

October 9, 2022



Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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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
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M, W, F 6:30 AM, 12:15 PM
Tues. & Thurs. 6:30 AM, 8:30 AM
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Saturday 6:30 AM, 8:30 AM

Confession Times

30 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 October 9th Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost		7:00 AM: Private Intention 8:45 AM: Pro Populo 10:30 AM: (Sung Mass) Private intention 1 PM: Private intention 5 PM: Private intention
Monday October 10th St. Francis Borgia, Confessor	Catechism classes 6:30 pm	6:30 AM: Private intention 12:15 PM: †John Brandt (Walter Babich)
Tuesday October 11th The Maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Sung Mass 6:30 pm	6:30 AM: Private intention 8:30 AM: Isaac Steenson 6:30 PM: Private intention
Wednesday October 12th Feria	Young Adult Spiritual talk 6:30pm	6:30 AM: Private intention 12:15 PM: In honor of St. Philomena (Bernadette Melvard)
Thursday October 13th St. Edward, King, Confessor	Adoration/Benediction 5–6 pm Convert class 6:30 pm	6:30 AM: Private intention 8:30 AM: In honor of St. Philomena (Bernadette Melvard)
Friday October 14th St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr		6:30 AM: Private intention 12:15 PM: In honor of St. Philomena (Bernadette Melvard)
Saturday October 15th St. Teresa, Virgin	Troops 11 am Youth Focus group 5 pm	6:30 AM: Private intention 8:30 AM: Purgatorial Society
Sunday October 16th Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost		7:00 AM: Private intention 8:45 AM: Private intention 10:30 AM: (Sung Mass) Pro Populo 1 pm: Private Intention 5 PM: St. Michael's Guild
Adoration Chapel candles: To honor St. Therese of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face (Anonymous) Sanctuary candle: For the repose of the soul of †Dean Gray (The Ambrosetti's) Flowers for St. Joseph: In thanksgiving for prayers answered (the O'Malley family) Flowers for the Bl. Virgin Mary: In thanksgiving for prayers answered (the O'Malley family) Flowers for the altar: No sponsor this week		

TODAY'S HYMNS

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Processional Crown Him with many Crowns

Recessional O God of Loveliness

Mass XI, Credo I

Marian Antiphon Salve Regina

REMINDER: Please *silence* your cell phones!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mass intentions are once again closed for all priests. Thank you for understanding.

Perpetual Adoration: Hours needed are: Sunday 7 am & 8 am, Tuesday 1 pm, Thursday 1 am & 2 pm, Saturday 2 pm. There are many hours that need a second adorer. Email the Tones at adoration@stjoanarc.com if you are interested in becoming an adorer. Thank you to all the adorers for keeping the Lord company.

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

Welcome! Please welcome the newest members of the congregation, **Finnegan Joseph Bacon**, who was baptized on October 1; he is the son of Theodore & Emily Bacon; and **Clare Francis Nethery**, who was baptized on October 2, she is the daughter of James and Veronica Nethery. Welcome to both!

Help needed with Altar flowers: In need of three more flower arrangers for the church - must be able to work independently to cover the altar flowers once every four to six weeks. If interested, please contact Molly at (208) 758-0618 or email philothea2@gmail.com. "MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK"

Catechism classes: Monday from 6:30 pm—7:30 pm. No sign up is needed, please just show up. Parents *please* be assured students are **modestly dressed** when attending classes. This means that skirts should be long enough to **cover the knees while seated**; no tight clothing, ripped jeans, or sweatpants. Fr. Gordon has stated that students not in conformity with this will be sent home.

Sung daily Masses in October: Tuesday October 11, 6:30 pm, Maternity of Blessed Virgin Mary; Tuesday October 18, 6:30 pm, St. Luke the Evangelist.

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 October 15 at noon in front of Planned Parenthood in Spokane (123 E. Indiana Ave.) to recite 15 decades of the Most Holy Rosary to end all abortion. All are welcome! 15 decades will also be recited at St. Joan of Arc for those who cannot drive to Spokane.

Men's work day at the Carmelite convent: to the men of the parish; there will be a fence line clearing and fence repair workday at the Carmel (18772 W. Riverview Dr., Post Falls) on Saturday Oct. 15, starting at 9 am. Please bring chain saws, hand saws, weed eaters, etc. to clear land plus any barbed wire & fencing tools to repair the fence. Also, any fencing material (chicken wire, etc.) would be appreciated as we work to secure the border of the sisters land. Contact the parish office for more information. May God reward you.

Volunteers Needed! We are in need of a number of volunteers for Sunday Hospitality. This entails volunteering about once a month to be part of a team to serve coffee and donuts after Mass of your choice. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Genevieve Walsh at g.walsh@stjoanarc.com

Food or drinks in church/adoration chapel: Please do not bring food or drink into the church or adoration chapel. This includes no snacks for children and young ones. We continue to find evidence of food being brought into the church (Cheerios, etc., apparently brought in for toddlers to keep them content). It is not respectful of the House of God to feed snacks to toddlers in the church. Thank you.

Cleaning help needed: 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 3pm and/or Monday at 7:15 am, please contact the maintenance supervisor, **Roger Stattel** at 208-660-6036. May God reward you.

Banns of Marriage: Be it known to all here present that **Gabriel Roach**, son of John Roach and Tira Roach, of the parish of St Joan of Arc, and **Alexis Ravelo**, daughter of Romy Ravelo and Melissa Ravelo, intend to be united in Holy Matrimony. Wherefore, we hereby admonish each and all that, if anyone of you has knowledge of an impediment of blood relationship, relationship through marriage, spiritual relationship, or of any other kind, you are bound to make it known to the pastor or the bishop as soon as possible. This is the **second** publication of these banns.



APOLOGETICS CORNER

Defending our Faith with the Truth

By Father Dennis M. Gordon, FSSP

The Woman at the Well

Fr. Joseph Portzer, FSSP

Question: What is the water that Jesus is offering to the Samaritan woman He meets at the well, and why does He change the topic suddenly and ask to see her husband?

Answer: Jesus meets the Samaritan woman soon after His disciples had gone into town to buy food. She has the rare privilege of speaking alone with Him for a while, and the conversation, which starts out by Him asking for some water to drink, soon takes a surprising turn. Jesus says to her, **"Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again. He, however, who drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but that water that I will give him shall become in him a fountain of water, springing up unto life everlasting. The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water that I may not thirst, or come here to draw. Jesus said to her, 'Go, call thy husband, and come here.'"** (John 4:13-16)

Although He seems to change the topic, Jesus stayed right on the topic. She wanted to have the water He was offering, but she was not worthy to receive it because it was not earthly water at all. We do not know how much more Jesus taught about this living water to the people of the town, for many came out to hear Him and He stayed on for two days, but what He taught them is not recorded. However, John tells us that He returned to this topic of water in Jerusalem on the feast of the tabernacles.

Now on the last, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirst, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, as the Scripture says, 'From within him there shall flow rivers of living water.'" He said this, however, of the

Spirit whom they who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit had not yet been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified." (John 7:37-39) Now we can put the pieces of this puzzle together.

The water that Jesus offered to the Samaritan woman is the Holy Ghost, which was given to the Apostles at Pentecost, after He had ascended into Heaven. His ascension into Heaven is what John is talking about when he says **"since Jesus had not yet been glorified."** When the Samaritan woman asks for this marvelous water that forever quenches thirst, she had no idea that she was asking for the Holy Ghost, indeed, she was actually asking for sacrament of Confirmation.

But this tremendous gift of the Holy Ghost is never to be given

to someone who is not in the state of grace, for that would be a grave sin, and that is why Jesus says in answer to her request, **"Go, call your husband, and come here."** When she answers that she has no husband, Jesus says something that makes her understand what kind of person she is, **"Thou hast said well, 'I have no husband,' for thou hast had five husbands, and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband. In this thou hast spoken truly."**

This sudden turn in the conversation should also make us pause and think about our worthiness to receive the graces we pray for. Hopefully our sins are not as complex and serious as those of the Samaritan woman, but we should consider our own condition when we ask God to draw us closer to Him. The answer may well be that He first wants us to bring our sins to Him and repent of them.



Without Me You Can Do Nothing”

Fr. Joseph Portzer, FSSP

“Direct our hearts, we beseech Thee, O Lord, by your merciful activity, for without you we are not able to please you.” (Collect for the 18th Sunday after Pentecost) There is in the United States and Canada a marvelous admixture of various cultures and mindsets, but that country which we most resemble in mindset is England. The thirteen original colonies on our east coast were all British, and were governed from London, England. France and Spain played major roles in our history, but England set its stamp on us in a way that is unique.

Among the famous heresies which have arisen in England and have influenced its culture, we will pay special attention today to Pelagianism, the name coming from Pelagius, a British monk. Pelagius was quite penitential, and was not pleased with the moral conditions of Roman Christians when he arrived about the year 380 AD. He set to work preaching a system of asceticism which emphasized the ability of Christians to make themselves better. He was a convincing speaker and spiritual director, and soon had a wide following. The sack of Rome by Alaric in 410 AD caused Pelagius to flee to Carthage, and that gave him another very important city to influence with his teaching. It also brought him into closer contact with his two greatest theological enemies: St. Augustine of Hippo and St. Jerome.

Because he saw free will, rightly used, as enough to attain salvation, Pelagius engaged in some careful definition making. Grace, for example, he explained as the gift of free will, the law of Moses, and the teachings of Jesus. If you look those three things over carefully, you do not see actual help from God being needed, just information from God and the natural human ability given by God to respond to it. Now compare that to the words of today's collect: “Direct our hearts . . . for without you we are not able to please you.” Compare that also to the words of Jesus Christ, **“Without me you can do nothing.”** (Gospel of John 15:5)

In England, Canada and the United States, there is still much of that independent spirit in us which likes to meet the expectations of those who have authority over us, but without their help. We like to be able to show our parents, teachers, coaches and employers . . . and priests, what we are able to do. The attitude is, “Thank you for all the wonderful training. Now let me show you what I can do.” The problem is this: that works fine in all areas except leading a holy life. We maintain emotional bonds with our parents, but eventually we can take care of ourselves, and one day we may very well be taking care of our parents. But our relationship with Jesus is very different from our relationship with our parents and others who have care of us.

Think of His parable of the vine and the branches, which is in the same place in John's gospel where we find the words, **“Without me you can do nothing”** in their full context. **“No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.” I am the vine, you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; without me you can do nothing.** (John 15:4,5)

There is never a time when we need God less. We need Him completely and always, just as a vine needs the branch which brings it life. It is pride to want to follow God's commandments without God's help. Good human parents want their children to develop more life skills and be able to make it on their own, while maintaining happy bonds of love and respect. But God our Father is forever our source of life, both physical and spiritual, and rather than growing away from Him, we grow stronger by becoming always closer to Him (the gardener) through greater union with His Son (the vine).

From God flows an ever increasing source of love in friendship with Him, and that love gives us the power to follow the commandments. Jesus said, **“If you love me, you will keep my commandments.”** (John 14:15) We can easily conclude that if we do not love Him, we will not keep the commandments.

Here is how the attitude of Pelagius shows itself in our Catholicism. People often express to me their need to do better. They lament their failure to keep their good resolutions, or they acknowledge that they have fallen away from better habits in the past. They renew their commitment to doing better, and return to the battle of life to give it another try. But not once in the past few decades have I had someone tell me that they can see that the problem is that they do not love God enough, and therefore they are failing to keep His commandments.

It is not a coincidence that we have so few canonized saints in the United States and Canada after decades of Catholicism lived by many millions of people. When we say the traditional Act of Contrition, we say the words “I firmly resolve, with the help of thy grace, to confess my sins, do penance, and amend my life. Amen.” And then, paying very little attention to the need for God's grace, which comes through friendship with God, we go back out to fight a fight that we cannot win without friendship with God. Do you see the problem? We are not Pelagians by belief, but we are Pelagians in practice because we have that mindset of “I have to do better for God” rather than “I have to get closer to God, and then I will do better.”



October 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost	3 6:30 pm Catechism class	4 6:30 pm Women's group mtg.	5	6 5 pm Adoration Benediction 6:30 pm Convert	7 First Friday 1 pm HS mom's mtg.	8 10:30 am Little Flowers 5 pm Youth group mtg.
9 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost	10 6:30 pm Catechism class	11 6:30 pm Sung Mass	12 6:30 pm Young Adult Spiritual talk	13 5 pm Adoration Benediction 6:30 pm Convert class	14	15 11 am Troops mtg. 5 pm Youth Focus mtg.
16 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost	17 6:30 pm Catechism class	18 6:30 pm Sung Mass	19 6:30 pm Men's group mtg.	20 5 pm Adoration Benediction 6:30 pm Convert class	21	22 9:30 am Altar server mtg. 3 pm St. Tarcisius group mtg.
23 20th Sunday after Pentecost	24 6:30 pm Catechism class	25 6:30 pm Homeschool mom's mtg.	26 6:30 pm Men's Focus group mtg.	27 5 pm Adoration Benediction 6:30 pm Convert	28	29
30 Christ the King	31 6pm All Saints party	1 6:30 pm Sung Mass, All Saints Holy Day of Obligation	2 6:30 pm Sung Mass, All Souls	23 5 pm Adoration Benediction 6:30 pm Convert	4 First Friday	5 First Saturday 9:30 Brunch 10:30 am Maidens

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, Timothy Finn, Sharon Flores, Mary Jane Foeller, Alvin Froehlich, Barbara Gagne, 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, Katie Orozco, Philomena Ost, 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, 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 & Nancy 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, Joseph Anthony Drongoski, Charles & Susan Douglass, James & Joan Duggan, Norman Dumas, Jean Duval, Brenda Finn, Frank Finney, William Fisher, Lorraine Floberg, Jess Flores, Mary Forrester, Lin Fulwiler, Dorothy Gallus, Robert Geist, Joan Glaze, James & Beatrice Gordon, Fr. Bill Gould, Joseph Guarnotta, Jeanine Grenier, Helen Groves, Ed Hatstrup, Leo Heinan, Patricia Howland, Fr. Michael Irwin, FSSP, Rosemary Jacobs, Rodney Johnson, John Joyce, John Keller, Mary Lynn Kenary, Daisy Koler, Paul Koudelka, Elemer Kovacs, Boleslaw & Wanda Kozlowski, Klaus Cuthbert, Vita La Fond, Jeremiah Leake, Steven Lepeilbet, Josephine LoCurto, Sandra Madrid, Patrick Mahoney, Bonnie McDonald, Kevin & Erma McKay, Mike McManus, Agnes McMillan, Florence McNamara, David Metzger, Norm Miller, Lynnette Miller, Michael Mitchell, Ann Morgan, Carlos Moya, Arcadia Nicklay, Fr. Colman Nolan, Mary Norman, William & Molly Rose Pearson, Jerry Peick, Betty Rackie, Kathleen Rardon, Fr. George Rassley CSSR, Bonnie Royer, Tamiko Shaw, Jeremiah Shea, Evelyn Simas, Alice Sires, Steve Slater, Jeremy Smith, Ed Stephens, Maryanna Thompson, Paul Upthegrove, Paul Uribe, Linda Vogel, Paul Van Voorst, Bob & Dorothy Wagner, Helen Walitzer, Joseph Walter, 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; Matthew Truong, Monks of Mary.

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

October 2 th Collection	
General, envelopes, loose cash	
St. Helen's fund	
Sunday socials	
Individual gifts-Operations	
Votive candles	
Assumption	
Adoration/Sanctuary Candles	
Flowers	
Building fund/Capital camp.	
Total	

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September Collections	
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Capital Campaign	

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