



Our Lady of the Snow Church

Traditional Roman Catholic

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Standard Sunday Schedule:

Confessions: 8:00; Choir: 8:15; Rosary 8:40

Holy Mass 9:00 AM and 6:00 PM

February 17, 2019: Septuagesima Sunday

IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY, PLEASE CONTACT THE RECTORY OR THE NUMBERS LISTED ON THIS BULLETIN.
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Please follow the dress code for our church: women and girls please wear dresses/skirts and head coverings (veils available at the back of the church) and men should wear dress slacks and ties to Mass. Please be sure all clothing meets Catholic standards of modesty.

Please Silence Your Cell Phone

Sun, Feb 17: Septuagesima Sunday <i>Flight into Egypt</i>	Mass: 900AM 600PM
Blessing of Religious Articles, Second Collection “Mother Cabrini” fundraiser breakfast by the Sisters	
Mon, Feb 18: Feria <i>St Simeon BM</i>	Mass: 1130AM
Tues, Feb 19: Feria <i>St Gabinus M</i>	Mass: 1130AM
Wed, Feb 20: Feria <i>St Eucherius B</i>	Mass: 1130AM
Thurs, Feb 21: Feria <i>St Severian BC</i>	Mass: 1130AM
Fri, Feb 22: St Peter’s Chair at Antioch <i>St Margaret of Cortona Pen</i>	Mass: 900AM
Sat, Feb 23: St Peter Damian BCD	<i>no Mass</i> <i>no class</i>
Sun, Feb 24: Sexagesima Sunday Blessing of Religious Articles, Second Collection	Mass: 900AM 600PM
If you have news for the bulletin, please email Agnes Anderson: jimandy41@outlook.com	

Welcome, visitors, to Our Lady of the Snow Catholic Church. Please feel free to ask the ushers any questions and to join us after Mass for our usual socializing. You are welcome to browse through any of our literature. Extra Missals are at the back of the church.

*****Remember, Holy Communion may only be received by Catholics who observe the traditional teachings of the Catholic Church, are in the state of sanctifying grace, and have completed a three hour fast.**

RIP Commended to your private prayers: Feb: Susie Martin, Phil Booth, Heidi Burczyk; Jan: Catherine Murphy; Dec: Mike Cure, Dorothy Klotz, Lynn Schindler, Jackie Obie

Parishioners and more in need of prayers: Feb: Andrew Forrester, Bonnie Freddi, Jim Anderson, Gerard Keaveney, Robert Sikes, Coralie Fox, Christian Binder, Holly & Nevaeh Hall; Jan: Katie Lee, Patricia Scott; Dec: Bishop Pivarunas

Announcements

- Our big event is the arrival of the new Radecki book. It’s a “must read” for all young Catholics especially! Vatican II Exposed by our Radecki twin- priests is available in our bookstore. This 850 page book tells in very concise language who, when, what, where & how the new Conciliar Church was formed. Though it focuses on the events of the last 150 years, it shows how these are necessarily linked to what occurred during the Protestant Reformation. It thoroughly explains the 1960’s council in the Vatican, session by session, and will inform its readers as to the hidden, cunning attempt to destroy the Catholic Church from within. A donation of \$35 is requested.
- Donations of good Catholic books to our library are very welcome, but **ALL material MUST BE APPROVED by Fr. Gregory**, stamped, and logged into the card catalog. Please place books and A/V you wish to donate in the basket on the library desk. **DO NOT** place on the shelves or on the returned-book cart. Thank you for your generosity! Also, please check the printout on the desk to see if you have any library books out, and return as soon as possible. Others may be waiting for just that book...
- **Mothers, Grand-s, God-s** ~ Confraternity of Christian Mothers will continue to pray a rosary after Sunday Mass every week, and hold a meeting on the *last* Sunday of each month.

Today's Gospel relates the parable of laborers hired at various hours of the day, beginning with those who "bore the burden of the day and the heats"; ending with those who "worked but one hour." All received an equal recompense from the Master, Who "will give to the last even as to the first". Jesus asks, "Is it not lawful for Me to do what I will?"

The author of the Imitation advises: *See thou dispute not the hidden judgments of God; why this man is left thus, and this other is raised to so great a grace. These things are above the reach of man, neither can any penetrate into the judgments of God. Consider instead that "Thou art just, O Lord, and Thy judgment is right."*



This week we observe the feast of a penitent-turned-Saint who, called "at the eleventh hour", heard from the lips of Jesus Himself the loving address of "Daughter."

Saint Margaret of Cortona, February 22 (shares the feastday with Saint Peter's Chair at Antioch!)

Margaret was born of farming parents in Laviano, Tuscany. When she was seven, her mother died and her father remarried. Margaret missed her mother and did not get along with her stepmother. Margaret ran. For nine years she lived with Arsenio, a young man of Montepulciano, and bore him a son. However, she always remembered a prayer learned from her mother: "O Lord Jesus, I beseech thee, grant salvation to all those for whom thou wouldst have me pray." Like Saint Augustine, she prayed for strength to break the bonds that held her - but not just yet.

One day she was waiting for Arsenio and was met instead by his dog. Sensing something amiss, Margaret followed the dog and discovered his murdered body in the forest. The crime shocked Margaret into a life of penance. After ridding herself of all her trinkets and jewelry she returned to her family with her son, wanting to live as a penitent, but her father and stepmother refused to take her in. The Franciscans to whom she appealed for help turned her away saying, "You are too young and too pretty". Two ladies took the sad pair into their home and later introduced Margaret to the good friar who became her confessor. After a rigorous general confession, she had the joy of hearing Jesus call her "Daughter". Margaret made a total commitment to Jesus, Who had already begun to give her glimpses of Himself in mystical prayer.



Margaret pursued a life of prayer and penance at Cortona. Although her fear of herself was never far away, she grew in confidence because she knew that Jesus' love and grace would not fail her. She established a hospital and founded a congregation of tertiary sisters. The poor and humble Margaret was, like St Francis, devoted to the Holy Eucharist and the Passion of Jesus. These devotions fueled her great charity and drew sinners to her for advice and inspiration.

Margaret died at the age of 50 in 1297, and was canonized in 1728.

Reflection

Seeking forgiveness is sometimes difficult work. It is made easier by meeting people who, without trivializing our sins, assure us that God rejoices over our repentance. Being forgiven lifts a weight and prompts us to acts of charity.

Thanks be to God for His goodness to me; thanks be to God now and in eternity!

Prayers for our Country ~

- To Jesus under the invocation of His **Holy Name**. In 1455, Pope Callistus III tasked the Franciscans with preaching a crusade invoking the Holy Name of Jesus against the enemies of Holy Church and Christian civilization. They recommended that their hearers have the monogram of **Jesus** placed over the gates of their cities and above the doors of their homes. Under this banner and reverent invocation, victory came at the decisive Battle of Belgrade in 1456.
- To Our Lady of Guadalupe, Madonna of the Americas, 1521.
- To Mary under the title of her Immaculate Conception, chosen as the Patroness of the United States in 1847.
- To the many saintly and sacrificing missionaries who consecrated our soil with their labors, tears, and blood.
- To the angel of our country. The Angel of Portugal identified himself as the Angel of Peace. Let us supplicate the angel of our own homeland to "defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil."

O God of earth and altar, bow down and hear our cry, our earthly rulers falter, our people drift and die;
The walls of gold entomb us, the swords of scorn divide; take not Thy thunder from us, but take away our pride.

From all that terror teaches, from lies of tongue and pen, from all the easy speeches that comfort cruel men,
From sale and profanation of honor and the sword, from sleep and from damnation, deliver us, good Lord!

Tie in a living tether the prince and priest and thrall, bind all our lives together, smite us, and save us all!
In ire and exultation aflame with faith, and free, lift up a living nation, a single sword to thee.