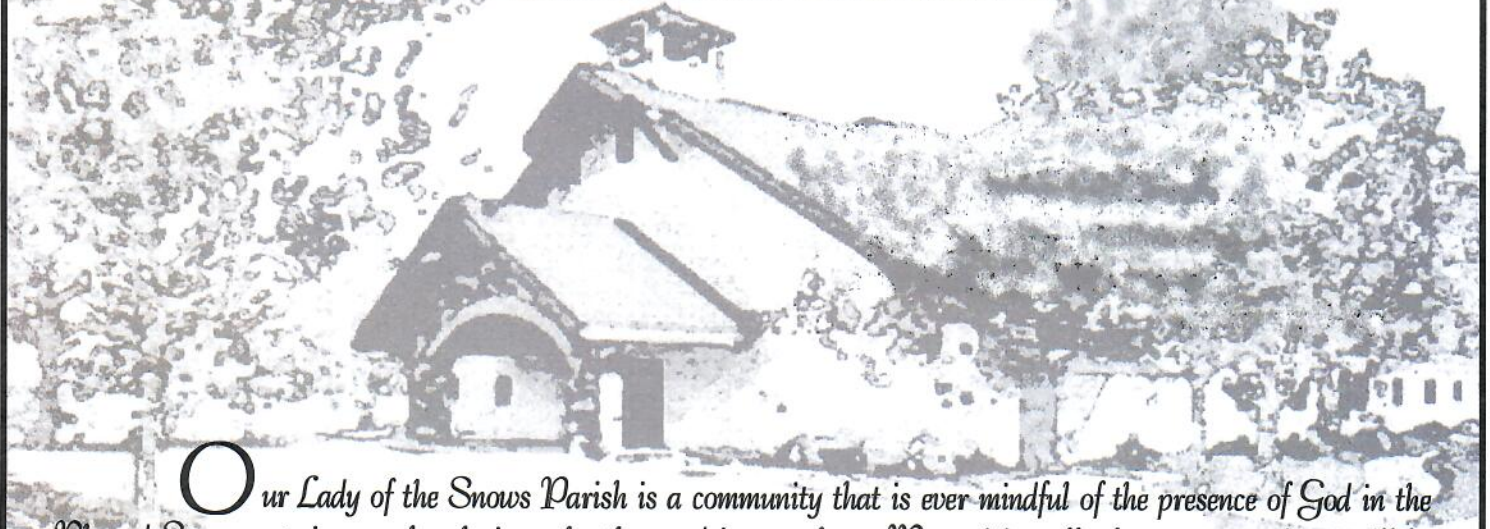


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3rd Sunday of Easter

Year A Journey Song 904

April 23, 2023



Good News

dear Padre

OLS News

Third Sunday of Easter (A) Acts 2:14, 22-28 / 1 Peter 1:17-21 / Luke 24:13-35

A multiple-choice question: Life is (a) purgatory, (b) a party, (c) drudgery, (d) a maze, (e) a trial. Many of us might be inclined to answer, "All of the above." Life takes us along many paths, through many fields, and down many blind alleys.

The Camino de Santiago is a hiking trail of about 500 miles that begins in France, makes its way through Spain, and ends at the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela, where tradition has it that the remains of St. James are buried. Many walk the journey to discover who they are and what their lives are about. Walking ten to fifteen miles a day with little to think about other than one's life tends to turn the hike into a pilgrimage that thousands have made over the centuries for just that purpose. The pilgrimage is arduous, often plagued with rain, blisters, shin splints, and a discovery of how to travel light. But then, such is all of life.

This week's Emmaus Gospel recounts a similar journey compressed into one day. Like life, it begins in confusion, is scattered with insights and revelations about what has just taken place and ends with the discovery that the Lord has been the one walking with them. Faith does not solve one's problems nor eliminate one's difficulties. It does help us understand life and find meaning in the midst of it all, and somehow it brings us to realize that we do not travel alone, making the journey worthwhile and blessed.

--FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

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

Our planet's condition is now a serious problem. Why is climate change hardly mentioned in homilies?

Many people view climate change as a political issue more than a religious one. As such, some homilists avoid controversial, politicized topics altogether; others are selective in preaching about them; still others tend to use the pulpit as a soapbox for a single political issue or a variety of them. Moreover, preachers themselves are not apolitical, nor are they all centrist in their ideologies. Like those in the pews, homilists have biases, too.

So how did climate change become so politicized? Despite decades of substantial evidence from many respected scientific experts, confusion exists about climate change because the issue's scope is massive and hard to digest, international cooperation is mandatory, and polar-opposite opinions of politicians and their followers are often intransigent. Nevertheless, Pope Francis convened an international conference in 2019 to look at how religions can help the world reach sustainable ecological goals by 2030 to, he said, repair "the damage we have done. No branch of science or form of wisdom should be overlooked, and this includes religions and the languages particular to them."

Thus, according to the Pope, "religious voices" play a crucial role in addressing the serious condition of our planet. Inasmuch as religion has a fundamental responsibility to offer people faith and hope in a better world—and homilies help believers find meaning and purpose—taking action and speaking out about humanity's well-being are becoming less optional.

— Fr. Byron Miller, 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.

There will be no morning masses from Tues. Apr. 24th through Fri. Apr. 28th. Father will be away on a retreat.

Next weekend: The 2nd Collection on Apr. 29-30 will be a special diocesan collection for Catholic Home Missions (shared with Black and Indian Missions).

Men's Group meets Wed. May 10th at 5pm in the Social Hall. All of the men of the parish are invited, whether you are part of our seasonal family or are full-time residents here. Dinner will be served.

Coming in May: Larry and Debbie Rives will present a 12-week Bible Study beginning on Wed., May 10th. Each session will be held from 10:00-11:30 AM in our Social Hall. Topic: The Bible and the Church Fathers, presented by Matthew Leonard of the St. Paul Center. Learn about the Church Fathers and how they shaped the way we read Scripture. There is no cost for the class. There is a workbook available for \$25. A sign-up sheet is located on the table in the Social Hall.

Women's Retreat coming to OLS Sat. June 3rd, led by Janice Carleton. Theme: "Hold Fast to Hope!" Mass at 8 am, followed by coffee and refreshments at 8:30 in the Social Hall. The retreat will be held from 9am to noon. RSVP to Janice at carleton-janice53@gmail.com or call 503-347-4079 for more information. All are welcome. Invite a friend and don't miss this special morning of music, inspired teaching and fellowship.

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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Weekly Offerings

Sunday, April 16th

[See next week's bulletin]

This Weekend's Ministry Schedule

	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>
Saturday 5:00pm	Sonja Burton	Nita Jimenez
Sunday 9:30 am	Jessica Dowling	Larry Gibbs

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Please note: From May through October, a second collection for Maintenance will be taken up at weekend masses. We appreciate your help with our year-round maintenance! Exceptions are the monthly 2nd collection for Helping Hands and Westwood Resource Center (2nd Sat./ Sun. of the month) and an occasional Diocesan Special Collection.

Weekly Mass Intentions

April 22	Saturday	5:00 pm	Ronald Longacre †
April 23	Sunday	9:30 am	Linda Porter
April 24	Monday	-----	NO MASS
April 25	Tuesday	-----	NO MASS
April 26	Wednesday	-----	NO MASS
April 27	Thursday	-----	NO MASS
April 28	Friday	-----	NO MASS

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ALTAR SOCIETY MEMORIAL WEEKEND BAKE SALE will be **Sat. May 27th** at Peninsula Market. You do not have to belong to the Altar Society to bake something for this event. A sign-up sheet is in the Social Hall. Thank you for your support!

Our website, ourladyofsnosparish.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.

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

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.