

August 27, 2023



Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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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**Monday—
Saturday** 6:30 AM, 8:00 am
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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 August 27th Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost		7:00 AM: Private intention 8:45 AM: Private intention 10:30 AM: Pro Populo 1 PM: Private intention 5 PM: Private intention
Monday August 28th St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor		6:30 AM: Private intention 8:00 AM: Private intention
Tuesday August 29th Beheading of St. John the Baptism	Rosary group 6:30 pm	6:30 AM: Private intention 8:00 AM: Private intention
Wednesday August 30th St. Rose of Lima		6:30 AM: Private intention 8:00 AM: Private intention
Thursday August 31st St. Raymond Nonnatus, Confessor	Adoration/Benediction 5 pm Exploring Catholicism 6:30 pm	6:30 AM: Private intention 8:00 AM: Private intention
Friday September 1st Feria (St. Giles)	First Friday	6:30 AM: Private intention 8:00 AM: Private intention
Saturday Sept. 2nd St. Stephen, King & Confessor	First Saturday Parish Brunch 9 am Maidens 10 am Confessions 4 pm	6:30 AM: Private intention 8:00 AM: Private intention
Sunday September 3rd Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost		7:00 AM: Private intention 8:45 AM: Pro Populo 10:30 AM: Private intention 1 pm: Private intention 5 pm: Private intention
Adoration Chapel candles: Private intention (Anonymous) Sanctuary candle: †Mark Costello (Anonymous) Flowers for the altar: †Repose of the soul of deceased family members (Catherine Hayes) Flowers for Bl. Virgin Mary: In thanksgiving (Paul & Laura Lebsock) Flowers for St. Joseph: In thanksgiving (Paul & Laura Lebsock)		

TODAY'S HYMNS

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Choir on summer break

Sung Masses will resume Sept. 10 at the 10:30 am Sunday Mass

Notes from Fr. Rapoport:

Confraternity of Christian Mothers: I would like to meet to discuss if there is interest in starting a Confraternity at our parish. Please mark your calendars for **Thur. September 7th at 6:00 pm**. This meeting will take the place of the September Women's Group and is open to all women 18 and older.

Open Adoration hours: are: Sunday 3 am; Monday 12 pm; Tuesday 12 am & 1 am; Wednesday 3 am & 12 pm; Friday 12 am, Saturday 11 pm. Email adoration@stjoanarc.com Thank you to all the adorers for keeping the Lord company.

Welcome! Please welcome the newest member of the church, **Lilah Hope Blanco**, who was baptized on August 19; she is the daughter of Raul and Clarissa Blanco. Congratulations and welcome!

Exploring Catholicism class: will meet this Thursday, August 31. Beginning in September, the class will meet on the **second and fourth Thursdays** of the month at 6:30 pm in the library. This class is for prospective converts who may be interested in the Catholic Faith. Please let others know. If people have invited a specific convert and are their connection with the parish, they may come as well.

First Saturday brunch: in the parish hall this Saturday after the 8:00 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/10C0D4EA8AE2CA5F4C52-first1>

Email list: if you are not receiving parish emails and would like to receive St. Joan of Arc communications, please contact the office at contact@stjoanarc.com

Maidens of St. Joan: for young Catholic girls, ages 12 and up; meets 10:30 am to 1 pm on First Saturday in the parish hall. If you have any questions or would like to join, please contact Fr. Eichman.

Church flowers: Donations are being accepted for the weekly flower arrangements both on the High Altar (\$150) and for Our Lady (\$30) or St Joseph (\$30). If you would like to make a monetary offering for a special intention (e.g. the repose of the soul of a friend/relative, or to honor a particular saint, or the Holy Family, or a special Feast Day, or for the intention of prayers for a particular person), please bring your donation and payment to the office or place in the box in the vestibule. Thank you.

St. Helen's Fund: This important fund is a means of helping those in our parish and in the community with extraordinary needs. Named after the great saint, Helen, who took care of the poor and needy, these funds have helped provide rent/mortgage, hospital and utility bills in emergencies. Please consider giving to St. Helen's Fund. Pennies, dollars, checks, all add up! May God reward your charity! *(Checks should be made payable to St. Joan of Arc).*

Perpetual Rosary: Please be reminded of the Perpetual Rosary crusade, wherein families sign up to venerate Our Lady in their home through the care and custody of a statue provided by St. Joan of Arc. Many families have already participated. ***Is it your turn to bring Our Lady home with you?*** Sign up sheet is on the credenza at the back of church. All families are encouraged to participate!

Politics and Virtue

Dr. Dennis McInerny

How many of us today would be inclined to associate virtue with politics? Not many, I would suspect. And for good reason. It would take only a superficial glance at the contemporary political scene. Pick any country you choose to corroborate what we doubtless already suspected, that virtue is not much in evidence there, if it is to be found at all. But what if we were to shift our attention from the factual to the theoretical, and ask: How often do we hear it said, or even suggested, that virtue should play an important role in politics? How many people today, be they average citizens, or political scientists or commentators, would tend easily to commingle in their thought the idea of virtue and the idea of politics? And how many, do you think, seriously believe, and would even be willing to argue the point, that the principal qualification for elected office, pure and simple, is virtue, that to be a good political leader you must be in the first instance a good person? I would suspect, once again, not many.

Most people today would be rather surprised in some cases pleasantly, in some cases not so pleasantly to learn that there should be a natural affinity between politics and virtue. Not that we should to be too quick to blame them on that account, for, if they are at all aware of what typically transpires in the political realm, they could be excused for believing that it is not virtue, but its very opposite, which is the key prerequisite for securing in that realm a thriving, even an illustrious, career.

The fact that it would seldom dawn on us to think of politics and virtue together is but one more indication (as if we needed another) of the extremely muddled quality of our thought. We have become strangers to wisdom. The only remedy for that estrangement is to go to the wise and to listen to what they have to say to us, and to learn from them. And who are the wise? Those who bask in the wisdom of God. *Ite ad Thomam*, "Go to Thomas!" the great Pope Leo XIII admonishes us, the Thomas in question here being of course St. Thomas Aquinas, the Universal Doctor.

For St. Thomas, it was elementary that politics and virtue should go together. In this he did not consider that he was being at all original, but simply repeating one of the seminal truths of the perennial philosophy, particularly as expressed earlier by philosophers like Plato and Aristotle, who in this were reflecting how closely attuned they were to the natural law. For all three of these thinkers the only truly human society was a just society that is, a society which was characterized by the dominance in it of the virtue of justice, the preeminent social or political virtue and the foundational explanation for a just society is just leadership. A truly just leader would be an all-around virtuous person, for we know that the moral virtues stand or fall together. No one can be truly just and lacking in the other virtues. So, it is virtue in general that ensures a healthy political community.

More immediately, any political community becomes just, and maintains itself in justice, through the instrumentality of just laws. And of course just laws could have no other reasonable source but just legislators. This being so, it does not the least bit surprise us to learn that, for St. Thomas, the principal purpose of civil law is to make men virtuous. Law should be a significant contributor to our moral betterment. How far we have fallen away from this critically important and beautiful principle! We have now descended to the tragic state of affairs where some of our laws, far from promoting virtue, are specifically designed to facilitate vice, such as the laws governing abortion, which give sanction to the commission of the most heinous, the most unnatural kind of crime.

St. Thomas believed that monarchy was the best form of government, because this kind of government approaches nearest in resemblance to the divine government, whereby God rules the world from the beginning. Lest we be prompted peremptorily to dismiss this point of view, as being hopelessly obsolete and quite irrelevant to our times, let us pay heed to the learned Dominican.

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St. Thomas was not naive, and while he declares monarchy to be the best form of government, it was also for him the most dangerous, for, fallen human nature being what it is, a king lacking in virtue can quickly turn into a tyrant. (By the way, to the extent that we should think that monarchy, broadly defined, is a thing of the past, we might ponder a devolved phenomenon respecting the chief executive office of the United States, which many historians now commonly refer to as the regal presidency. The U. S. president, in many respects, has become in the exercise of his powers much like a king, in flagrant contradiction to what the Founding Fathers had in mind.)

Monarchy is the best form of government only if the king is virtuous, and, to boot, the most virtuous person in the realm. There is nothing that I have been able to find in St. Thomas' writings to indicate

that he ever favored an hereditary monarchy. In any event, he is explicit in stating the opposite: the king is to be elected by the people. Because the burdens of government would be too great for any one person, no matter how virtuous, the king would be assisted by aristocrats. We might reflexively blanch at that term, dyed-in-the-wool democrats that we probably all consider ourselves to be. But wait. The term "aristocrats" comes from the Greek *aristoi*, which simply means "the best." The best in this case are the morally best, the most virtuous. Thus, the virtuous king is surrounded by virtuous assistants. Let us listen to St. Thomas as he sums up for us what he would consider to be the best form of government.

Accordingly, the best form of government is a political community or kingdom wherein one is given the power to preside over all according to his virtue, while under him are others having governing power according to their virtue, and yet government of this kind is shared by all, both because they are eligible to govern, and because the rulers are chosen by all. For this is the best form of polity, being partly kingdom since there is one who is the head of all, partly aristocracy insofar as a number of persons are set in authority, partly democracy, i.e., government by the people, insofar as the rulers can be chosen from the people, and the people have the right to choose their rulers.



Is such an arrangement realizable, especially in the light of present day political realities? Perhaps not, at least not in every respect. But it is by no means to be dismissed as having no application to the conditions of our times. What we must be chiefly guided by is

the governing principle of St. Thomas's own political thought, that principle which, very much to our detriment, has become foreign to us: the idea that politics and virtue should go hand in hand. We must learn how to see and appreciate something which should be for us, but in fact is not, a most obvious, common sense truth that a "good society" is impossible without good people, and that "virtuous person" and "good leader" should be regarded as synonymous terms.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 Nineth Sunday after Pentecost	31	1 6:30 pm Women's group	2	3 5 pm Adoration Benediction 6:30 pm Exploring Catholicism	4 First Friday	5 First Saturday 9 am Brunch 4 pm Confessions
6 Transfiguration of our Lord Jesus Christ	7	8 6:30 pm Rosary group	9	10 5 pm Adoration Benediction 6:30 pm Exploring Catholicism	11 6:30 pm SJA Play (St. Francis of Assisi)	12 4 pm Confessions 6:30 pm SJA Play
13 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost	14	15 Holy Day of Obligation 7 am, 8:45 am, 10:30 am, 6:30 pm Masses	16 6:30 pm Men's group	17 5 pm Adoration Benediction 6:30 pm Exploring Catholicism	18	19 8 am Purgatorial Society Mass 1 pm Cristeros 4 pm Confessions
20 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost (Boys camp until 8/25)	21	22 6:30 pm Rosary group	23	24 5 pm Adoration Benediction	25 Boys camp ends	26 4 pm Confessions
27 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost	28	29 6:30 pm Rosary group	30	31 5 pm Adoration Benediction 6:30 pm Exploring Catholicism	1 First Friday	2 First Saturday 9 am Brunch 10 am Maidens 4 pm Confessions

SICK AND HOMEBOUND

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

Patricia Barsanti, Mercedes Bogaczyk, Sr. Maria Consuela, David Cools, Roberta Costa, Julie deTar, Regina Dumas, Ruben Finn, Timothy Finn, Sharon Flores, Alvin Froehlich, Barbara Gagne, Karen Graham, David Gunseor, Gale Hamilton, Susan Hamilton, Sherri Higgins, Donald Holbrook, Kathryn Holbrook, Margaret Hurn, Carrie Kralicek, Paul Krieg, Joseph Larsen, Marianne Leake, Donald Lohman, Spencer Lowell, Patrick McMonigle, Linda Ofstead, Katie Orozco, Philomena Ost, Patrick O'Sullivan, Florence Pearson, Phyllis Peick, Michael Permen, Rachel Porter, Julia Rose, Coleman Rozsnyai, Louis Sachwitz, Joshua Schlader, Georgia Schrempp, Heaven & Mary Schumacher, David & Erika Taxin, Jonathan Taxin, Peter Truong, Esther Vasquez, Joe Vogel, Fr. Graham Walters, Mary & Charles West, Lezlie White, Nicolas Williams, Kathryn Woepfel, 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, 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, Sarah Grant, Joseph Guarnotta, Jeanine Grenier, Helen Groves, Ed Hattrup, Mary Lou Hayes, Leo Heinan, Patricia Howland, Fr. Michael Irwin, FSSP, Rosemary Jacobs, Rodney Johnson, John Joyce, John Keller, Joseph Kemna, 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, Stephen McDonald, Kevin & Erma McKay, Mike McManus, Agnes McMillan, John 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, Br. Matthew Truong, Monks of Mary, Sister Rosemarie, Carmel of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

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

August 20th Collection

General, envelopes, loose cash	
On line donations	
St. Helen's fund	
Assumption	
Sunday Socials	
Individual gifts-Operations	
Summer camp donations	
Votive candles	
Temp. restricted—Maui donation	
Building fund/Capital camp.	
Total	

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July Collections

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Capital Campaign	

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