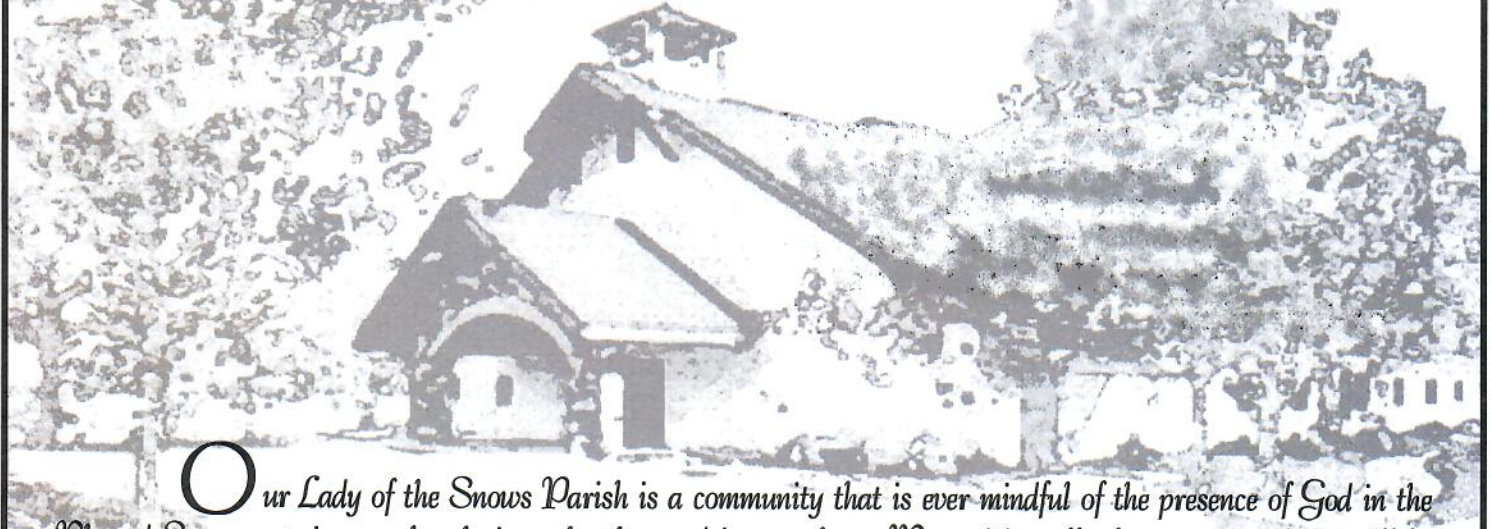


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MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday - 8:30 a.m.

Saturday - 5:00 p.m.

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Good News

dear Padre

OLS News

Fifth Sunday of Easter (A) Acts 6:1–7 / 1 Peter 2:4–9 / John 14:1–12

Some would say that the purpose of life is to save one's soul. And certainly we should try, with the grace of God, to live our lives in such a way that we avoid evil and do good in order to do our part in building God's kingdom on earth. At the same time, we must remember that it is God who saves us. We don't save ourselves. Eternal life and happiness are byproducts of loving others. If the focus of one's life is to be happy, one never achieves it. If one seeks to serve others, however, happiness seems to find us. So also eternal life.

Robert Frost's "The Death of a Hired Man" is a poem about Silas, an aging drifter farmhand, and Warren and Mary, a farming couple who give Silas a room whenever he comes around. Silas comes when he is needed the least and leaves when his presence would be most helpful, all of which frustrates Warren.

In the poem Silas has returned, and Mary thinks it will be his last time, that he is dying. She says to Warren that theirs is the only home Silas has. Warren simply shakes his head as if to gently mock the idea of home: "Home is the place where, when you have to go there, / They have to take you in." Mary says it differently, "I should have called it / Something you somehow haven't to deserve."

Is that not also the promise of Jesus? "In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?" (John 14:2). Something we somehow haven't to deserve.

---FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

I know a Catholic couple who wanted to celebrate their sacrament of matrimony at a Mass in a forest, but the bishop didn't allow it. Why not marry in God's creation?

A marriage between Catholics or between a Catholic and a baptized non-Catholic is usually celebrated in a parish church. It can be celebrated in another church or oratory with the bishop or pastor's permission. A marriage between a Catholic and an unbaptized person can be celebrated in a church or another suitable place, although a Catholic church remains the preferred place for the celebration.

Why is the parish church the preferred site for the celebration? For Catholics, matrimony is a sacrament—one of the seven sacred signs through which God communicates love to us. When Catholics ask God to bind their union as a sacrament, the couple's love for each other is a sign of God's love for both, and their union is also a continuous sign of Christ's love for the Church.

Thus, the church as a "house of God," which contains the presence of Christ, is revered as the most sacred place to make this most sacred commitment. Marriage, according to Pope Francis in a 2015 General Audience, "is not merely a ceremony in a church, with flowers, a dress, photographs.... Christian marriage is a sacrament that takes place in the Church, and which also makes the Church, by giving rise to a new family community....[Saint] Paul says that the love between spouses is an image of the love between Christ and His Church. An unimaginable dignity!"

--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.

The 2nd Collection this weekend for our Maintenance Fund. Thanks for your help.

Sunday May 7th is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for more vocations to the priesthood and the religious life.

Join us for coffee and goodies after Mass this Sunday, May 7th, in the Social Hall!

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.

Bible Study begins on Wed., May 10th. This is a 12-week course. Each session will be held on Wed. 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. The course is led by Larry and Debbie Rives. There is no cost for the class (an optional workbook is available for \$25). A sign-up sheet is located on the table in the Social Hall.

ALTAR SOCIETY MEMORIAL WEEK-END 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!

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

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 30th	\$ 960.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$ 305.00
Maintenance	\$ 130.00
Easter	\$ 150.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 70.00

This Weekend's Ministry Schedule

	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>
Saturday 5:00pm	Toni Pleau	Nita Jimenez
Sunday 9:30 am	Ray Pallari	Steve DeWitt

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Sunday mass is live on Facebook: <https://fb.me/ourladyofthesnowslakealmanor>. You can also find the link on our website, ourladyofsnowsparish.org

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

May 6	Saturday	5:00 pm	Pray for Vocations
May 7	Sunday	9:30 am	Rolando Escobar
May 8	Monday	-----	NO MASS
May 9	Tuesday	8:30 am	Pat Martin
May 10	Wednesday	8:30 am	Scott Oswald
May 11	Thursday	8:30 am	Janet Saitone
May 12	Friday	8:30 am	Special Intention

OLS News continued--

A half-day Women's Retreat will be held at OLS on 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 is from 9am to noon. RSVP to Janice at carletonjanice53@gmail.com or call 503-347-4079 for information. Pick up a flyer in the Social Hall!

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To our Summer/Seasonal Parishioners: You are members of our "parish family," year-round, even if you are only here part of the year. We would love having you join any and all of our activities and parish groups, as well as serving as lectors or Eucharistic ministers. We are blessed to have you in our 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.