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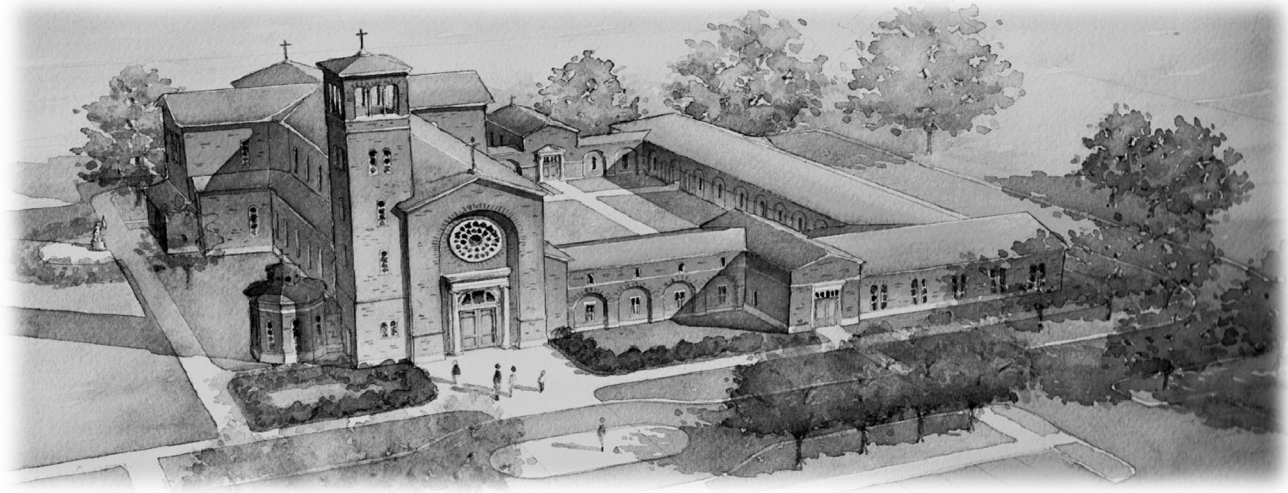


First Sunday of Advent

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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, 8:30 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 November 28th First Sunday of Advent	7:00 AM: Pro Populo 8:45 AM: Private 10:30 AM: (Sung Mass) Fr. Jack 1 PM: Jacob Steenson 5 PM: Private
Monday November 29th Feria of Advent (St. Saturninus)	6:30 AM: Linda West 12:15 PM: Lorraine Floberg
Tuesday Nov. 30th St. Andrew the Apostle (Feria of Advent)	6:30 AM: Susan West 8:30 AM: Special Intention
Wednesday Dec. 1st Feria of Advent	6:30 AM: Brett Suckow 12:15 PM: Patricia Zint (Dan Zint)
Thursday Dec. 2nd St. Bibiana, Virgin & Martyr	6:30 AM: David Hardy 8:30 AM: Elmer Zint (Dan Zint)
Friday December 3rd St. Francis Xavier, Confessor	6:30 AM: Seth Redden 12:15 PM: Private Intention
Saturday December 4th St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Martyr	6:30 AM: †Brenda Finn 8:30 AM: Michael Zint (Dan Zint)
Sunday December 5th Second Sunday of Advent	7:00 AM: Private 8:45 AM: Private 10:30 AM: (Sung Mass) Pro Populo 1 PM: Private 5 PM: Private
Adoration Chapel candles: Prayers for the Carmelite nuns, Post Falls (Mudrick family) Sanctuary candle: Prayers for the fidelity of FSSP priests (Anonymous) Flowers for the Altar, BVM, & St. Joseph: Prayers for the Carmelite nuns, Post Falls (Mudrick family)	

TODAY'S HYMNS

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Processional Savior of the Nations, Come

Recessional O Come, Divine Messiah

Mass XVII, Credo I

Marian Antiphon Alma Redemptoris Mater

REMINDER: Please *silence* your cell phones!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mass intentions are currently closed for all priests. There is a priest on sabbatical who only says the Mass in Latin and is accepting Mass intentions. Please make your check out to 'St. Joan of Arc', drop it in the black box in the credenza & Fr. Gordon will make sure he receives the Mass intention & stipend.

Perpetual Adoration: Hours needed are Saturday 10 am, Sunday 7 am and 6 pm. There are many hours that need a second adorer. Email the Tomes at adoration@stjoanarc.com if you are interested in becoming an adorer. Thank you to all the adorers for keeping the Lord company.

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

Calendars: The 2022 FSSP calendars have arrived and are beautiful. The price is \$10 each, same as last year. Please drop off a check for \$10 for each calendar along with your name (if paying with cash) & place it in the black box in the credenza, or bring it by the office, or mail it in. Please write "Calendar" in the memo line & make checks payable to **St. Joan of Arc**. We have ordered more calendars for 2022 as we have increased parishioners over last year, yet orders will be filled on a first come, first served basis. **Order soon!**

Catechism classes: are from 6:30—7:30 pm. No sign up needed. Parents *please* be assured students are **modestly dressed** when attending classes. Lately, some students have been wearing shorts or sweat pants; both are inappropriate for catechism classes. In addition, no ripped pants/jeans, short skirts or dresses, tight or immodest clothing, or inappropriate logos. Classes are on church property and are in close proximity to **Our Lord** in both the church and the Adoration chapel. *Thank you* for your cooperation.

Men's Focus Group: The Men's Focus Group will meet on Tuesday at the Andrew Kemna home 15942 N. Crystal Springs Lane in Rathdrum. Look for Lowe & Kemna names on tree and veer right then veer left at the next Y in the rock drive (Kemna sign) down to the house. BBQ at 6 pm (bring you own food/meat to grill) with spiritual talk at 7:00 by Fr. Gordon. All adult men of the parish are welcome to attend.

Bible Study: Livestream classes will be every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm at stjoanarc.com

Homeschooling Mom's Social: will be Friday Dec. 3 at 1 pm in the parish hall. All homeschooling mothers are welcome. If you have questions or would like to be added to the email list, contact Jennifer Junkin, jenjunkin@gmail.com

First Saturday brunch: in the parish hall this Saturday after the 8:30 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-first1>

Maidens of St. Joan's for young Catholic girls, ages 12 and up meets 10:30 am to 1 pm this Saturday after the brunch in the parish hall. If you have any questions or would like to join, please contact Fr. Gordon.

Raffle of a Ruger .22 rifle with all donations going to the Building Fund. 500 Raffle Tickets available at \$10 each with drawing before Christmas. See flyer in parish hall or contact the secretary for more information. *Must be 18+ to purchase. Winner must complete Federal Firearm application. Local & State Laws Apply.*

Olive wood carvings from the Holy Land: will be available for donations in the amounts displayed on the items after all Masses on Sunday, **December 12th**. The proceeds are to **support Christian Catholic families in the Holy Land** as it is the major source of income for them. More than 75 families in Bethlehem hand carved these items. They are very beautiful and unique items such as Nativity sets, Crucifixes, Rosaries, Statues, and more. **The Christian population in the Holy Land has dropped from 22% to less than 2% in the past two decades.** This is a way to support them staying there. Thank you for your help and support. (This group has been approved by the Diocesan office).

Cleaning help needed: There are currently ~1,300 parishioners who attend Sunday Masses and over 30 church sponsored groups at St. Joan of Arc. Our priests offer Masses 17 times/week and confessions 18 times/wk. With that said, we need a few more volunteers to help us clean and keep our beautiful church in good condition. If you are able to help clean on Friday at 3:30 pm and/or Monday at 7:15 am, please contact the maintenance supervisor, **Roger Stattel** at 208-660-6036. May God reward you.



APOLOGETICS CORNER

Defending our Faith with the Truth

By Father Dennis M. Gordon, FSSP

“This Generation...”

Question: “In Our Lord’s words speaking about the destruction of Jerusalem and the end of the age, Our Lord said, “This generation shall not pass away till all things be fulfilled.” Now, isn’t there a problem? Didn’t that generation pass away, and yet the world has not ended?”

Answer: “People who read **Matthew 24:34**, *this generation shall not pass away*, and they believe that there is a problem. It seems to some who read this that Our Lord predicted something that didn’t come to pass.

“I have heard people who are not so familiar with Sacred Scripture and the Jewish expressions that Our Lord is using blasphemously suggest that Our Lord must have here prophesied something that did not come true. However, the people who say that Our Lord prophesied something false are not aware of what the expression *this generation* means to the Jews in Scripture. In the Latin Vulgate the term *this generation* reads *haec generatio...* in the Greek it is \square γενεά α□τη (*he genea aute*). Now the Greek term \square γενεά (*he genea* – the generation) means *generation, time or age*.

“His words were indeed predicting something that *did* happen in one generation, which was the destruction of the Temple which (as Our Lord predicted) was indeed destroyed within 40 years, one generation.

“However, as I said, the Greek term \square γενεά (*he genea* – the generation) means *generation, time or age*. In other words, Our Lord in saying \square γενεά (*he genea*) was also saying “this *age* shall not pass away till all things be fulfilled.” And indeed we *are* in the final age of the world, where all is being fulfilled. Since to the Jews the Temple symbolized and was a microcosm of the *whole world*, the destruction of the Temple, accomplished within \square γενεά “this *generation*”, was itself a portend of the *end of the world*, which would happen within \square γενεά ‘this *age*’.”

“What about the idea of the stars falling, the sun darkened and the moon not giving her light? Surely that has to be a reference to the end of the world, right?”

“Actually, not necessarily. By these expressions (*the stars falling, the sun darkened and the moon not giving her light*) Our Lord is borrowing language from Sacred Scripture to refer to the end of a kingdom or the destruction of a city. This poetic language was **a way that the Jewish prophets would predict that a kingdom’s ‘time is up’**. See what I mean in these examples:

“**Isaiah 34:4** The “heavens shall be folded together as a book: and all their host shall fall down as the leaf falleth from the vine, and from the fig tree.” This reference to the stars falling (the host of heaving falling down) actually refers to the fall of Egyptian kingdom, time was up for the Egyptian kingdom as we knew it.

“**Isaiah 13:6-19** “Howl ye, for the day of the Lord is near: it shall come as a destruction from the Lord. For the stars of heaven, and their brightness shall not display their light: the sun shall be darkened in his rising, and the moon shall not shine with her light. Behold I will stir up the Medes against them, and that **Babylon**, glorious among kingdoms, the famous pride of the Chaldeans, shall be even as the Lord destroyed Sodom and Gomorrhah.”

“Can you see that this language about *the stars of heaven, and their brightness shall not display their light: the sun shall be darkened in his rising, and the moon shall not shine with her light* is talking about the end of the Babylonian kingdom’s time as a nation? This language wasn’t referring to the end of the world.

“It is this very language that Our Lord borrows almost verbatim to speak of the coming destruction of Jerusalem; language that the Jews would understand as prophetic from the previous prophet’s use of these very expressions. So, *far* from being a failed prophecy, Our Lord uses the language of Jewish prophecy to predict *correctly* the fall of Jerusalem which happened within γενεά “this *generation*”, in 70 A.D., and the end of the *world* which will happen within γενεά ‘this *age*!’”

Eternal Life

“Oh, that they would be wise, and would understand, and would provide for the last end!” (Deuteronomy 32:29)

He who acts with prudence, and according to reason, looks to the future, that is, to what must happen to him at the end of life; To death, judgment, and after that, hell or heaven. Oh, how much more wise is the peasant who saves his soul than the monarch who loses it! *“Better is a child that is poor and wise, than a King that is old and foolish, who knows not to foresee for hereafter”* (Ecclesiasticus 4:13). Oh my God, would not that man be universally considered mad, who, to gain a small sum at the present moment, should risk the loss of all his possessions!

And shall we not consider him as such, who, for a momentary gratification imperils his soul and incurs the risk of losing it forever? The ruin of so many souls who are now lost was there carrying only for present

goods and ills, and not thinking upon those that are eternal.

God most certainly has not placed us in this world to become rich, to acquire honors, or to gratify our senses, but to gain eternal life: *“and the end life everlasting”* (Romans 6:22); and to attain this end is all we ought to care for : *“one thing is necessary”* (Luke 10:42). But this end is just what sinners most despise; they think only of the present; They hastened forward to death; They approached the entrance to eternity, and they know not where they go! What would you think of a pilot, says Saint Augustine, who, when asked where he was going, should answer that he did not know? Is he not bringing his ship

to destruction such are those wise ones of the world who know how to acquire wealth, to amuse themselves, to obtain high places; But no not how to save their souls. The glutton in the gospel was well versed in the art of becoming rich; But he died and was buried in hell. Alexander the Great knew well how to conquer numerous kingdoms; But in a few years he died and all was lost to him. Henry the eighth knew how to maintain his throne by rebelling against the church; But in the end he himself, seeing that his soul was lost, confessed: *“we have lost all!”* how many wretches now weep and cry out in hell : *“What has pride profited us, or what advantage has the boasting of riches brought us?”*



All those things have passed away like a shadow” (Wisdom 5:8). Behold, for us all the goods of the world have passed as a shadow, and nothing membranes of them but tears and eternal suffering.

“Before man is life and death; ... that which

he shall choose shall be given him” (Ecclesiasticus 15: 18). My brother, life and death are placed before you in this world : that is, to deprive yourself of forbidden pleasures, and gaining eternal life; Or to accept them, and with them eternal death. What do you say? Which do you prefer? Choose as a man, and not as a beast. Choose as a Christian who has faith, and says : *“What does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and suffered the loss of his own soul?”* (Matthew 16: 26)



December 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 First Sunday of Advent	29 6:30 pm Catechism classes	30 7:00 pm Men's Focus group mtg.	1 6:30 pm Bible Study	2 5 pm Adoration Benediction	3 First Friday Home-school social 1 pm	4 First Saturday 9:30 Brunch 10:30 Maidens
5 Second Sunday of Advent	6 6:30 pm Catechism classes	7 6:00 pm Women's group mtg.	8 Immaculate Conception, Holy Day 6:30 pm Sung Mass	9 5 pm Adoration Benediction	10	11 6:30 am Rorate Mass 10:30 am Little Flowers 5 pm Youth group mtg.
12 Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)	13 6:30 pm Catechism classes	14	15 6:30 pm Bible Study	16 5 pm Adoration Benediction	17	18 1 pm Troops 5 pm Youth Focus mtg. 7 pm Men's group mtg.
19 Fourth Sunday of Advent	20	21 7 pm Homeschool mom's mtg.	22 7 pm Men's Focus group mtg.	23 5 pm Adoration Benediction	24 Office closed Midnight Mass	25 Nativity of the Lord
26 Sunday within the Octave of Christmas	27	28 7 pm Men's Focus group mtg.	29	30 5 pm Adoration Benediction	31	1 Holy Day Sung Mass

SICK AND HOMEBOUND

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

Patricia Barsanti, Melody Burns, Sr. Maria Consuela, David Cools, Roberta Costa, Carmen di Pietro, Julie deTar, Regina Dumas, Ruben Finn, Lorraine Floberg, 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, Dennis Cockrum, 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, Lin Fulwiler, 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, Vita La Fond, Jeremiah Leake 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.

Fr. Peter Mary, FSSR; Fr. Joseph Loftus, FSSP; Fr. Martin Adams, FSSP; Sister Mary Imelda, Filiae Laboris Mariae, 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.

FINANCES

November 21th Collection

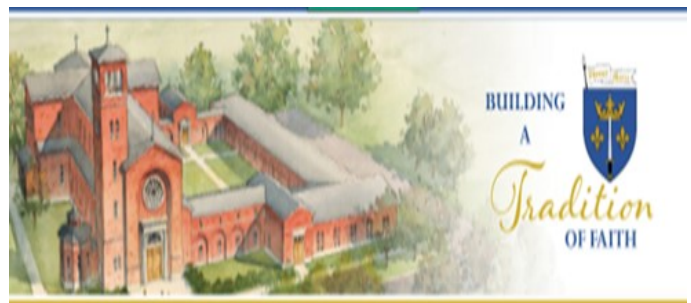
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All Saint's Day	
All Soul's Day	
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