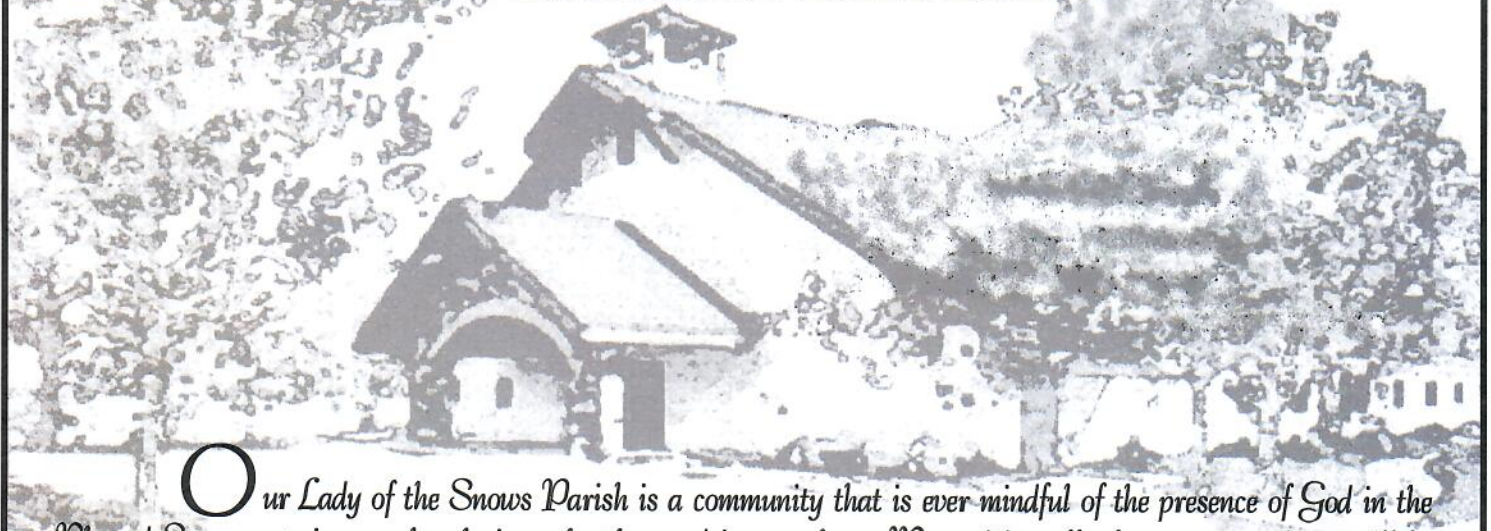


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MASS SCHEDULE

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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July 23, 2023

Good News

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
(A) Wisdom 12:13, 16–19 / Romans 8:26–27 / Matthew 13:24–43 or 13:24–30

We humans are a curious lot, a mixture of wheat and weeds, sin and grace, tolerance and intolerance. Uproot one and you might uproot the other as well. The one who is guarded and may seem superficial may also be the one who is fun to be with and makes us laugh. The one who is terribly impractical may also be the creative dreamer. The penny-pincher who finds it difficult to spend and enjoy life may also be the one who calms our own spending and encourages us to save.

The kingdom of heaven, says the parable, is about God, who allows the wheat and weeds to grow together; God, who recognizes in each of us both good and evil and seems able to love us that way. Some find it difficult to tolerate those who are still growing in the faith.

Over the years there have been different litmus tests to determine the truly faithful ones—usury and the lending of money for interest, being part of the military, nuclear arms use, the prohibition and use of alcohol, birth control, divorce. Consider the Inquisition, when heretics were burned at the stake. Being a believer does not mean any of us perfectly lives out the ideal. God seems more tolerant of us than we are of one another. We vessels who hold the treasure of faith grow at our own pace, each quite differently. It is God who does the ultimate sorting, willing to gather the wheat from our personal gardens and leave the weeds behind.

--Father Joseph Juknialis

dear Padre

Christians teach that Adam and Eve were the first man and woman and that they were created by God. How does the Catholic Church reconcile this belief with the theory of evolution?

Chapter 1 of Genesis contains the seven-day account of creation that we usually refer to when we reflect on the beginning of our world. The very next chapter contains a second account. The editors of the Bible were not distraught over the two differing accounts; they left them side by side because they weren't interested in giving either a historical or scientific explanation for the world's origin. Rather, they were emphasizing deeper truths, such as the goodness of the earth as created by a loving and caring God.

Scripture tells us that the Creator held human beings as especially precious. Cannot these same values be maintained if we believe creation (or evolution) took longer than seven twenty-four-hour days? Perhaps God actually spent seventy billion years bringing forth the world's beauty. Details and numbers don't change the message of Genesis: God is good; God created the cosmos, heaven and earth, "all things visible and invisible," as we profess in the Nicene Creed, and all of creation is good. Furthermore, scientific discoveries surrounding space, matter, and all forms of life "invite us to even greater admiration for the greatness of the Creator, prompting us to give him thanks for all his works and for the understanding and wisdom he gives to scholars and researchers" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 283). --Fr. Richard A. Boever, CSSR, PhD / DearPadre.org

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 second collection this weekend is for our Maintenance Fund. Thank you for your generosity.

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. We look forward to seeing you there!

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. Join us!

BBQ Dinner! 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. Hope you can be there!

Please consider volunteering to clean our church and Social Hall. You do not have to be a member of Altar Society or Men's Club. No special talent required! We need more volunteers. A sign-up sheet is posted next to the office door. Thank you in advance for your generous help!

Mark your calendars: Next Altar Society Meeting is Tues. Aug. 1st at 11am in the Social Hall. We are providing a taco lunch to celebrate all of our birthdays! Fill out a menu (in the Social Hall near office) and put it into the mail slot in the office door.

Please take a moment and 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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Weekly Offerings

Sunday July 16th	\$ 1,619.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 1,465.00
Brick	\$ 100.00
Mass Stipends	\$ 60.00
Online donations 5/15-7/15 (2 months)	\$ 3,145.00

--- This Weekend’s Ministry Schedule ---

Eucharistic Ministers

Lectors

SAT. 5 PM	Cynthia Riggins Sonja Burton Toni Pleau	Pat Didier
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SUN. 9:30 AM	Debbie Rives Julie Chavez Jessica Dowling	Larry Gibbs
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Sunday mass is live on Facebook: <https://fb.me/ourladyofthesnowslakealmanor>. You can also find the link on our website, ourladyofsnovsparish.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, there are Mass Intention envelopes in the Social Hall. The usual donation (stipend) is \$10. Just drop the envelope in any collection or in the slot on the office door.

Weekly Mass Intentions

July 22	Saturday	5:00 pm	Ronald Longacre and Larry Gene Miller † †
July 23	Sunday	9:30 am	Patty Hathaway
July 24	Monday	-----	NO MASS
July 25	Tuesday	8:30 am	The Cahill Family
July 26	Wednesday	8:30 am	Special Intention
July 27	Thursday	8:30 am	Helen Karch †
July 28	Friday	8:30 am	JoAnn Glendenning

OLS NEWS (continued)--

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 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.

From May through Sept., there is a 2nd collection at weekend 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). Thank you for your contributions!

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.