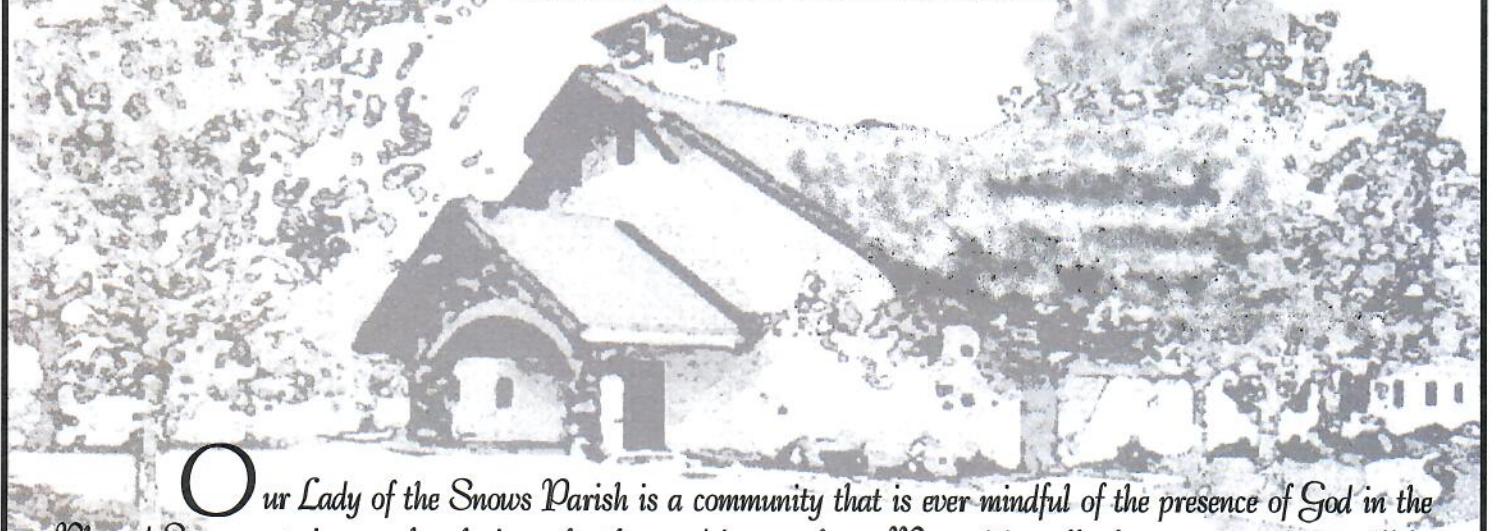


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PASTOR  
Rev. Fr. Joshua Sia

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## Third Sunday of Advent

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December 12, 2021



### Good News

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### OLS News

#### **Third Sunday of Advent (C) • Zep 3:14–18a; Phil 4:4–7; Lk 3:10–18**

This is the Sunday of joy, Gaudete Sunday. In the first reading, the people are told to “Shout for joy” because “the Lord is in your midst” (Zephaniah 3:14–15). The psalm response tells us to “cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and holy one of Israel” (see Isaiah 12). The second reading directs us to “rejoice in the Lord always” because “the Lord is near” (Philippians 4:4–5). In the Gospel, we see that “the people were filled with [messianic] expectation,” even wondering “whether John might be the Messiah” (Luke 3:15). All John could say was that “one mightier than I is coming” (3:16).

So today, what are we waiting for this Sunday and how is God present? We know that God is already present with us in many ways: in the Church and sacraments; in the lives of good people we know; in the depths of our hearts. And so, we rejoice. We also know that the story of salvation is unfinished. There are still so many evils from which we must be saved. When you think of them, what’s at the top of your list?

We are eager for God to come into our lives anew to comfort us and strengthen us. We know we cannot do it alone. Even as we wait for the day of salvation to dawn, we rejoice for we know that it came before and will come again. That’s why we sing “Joy to the World.”

--Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

**May the Mother of Jesus, and our Mother, always smile on you and obtain for you, from her Most Holy Son, every heavenly blessing.**

*I recently moved to a parish that includes a large Mexican community that’s known for their annual **posadas** event. What is that?*

Las posadas, a nine-day novena preparation for the celebration of Christmas, begins December 16 and ends Christmas Eve. *Posada* is Spanish for “inn.” The ceremony remembers Mary and Joseph’s trip to Bethlehem and their difficulty finding a place to stay.

Posadas are celebrated in many ways, but the traditional celebration involves a group of people, the “pilgrims,” going to several houses, knocking on the door, and asking for posada. The pilgrims sing the part of Joseph as he explains their situation and asks for a place to stay. The people inside sing back that they have no room and that the pilgrims should just move on. On the last night, the people in the last house recognize that Mary is the Queen of Heaven and that the child she carries is the Savior of the World. They invite the pilgrims inside and hold a prayer service that may include a Scripture reading or the rosary. The celebration ends with food and singing.

This tradition is more than a folksy reenactment of Joseph and Mary’s search for lodging—it’s a solemn dramatization by women and men who believe God searches with them, a touching ceremony that can help Christians today see the real needs of those who live without the security of a home, health insurance, or a steady job.

--Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSSR

**Pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for their release to praise the Lord. In return, these Souls will pray for us.**

#### **Mass Schedule:**

**Saturday 5 PM**

**Sunday 9:30 AM**

**Weekdays Tues. thru Fri. 8:30**

**Confessions: Saturdays 4 to 4:30 PM or by appointment**

#### **Mass Schedule for the Christmas Season:**

***Christmas Eve, December 24:***

5:00 pm Vigil Mass

***Christmas Day, December 25:***

9:30am Mass

***Solemnity of the Holy Family***

Dec. 25 - 5:00pm Vigil Mass

Dec. 26 - 9:30am Mass

No masses 12/27 - 12/31

***Solemnity of Mary Mother of God,*** (not a holy day of obligation)

Jan 1 - 9:30am Mass

***Solemnity of the Epiphany***

Jan 1 - 5:00 Vigil Mass

Jan 2 - 9:30am Mass

**Mama’s Angel Tree: Please take a gift suggestion from the Angel Tree in the Social Hall to help the little ones at Mama’s in Susanville. If you are donating sleepers, try to get a color that is unisex. Thank you for your support of this worthy cause!**

**Special Collection: On Dec. 18-19 there will be a Diocesan collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Envelopes are available in the Social Hall. Thank you!**

**Year-end Charitable Giving: If you are considering your “Required Minimum Distribution” (RMD) from a retirement account for 2021, please consider giving to Our Lady of the Snows Mortgage Retirement Fund. RMD brochures are in the Social Hall. Thank you for considering us.**

**Please take a moment and say a prayer for all our sick parishioners.**





*Pray for the Sick and Deceased  
Loved ones.  
Prayer is the best armor we have.  
It is the key which opens the  
heart of God. St. Padre Pio*

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### *Weekly Offerings*

December 5, Sunday	\$ 775.00
Mortgage Fund (pink envelope)	\$ 2,000.00
Maintenance	\$ 1,080.00
Mass Stipends	\$ 190.00
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### *This Weekend's Ministry Schedule*

	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>
Saturday	Toni Pleau	Pat Didier
Sunday	Kitty DeWitt Laura Hawkins	Jeffrey Janus

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### *Weekly Mass Intentions*

December 11	Saturday	5:30 pm	Fran Moale †
December 12	Sunday	9:30 am	Diana Pallari †
December 13	Monday		NO MASS
December 14	Tuesday	8:30 am	Mary Deveny †
December 15	Wednesday	8:30am	Mary Ellen Decker †
December 16	Thursday	8:30 am	Reuben Chavez †
December 17	Friday	8:30 am	Kitty DeWitt

### *OLS news continued—*

Do you have family members who need to prepare for First Communion or Confirmation? If you do, we will have registration open soon for a short 8-week course starting in January. Also, if you are interested in becoming a Catechist for our parish, please let Fr. Josh know!

**MORTGAGE RETIREMENT FUND:** You can place your contribution in the collection basket (Pink Envelopes are available in the Social Hall), or mail it to Our Lady of the Snows, 220 Clifford Dr., Lake Almanor, CA 96137. Be sure to write "Mortgage" on your check. Thank you for your help!

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