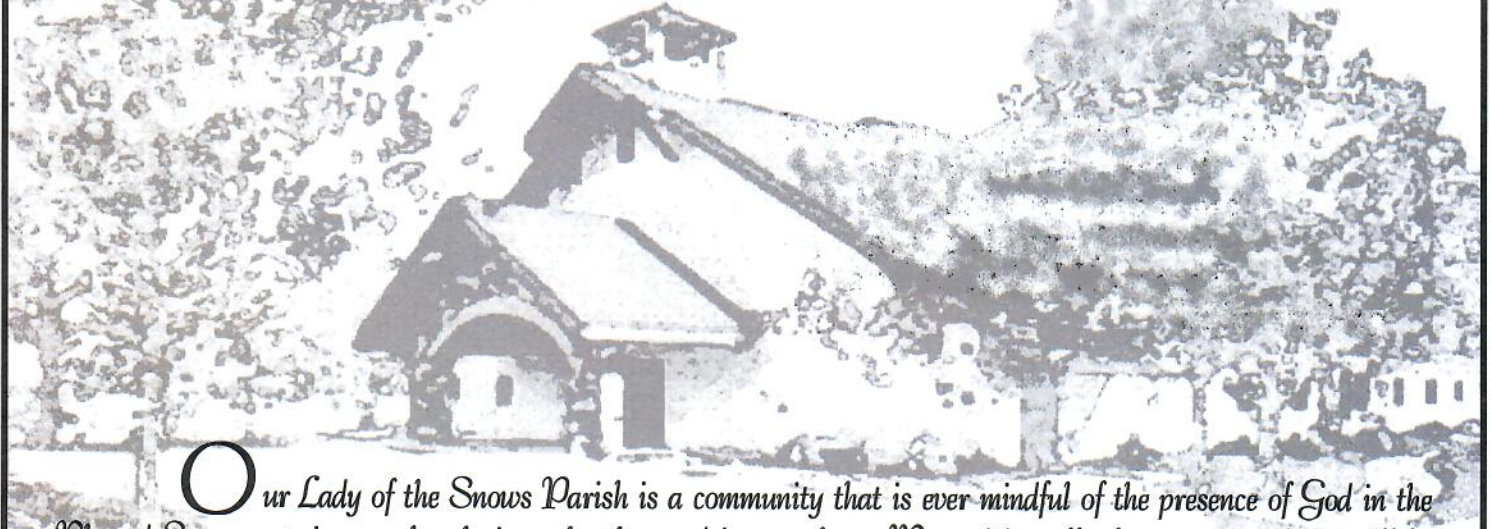


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MASS SCHEDULE

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

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Year A Journey song 961

June 25, 2023

Good News

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Jeremiah 20:10–13 / Romans 5:12–15 / Matthew 10:26–3

The Gospel of Matthew warns that the greater danger is not about those who may kill the body, but rather it is about those who can destroy both body and soul. Indeed, what if our soul dies long before our body dies? What then has become of our living?

Henry David Thoreau spent a year at Walden Pond in 1845. He did not go to escape life, he said, but to preserve it, to live it more fully. “I went to the woods because I wished to live deliberately, to front only the essential facts of life, and see if I could not learn what it had to teach, and not when I came to die, discover that I had not lived,” he wrote in Walden in 1854. “I did not wish to live what was not life, living is so dear, nor did I wish to practice resignation, unless it was quite necessary. I wanted to live deep and suck out all the marrow of life, to live so sturdily and Spartan-like as to put to rout all that was not life.”

To have a soul is not as if some other -worldly reality has been given a home in our body. Rather, to have a soul is to have a source of hope even in the face of failure, to love in imitation of Jesus even when we are not loved, to see goodness even when it is hidden, to trust in God even when we are powerless. It is the source of mystery, of all that is transcendent, the home of all that is holy.

--Father 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.

dear Padre

A friend of mine wants to be cremated. Does the Church permit it?

The Church permits cremation when extraordinary circumstances warrant it. There was never a direct canonical ban on cremation until 1886, simply because it was not widely practiced by the Christian Church; its members preferred inhumation—the traditional form of burial—in hopeful imitation of Christ, whose body was resurrected from the dead. The Church reacted to a proliferation of nineteenth-century cremation societies, primarily in Europe, with a decree that forbade Catholics from membership in these societies or from cremation (with obvious exceptions made in times of public crisis, plagues, wars, etc.).

The Church restated the ban as late as 1926 out of concern that these groups were anti-religious in promoting cremation as an argument against belief in the resurrection. The Vatican has allowed cremation as an acceptable alternative to burial since 1963, except in cases where irreligious motives are apparent (Canon 1176, No. 3). Nevertheless, “although cremation is now permitted by the Church, it does not enjoy the same value as burial of the body. The Church clearly prefers and urges that the body of the deceased be present for the funeral rites, since the presence of the human body better expresses the values which the Church affirms in those rites” (No. 413, Order of Christian Funerals, “Appendix 2, Cremation,” 1997). Moreover, while the Church permits cremation, the scattering of ashes is forbidden. They are to be reserved with reverence in a sacred place.

--Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR

OLS News

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 is for our Maintenance Fund.

Thanks to our Men's Group for a delicious Father's Day breakfast on June 18th!

Calling all Parishioners! We need your help. The OLS Men's Group is creating a float for the Fourth of July Parade this year. Can you join us on July 3rd to help decorate the float? Call for information: Steve DeWitt 530-258-4222 or Jeffrey Janus 301-514-6775 or Larry Gibbs 707-479-6661. Thank you for helping us!

Missionary Appeal: Father Jorge Ochoa from the Comboni Missionaries will be at our masses on July 1st and 2nd. Please welcome him! The Missionary Appeal takes place every summer in our diocese. There are envelopes in the Social Hall.

PARTY IN A BASKET Raffle: The Altar Society is selling tickets for the “Party in a Basket” to be raffled after 9:30 Mass on July 2nd. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5. Thank you for supporting the work of the Altar Society!

Parish Picnic! Join us on Sunday, August 6th, after the 9:30 am mass, on the patio! There is no charge.

Bible Study meets each Wed. from 10am to 11:30 am in the Social Hall. Our topic is “The Bible and the Church Fathers.” Join us!

Thanks to all who helped with Highway Clean-up on Sat. June 17th!

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

Pray for our Sick and Deceased Loved Ones

Liturgical Tidbits: “And with your Spirit!?”

In the past decade, I’m sure we all remember when the translation for some parts of the Mass was changed. One of the changes that we may still be getting used to is this: instead of saying “and also with you” we now respond with “and with your Spirit” when clergy invokes the Lord to be with us.

Why was the change necessary? To put it simply, it is because the old English translation was not an accurate translation. The original Latin response was “*Et cum spiritu tuo*,” which literally means “and with your spirit.” It is also more appropriate as when the clergy says “The Lord be with You,” he is not acting on his own behalf, but rather acting in the spirit of his ordination: Jesus Christ. As a people, we are addressing the spirit whom the clergy is acting on behalf of. We are also asking God’s spirit, more specifically, for help for the clergy to use the charismatic gifts given to him in ordination and in so doing, to fulfill his prophetic function in the Church. May the Lord continue to guide our clergy to be faithful.

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Weekly Offerings

Sunday June 11th & June 18	\$1,983.00 & \$ 1,572.00
Helping Hands/Westwood Resource	\$ 205.00
Maintenance for June 11th & 18th	\$ 2, 028.00
Mass Stipends	\$ 75.00

This Weekend’s Ministry Schedule

Eucharistic Ministers

Lectors

SAT. 5 PM

Cynthia Riggins

Sonja Burton

Toni Pleau

Pat Didier

SUN. 9:30 AM

Ray Pallari

Julie Chavez

Jessica Dowling

Larry Gibbs

Weekly Mass Intentions

June 24	Saturday	5:00 pm	John Longacre
June 25	Sunday	9:30 am	Ernie Escobar
June 26	Monday	-----	NO MASS
June 27	Tuesday	8:30 am	The Elijah Brown Family
June 28	Wednesday	8:30 am	Mike and Angie Angelis
June 29	Thursday	8:30 am	Larry and Debbie Rives
June 30	Friday	8:30 am	Donna Beuchat

OLS NEWS (continued)--

On Sat. August 12th, the OLS Men’s Group will serve a barbeque dinner after our 5pm Mass. There is no charge, but donations will be accepted. There is a sign-up sheet in the Social Hall so that we know how much food to prepare.

Special Collection July 8th and 9th: The 2nd Collection on that weekend will be a Special Diocesan Collection, for the Holy Father (Peter’s Pence). Envelopes are in the Social Hall. Thank you.

Have you ever wondered what the origins of the Eucharist are? Father Josh will teach a **6-week course** on the Biblical and Jewish roots of the Eucharist **beginning on Wed. Aug. 9th from 10am to 11:30am** in the Social Hall. All are welcome!

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.

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