jesus Christ is prayer of petition. In the first place, I say that by this means God convinces us of the great love He bears us. What greater proof of affection can a person give to a friend than to say to him, "My friend, ask anything you like of me, and I will give it to you"?

Now that is precisely what Our Lord says to us: *Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and you shall find* (Luke 11:9). Wherefore prayer is called all powerful with God to obtain every blessing: "Prayer, though it is only one thing, can affect all things," as Theodoret says; whoever prays obtains from God whatever he chooses [if helpful to one's salvation].

The words of David are beautiful: *Blessed be God who has not turned away my prayer nor His mercy from me* (Psalm 65:20). Commenting on this passage, St. Augustine says, "As long as thou seest thyself not failing in prayer, be assured that the Divine Mercy will not fail thee either." And Saint John Chrysostom: "We always obtain, even while we are still praying." When we pray to God, He grants us the grace we ask for even before we have ended our petition.

If then, we are poor, let us blame only ourselves, since we are poor merely because we wish to be poor, and we are undeserving of pity. What sympathy can there be for a beggar, who, having a very rich master, and one most desirous to provide him with everything, if he will only ask for it, nevertheless chooses still to continue in his poverty rather than ask for what he wants? *Behold*, says the apostle, *our God rich unto all that call upon Him* (Romans 10:12).

Humble prayer, then, obtains all from God; but we must be persuaded at the same time that if it be useful it is no less necessary for our salvation. It is certain that we absolutely require the divine assistance in order to overcome temptations; and sometimes in certain more violent assaults, the sufficient grace which God gives to all, might possibly enable us to resist them; but on account of our inclination to evil, it will not ordinarily be sufficient in these violent temptations, and we shall then stand in need of a special grace. Whoever prays obtains this grace; but whoever prays not obtains it not, and is lost. And this is more especially the case with regard to the grace of *final perseverance*, of dying in the grace of God, which is the grace absolutely necessary for our salvation, and without which we should be lost forever. Saint Augustine says of this grace, that God only bestows it on those who pray. And this is the reason why so few are saved, because few indeed are mindful to beg of God this grace of perseverance.



June 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 Trinity Sunday	31 Feast of St. Joan of Arc (trans.) 9:30 am Mass Noon– 4pm Parish picnic	1 6:00 pm Women's group mtg.	2	3 Corpus Christi 8:30 am Sung Mass, procession	4 First Friday	5 First Saturday 10:30 am Parish Brunch 11:30 Maidens
6 Second Sunday after Pentecost	7	8	9 6:30 pm Young Adult Spiritual talk	10 5 pm Adoration Benediction	11	12 10:30 am Little Flowers 5 pm Youth group
13 Third Sunday after Pentecost	14	15 7 pm Homeschool mom's mtg.	16	17 5 pm Adoration Benediction	18	19 1 pm Troops 5 pm Youth Focus group 7pm Men's group mtg.
20 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost	21	22	23 7 pm Men's Focus group mtg.	24 5 pm Adoration Benediction	25	26 3 pm St. Tarcisius 5 pm Young Women's Cooking mtg.
27 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost	28	29 Feast of St. Peter/ Paul 6:30 pm Sung Mass	30	1	2 First Friday	3 First Saturday 10:30 brunch 11:30 am Maidens

SICK AND HOMEBOUND

In your charity, please pray for the sick and homebound of the parish.

Patricia Barsanti, Dennis Cockrum, Sr. Maria Consuela, David Cools, Roberta Costa, Carmen di Pietro, Julie 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, Sister Mary Gemma, TOR, Joshua Schlader, Georgia Schrempp, Heaven & Mary Schumacher, Michael Simpson, David & Erika Taxin, Jonathan Taxin, Esther Vasquez, Fr. Graham Walters, Mary & Charles West, Lezlie White, Nicolas Williams, Barbara Woods.

FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Please pray also for the deceased of our parish.

Richard Ambrosi, Angelo Ambrosetti, Francesco Barsanti, Robert Bowman, 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, Rodney Johnson, 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

FINANCES

May 23rd Collection

General, envelopes, loose cash	
St. Helen's Poor box	
On line donations	
Flowers	
Social Events	
Individual gifts	
Building fund/Capital camp.	
Votive Candles	
Fr. R's coffee (50% capital c.)	
Fr. R's coffee (50% Summer c.)	
Total	

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; Sister Mary Imelda, Filiae Laboris Mariae, 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 Marie Burns, OSB, Clear Creek Monastery, OK

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

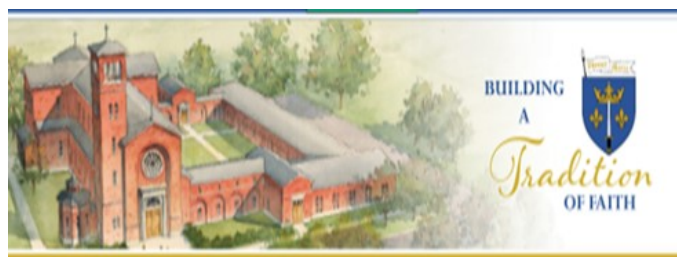
We ask that parishioners request no more than three Mass intentions per priest at one time.

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April Collections

General Offertory	
Capital Campaign	

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