



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

December 8, 2019: Second Sunday of Advent

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, Dec 8: Second Sunday of Advent <i>St Macarius M</i>	Mass: 900AM 600PM
Mon, Dec 9: Immaculate Conception BVM <i>St Peter Fourier C</i>	Mass: 1130AM
Tues, Dec 10: Holy House of Loreto <i>St Melchides PM</i>	<i>no Mass</i>
Wed, Dec 11: Advent Feria <i>St Damasus PC</i>	<i>no Mass</i>
Thurs, Dec 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe	Mass: 630PM
Fri, Dec 13: St Lucy VM	<i>no Mass</i>
Sat, Dec 14: Advent Feria <i>St Nicarius BM</i>	<i>no Mass</i>
Sun, Dec 15: Third Sunday of Advent <i>St Paul of Latros C</i>	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: Dec: Pauline Urban; Nov: Dorothy Evans, Helen Ahern; Oct: Reno Cerise, Stephen Chenowith
Parishioners and more in need of prayers: Nov: Fr Ephrem Cordova CMRI, Jill Patterson; Oct: Greg Montoya, Loretta Sedlmeyer, Coralie Fox, George Sullivan, Ron Nats



Announcements

- **December 8** - the liturgical Feast of the Immaculate Conception is transferred this year in deference to the Sunday of Advent. The obligation to assist at Mass is not transferred, but remains fixed to December 8. In this instance, the Church allows the festal Mass to be said at the evening Mass, provided the main parochial Mass is that of the Sunday.
- **ST NICHOLAS** will visit the children after morning Mass today!
- **Catechism today**, to makeup for last week.
- **Ordinations to the Holy Priesthood** take place in Omaha this Thursday. Please keep our three candidates in your prayers as they spend these last few days in retreat and preparation for this great event.
- **Parish Guilds for 2020** Sign-up sheets are in the south foyer. Our church operates on volunteerism!
- **Next Sunday**, the second collection will be for Christmas flowers.

To Our Lady of Loreto

Here within your house, O Virgin Mary, I greet you with the words of the angel: "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee!"

Obtain for me the grace to repeat with you my own "fiat" to the Father's Will.

May peace pervade my sometimes restless and fearful spirit; may my family live in harmony; may love fill my life, and may it touch all who cross my path.

O Mary, may this joyful moment of serenity never end. Defend me in temptation. Be with me in every difficulty!

I rely on your motherly protection to arrive safely at the Father's House, where you reign as Queen forever. Amen.

St. Therese's account of her visit to the Basilica of Loreto:

"What shall I say about the Holy House? I was deeply moved to be under the very roof which had sheltered the Holy Family, to be looking at the walls on which Our Lord had gazed, and walking on the ground once moistened by St. Joseph's sweat, and to be where Mary had carried Jesus in her arms after carrying Him in her virginal womb. I saw the little room of the Annunciation, and I put my rosary in the dish used by the Child Jesus. I have very dear memories of it all.

"Our greatest happiness came when we received Jesus in His own house and became His living temple in the very spot glorified by His Divine Presence. It is the Roman custom that the Blessed Eucharist is received at only one altar in each church, and that the priest give Communion to the faithful only at that particular altar. At Loreto the altar is in the Basilica, which encloses the Holy House like a casket of white marble around a precious diamond. This arrangement did not suit us at all. We wanted to receive the Bread of Angels in the diamond itself, not in its casket.

"Papa, docile as usual, went with the rest of the pilgrims, but his less docile daughters went into the Holy House. A priest was getting ready to offer Mass there, so we told him what we wanted. He at once asked for two Hosts and placed them on the paten. You can imagine the indescribable, wonderful joy of that Communion.

"What will it be like when we enjoy a never-ending Communion in the mansion of the King of Heaven? Then our delight will be without end and without shadow. We shall not have to scratch fragments furtively from the walls made holy by the Divine Presence – as we did at Loreto – for His dwelling place will be our home throughout the ages. He lets us see His earthly home so that we may love poverty and the earthly life, but He conceals the palace where He dwells in glory. There we shall no longer see Him veiled under the appearance of an Infant or a host of Bread, but in the full light of His infinite splendor!"



The Holy House is a precious jewel encased in a magnificent setting. In 1469, Pope Paul II had a large Basilica with many chapels erected around the Holy House. On the order of Pope Julian II in 1511, the House of the Virgin inside the Basilica was encased in marble carved with personages and scenes from Holy Scripture.

When restoration work was being done on the floor of the Holy House during the pontificate of Benedict XIV in 1751, the architects and stonemasons confirmed this impressive fact: the walls of the Holy House were standing directly on the ground – without any foundation at all. And until today, it continues to stand without any foundation to sustain it.



Consider Mary's life under two aspects, one interior, the other external.

Under the interior aspect, the life of Mary was one of absolute compenetration with her divine Son. We should not say that Mother and Son were leading similar lives; no, rather they shared one *identical and same* life.

We cannot imagine a greater dependency than that of Jesus in the most pure womb of Mary. He was receiving all His life from her. He was dependent on her for everything. What a mystery: God depending on a creature!

Probe the profundity of this divine intimacy and first of all learn the lesson of *recollection*. Through this virtue Mary entirely concentrated on Jesus.

Learn *fervor* and *love*, for through these virtues Mary was living only for Jesus. What a perfect and powerful love would she not feel toward that God Who had enclosed Himself in her bosom! Hers was a life of untold joy, because all things divine are joyful, and the possession of God which Mary was enjoying equalled in fact the glory of the blessed in Heaven.

Finally, her life was one of *intense desire* which she would give vent to in prayer, doing violence to the Heart of God, that He would hasten the hour of His manifestation to the world. The Hour of Redemption! The thought transfixed the whole life of Mary in those days. How sweet to think that as a result of this sublime and fervent prayer, the Eternal Father anticipated the hour of the redemption of the world, and sent His Son to save us.

Exteriorly, how admirable is our Mother in every detail! In spite of her intense and divine interior life, she lets nothing appear outwardly. Her external demeanor showed a sweet calm, a lovable simplicity, an amiable serenity. No one at all suspects what is happening interiorly. How closely guarded is the Treasure of Mary! How jealously she keeps It from human eyes! Neither ambition, nor pride, nor self-love, nor craving for praise can move her a fraction to share her secret. She will never lend herself importance, never esteem herself superior to anyone, although she was superior to all. What practical humility, what precious simplicity! How often our scanty merits evaporate because we lay them open in front of all, unable to keep our secrets only for God. How often we endanger our merits because we imprudently expose them to the eyes of men, longing, more or less directly, for some word of praise, some appreciation.