



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 16, 2020: Sexagesima 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 16: Sexagesima Sunday <i>St Onesimus BM</i>	Mass: 900AM 600PM <i>9am Pro Populo; 6pm R.I.P. Richard Schafer</i>
Mon, Feb 17: Feria <i>Flight into Egypt</i>	Mass: 1130AM <i>R.I.P. Tom Evans</i>
Tues, Feb 18: Feria <i>St Simeon BM</i>	Mass: 1130AM <i>R.I.P. Marita West</i>
Wed, Feb 19: Feria <i>St Gabinus M</i>	Mass: 1130AM <i>Mr Nolan</i>
Thurs, Feb 20: Feria <i>St Eucherius B</i>	<i>no Mass</i> <i>R.I.P. Jack Felthager</i>
Fri, Feb 21: Feria <i>St Severian BC</i>	<i>no Mass</i> <i>Gunlikson Family</i>
Sat, Feb 22: St Peter's Chair at Antioch <i>St Margaret of Cortona Pen</i>	<i>no Mass</i> <i>Henry Cowhick</i>
Sun, Feb 23: Quinquagesima Sunday <i>St Peter Damian BCD</i>	Mass: 900AM 600PM <i>9am Pro Populo; 6pm R.I.P. Richard Schafer</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.**

RIP Commended to your private prayers: Feb: Jack Felthager, Marjorie Solomon, Anthony Toler, Lillie Riney; Jan: Carol Balizet; Dec: Cas Visminas; Nov: Dorothy Evans, Helen Ahern

Remember in your good prayers: Feb: Tim Drahman, Moira Forrester, Jason Dobyons; Jan: Paula Devlin; Dec: Vern Slader; Coralee Fox, George Sullivan, Ron Nats

Announcements

- Third Sunday of the month - - - blessing of religious articles, second collection for the Missions today!
- A First Class relic of St Maria Teresa Goretti has recently been donated to our church. This 11 year old girl suffered a brutal martyrdom in defense of the virtue of chastity in 1902. (She was canonized in 1950.) Those who would like to, may reverence her relic after Mass today, on their own. She is a very welcome addition to our company of church patrons.
- Please keep in your prayers the repose of the soul of Jack Felthager, age 89, of Trinidad, CO. He passed away this past Thursday. He and his family have been faithful to the traditional Catholic Faith for a great many years. His funeral will be held this coming week in Trinidad.



Today's Gospel mentions four categories of people who receive the seed of the Divine Word in different ways. . .

The hard ground: souls that are frivolous, dissipated, open to all distractions, rumors, and curiosity; admitting all kinds of creatures and earthly affections. The Word of God hardly reaches their heart when the enemy, having free access, carries it off, thus preventing it from taking root.

The stony ground: superficial souls with only a shallow layer of good earth, which will be rapidly blown away, along with the good seed, by the winds of passion. These souls easily grow enthusiastic, but do not

persevere, and "in time of temptation fall away." They are unstable, because they have not the courage to embrace renunciation and make the sacrifices which are necessary if one wishes to remain faithful to the word of God and to put it into practice in all circumstances. Their fervor is a straw fire which sputters and dies in the face of the slightest difficulty.

The ground covered with thorns: souls that are preoccupied with worldly things, pleasures, material interests and affairs. The seed takes root, but the thorns soon choke it by depriving it of air and light. Excessive solicitude for temporal things eventually stifles the needs of the spirit.

Lastly, *the good ground* is compared by Jesus to those "who, with a good and upright heart, hearing the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit in patience." The good and upright heart is the one which always gives first place to God, which seeks before everything else the kingdom of God and His justice. The seed of the Divine Word will bear abundant fruit in proportion to the good dispositions it finds in us: recollection, a serious and profound interior life, detachment, sincere seeking for the things of God above and beyond all earthly things, and finally, perseverance, without which the Word of God cannot bear its fruit in us.

O Jesus, Who endured with invincible patience Your most sorrowful Passion and death, give me the patience I need to keep up the struggle against my passions and my self-love, patience to embrace with perseverance all the sacrifices required by total detachment, to renounce pleasures, to do what is repugnant to me, that hurts me, that crosses me and is displeasing to my self-love. O Jesus, divine Sufferer, give me Your patience; make me like Yourself, humble and patient.

Lessons from **the Flight into Egypt** have been repeated generation after generation.

* The story illustrates the perfect obedience of the three; of the Child to His earthly guardians, though Himself so very far above them; of Mary to Joseph, her superior; of Joseph to the will of God, though worldly prudence, justice, wisdom, everything seemed to proclaim against it. Indeed this model has stirred many a follower; when an order has been sudden, or seemingly needless, or subversive of all that has gone before, and yet it has clearly been the place of duty to obey, how often has the example of these Holy Three enabled and ennobled the saint to do his part!

* Watch the wonderful hand of God fulfilling type and prophecy by the hands of those who would gladly have frustrated both, sending His Son into exile in Egypt. When all is said and done, how strangely and beautifully will the history of mankind be found to be linked up in events like this, with ever greater glory given to God. The hand of God is never lifted from the guiding rein. Man thinks he does his own will, and in his own limited sphere he is right; but there is a sphere greater than his own, and a Will that is also done, with which the will of man cannot compare.

* And there is the fact that God's ways are so different from ours. He might have struck down Herod then as He did later; He might have given the Holy Family a longer warning than a few minutes; He might have hidden them in some more convenient place than Egypt, but He did not. He might have relieved their anxiety, consulted their condition, helped them in a thousand ways; but He did not. No, He has preferred that His own should not be the most comfortable, the most prosperous, the most considered people in this world; to these He has said, and is forever saying: "Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is exceeding great in heaven."

*The Lord is my Shepherd - I shall not want.
Tho' we should walk in the midst of the valley of the shadow of death
we shall fear no evil, for HE is with us.*



Heart of Jesus, I adore Thee.
Heart of Mary, I implore thee.
Heart of Joseph, pure and just -
In these Hearts I place my trust!

Great Saint Joseph, son of David,
Foster-father of our Lord,
Spouse of Mary, ever virgin,
Keeping o'er them watch and ward:
In the stable thou didst guard them
With a father's loving care;
Thou by God's command didst save them
From the cruel Herod's snare.

Three long days, in grief, in anguish,
With that Mother sweet and mild,
Mary Virgin, didst thou wander,
Seeking her beloved Child.
In the temple thou didst find Him:
Oh, what joy then filled thy heart!
In thy sorrows, in thy gladness,
Grant us, Joseph, to have part.

Clasped in Jesus' arms and Mary's,
When death gently came at last,
Thy pure spirit, sweetly sighing,
From its earthly dwelling passed.
Dear Saint Joseph, by that passing
May our death be like to thine,
And with Jesus, Mary, Joseph,
May our souls forever shine.