

December 12, 2021



Third 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

7:00 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 December 12th Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)		7:00 AM: Private 8:45 AM: Private 10:30 AM: (Sung Mass) Pro Populo 1 PM: Private 5 PM: Private
Monday December 13th St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr	Catechism classes 6:30 pm	6:30 AM: Private 12:15 PM: Private
Tuesday December 14th Feria of Advent		6:30 AM: Private 8:30 AM: Private
Wednesday Dec. 15th Ember Wednesday of Advent		6:30 AM: Private 12:15 PM: Poor Souls in Purgatory
Thursday Dec. 16th St. Eusebius, Bishop & Martyr (Feria of Advent)	Adoration/Benediction 5–6 pm	6:30 AM: Poor Souls in Purgatory 8:30 AM: Private
Friday December 17th Ember Friday of Advent		6:30 AM: Poor Souls in Purgatory 12:15 PM: Private
Saturday Dec. 18th Ember Saturday of Advent	Purgatorial Society Mass: 8:30am Youth Focus Group 5 pm Men's Focus Group 7 pm	6:30 AM: Private 8:30 AM: Purgatorial Society
Sunday December 19th Fourth 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 an end to abortion (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 Hark, A Herald Voice

Recessional Wake, Awake

Mass XVII, Credo I

Marian Antiphon Alma Redemptoris Mater

REMINDER: Please *silence* your cell phones!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mass intentions are currently closed for all priests. Thank you for understanding.

Perpetual Adoration: Hours needed are: Tuesday 12 am and 1 am, Wednesday 8 am, Friday 9 am, Saturday 11 pm, Sunday 7 am and 6 pm. There are many hours that need a second adorer. Email the Toms at adoration@stjoanarc.com if you are interested in becoming an adorer. Thank you to all the adorers for keeping the Lord company.

Fr. Gordon's Mass intentions: are private as he is on retreat for the week.

Help needed serving Coffee and donuts: If you would like to meet new parishioners and enjoy helping, please consider signing up to serve coffee and donuts after the three Sunday morning Masses (7am, 8:45am, and 10:30 am). Please click on this link to sign up for a specific time: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoD4EA8AE2CA5F4C52-sunday> If you would like more information, please contact Roger Stattel at the church office.

Welcome! Please welcome the newest member of the congregation, **Abner Bernard Caldwell**, who was baptized on December 6; he is the son of Heath and Stacy Caldwell. Welcome!

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.

Candle for the home orders: Please fill out the order form in the vestibule & return the completed form with the exact payment to the black box in the vestibule closet.. Please call with questions 208-640-9064

Cancelled Bible Study: as Fr. Gordon is on retreat this week.

Purgatorial Society: The Purgatorial Society of St. Joan of Arc will be remembered on the third Saturday of the month at the 8:30 am Mass. All members are encouraged to attend.

Pro Life Rosary: The Pro Life Group of St. Joan of Arc will meet Saturday June 19 at noon in front of Planned Parenthood in Spokane (123 E. Indiana Ave.) to recite 15 decades of the Most Holy Rosary to end legalized abortion. All are welcome! 15 decades will also be recited at St. Joan of Arc for those who cannot drive to Spokane. As the US Supreme Court takes up the challenge to Roe v. Wade, our prayers and sacrifices are much needed these days. Thank you.

Our Lady of Guadalupe prints: from the Basilica in Mexico City. These fifty prints have been touched to the original tilma in the basilica and signed by Fr. Eduardo Chavez, Postulator of the cause of canonization of St. Juan Diego. They are 9 x 14 inches and will be offered after Sunday Masses for a suggestion donation of \$20 to help build the new church.

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).

Homemade Tamales: will be offered on December 19 after the 8:45 and the 10:30 Masses for a suggested donation of \$30 per dozen. Proceeds go towards the building of the new church.

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.*

Annual Choir Christmas Concert: Join us on Sunday, January 2, at 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall for a merry evening featuring Christmas music by the St. Joan of Arc Choir, as well as performances by the St. Joan of Arc Orchestra and the Silent Knights (aka the Gaelic Papists and the Rocky Top Boys).



APOLOGETICS CORNER

Defending our Faith with the Truth

By Father Dennis M. Gordon, FSSP

Why Heresies Exist

Question: “Why not just focus on what Christians have in common, instead of pointing out what is different between our beliefs and other Christians’ beliefs?”

Answer: “Would it surprise you to know that Sacred Scripture actually not only tells us that differing beliefs among Christians would arise, but also that by distinguishing and sticking with the things which true, those who are *approved* by God could be made known? In **1 Corinthians 11:19** we find the following: “For there must be also heresies: that they also, who are approved, may be made manifest among you.”

“**Heresies** are beliefs or opinions which are contrary to Christian doctrine. In this verse from his first letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul is saying that *there must be heresies*; not as though the existence of heresies is absolutely necessary, but because of mankind’s inconstancy, pride, and propensity to novelty, heresies invariably *will* come about, as Saints Ambrose, John Chrysostom and Cajetan explain regarding this verse. Heresies reveal the ones ‘*who are approved*’ by God by showing who takes up the correct beliefs about God and who takes up the false beliefs.

“Remember that there is “**one faith**” (**Ephesians 4:5**), and Our Lord Himself compared the faith to a *key*, when He said in **Luke 11:52**, “Woe to you lawyers, for you have taken away **the key of knowledge**: you yourselves have not entered in, and those that were entering in, you have hindered.” It’s an important compari-

son, because He used this comparison again with St. Peter regarding opening the doors to heaven, with the words in **Matthew 16:19**, ‘I will give to thee the **keys** of the kingdom of **heaven**.’

“Will a key that *doesn’t* have **all** of the original notches and teeth actually work to open a lock? Of course not! A key won’t work unless it is maintained in its integrity. Likewise with the faith: the

faith being *one*, and because the faith acts as a *key*, it also must be maintained in its integrity for it to get us into heaven.

“What’s more, faith is about truth, and Our Lord said of Himself, “*I am the Truth*” (**John 14:6**).

Since faith is about truth, and Our Lord is the Truth, ignorance of the faith is ignorance of Our

Lord Himself. Therefore, altering the true faith makes our perception of Our Lord inaccurate.

“This, then, is why we point out heresies. It’s **not at all** to say ‘*see, we are right; they are wrong*’, but rather it is to make sure we can distinguish between what is an *accurate* perception of Our Lord and what is an *inaccurate* of Our Lord.

“If one just focuses on what we have in common with other Christians, and just pretends like the differences are not really there or don’t exist, then one could be ignoring some important truths. And being aware of the truth leads to a better knowledge of God Himself!”



Ember Days (this week)

The term **Ember days** refers to a set of three days within the same week (Wednesday, Friday and Saturday) which are set apart for fasting, abstinence and prayer. Spaced evenly throughout the year at the beginning of each of the four seasons, these Ember days were known in Latin as the *quatuor anni tempora* – 'the four seasons of the year'; or also as *jejunia quatuor temporum* – **'the fasts of the four seasons.'**

The purpose of their introduction was to thank God for His gifts for each season of the year, to beg God's blessing on each season, to teach men to make use of His gifts in moderation, and to remember to assist the needy with any surplus.

They also served as a reminder that man's time on Earth is short and passing, as are the seasons.

For the average Catholic, living in a primarily agrarian world, sanctifying the different seasons of the year, upon which depended his sustenance, was an important part of life. In June and September were prayers for bountiful harvests (first harvest of the year and last harvest before winter) in December and March for good seed in the approaching year. There is a strong ecclesiastical connection with such an agrarian model. From a good harvest of wheat in June come hosts for Holy Communion; a good vintage in the fall brings wine, to become Our Lord's Precious Blood; olives harvested in November produce holy oils for anointings; and from the activity of bees on the springtime flowers come wax, to make candles for light, even as Christ is the light of the world.

The seasonal Ember days originated at Rome, and from there spread to the rest of the Church.

But as they came to be associated with great feasts, especially in connection with ecclesiastical ordinations, they eventually lost their connection to agriculture and came to be regarded solely as days of penitence and prayer.

On Ember Wednesdays and Saturdays, extra readings are added to the Mass. In addition to the Epistle and Gospel, one extra lesson is added on Wednesday; and on Saturdays, five. Some readings are from those books of the Bible which contain promises of a bountiful harvest to those

that serve God. Not only should one think of the natural harvests in these seasons, but especially one should think and pray for the spiritual harvests of virtue that these seasons represent.



The Ember days were definitively arranged and prescribed for the entire Church by Pope Gregory VII (1073-1085) as the Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday after the following feasts:

The third Sunday of Advent

The first Sunday of Lent;

Pentecost Sunday;

The third Sunday of September (*after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross*)

Fasting and penance used to be mandatory on all Ember days, but this was lifted in 1966 by Pope Paul VI's decree *Paenitemini*. It is still important to observe the Ember days with prayer, fasting and, if possible, Holy Mass. Though they are not of obligation any more, isn't it evident that we still need God's blessing on every season, and we are all still called to penance for our sins and for the sins of the world? Please join in observing the Ember Days this year!



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 1 pm Troops Little Flowers 5 pm Youth
12 Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)	13 6:30 pm Catechism classes	14	15 6:30 pm (Cancelled) Bible Study	16 5 pm Adoration Benediction	17	18 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 Office closed	1 Holy Day Sung Mass

SICK AND HOMEBOUND

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

Patricia Barsanti, Sr. Maria Consuela, David Cools, Roberta Costa, Carmen di Pietro, Julie deTar, Regina Dumas, Ruben Finn, Lorraine Floberg, Sharon Flores, Alvin Froehlich, 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, Paul Lebsock, 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, Evelyn Simas, 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, Steven Lepeilbet, 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, Carlos Moya, 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, Monasterio 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

December 5 th Collection	
General, envelopes, loose cash	
On line donations	
Immaculate Conception	
Christmas Day	
St. Helen's	
Individual gifts	
Flowers, Dec.	
Votive candles	
Building fund/Capital camp.	
Social Events donations	
Total	

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Capital Campaign	

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