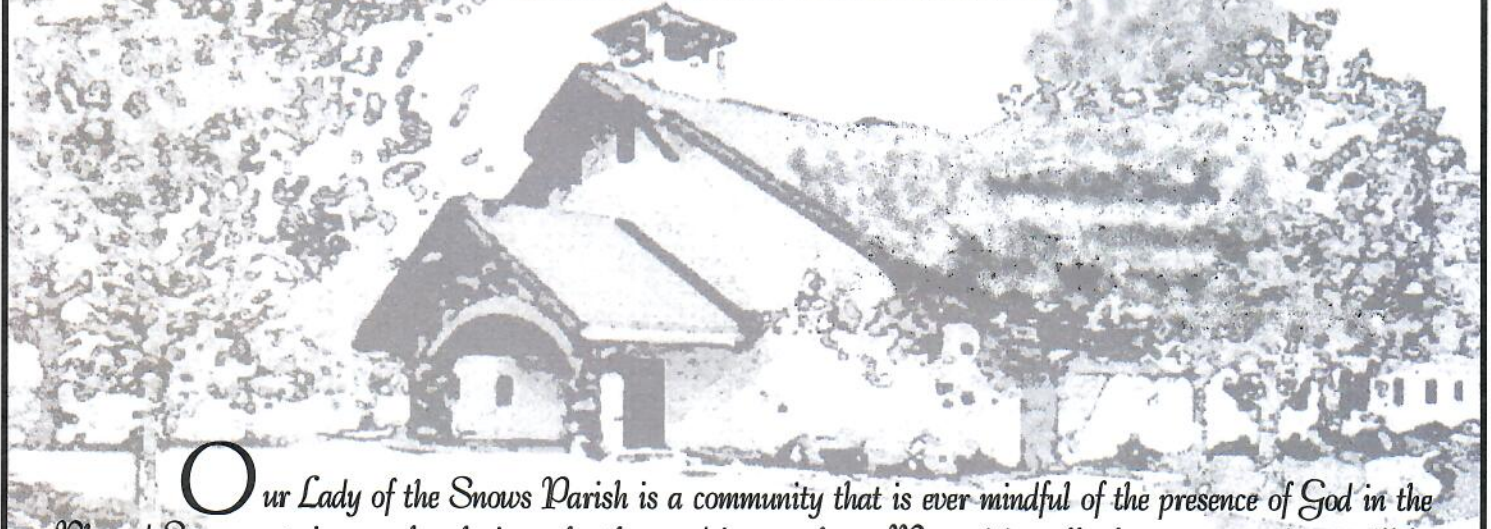


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OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS CATHOLIC PARISH

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Our Lady of the Snows Parish is a community that is ever mindful of the presence of God in the Blessed Sacrament, in our church, in each other and in ourselves. We envision all who enter our doors will be welcomed and valued for their gifts. We strive to respond to the needs of all -- to bring about joy and spiritual growth. We open our hearts to the poor and vulnerable. We promote peace and justice for all. We are committed to be active stewards of God's creation, to preserve the beauty of nature and our surroundings and be ever grateful for His bountiful blessings.

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MASS SCHEDULE

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

Saturday - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday - 9:30 a.m.

Confessions: Saturday 4:00 - 4:30 p.m.

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15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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July 16, 2023

Good News

dear Padre

OLS News

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
(A) Isaiah 55:10-11 / Romans 8:18-23 / Matthew 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

Our lives seem to be plagued by an abundance of words, all seeking to influence us. Television ads try to convince us to buy; teachers seek to pass on knowledge; parents cajole, discipline, and beg; society warns against drinking and driving, smoking and drugs; preachers hope to convert and change. They all do so with limited and varying success, and at times seeming failure. Too often there is the presumption that more words will achieve greater results.

In the face of such questionable success, the prophet Isaiah proclaims that God's word "shall not return to me empty, / but shall do what pleases me, / achieving the end for which I sent it" (Isaiah 55:11). Yet the Gospel also suggests that the seed of God's word sown in our lives may wither and be choked off and fail to take root, though also promising that what does produce fruit will surpass anything hoped for.

Because war is news and the media is obliged to report on it, it may appear that war is prominent worldwide. Not so. Statistically there is less war today than ever before, less violence, less conflict. We are more likely to die in our beds than at any other time in history. While there is yet much hunger in the world, there is less than at any other time. Nations are more inclined to try to negotiate peace. Great generosity abounds amid natural disasters, and while injustice prevails, we still fight to overcome it. All of it the fruitfulness of God's word.

Creation is groaning in labor pains, says St. Paul, and we also groan. Yet the groaning attests to the pains of growing fruitfulness.

--Father Joseph Juknialis

I have a friend who has been coming to church with me, and he often has questions I can't answer. The big one last week was, "Why don't Catholics have more Bible preaching instead of all this ceremony?" I try to explain, but I don't think I have the right words. Help!

Your friend's question is very common because our Catholic ceremony can be confusing to those of other faiths.

The Catholic Mass comes from two prayer traditions. First, there is the tradition of the Jewish synagogue service where people gather to read and study the word of God. Second, there is the tradition of the early Christians who met in their homes to celebrate the breaking of the bread.

The earliest Christians, Jewish converts, maintained their Sabbath tradition of reading and studying the word of God. They added to that the gift of the Eucharist that Jesus gave them. Our Mass puts these two together in the Liturgy of the Word (readings, preaching, prayers) and the Liturgy of the Eucharist (offering, eucharistic prayer, holy Communion).

The homily may not be as long as it is in some other Christian traditions, but the preaching should be solid, based on Scripture, and in line with the teaching of the Church. We are a Church of word and sacrament. We listen to the word of God and we celebrate the breaking of the bread.

--The Redemptorists

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

From May through Sept., there is a 2nd collection at masses for our Maintenance Fund (except for the 2nd Sun. of the month when the 2nd collection is for Helping Hands and Westwood Resource Center).

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

Men's Group meets Fri. July 21st at 5pm in the Social Hall. Dinner will be served!

Parish Picnic! Join us on Sunday, August 6th, after the 9:30 am Mass, on the patio! There is no charge. Please sign up on the sheet in the Social Hall so that we know how much food to prepare.

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

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. We are blessed to have you in our parish!

Consider using envelopes for your donations: There are extra boxes of envelopes on the shelf in the Social Hall. Choose any box that does not have a name on it. Thank you for supporting Our Lady of the Snows.

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

Pray for our Sick and Deceased Loved Ones

Liturgical Tidbits: Venial and Mortal Sin and the Forgiveness of Sins

One of the questions that is commonly asked within the sacrament of Reconciliation is the difference between venial and mortal sin. To put it simply, the main difference is the gravity of the action. The CCC distinguishes them both: “*Mortal sin* destroys charity in the heart of man by a grave violation of God’s law; it turns man away from God, who is his ultimate end and his beatitude, by preferring an inferior good to him. *Venial sin* allows charity to subsist, even though it offends and wounds it.” (1855) For a sin to be mortal, the Tradition teaches us that three conditions must be met: (1) It has to be of *grave matter*, which is specified by the Ten Commandments, (2) one must have *full knowledge* that what he is doing is a sin of great gravity, and (3) one must have *complete consent* when he is accepting this sin to himself.

We are not perfect and all of us sin and fall from the grace of God at times, which is why the sacraments of healing were established by our Lord. But did you know that *all venial sins* are forgiven at Mass? At the beginning of the celebration of the Eucharist, immediately after the greeting, the priest invites us to call to mind our sins as to prepare ourselves to celebrate the Mass worthily. The rite concludes with the priest’s absolution when he says: “May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life.” Through this absolution all venial sins are forgiven, which reaches its fullness when we receive the Eucharist. The absolution in the penitential rite, however, does not have the same efficacy as the direct and personal absolution that we receive from the sacrament of Reconciliation. Mortal sin, since it is a more direct violation of our relationship with God, needs a more direct confession and absolution of the sin. Either way, we are blessed that the Lord has given us the Eucharist and the sacrament of Reconciliation to be able to receive his forgiveness.

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Sunday July 2nd & July 9th	\$2,105.00 and \$ 2,095.00
Missionary Cooperative Appeal	\$ 4,611.00
Maintenance Fund 7/2 and 7/9	\$ 1,687.00
Peter’s Pence (2nd Collection July 8-9)	\$ 514.00
Stipends	\$ 80.00

This Weekend’s Ministry Schedule

Eucharistic Ministers

Cynthia Riggins

Lectors

SAT. 5 PM

Pat Didier

Nita Jimenez

Toni Pleau

SUN. 9:30 AM

Debbie Rives

Julie Chavez

Larry Gibbs

Ray Pallari

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

Sunday mass is live on Facebook: <https://fb.me/ourladyofthesnowslakealmanor>. You can also find the link on our website, ourladyofsnosparish.org. Check out all of the great information on our website, including a link for online giving (click on “Donate Now”).

If you would like to have a mass offered for anyone (living or deceased), there are Mass Intention envelopes in the Social Hall. Usual donation (stipend) is \$10. Just drop the envelope in any collection or in the slot on the door of the office.

Weekly Mass Intentions

July 15	Saturday	5:00 pm	John Longacre & Aleah Merille
July 16	Sunday	9:30 am	Janet Saitone
July 17	Monday	-----	NO MASS
July 18	Tuesday	8:30 am	All of the souls in Purgatory
July 19	Wednesday	8:30 am	Jessica Dowling
July 20	Thursday	8:30 am	Pat Martin
July 21	Friday	8:30 am	Ronald Longacre † and Larry Gene Miller †

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.

The Pastoral Council is compiling a history of our two former parishes. Our Lady of the Snows in Westwood and Christ the King Church in Chester. If you have photos or information, please contact Father Josh at 530-259-3932. If you know anyone whom we might interview about our parish history, please let us know!

Commemorative Bricks can be ordered for \$100. Forms are available in the Social Hall. Contact Steve DeWitt at 530-258-4222 or crannmorti@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 ease your burden.