

December 18, 2022



Fourth 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
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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
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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 18th Fourth Sunday of Advent		7:00 AM: Pro Populo 8:45 AM: Private Intention 10:30 AM: (Sung Mass) Private intention 1 PM: Private intention 5 PM: Private intention
Monday December 19th Greater Feria of Advent		6:30 AM: Private intention 12:15 PM: †Walter & Artie Graves
Tuesday December 20th Greater Feria of Advent	Homeschool mom's mtg 6:30 pm	6:30 AM: Private intention 8:30 AM: †Joe Toohey
Wednesday Dec. 21st St. Thomas, Apostle (Greater Feria of	Bible Study (Livestreamed) 6:30 pm	6:30 AM: Private intention 12:15 PM: Jim Rosenquist
Thursday December 22nd Greater Feria of Advent	Adoration/Benediction 5 pm	7:00 AM: Private intention 8:30 AM: Private intention
Friday December 23rd Greater Feria of Advent		6:30 AM: Private intention 12:15 PM: Private intention
Saturday December 24th Vigil of the Nativity (Fast)		6:30 AM: Private intention 8:30 AM: Private intention
Sunday December 25th Nativity of the Lord	No 5 pm Mass	7:00 AM: Private intention 8:45 AM: Pro Populo 10:30 AM: (Sung Mass) Private intention 1 pm: Private intention
Adoration Chapel candles: Repose of the souls of Mary Rita & Angelo Ambrosetti (the Ambrosetti's) Sanctuary candle: For St. Joan of Arc parishioners (Fr. Gordon, Fr. Flick, Fr. Eichman) Flowers for the Bl. Virgin Mary: For St. Joan of Arc parishioners (Fr. Gordon, Fr. Flick, Fr. Eichman) Flowers for St. Joseph: For St. Joan of Arc parishioners (Fr. Gordon, Fr. Flick, Fr. Eichman) Flowers for the altar: No altar flowers during Advent		

TODAY'S HYMNS

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ProceSSIONal Let all Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

RecessionaL Savior of the Nations, Come

Mass XVII, Credo I

Marian Antiphon Alma Redemptoris Mater

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: Tuesday 12pm, and Saturday 12 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. 's Mass intentions: are private this week.

Welcome! Please welcome the newest member of the church, **Juliet Olivia Gibbs**, who was baptized on December 14; she is the daughter of Edward and Bonnie Gibbs. Welcome!

Candle Order Time: These are candles to be blessed on February 2nd, Candlemas that you purchase for your homes. **In the vestibule are candle order forms** and examples for this coming year. Please fill out the form with the exact amount of money enclosed (check to St Joan of Arc or cash) by Friday, January 6th, 2023. Any money made by the sale of these candles will be donated to the Building Fund. God bless you all and remember, Keep the Candle Burning! Questions? Contact Cynthia deTar 208-640-9064

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

Homeschool Mother's mtg: Tuesday, Dec. 20 at 6:30 pm at an off-site location. Contact jenjunkin@gmail.com for more information.

Midnight Mass: We anticipate Midnight Mass to be extremely full and will have both the parish hall and the nursing mothers room open for overflow (and sleeping or fussy children). Carols by the choir start at 11:15 pm. Please come early and expect a **very full church**. May God bless you for your charity, patience, and kindness towards parishioners and visitors to St. Joan of Arc parish.

Children's Procession for Midnight Mass: Children of the parish are invited to walk in procession with the priest and clergy before Midnight Mass on Christmas. This includes children old enough to walk in procession, up to age 14 or so. Children will line up in the hallway near the parish hall at 11:45 pm to process shortly before Midnight with the clergy. After the procession, children will attend Mass with their parents. (Please note: parents who are available at 11:45 PM to help supervise in the hallway and distribute candles, please assist!) Further details can be found [here](#).

Christmas Mass Schedule:

Saturday, December 24th: The Vigil of the Nativity of Our Lord

Masses during the day at 6:30 AM and 8:30 AM

Matins at 9 PM

Carols by the Choir at 11:15 PM

Sunday, December 25th: The Nativity of Our Lord

Mass at 12:00 MIDNIGHT, 7 AM, 8:45 AM, 10:30 AM, 1 PM (NO 5 PM MASS)

Ice Skating Party: The annual St. Joan of Arc Ice Skating Party will take place on Monday, December 26th, from 6:00 - 9:00 pm, at the Frontier Ice Arena (3525 W. Seltice Way, CDA). Children and adults of all ages are invited to attend. Admission is free but you will have to pay for skate rentals this year (\$2). Please join the parish family for a fun evening. If you have your own skates, please bring them and any extras as the Ice Arena runs out of skates due to the size of our parish.



APOLOGETICS CORNER

Defending our Faith with the Truth

By Father Dennis M. Gordon, FSSP

‘Personal Lord and Savior’

Question: “*Have you accepted Christ as your personal Lord and Savior?*”

Answer: “I agreed that I *would* accept Him when I became a Catholic, but whether one *has* accepted Him is a question that is only answered by how one chooses to live one’s daily life, with each new day and each new decision.

“In Evangelical Christian circles that question (*Have you accepted Christ...*) has a particular meaning, and that meaning is really: ‘*have you been saved?*’ However, in answer to that, with St. Paul, as a Catholic I must answer:

“I *do not* count myself to have apprehended. But one thing I do: forgetting the things that are behind, and stretching forth myself to those that are before, I press towards the mark, to the prize of the supernal vocation of God in Christ Jesus... *not as though I have already attained*, or were already perfect; but I follow after, *if I may by any means apprehend.*” (**Philippians 3:13, 12**) St. Paul is definitely talking about salvation here (*the prize of the supernal vocation*), and he sees himself “*not* as though [he has] already attained” it.

“When Catholics get this question, there is a temptation to blurt out, ‘yes, of course...’; after all, which Catholic, aware that Christ *is* the Lord and *is* our Savior *doesn’t* want to say that he has ‘accepted’ Him? But we must be aware of that underlying question (*have you been saved...?*) that is the real question behind the ‘Lord and Savior’ question, and that we might be inadvertently confirming a Christian in the error that once one has ‘accepted Christ’ that person is now ‘saved’, and that salvation ‘can’t be undone’. But as Catholics, we believe along with St. Paul that salvation is a process, and what our free

will (which remains even after we became Christian) ultimately chooses in life will only be known when we die.

“Although the criterion of “accepting Christ as your personal Lord and Savior” is not found in the Bible, Evangelical Christians take their idea of it from Romans 10:9, where St. Paul says, “For if thou confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and believe in thy heart that God hath raised him up from the dead, thou shalt be saved.” Notice a key phrase: *believe in thy heart*. What does that mean? Today we tend

to think of the heart as just the seat of the emotions, but to the ancients (including St. Paul) the heart is the seat of the *will*. In other words, to *believe with the heart* means *to will, to choose, like you believe*.

“Some biblical examples of this: “The fool will speak foolish things, and *his heart will work iniquity.*” (**Isaiah 32:6**). “For in your *heart you work* iniquity....” (**Psalms 57[58]:3**)

“Now consider how St. Paul views *faith*—as a faith that must be in action: “For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any

thing, nor uncircumcision: but *faith that worketh by charity.*” (**Galatians 5:6**) And what is the charity of God that St. Paul says avails? “**This** is the charity of God, that we keep His commandments” (**1 John 5:3**)

“So, I *agreed* to ‘accept Christ’ when I became Catholic: but whether or not I do so, whether or not I am *saved*, depends on whether I have the *faith that works by charity* that St. Paul says *avails* unto salvation. Whether or not I have *that* faith that avails unto salvation when I die will be known by the criteria that *the Bible* gives; whether or not I have *kept His commandments!*”



The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want

The affirmation of Psalm 23 is that God leaves us wanting for nothing. This serves to unmask a temptation, sometimes subtle, which is very common in the Christian life, one into which many fall and which greatly impedes spiritual progress. It concerns precisely the temptation to believe that, in the situation which is ours (personal, family, etc.), we lack something essential and that because of this, our progress, and the possibility of blossoming spiritually, is denied us.

For example, I lack good health, therefore I am unable to pray as I believe it is indispensable to do. Or my immediate family prevents me from organizing my spiritual activities as I wish. Or, again, I don't have the qualities, the strength, the virtue, the gifts that I believe necessary in order to accomplish something beautiful for God, according to the plan of a Christian life. I am not satisfied with my life, with my person, with my circumstances and I live constantly with the feeling that as long as things are such, it will be impossible for me to live truly and intensely. I feel underprivileged compared to others and I carry in me the constant nostalgia of another life, more privileged, where, finally, I could do things that are worthwhile.

I have the feeling, according to Rimbaud's expression, that "the real life is elsewhere," elsewhere than in the life that is mine. And that the latter is not a real life, that it doesn't offer me the conditions for real spiritual growth because of certain sufferances or limitations. I am concentrated on the negatives of my situation, on that which I lack in order to be happy. This renders me unhappy, envious and discouraged and I am unable to go forward. The real life is elsewhere, I tell myself, and I simply forget to live. Often-times it would take so little for everything to be different and for me to progress with giant steps: a different outlook, a view of my situation which is one of confidence and hope (based on the certitude that I will lack nothing). And then doors would open to me of unhopd-for possibilities for spiritual growth.

We often live with this illusion. With the impression that all would go better, we would like the things around us to change, that the circumstances would change. But this is often an error. It is not the exterior circumstances that must change; it is above all our hearts that must change. They must be purified of their withdrawal into themselves, of their sadness, of their lack of hope: Happy are the pure in heart; they shall see God (Matthew 5:8). Happy are those whose hearts are purified by faith and hope, who bring to their lives a view animated by the certitude that, be-

yond appearances to the contrary, God is present, providing for their essential needs and that they lack nothing. If they have that faith, they will indeed see God: they will experience that presence of God which will accompany them and guide them. They will see that many of the circumstances that they thought negative and damaging to their spiritual life are, in fact, in God's pedagogy, powerful means for helping them to progress and grow.

Saint John of the Cross says that "it is very often the case that just when the soul believes itself lost that it gains and profits most." This is very true. Our minds are sometimes so clouded over by that which is not going well, by that which (according to our own particular criteria!) should be different in our situations, that we forget the positive. Moreover, we are unable to profit from any aspect of our situations, even the aspects that only appear to be negative, in order for us to draw closer to God, to grow in faith, love and humility. That which we lack is, above all, the conviction that "the love of God turns to profit all that he finds in me, the good as well as the bad" (Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, inspired by John of the Cross). However many imperfections we may have, rather than lament them and try to rid ourselves of them at any price, they could be splendid opportunities to make progress — in humility as well as in confidence in God and His mercy — and thus in saintliness. The fundamental problem is that we employ too much of our own criteria as to what is and what is not good and we don't have enough confidence in the Wisdom and Power of God. We don't believe that He is capable of utilizing everything for our good and that never, under any circumstance, would He leave us lacking in the essentials — that is to say, lacking anything that would permit us to love more. Because, to grow or to enrich one's spiritual life is to learn to love. Many of the circumstances that I consider damaging could, in fact, be for me, if I had more faith, precious opportunities to love more: to be more patient, more humble, more gentle, more merciful and to abandon myself more into the hands of God.

Let us then be convinced of this and it will be for us a source of immense strength: God may allow me to occasionally lack money, health, abilities and virtues, but He will never leave me in want of Himself, of His assistance and His mercy or of anything that would allow me to grow unceasingly ever closer to Him, to love Him more intensely, to better love my neighbor and to achieve holiness.



December 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 First Sunday of Advent	28 6:30 pm Catechism class	29	30	1 5 pm Adoration Benediction	2 First Friday	3 First Saturday 9:30 am Brunch 10:30 am Maidens
4 Second Sunday of Advent	5 6:30 pm Catechism class	6 6:30 pm Women's group mtg.	7 6:30 pm Bible Study Livestream	8 Holy Day of Obligation Office closed	9	10 6:30 am, Rorate Mass 10:30 am Little Flowers 5 pm Youth group mtg.
11 Third Sunday of Advent	12 6:30 pm Catechism class	13	14	15 5 pm Adoration Benediction	16	17 5 pm Youth Focus group mtg.
18 Fourth Sunday of Advent	19 6:30 pm Catechism class— cancelled until Jan. 8	20 6:30 pm Homeschool mom's mtg	21 6:30 pm Bible Study Livestream	22 5 pm Adoration Benediction	23 Office closed	24 9 pm Matins
25 Nativity of the Lord (No 5 pm Mass)	26 Office closed 6pm Parish ice skating party	27	28	29 5 pm Adoration Benediction	30	31 6 pm Christmas concert

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, Julie deTar, Regina Dumas, Ruben Finn, Timothy Finn, Sharon Flores, Alvin Froehlich, Barbara Gagne, Karen Graham, Sarah Grant, 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, Patrick 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, David & Erika Taxin, Jonathan Taxin, Esther Vasquez, Fr. Graham Walters, Mary & Charles West, Lezlie White, Nicolas Williams, Barbara Woods.

FINANCES

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, Blake Cloney, 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, Mary Jane Foeller, 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.

December 11th Collection

General, envelopes, loose cash	
On line donations	
Immaculate Conception	
St. Helen's fund	
FSSP calendars	
Individual gifts-Operations	
Adoration/Sanctuary candles	
Votive candles	
Flowers	
Building fund/Capital camp.	
Sunday Socials	
Total	

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