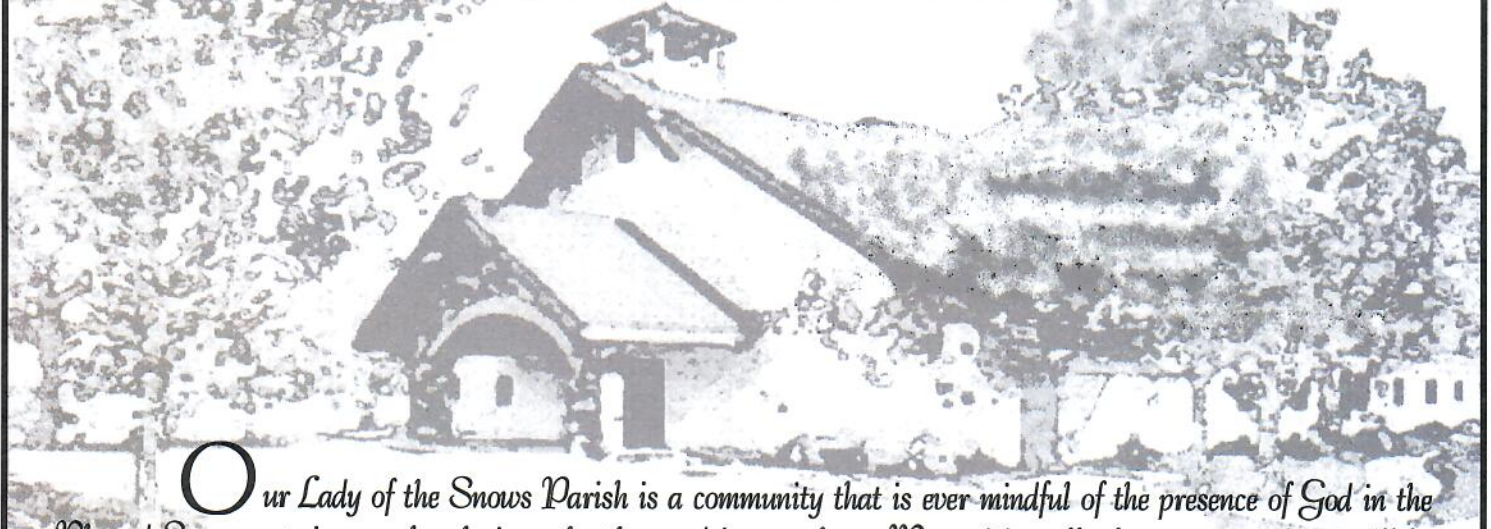


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Good News

dear Padre

OLS News

Fourth Sunday of Lent (A) 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a / Ephesians 5:8-14 / John 9:1-41 or John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

It is said we never become a believer before age thirty-five. I don't think there is anything magical about that age. Some in their seventies still have not yet come to be people of faith, and there are those who, at a very young age, seem to have entrusted their lives to God.

What the age of thirty-five does say, however, is that most people need to have lived a while and experienced a few ups and downs to recognize there is a power in their lives greater than themselves. This week's Gospel story of the man born blind encapsulates a lifelong journey of coming to see who Jesus is, compressed into a few days.

When asked who cured him of blindness, the man first says the man Jesus did it. Brought to testify before the Pharisees, he says that Jesus must be a prophet. Confronted by the Pharisees a second time, he testifies that Jesus must be of God. Finally, when he sees Jesus again, he calls him Lord, a name for God.

The story is a parable of sorts about how we come to have faith, to see with new and different eyes. Faith involves trusting, sometimes trusting an unseen Power who feels absent at times; about surrendering control over our lives to God, as we come to see in an entirely new way. It can take a lifetime to begin seeing in such a 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.

Why should I bother to be more religious? I'm a good person. Isn't that enough to get me into heaven?

When asked for advice about how people should decide on a vocation, St. Ignatius Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits, said they should do an imagination exercise. "Imagine that you are on your deathbed," he said. "From that point of view what would you wish you had done in your life?" That is still good advice.

Here's another exercise: Imagine you have a grandmother who is completely generous and caring toward you. Throughout your childhood, she was always there for you. But as a teen you belittled her and, in effect, told her that all she had offered is worthless to you. In a saner moment, won't you feel terrible about how you treated her?

Our life with God is much the same. God has given us absolutely everything, from our existence to every breath we take. God has also given us a way to know him through his Son, Jesus (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 73). And one way we know Jesus is through the Church and the celebration of the sacraments (CCC 1085). To refuse these gifts, to say, "I am already a good person. I don't need these gifts from God" is a bit presumptuous, don't you think?

To be "religious" is not just an outward show of piety. It's the way we have been given to learn God's language: the language of forgiveness, of faith, hope, and love.

--Bishop Bruce Lewandowski, CSSR

Sunday, March 19th, is the Feast of St. Joseph. St. Joseph, pray for us!

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.

This weekend, March 18th-19th, the 2nd collection is for The Catholic Relief Services (shared with the Church in Central and Eastern Europe). There are envelopes in the Social Hall. Thanks for your generosity during this season of Almsgiving.

There will be Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Friday during Lent at 4:30 pm, preceding Stations of the Cross (5 pm). This is a wonderful opportunity to spend time in the Presence of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist.

Soup after Stations: There will be a Lenten meal of soup (meatless) and bread following Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent. Hope you can join us. If you would like to bring a pot of soup and/or some bread for one of our Lenten meals, there is a sign-up sheet in the Social Hall.

Altar Society meets Tues. April 4th at 11 am in the Social Hall. This is our first meeting of the year. Hope you can attend! Please bring your lunch.

Our website, ourladyofsnowsparish.org, has links to many resources: inspiring articles and videos about living our faith, Lenten reflections, and news from the Vatican. In addition, on our website, you can click the "Donate Now" link to get started with online giving.

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

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*

- Joe Beuchat
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- Miguel Pena †
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- Abigail Krebs
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- Troy Buzzell †
- Alma Kopernik
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- Erin Kelly
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Weekly Offerings

[Offerings for March 5 and 12th
will be reported in next week's bulletin]

This Weekend's Ministry Schedule

	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>
Saturday 5pm	Sonja Burton	Pat Didier
Sunday 9:30am	Kitty DeWitt	Steve DeWitt

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Commemorative Bricks can be ordered for \$100. Forms available in Social Hall. Contact Steve DeWitt at 530-258-4222 or crannmorti@gmail.com for more information.

We need more volunteers to clean the church/Social Hall. A sign-up sheet is posted by the office in the Social Hall. Thank you in advance for your help!

Weekly Mass Intentions

March 18	Saturday	5:00 pm	Ronald Longacre †
March 19	Sunday	9:30 am	Robert Shadley †
March 20	Monday	-----	NO MASS
March 21	Tuesday	8:30 am	Faye Wilkinson
March 22	Wednesday	8:30 am	Sara Clifton
March 23	Thursday	8:30 am	Those named on our bricks
March 24	Friday	8:30 am	Russ Margiotta

OLS News continued--

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE Apr 2nd-Apr. 9th:

Sun. Apr. 2nd Palm Sunday Mass: 9:30 AM

Holy Thurs. April 6th Mass: 6:00 PM

Good Friday April 7th Services: 3:00 PM

Holy Sat. April 8th Easter Vigil: 8:00 PM

Easter Sunday April 9th Mass: 9:30 AM

Don't forget to pick up a Rice Bowl for your almsgiving during Lent--on the table in our Social Hall.

Prayer Box: Do you know someone who needs our prayers? There is a prayer box in the Social Hall. There are forms provided to name the person and the intention.

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.