



WELCOME

St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church

Visitor's Guide



A Message from Our Pastor

Welcome to St. Joan of Arc Roman Catholic Church, a parish family that seeks holiness through the traditional forms of the Sacraments and Holy Mass. Our growing parish strives to console Our Lord through our own sanctification, and by the propagation of the faith to others who don't yet know the Good Lord. The parish is staffed by priests of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter (FSSP), by permission of the local bishop. This guide answers some of the many questions that are often asked by those new to the Traditional Latin Mass. I invite you to contact an usher or priest should you have any questions or concerns.

May God Bless you,
Fr. Andrew Rapoport, FSSP

Sacraments

How do I Register with the Parish?

In the wall display at the back of church, you will find Registration Forms which, once completed, can be placed into the black drop box in the credenza or handed to one of the ushers.

How Do I Arrange for a Baptism, Marriage, and other Sacramental Needs?

Sacraments can be arranged by contacting the church secretary, (contact@stjoanarc.com).

FAQ

What Do I need to Know Before Making My Confession?

As with all sacraments at St. Joan of Arc, Absolution is administered in Latin. The priest sits behind a screen while the penitent kneels. You will find pamphlets to assist you with an Examination of Conscience in the wall display in the foyer area. In the Confessional you will find an 'Act of Contrition' on the kneeler and the priest can also assist you in making your Confession.

How is Communion Received?

Communion is received on the tongue at the Communion rail while kneeling (if possible). There is no need to respond upon receiving the Host, as the priest will say "Amen". It is important that only Baptized Catholics, in the State of Grace (not aware of any grave sin not absolved by Confession), and have observed the Eucharistic fast, receive Holy Communion, as to receive otherwise is a sacrilege, and grave sin.

Is There a Dress Code?

Attire is one of many ways in which we show outwardly our profound respect for the King of Kings. Women should dress modestly, preferable in a knee-length dress or skirt. Tight fitting, low cut, sleeveless and revealing clothing, are not appropriate attire. It is traditional custom that women wear veils in the church. Men should wear a collared shirt and long pants, preferably with a tie and jacket while at Mass. T-shirts, shorts, and clothing with distracting logos are not appropriate clothing.

How do I Make an Appointment with a Priest?

To meet with a specific priest, contact the church secretary to arrange a meeting, (contact@stjoanarc.com).

At the entrance to the church you will find for your use, booklets with the Mass prayers in them.

The Mass is written in both English and Latin for you to follow along.

Also, in the entrance foyer are chapel veils for ladies to cover their heads if they wish.

Coffee and doughnuts are served after Sunday morning Masses in the parish hall. Please join us!

How can I Learn More about the FSSP?
More information on the Priestly Fraternity of Saint Peter can be found by visiting www.fssp.org.

Do you have any questions?

contact@stjoanarc.com

(208) 660-6036

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Thanks!