

December 10, 2023



Second 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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**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
Sunday December 10th Second Sunday of Advent		7:00 AM 8:45 AM 10:30 AM (Sung Mass) 1 PM 5 PM FSSP
Monday December 11th St. Damasus I, Pope and Confessor	Catechism class 6:30 pm	6:30 AM 8:00 AM
Tuesday December 12th Feria of Advent (Our Lady of Guadalupe, Seminary Patroness)	Our Lady of Guadalupe gathering 7 am	6:30 AM 8:00 AM
Wednesday December 13th St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr	TOWN HALL MTG. 6:30 pm	6:30 AM 8:00 AM
Thursday December 14th Feria of Advent	Adoration/Benediction 5 pm Adult catechism classes 6:30 pm	6:30 AM 8:00 AM
Friday December 15th Feria of Advent		7:00 AM 8:00 AM
Saturday December 16th St. Eusebius, Bishop and Martyr	Rorate Mass 6:30 am Confraternity of Christian Mothers 9:15 am Cristeros mtg. 1 pm Confessions 4 pm	6:30 AM Purgatorial Society 8:00 AM Confraternity of Christian Mothers
Sunday December 17th Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)		7:00 AM 8:45 AM 10:30 AM (Sung Mass) 1 PM 5 pm
Adoration Chapel candles: For the spiritual needs & intentions of Claire Hardwick (Mary Hardwick) Sanctuary candle: Special Intention (Noreen Schelstrate) Flowers for the altar: No flowers during Advent Flowers for Bl. Virgin Mary: No sponsor this week Flowers for St. Joseph: No sponsor this week Flowers for the Adoration chapel: No sponsor this week		

TODAY'S HYMNS

Processional Hark a Herald Voice

Recessional O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Mass Ordinaries Mass XVII, Credo I

Marian Antiphon Alma Redemptoris Mater

Notes from Fr. Rapoport:

Parish Survey: please fill out and submit the parish survey before December 10. If you did not receive the survey, please contact the parish office. Thank you for all of you who have completed and returned the survey. This evening (Sunday) is the deadline for submitting your survey.

Town Hall meeting: will be Wednesday, December 13, 6:30 pm in the parish hall to discuss church finances and the building project in greater detail.

Volunteers needed: we are in need of volunteers for: Serving donuts, Cleaning the church, Safety Team, and Ushers. All volunteers must be Safe Environment certified, per diocese policy. Please contact Armando Alderete at A.Alderete@stjoanarc.com to start the process

Open Adoration hours: Sunday 2 am; Monday 2 am, 12 pm, 5 pm; Wednesday 2 am 3 am, Thursday 1 am, 6pm, Saturday 2 am. Email adoration@stjoanarc.com Thank you to all the adorers for keeping the Lord company. If you are not receiving the 24-hour reminders or any correspondence via email or text, please email us at adoration@stjoanarc.com

Flowers in December: donations are being accepted for flowers for the Feast Days of the Immaculate Conception, Our Lady of Guadalupe, and Christmas. This year, the flowers for those Feast Days will cost \$2,000. If you are able to help with this cost, please write 'December flowers' on the front of your envelope or in the memo line of a check. Thank you helping to beautify the church during this time of year.

Pro Life Rosary: The Pro Life Group of St. Joan of Arc will meet Saturday December 9 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 everywhere. All are welcome! 15 decades will also be recited at St. Joan of Arc for those who cannot drive to Spokane.

Our Lady of Guadalupe: is Tuesday, December 12. Hot cocoa will be served after the 6:30 am Mass

Adult catechism classes: Both the *Catechism of the Spiritual Life* class (for Catholics who would like a refresher of the teachings of the Faith) and *Introduction to Catholicism* class (for those interested in the Catholic Faith) will be at 6:30 pm this Thursday evening.

Rorate Masses: Saturday December 16 at 6:30 am.

Purgatorial Society: The Purgatorial Society of St. Joan of Arc will be remembered on Saturday Dec. 16. This Mass this month **will be the 6:30 am Mass**. All members are encouraged to attend.

Confraternity of Christian Mothers: All women ages 18 and up are invited to come for the 8 a.m. parish Mass on the December 16, the 3rd Saturday of the month and meet in the social hall about 9:30 a.m. for a "mini retreat," where you will learn information on the confraternity, receive a formation talk by our priest Director/ one of our priests, and have social time. Great coffee and light refreshments are provided, and the meeting wraps up no later than 11:00am . Childcare is not available; nursing babies are welcome. By receiving Our Lord in Holy Communion, working together, meeting regularly to pray with and for one another and their children, the members of the confraternity are schooled in the ideals of Christian womanhood and aid one another in educating their children at home to become faithful members of the Catholic Church and imitators of Mary, the ideal Mother, and her perfect Son, Jesus Christ. Our Pastor Father Andrew Rapoport is our Priest Director of the St. Joan of Arc Confraternity of Christian Mothers, Mrs. Roseann Loftus is the President, Mrs. Emily Widmark is the Vice President Mrs. Michele Simpson is the Secretary.

New Hymns for Thursday Benediction: Starting on this Thursday, please pick up a booklet when you arrive for the Thursday Holy Hour at 5pm. We will be singing an expanded selection of Gregorian chant hymns and antiphons. Each Holy Hour will include: a beginning chant, a hymn in honor of Our Lady, a prayer to Saint Joseph, an antiphon for the Pope, Tantum Ergo, and a closing chant. All the faithful can sing these by following along in the new booklet. This new music is not too difficult but will require some repetition before it becomes familiar.

The De-Sacralization of Christmas

Dr. Dennis McNerny

For the time being at least it seems we have to resign ourselves to the fact that Christmas has become a thoroughly commercial affair in this country. The forces of secularization have temporarily carried the day and Catholics and other sincere Christians must be content with leaving the larger world to its own frivolous devices while concentrating their efforts on doing all they can to preserve the sacredness of Christmas within their own shrinking communities. For a great many people in contemporary society Christmas has become essentially a pagan feast. In fact, the very name of the day seems to have become a cause of unease, and more and more we hear the traditional "Merry Christmas!" greeting substituted for by the bland and non-committal "Happy Holidays."

Not so very long ago it was possible to see in our major cities large billboards admonishing us in bold letters to "Put Christ Back into Christmas." I have not heard that slogan for years, and the likelihood of anyone coming across this Christmastide a billboard which bears it would be, I suppose, very slim. And if such a billboard were to appear somewhere, it is probable that it would draw a lawsuit or two, the complaint being that anyone who has the temerity publicly to recommend that the birthday of Christ be recognized as the birthday of Christ is trying to impose his religious views on others. And given the climate of public opinion today, where a mushy and anemic "pluralism" passes for culture, no greater crime than that can be imagined.

The desacralization of Christmas in the public square is part of a larger pattern which has been developing in our society for some time, but which seems to have taken an accelerated form in recent years. When a society abandons its fundamental commitment to Christianity, as ours has done, something like a religious vacuum is created, and that vacuum is eventually filled by an imitation of authentic religiousness. It is the belief of some of our devout secularists, who rejoice over the waning influence of Christianity, that when any society abandons a genuine religious commitment, it then lapses into a state of benign and universally inoffensive neutrality. That is not how it works.

We human beings are by nature religious beings. We are naturally oriented toward seeking out and committing ourselves to a supreme good the possession of which will give meaning and coherence to our lives.

Now, the only supreme good that is adequate to our deepest longings is of course the one true God. But if we refuse to acknowledge the one true God, it is a law of human psychology, resulting from our fallen nature, that we will then invariably seek a false god in order to satisfy our ineradicable and irrepressible religious needs. Actually, what usually seems to happen when we abandon God is that we then commit ourselves to a whole pantheon of false gods. As G.K. Chesterton once remarked, when man ceases to believe in God he does not then believe in nothing, he

believes in anything. No one is more helpless in the face of fakery than the man who has deliberately turned his back on the authentic. But the point to be stressed is that when man has rejected the proper object of his belief, God, he will inevitably find other, and necessarily unworthy, objects of his belief.



A society that has abandoned Christianity does not thereby dispense of its deep-set religious needs. Those needs remain, but they are directed at unworthy ends. What is essentially secular, or even frankly pagan, is invested with pseudo-religious status (witness what has been happening to Halloween over the past decade or so), and the genuinely religious, such as the feast of the Nativity, is secularized and even paganized.

But we need not lose heart. We may not be able at the moment to turn back the tide of secularization now engulfing us and which has transformed our public Christmas into a garish and spiritually disorienting spectacle, but what we can do is quietly and determinedly recommit ourselves to the central significance of the great feast we are celebrating. We can leave all the vulgar hullabaloo behind us and travel in spirit to a crude, totally unpretentious stable outside a little town called Bethlehem, and there find a peace and luminous simplicity of which our tinselly world knows nothing.

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Peace

Dr. Dennis McInerney

In the account of Our Lord's nativity found in St. Luke's Gospel, the proclamation of the angels to the shepherds in these words: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will to men" (Lk 2:14). The Douay Challoner translation reads as follows: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men of good will." If we were to compare these two versions with St. Jerome's Vulgate translation, or more tellingly with St. Luke's original Greek, it would be quickly evident to us that the Douay version (i.e., the Catholic version) is the faithful one. It unambiguously presents to us what the original Greek unambiguously states.

There is no small difference between a message which announces peace and good will to men, and a message which announces peace to men of good will. Besides the not insignificant fact that the second message is the correct one, it is also, as is true of all messages from God, considerably more interesting and challenging than the first. The true message specifies a condition, comparable to the condition we find in the Lord's Prayer. In that prayer we are apprised of the fact that our being forgiven by God depends upon our willingness to forgive others. The angels from on high advised the shepherds, and by extension al of us, that we will experience peace on this earth just to the extent that we are deserving of experiencing peace. God is telling us, through His messengers the angels, what He everywhere tells us when He instructs us on the particulars of our salvation- -that we must do our part.

Just as God will not force His love upon us, neither will He force His peace upon us. We must be men of good will with regard to peace. This means, simply, that we must actively will it. We must be open to peace, accepting of it. The peace of God may descend upon the earth like manna, but we must bestir ourselves and go out and gather it up. Then we must assimilate it.

The peace of God is that peace which surpasses all human understanding, the peace which the world cannot give. It has often been said, and correctly said, that peace is not simply the absence of war, internal or external. Peace is not mere negation. It is something positive.

We sometimes think we are pursuing peace when in fact we are chasing after nothing but a vapid harmony. Peace, St. Thomas Aquinas reminds us, includes

harmony, but it is not the same thing as harmony. You can have harmony among thugs, but no peace.

What is peace? It is, in St. Thomas' pointed and lovely phrase, "the tranquility of order." The tranquility of order-the kind of order which results when everything is in its proper place, and everything is in its proper place because everything is directed to God. Peace does not just happen. Again, it must be willed. It is willed first and foremost by God, but if we are ever to possess the peace which God wills for us, we ourselves must will it, aligning our wills with His.

We will never possess peace if we insist upon seeking it where it can never be found, that is, anywhere else but in the "tranquility of order" which is brought into being when God is the focus and foundation of all that we do. Peace is not itself a virtue, St. Thomas teaches, but it is the direct effect of virtue, specifically the virtue of charity. Peace is the possession of people of good will, of people who, because they love God above all else, know how truly to love their neighbors. Such people see peace and love as naturally linked together, but for them love is not simply a diffuse, schmaltsy sense of cozy togetherness with a nebulous "humankind," but a robust, active concern for the eternal welfare of one's real, flesh and blood neighbor.

At the first Christmas, the one and only Christmas, the Prince of Peace came into the world to dwell among us. In the world in which we live today the authentic Christmas is in a fight for its life against a clamorous host of false "Christmases." Bedlam has replaced Bethlehem. What is sterilely identified as the "holiday season" has become the very antithesis of a season of peace. Now, 'tis the season to be frantic. From all sides we are bidden to join in on a madcap rushing about whose defining center seems to be little more than a binge of merchandising, a celebration of consumerism. There is a great deal of forced jollity, but little genuine merriness. There is much gaudily packaged sentimentality, but not much real feeling. One looks in vain for that exquisite kind of joy that springs forth only from an essential seriousness. Christmas, as it is currently interpreted, has become the emblem of the winter of our spiritual discontent. In the meantime, the Prince of Peace continues to dwell among us, looking for followers.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 First Sunday of Advent	4 6:30 pm Catechism class	5 6:30 pm Rosary group	6	7 5 pm Adoration Benediction	8 Immaculate Conception, Holy Day of Obligation	9 10:30 am Little Flowers 4 pm Confessions 5 pm Youth
10 Second Sunday of Advent	11 6:30 pm Catechism class	12 Our Lady of Guadalupe gathering 7 am	13 TOWN HALL MTG. 6:30 pm	14 5 pm Adoration Benediction 6:30 pm Adult catechism classes	15	16 6:30 am Rorate (Purgatorial Society Mass) 8 am Conf. of Christian Mothers 4pm Confessions
17 Third Sunday of Advent	18 6:30 pm Catechism class	19 6:30 pm Rosary group	20	21 5 pm Adoration Benediction 6:30 pm Men's mtg.	22	23 4 pm Confessions
24 Fourth Sunday of Advent	25 Nativity of the Lord Holy Day of Obligation	26	27	28 5 pm Adoration Benediction	29	30 4 pm Confessions
31 Sunday in the Octave of Christmas	1 Octave of the Nativity of the Lord Holy Day of Obligation	2 6:30 pm Rosary group	3	4 5 pm Adoration Benediction	5 First Friday	6 First Saturday 9 am Brunch 10 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, Bill Connelly, 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

Please pray for our new church!

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; Michael Howard, ICKSP; Fr. Martin Adams, FSSP; Sister Mary Imelda & Sr. Grace Brown, Filiae Laboris Mariae; Dom Mary Peter Leedy, OSB, Monastero di San Benedetto Norcia; Brother Lawrence Marie Burns, OSB, Clear Creek Monastery; Nicholas Sower, Seminarian, Diocese of Boise; Br. Matthew Truong, Monks of Mary; Sister Rosemarie Loftus, Carmel of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

FINANCES

December 3 rd Collection	
General, envelopes, loose cash	
On line donations	
Immaculate Conception	
Christmas Day	
St. Helen's fund	
Flowers	
Adoration/Sanctuary candles	
In Kind donations	
Sunday Socials	
Individual gifts-Operations	
Votive candles	
Building fund/Capital camp.	
Total	

Thank you for your generosity!

November Collections	
General Offertory	
Capital Campaign	

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

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