

December 3, 2023



First Sunday of Advent

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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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**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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Chaplain to the Carmelite Sisters
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MASS AND EVENT SCHEDULE

Events		Mass Times
Sunday December 3rd First Sunday of Advent		7:00 AM 8:45 AM 10:30 AM (Sung Mass) 1 PM 5 PM
Monday December 4th St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Doctor	Catechism class 6:30 pm	6:30 AM 8:00 AM
Tuesday December 5th Feria of Advent (St. Sabbas)	Rosary group 6:30 pm	6:30 AM 8:00 AM
Wednesday December 6th St. Nicolas, Bishop		6:30 AM 8:00 AM
Thursday December 7th St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor	Adoration/Benediction 5 pm	6:30 AM 8:00 AM
Friday December 8th The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Holy Day of Obligation	7:00 AM 8:45 AM 10:30 AM (Sung Mass) 5:30 PM
Saturday December 9th Feria of Advent	Little Flowers 10:30 am Confessions 4 pm Youth group 5 pm	6:30 AM 8:00 AM
Sunday December 10th Second Sunday of Advent		7:00 AM 8:45 AM 10:30 AM (Sung Mass) 1 PM 5 pm
Adoration Chapel candles: Jude & Alli deTar (Cynthia deTar) Sanctuary candle: No sponsor this week Flowers for the altar: No flowers during Advent Flowers for Bl. Virgin Mary: In thanksgiving for our priests (Widmark family) Flowers for St. Joseph: In thanksgiving for our priests (Widmark family) Flowers for the Adoration chapel:		

TODAY'S HYMNS

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Proclamation Savior of the Nations, Come

Recessional O Come, Divine Messiah

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.

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

Holy Day Mass times: this Friday December 8, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times are 7 am, 8:45 am, 10:30 am sung Mass, and 5:30 pm. The parish office will be closed that day.

Advent and Church flowers: Advent begins today, December 3. Flower donations will not be accepted for the main altar during Advent. Donations for flowers placed by the statues of St. Joseph and the Blessed Mother will continue as usual during the Advent season. Thank you.

Increase in cost of flowers: The new cost to sponsor flowers is as follows: \$200-main altar and \$50 per statue (Blessed Mother, St. Joseph); additional areas that are being added are flowers in the: Adoration chapel-\$50 and First Saturday flowers-\$75. If you would like to help adorn the altar and church by making a monetary offering for a special intention, please bring your donation and prayer intention to the office or place it in the box in the vestibule. Thank you.

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.

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

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

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.

Sickness and Sin

Dr. Dennis McInerney

The eminent Thomistic philosopher Jacques Maritain took as his motto the phrase *Distinguer pour unir*, which I translate freely as, “Distinguish so that you will be able to unite.” Unless we form the habit of making critical distinctions, so that we clearly see how things differ and are separate from one another, we will never be able to discover the underlying unity that binds all things together. We cannot have a clear and complete vision of the “big picture” unless and until we appreciate the distinct things that go together to compose that picture.

So many of the difficulties with which we are beset today, both within the Church and in society as a whole, can be explained by our systematic failure to make distinctions. The most important distinction that we need constantly to be aware of—and the failure to acknowledge results in utter disaster—is the distinction between truth and falsity. It is upon that distinction that all other distinctions rest. Clearly, the distinction between sickness and sin is an important one, and quite real. A real distinction, in contrast to a logical distinction, is one that actually exists in the objective order, and is independent of the mind. So, for example, the distinction between a hand and a foot is a real distinction; it is not one made up by the mind simply so that it can better understand the world. Likewise, the distinction between sickness and sin is a real distinction. No sane person would confuse the conscious killing of an innocent human being, an obvious sin, with the circumstance of, say, being afflicted by muscular dystrophy. And yet in contemporary thought there is much blurring of the distinction between sickness and sin.

What is the critical criterion for establishing the distinction between sickness and sin? It is the fact that sin is always the result of conscious, willed action on the part of a human agent. Let us recall the basic conditions that have to be met in order for a sin to be a sin. (a) There must be a thought, word, or deed that is contrary to God’s law. (b) The person must know what he is about when he thinks a certain thought, says a certain word, or does a certain deed that is contrary to God’s law. (c) The person must freely will what he knows. All this can be summed up by saying that sin is something we are responsible for. Sin does not simply happen to us. We make it happen. If we sin, we have literally no one else but ourselves to blame for the sin. In contrast to this, it is

possible for us to become sick, perhaps seriously sick, through no fault of our own. By definition, one cannot sin and be morally innocent. But sickness, physical or mental, and complete moral innocence can go together, and often do.

But we must take note of a significant kind of overlapping that can take place between sickness and sin. Once again, we are always responsible for sin, and that is because sin is something done knowingly and willingly. (Conversely, if there is not sufficient knowledge and full consent of the will, there is no question of sin.) A sinner, in other words, is always at fault. This is obviously not the case with a person who is sick. We can become sick and not be in any way morally responsible for our sickness. It can indeed be something that simply happens to us.

But is this always the case? No, it is not. We all know that sometimes we can bring sickness upon ourselves, by the free actions that we perform. Furthermore, sometimes the free actions that we perform which result in sickness may be sinful actions. Think of the man who deliberately sets out to get drunk, succeeds, and as a result spends the whole following day in bed, quite sick and incapacitated. And as a result of his escapade, he misses two days of work. Or, more seriously, consider the man who habituates himself to grave sexual sin, and as a result he contracts a deadly disease. These men are not innocent. The sicknesses they suffer are sicknesses they brought upon themselves.

At times, then, we ourselves can be the cause of the sicknesses we suffer. There are instances where sickness does not just happen; we make it happen. Let us consider another circumstance. Would it ever be possible that a physical or mental sickness with which a person is afflicted, through no fault of his own, could be a cause of sin in that person? The answer is No. We remind ourselves of a basic truth, often stressed by St. Thomas: the human will is the cause of sin. There is nothing in the universe, not Satan himself, that can cause us to sin, and this includes sickness. Granted, mental or physical sickness can affect a person in such a way so as to make it more difficult for him to combat the temptations to sin. But in such a case, as St. Paul assures us, the grace of God will always be sufficient.

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Sickness and Sin

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We could imagine a situation where a person is so seriously ill, either mentally or physical, that the ability of that person to think clearly and to exercise his will with perfect freedom would be impaired. But in a situation of that sort, the person would not be morally responsible for his actions, for the two conditions that must be met in order for sin to be present—sufficient knowledge, full consent of the will—would not be met. But the important point here, worth repeating, is that no state of sickness, mental or physical, just as such, can cause us to sin.

We live in an age that does not at all like the idea of sin, but—to use its own language—is quite “comfortable” with the idea of sickness. The intellectual elite that shapes our culture studiously avoids explaining adverse human behavior in terms of sin. Indeed, it is considered to be bad taste even to mention the word. But we are more than willing to explain just about all adverse behavior in terms of sickness. No one is a sinner. Everyone is merely sick. And if there is not an immediately available sickness by which a certain kind of aberrant behavior can be designated, then one will be quickly invented.

Modern psychology must bear much of the blame for this whole mode of thinking. “Mental illness” has now become a very capacious category; “syndromes”

proliferate like bunny rabbits; and who can keep track of all the “addictions” and “disorders” by which the human race is now supposedly being victimized. The purpose behind the movement to remove “sin” from our vocabulary and replace it with “sickness” is as obvious as it is self-serving: to relieve human beings of the burden of responsibility for their actions. It is as if there is a dedicated effort to establish a perpetual game of passing the buck, to the accompaniment of a catchy ditty: “Everyone nicely is the same, no one really is to blame.”

Our concern here is with the importance of distinctions. There is, to be sure, a real distinction between mental health and mental sickness. Mental sickness, in other words, is not simply a fiction. But to attempt to reduce all adverse human behavior to mental illness blurs a real distinction and serves to diminish the reality of genuine mental sickness, and its seriousness. It also has the devastating effect of destroying human dignity, for that dignity rests squarely on the fact that we are truly free and are truly responsible for our actions. Take away the freedom and responsibility and the dignity is gone, and without the dignity men are reduced to the level of animals. Confession, repentance, and reparation are replaced by therapy.

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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 6:30 pm Rosary group	13	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

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

November 26 th Collection	
General, envelopes, loose cash	
On line donations	
St. Helen's fund	
Flowers	
Sunday Socials	
Individual gifts-Operations	
Votive candles	
Building fund/Capital camp.	
Total	

Thank you for your generosity!

Please pray for our new church!

October 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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