

December 17, 2023



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
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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 17th Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)		7:00 AM 8:45 AM 10:30 AM (Sung Mass) 1 PM 5 PM
Monday December 18th Greater Feria of Advent		6:30 AM 8:00 AM
Tuesday December 19th Greater Feria of Advent	Rosary prayer group 6:30 pm	6:30 AM 8:00 AM
Wednesday December 20th Ember Wednesday of Advent		6:30 AM 8:00 AM
Thursday December 21st St. Thomas, Apostle (Greater Feria of Advent)	Adoration/Benediction 5 pm Men's group mtg. 6:30 pm	6:30 AM 8:00 AM
Friday December 22nd Ember Friday of Advent	Office closed	7:00 AM 8:00 AM
Saturday December 23rd Ember Saturday of Advent	Confessions 4 pm	6:30 AM 8:00 AM
Sunday December 24th Vigil of the Nativity	No 5 pm Mass Matins 9 pm Carols by the Choir 11:15 pm	7:00 AM 8:45 AM 10:30 AM (Sung Mass) 1 PM (NO 5 pm Mass)
Adoration Chapel candles: The conversion of hearts & renewal of minds of family members(Anonymous) Sanctuary candle: Special Intention (Noreen Schelstrate) Flowers for the altar: No sponsor this week Flowers for Bl. Virgin Mary: In thanksgiving for graces received (Tim & Kiki Brown) Flowers for St. Joseph: In thanksgiving for graces received (Tim & Kiki Brown) Flowers for the Adoration chapel: No sponsor this week		

TODAY'S HYMNS

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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 Thank you to everyone that filled out the recent survey. We had 197 participants. There was some very thought provoking feedback. In the coming months I will be asking for more parishioner input and also working on implementing improvements based on the feedback from the survey.

Idaho Catholic Appeal I would to make a big push to raise as much as possible for our goal for the diocesan appeal! So far we are in last place for participation throughout the diocese. Our goal is \$109,691 and we have only raised \$12,960. The balance of the total will be paid to the diocese by St. Joan's if the goal is not raised! The deadline for giving to ICA is December 31. The appeal helps fund over 20 ministries funded by the diocese including vocations and priest retirement. Envelopes are in the rack at the back of church. Please click here: <https://www.osvhub.com/diocese-of-boise/giving/funds/idaho-catholic-appeal> or use the QR code —————>



Mass intentions are open: our Mass intention system has been revised. Specific priests are not available. Each family may submit a request for 3 Masses. Make checks out to St. Joan of Arc. Please submit your Mass intentions to the office, the black box at the back of church, or by mail. Mass intentions will no longer be printed in the bulletin but rather posted after they have been celebrated. (Fr. Terra is not taking Mass intentions at this time).

Open Adoration hours: Sunday 2 am; Monday 2 am, 12 pm, 5 pm; Wednesday 2 am, Thursday 1 am, 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

Welcome! Please welcome the newest member of the church **Grethel Marie Caldwell**, who was baptized on December 12; she is the daughter of Heath and Stacy Caldwell. Congratulations and welcome!

Catechism classes: are on break until January 8. Please excuse the error in last weeks bulletin. There is NO CATECHISM CLASS ON MONDAY DEC. 18. See you when classes resume Jan. 8, 2024

Christmas Mass Schedule: Christmas Midnight Mass begins with hymns at 11:15 pm Sunday evening with Mass beginning at Midnight. This Mass fulfills only the Christmas Day obligation but does not fulfill the Sunday obligation to attend Holy Mass. For Sunday, December 24, there will only be 4 Sunday Masses; 7 am, 8:45 am, 10:30 am, and 1 pm. **There will not be a 5 pm Sunday Mass.** For Monday, Christmas Day, please see the schedule below:

Christmas Mass Schedule:

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

Matins at 9 PM and **Carols** at 11:15 PM

Monday, 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)

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). 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!)

Charity (part I)

Dr. Dennis McInerney

Love, we are told, makes the world go 'round. Even the most hackneyed of banalities have a modicum of truth to them. If the love in question here is the love of God, then indeed it makes the world go 'round. More comprehensively, it makes everything go, period, for if it were not for the creative love of God, nothing would exist, nothing would move. And if it were not for the love of God there would be no Christmas, for God so loved the broken world that He sent His only begotten Son to make it right again.

But usually when people talk about love making the world go 'round they are talking about something other than the love of God. Seldom, it seems, in this day and age, is the word employed in reference to God, which indicates profound misunderstanding on the part of those who employ it. "Love" is arguably at once one of the most used and misused words in the English language. "Love, love," we hear, from every side, almost continuously. But how much real love is there in the world?

The misuse of language is but the outward sign of the misuse of thought. If "love" is everywhere today being systematically misapplied it is because people literally don't know what they are talking about. They do not grasp the true nature of love.

There are many ways in which the true nature of love can be understood. One of the most common ways, as ancient as it is modern, is to equate love with feeling. This is the sentimentalist mistake. It is the Hollywood understanding of love. The reason the sentimentalist mistake is so commonly made is because it is so easy to make. It is a mistake to which our fallen nature is especially susceptible. You could say that we have perfected the mistake.

According to the superficial reasoning behind the sentimentalist mistake, strong positive feelings toward another person are interpreted as proof positive that one is "in love" with that person. But as everyone who has successfully advanced beyond adolescence knows, good feelings about another person are not sufficient grounds for concluding the presence of genuine love for the person. To be sure, feelings accompany genuine love. But feelings accompany every act we human beings engage in. We are by nature emotional creatures, which is to say, we have passions or appetites.

Feelings accompany everything we do, but feelings must not be allowed to serve as the determining factor in establishing the nature of the activities we engage in, or the moral quality of those activities. That would be to have it backwards. Feelings do not determine the nature and quality of actions, rather, it is the nature and quality of the actions which determine the quality of the feelings which accompany those actions. Specifically, an action is not good simply because our doing it makes us feel good. Our

feelings about an action are themselves either good or bad depending on the goodness or badness of the action itself.

Human feelings are notoriously variable. In themselves, as St. Thomas reminds us, they are irrational, and therefore unless they are continuously controlled by reason, they are going to cause us nothing but grief. Genuine love may be accompanied by strong positive feelings, as noted above. May be, but not necessarily. We could be all aflame with positive feelings for another, but those feelings might be fueled by the crudest kind of egoistic selfishness. Conversely, we all know that we can genuinely love a person and yet, at any given time, not feel particularly good about that person at all.

Considered from a philosophical point of view, to equate love with feelings is to mistake an accompanying characteristic for the core reality. One of the principal explanations for the epidemic of divorce which is now ravaging our country is that so many people are making the sentimentalist mistake. To equate love with feelings is radically to destabilize love (and hence the marriage upon which presumably it is based), for **nothing is more volatile than human feelings**. There would seem to be no obvious correlation between intelligence and making the sentimentalist mistake. The eminent mathematician and philosopher Bertrand Russell, a man of indisputably keen mind, decided almost on the spur of the moment to divorce his wife (he was to have several) because it dawned on him that he no longer felt toward her as he once did. Feelings became the deciding factor. All Russell's brilliant logic was of no avail.

Mind you, there is a certain logic to the kind of decision Lord Russell made. If in fact love is equated with feelings, then it follows necessarily that, if the feelings go, then the love goes. Yes, there is a certain logic at work here, but it is decidedly bad logic. It is bad logic because the major premiss (love = feelings) is false. Therefore, the conclusion does not follow.

Houses built upon the ever-shifting sands of feeling are bound to collapse. A "love" based upon feelings will inevitably prove to be evanescent because the operant activity in this instance is not really love at all. The word is right, but it is pointing to the wrong thing. The only way to avoid the sentimentalist mistake is to be ruled by reason, not feelings.

Thus far what we have had to say about the nature of love has been almost entirely negative. We have been concentrating on what love is not, rather than what it is. In the next article we will turn our attention to the true nature of love. †

This article originally appeared in the December 2000 North American District Fraternity Newsletter.

Charity (part II)

Dr. Dennis McNerny

In the previous article we reflected on how love is often misunderstood, giving special emphasis to what we called the sentimentalist mistake: the idea that equates love with feelings. In this article we will discuss the true nature of love. What better way to begin than with a leading question: What is love?

St. John the Evangelist provides a direct and rather stunning response to that question when he tells us simply that love is God. He establishes a cosmically significant equation: God = Love. The two realities are interchangeable. Let us listen to him as he spells out his argument. "God is love," he writes, "and he who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him." The Latin is so stately and sonorous that it too must be cited: *Deus caritas est et qui habitat in caritate in Deo habitat et Deus in eo*.

The first lesson to be learned about true love is this: it is grounded in God. It is indistinguishable from God. It is by no means coincidental that the first and the greatest commandment enjoins us to love God with our whole heart and soul and strength and mind. That is the beginning and the end of all true love. Unless we are first firmly fixed in Love Himself, nothing else can follow for us by way of genuine love. Another way of putting it is to say that unless our love is anchored in the supernatural it cannot rise to its own proper nature. Putting it yet more plainly: unless we love God, we are incapable of loving human beings; we are incapable of love, period.

One of the biggest delusions we can entertain about love is the idea that we can dispense with supernatural love and make do with natural love alone. This just doesn't work for the simple reason that without supernatural love, natural love ceases to be natural love. It is transformed into a cruel caricature of the real thing, sterile and morbid. It is a monstrosity.

Because God is the source of human love, then, it is only genuine *as human love*, to the extent that it flows forth from our love of God. The second greatest commandment tells us that we must love our neighbor as ourselves. That would seem to be easily enough understood. But what does it really mean to love neighbor as oneself? St. Thomas Aquinas gives us a crisp, pointed response to that question, I think, through his general definition of love. He reveals the essence of love when he says that it is "willing good for another." There we have the heart of the matter, and a huge heart it is.

To love is simply to will the good for another. Please note, first of all, where all the emphasis is placed when genuine love is at issue. On the other. Not on the lover, but on the beloved. If I truly love, then my attention is not focused on myself. The wants and needs of the other person take precedence over my own wants and needs. The infamous Number One (the self) is dethroned. The other is declared absolute regent. True love implies complete selflessness. Every

true lover is a self-constituted second class citizen, gladly giving way, gladly giving himself away, for the sake of the beloved.

Important clarifications are in order. When we say that love is willing the good for the other, we mean willing the real good, not the apparent good. Furthermore, we will the ultimate real good for the other. That means one thing, of course, that we will the supreme happiness of the other, which is to say, eternal life with God. If we truly love another person then what we want for that person is the same thing we want for ourselves, the best, complete human fulfillment, and that is nothing else than the Beatific Vision.

How far we are here from that false Hollywood notion of love which has such a firm grip on contemporary culture!

What are the practical implications of the true meaning of love, as manifested in the love of our neighbor? If we want ultimate happiness for those whom we claim to love, then in our day to day dealings with them, we will, at the least, never do anything which would hinder them from achieving that happiness. And, positively, we will do everything in our power to help them achieve their final end. No act directed toward or immediately affecting another person can be a truly loving act if it is not in one degree or another ordered to the real good of that person.

All this being so, we can readily see how wrong-headed and pathetically superficial it is to equate love with feeling. Again, to love another means to act toward the person in a way that serves the achievement of his final end. And we should act in that way no matter what our feelings might be. It is reason and will that must be in charge here. Love is not sentimentality. Love is not merely a matter of being nice to people, that is, acting toward them only in ways that make them feel good, and, in the bargain, make us feel good too. Our Lord was not always nice to people (consider how he treated the Pharisees, and His own disciples at times), but He unfailingly loved all those He encountered. He loved people as only God could love them. He always acted toward whomever He met in terms of what was truly best for that person. It is not that we should ever act toward others with the principal purpose in mind of hurting their feelings, but when it comes down to a choice between hurting people's feelings and doing what is truly for their benefit, love knows what choice to make. The surgeon cuts, but he cuts to heal.

Love is selfless. More, it is self-sacrificing. Our Lord cited the laying down of one's life for a friend as an example of the greatest kind of love. With such an example in mind, who could ever doubt the surpassing seriousness of love? The example is so striking, as coming from Christ, because He presented it not only in words but in deed.†

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December 2023

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	19 6:30 pm Rosary group	20	21 5 pm Adoration Benediction 6:30 pm Men's mtg.	22 Office closed	23 4 pm Confessions
24 Fourth Sunday of Advent (No 5 pm Sunday Mass)	25 Nativity of the Lord Holy Day of Obligation	26 Office closed	27	28 5 pm Adoration Benediction	29	30 4 pm Confessions
31 Sunday in the Octave of Christmas (No 5 pm Sunday Mass)	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, Katheryn Woeppel, 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

FINANCES

December 10th Collection

General, envelopes, loose cash	
On line donations	
Immaculate Conception	
All Saint/All Souls	
St. Helen's fund	
Flowers	
In Kind donations	
Sunday Socials	
Individual gifts-Operations	
Votive candles	
Building fund/Capital camp.	
Total	

Please pray for our new church!

On line donations link

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

Thank you for your generosity!

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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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