



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 22, 2019: Fourth 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 22: Fourth Sunday of Advent	Mass: 900AM 600PM
<i>9am Pro Populo; 6pm Fischer intentions</i>	
Mon, Dec 23: St Frances Xavier Cabrini V <i>St Victoria VM</i>	Mass: 1130AM <i>RIP Holy Souls</i>
Tues, Dec 24: Vigil of the Nativity <i>St Delphinus B</i>	Mass: 1130AM <i>Robert Baldwin</i>
Wed, Dec 25: Nativity of Jesus Christ <i>St Anastasia M</i>	Mass: 1200AM 900 AM
<i>RIP William Hornung, Mothers' Confraternity</i>	
Thurs, Dec 26: St Stephen, Protomartyr	<i>no Mass</i> <i>Mr & Mrs Drahman</i>
Fri, Dec 27: St John ApEv	<i>no Mass</i> <i>Mr & Mrs Drahman</i>
Sat, Dec 28: Holy Innocents	<i>no Mass</i> <i>Reparation for Sins of Abortion</i>
Sun, Dec 29: Sunday within the Octave <i>St Thomas Becket BM</i>	Mass: 900AM 600PM
<i>9am Pro Populo; 6pm Reparation for Sins of Abortion</i>	
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.**

Announcements

- **Vigil of the Nativity** is a day of fast (for all ages 21-59) and complete abstinence from flesh meat (for all 7 years of age and older).
- **St Francis Xavier Cabrini** feast tomorrow. Please pray to our heavenly patroness for the teachers & students of our parochial school. Our school year resumes on January 3, 2020. (It's Sr Maria Franziska's feastday, too!)

- **Thank you!** Many thanks and blessings to those who pitched in, decorating the church and the grounds for Christmas. May the Divine Infant reward you!
- **January 1, Feast of the Circumcision** Masses will be at 9am and 6pm.
- **Christmas Indulgences!**
 - 1) The faithful who, in order to return thanks to God the Father for the benefits conferred upon mankind by the Incarnation of the Word, devoutly assist at Midnight Mass on the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord, may gain:
 - a: an indulgence of 10 years;
 - b: a plenary indulgence if the ordinary conditions are met.
 - 2) The faithful who devoutly take part in a public novena before the Feast of the nativity of Our Lord in honor of the divine Infant Jesus, may gain:
 - a: an indulgence of 10 years on any day;
 - b: a plenary indulgence under the usual conditions, if they assist at five, at least, of the exercises.

RIP Commended to your private prayers: Nov: Dorothy Evans, Helen Ahern; Oct: Reno Cerise, Stephen Chenoweth
Remember in your good prayers: Dec: Vern Slader; Nov: Fr Ephrem Cordova CMRI, Jill Patterson; Oct: Greg Montoya,
Loretta Sedlmeyer; Coralie Fox, George Sullivan, Ron Nats

*No room, only a manger of hay; no room, He is a stranger today.
No room, here in His world turned away - no room, no room.*

*No room, here in the hearts of mankind;
No room, no cheering welcome could find;
No room! surely the world is blind! No room!*

*Angels in heaven up yonder watch with amazement and wonder
to see the Son of the Highest treated so!*

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No room, here in His world turned away - no room, no room.*



There was no room in the inn.

Bethlehem did not rise up and thrust Him out of its precincts as Nazareth did later. He had to seek outside for such shelter as a stable could give, simply because there was no room for Him in the little place. It was crowded up with other things. Is my heart a Bethlehem?



**Closing hymn: O Come, Divine Messiah
Words on the Advent Prayer sheet**

Bethlehem was His own city. Yet there was no room. "He came unto His own, and His own received Him not." I am His own, and He comes to me. "Behold I stand at the door and knock." Do I rise and open to Him? Or do I say from behind the closed door, "There is no room"?

Some creature, some passion, some sin, perhaps, disputes my heart with Thee, Lord! There is no room.

Thou cravest a larger space in my life, in my day - a Communion at less distant intervals, a few minutes taken from pleasure or from trifles to visit Thy neglected tabernacle. But it would not be convenient, it would interfere with my arrangements. There is no room.

How long, O Lord, how long! Remember that whilst Thou waitest our consent, and wilt offer no violence to our free will, Thou art still God, and all power is given to Thee in heaven and on earth.

Make room for Thyself within my heart, O Lord! Say in the tone of authority of days gone by: "Take these things hence." "Take the stumbling-blocks out of My way." "The place is too straight for Me, make Me room to dwell in." And I will make answer: "My heart is ready, O God, my heart is ready."

First Fruit of the Christmas Cycle: Saint Stephen

Would you like to learn more about the first saint honored during the celebration of Our Lord's birth, the "Proto-Martyr" Saint Stephen? Read Acts, beginning halfway through Chapter 6. The saint was and spoke as one "full of grace and power", so that he was seized and brought before the Sanhedrin. Chapter 7 relates his breath-taking defense of the New Law, as those who listened "gazing upon him, saw his face as though it were the face of an angel" though he neither spared words nor soft-touched the truth as he concluded "Stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ear, you always oppose the Holy Spirit!"

The end of the chapter tells of his final moments; how he "looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God"; how, after he was rushed out of the city and as the stones rained down on him, "Stephen prayed and said, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit' ... 'Lord, do not lay this sin against them.' And with these words he fell asleep."

Grant us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, so to imitate what we revere, that we may learn to love even our enemies; for we celebrate the heavenly birthday of him who knew how to pray for his very persecutors to our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son. Amen.

