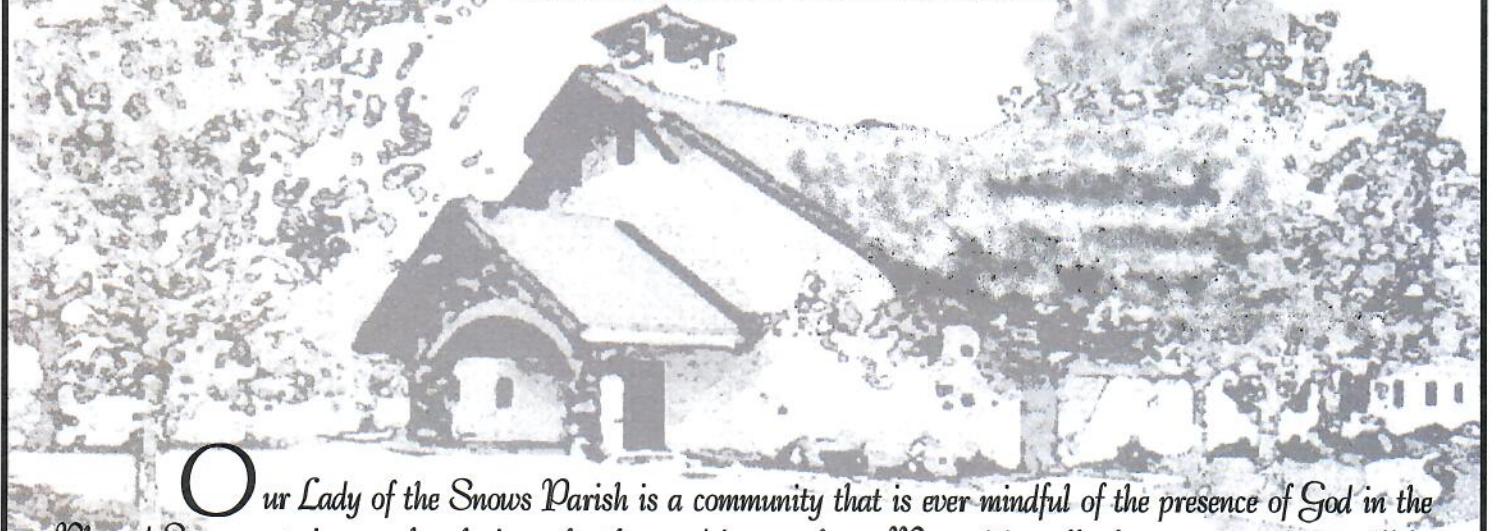


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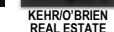
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Second Sunday of Lent

Year A Journey song 886

March 5, 2023

Good News

dear Padre

OLS News

Second Sunday of Lent (A) Genesis 12:1-4a / 2 Timothy 1:8b-10 / Matthew 17:1-19

Many people, perhaps most people, have had a religious experience of some sort, something akin to that of Peter, James, and John atop the mountain with Jesus. It may or may not have included hearing a voice. Most often it is a deep sense of God's presence beyond anything they have ever known, like a profound realization of what life is about or how it is laced through and through with God. It usually occurs as we are idle, not doing anything in particular, and often when we are younger, yet it is also something that changes our understanding of what life and God are about.

Most people do not talk about such experiences for any number of reasons, partly because there do not seem to be words to describe such a moment in a way anyone would understand, like trying to describe falling in love. Partly because if we tried, we fear others would think us strange. And partly because we can find ourselves wondering whether it was real or simply our imagination. Yet always we remember the moment and know it to be true.

One additional characteristic of such moments is that they tend to take us to a new place in life, as with Abram in the first reading. For him it was to pack up his life and move. More likely for us it is to a life of service, caring, and treasuring all of life now in a new way.

--FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

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

What is the value of lighting a candle in church?

Lighting candles is one of many customs that can be found in most of the world's religions. Lit candles, in church or at home, in front of a picture or statue of a favorite saint, serve a symbolic function.

The light of the candle represents our desire that our prayer may be constant, as St. Paul urged (1 Thessalonians 5:17). The candle burns while we go about our daily tasks, symbolizing our desire to be at prayer with God. Similarly, Tibetan Buddhists spin prayer wheels and believe that as long as the wheels spin, a prayer is offered.

Candles give light and banish the darkness. For Catholics they symbolize the light of Christ, by whose death and resurrection we are saved. Lighting a candle isn't a required act. You can pray without lighting candles, without statues, without anything but your faith in God. However, we Catholics love our symbols. We like to engage all of our senses in our prayer experience: beautiful churches, colored light, incense, great music and, yes, candles.

One extreme position to avoid is lighting a candle hoping it will cause something else to happen, like the sudden cure of a loved one or relief from financial ruin. We are to avoid all appearance of using candles as if they have an untapped, magical power. Nevertheless, lighting a candle as a part of our prayer is a comforting custom and most things (and people?) look lovelier by candlelight.

— Fr. Rick Potts, CSSR

Mass Schedule:

Saturday 5 PM

Sunday 9:30 AM

Weekdays Tues. thru Fri. 8:30 AM

Confessions: Sat. 4 to 4:30 PM or by appt.

The Second Collection this weekend is for our Maintenance Fund. Thank you for your generosity!

Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday during Lent at 5pm. Hope you can join us this Friday, March 10th at 5pm.

Soup after Stations: A Lenten meal of soup (meatless) and bread will be served following our 5pm Stations of the Cross. There is a sign-up sheet in the Social Hall if you would like to bring a pot of soup or some bread for one of our Lenten dinners.

Opportunities for Almsgiving During Lent:

(1) Next Weekend, Mar. 11-12, the second collection is for Helping Hands and the Westwood Resource Center. Thank you for helping those in need in our community.

(2) Donate to Catholic Relief Services by taking part in Rice Bowl almsgiving during Lent. Containers are available in the Social Hall. 25% of your donations remain in our diocese to help support anti-poverty services. Hand in Rice Bowls after Easter.

(3) It is not too late to donate to the Diocesan Annual Catholic Appeal, which helps those in need throughout our diocese and locally. Envelopes are available in the Social Hall.

To receive our bulletin by email, contact Steve DeWitt: cranmorti@gmail.com or call him at 530-258-4222.

Please take a moment and say a prayer for all of 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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- Lynn Weber
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Weekly Offerings

Sun. Feb. 26th

[See next week's bulletin]

This Weekend's Ministry Schedule

	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>
Saturday 5pm	Toni Pleau	Pat Didier
Sunday 9:30am	Julie Chavez	Larry Gibbs

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Lenten Regulations are available on the website for the Sacramento Diocese: www.scd.org/worship

Weekly Mass Intentions

March 4	Saturday	5:00 pm	Linda Porter
March 5	Sunday	9:30 am	Stella & Onofre Jr. Consolacion†
March 6	Monday	-----	NO MASS
March 7	Tuesday	8:30 am	Scott Oswald
March 8	Wednesday	8:30 am	Jessica Dowling
March 9	Thursday	8:30 am	Pat Martin
March 10	Friday	8:30 am	Alma Kopernik

OLS News continued--

Lenten Prayer: *God our Father, You formed man from the clay of the earth and breathed into him the Spirit of Life, but he turned from Your Face and sinned. In this time of repentance, we call out for Your mercy. Bring us back to You and to the life Your Son won for us by His death on the cross, for He lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen*

Reminder: If you are new to the parish and haven't registered to be part of the parish, please fill out the registration form for new parishioners. Forms are available on the table in the Social Hall. We would like to welcome all new parishioners to Our Lady of the Snows Parish.

Please remember if you are in need of spiritual guidance, special anointing, or just information—call the Rectory (530-259-3932) for an appointment. We are here to help and to lessen your burden.