



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 23, 2020: Quinquagesima Sunday

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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 23: Quinquagesima Sunday <i>St Peter Damian BCD</i> <i>9am Pro Populo; 6pm R.I.P. Richard Schafer</i>	Mass: 900AM 600PM
Mon, Feb 24: Feria <i>St Ethelbert K</i>	Mass: 1130AM <i>R.I.P. Meyer relatives</i>
Tues, Feb 25: St Matthias Ap <i>St Tarasius BC</i>	Mass: 1130AM <i>R.I.P. Meyer relatives</i>
Wed, Feb 26: Ash Wednesday Ashes and Mass <i>R.I.P. Klara Fintova</i> Stations of the Cross Stations, Ashes, and Mass <i>Pro Populo:</i>	1130AM 230PM 600PM
Thurs, Feb 27: Lenten Feria <i>St Nestor BM</i>	Mass: 1130AM <i>Jen Gunlikson</i>
Fri, Feb 28: St Gabriel Sorrowful Virgin C <i>St Severian BC, Chevez Armenduriz Family</i> Stations, Holy Communion: 630PM	Mass: 1130AM Stations: 230 PM
Sat, Feb 29: Lenten Feria <i>St Oswald BC</i>	Mass: 900AM <i>Marilyn Soisson</i>
Sun, Mar 1: 1 st Sunday of Lent <i>St David of Wales BC</i> <i>9am Pro Populo; 6pm R.I.P. Louise Ann Ross</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: Feb: Jack Felthager, Margie Solomon, Anthony Toler, Lillie Riney; Jan: Carol Balizet; Dec: Cas Visminas

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

Announcements

Ash Wednesday is a day of complete abstinence. This means that no meat is allowed to Catholics, age 7 and over, for the entire day.

Each day of Lent (except Sundays) is a Day of Fast for all Catholics, aged 21- 59, unless legitimately excused. This means that two smaller meals together cannot amount to what one usually has at the main meal. Eating (including protein drinks) between meals is not allowed; meat is allowed (if at all) at the main meal only.

- **Saturday, March 7: Lenten Retreat** conducted by Fr Benedict Hughes, CMRI from St Joseph's Minor Seminary in Idaho. Father will be especially useful for confessions and counseling as he is fluent in both English and Spanish.
- **Vocation Weekend** March 20-22 at St Michael's Convent in Spokane WA for young ladies who think they may be called by God to be His Spouse in the CMRI Sisterhood.



Let us rouse ourselves and prepare for spiritual combat. We are entering upon a long campaign: forty days of battle, of penance. We shall not turn cowards, if our souls can but be impressed with the conviction that the battle and the penance must be gone through.

Both of our enemies: internal (our passions) and external (the devils) were brought on us by pride, kicked into action when man refused to obey his God. God forgave him his sin, but He punished him. The punishment: “Dust thou art, and into dust thou shalt return.” Oh, that we remembered this! The recollection of what we are and what we are to be, would have checked that haughty rebellion which has so often led us to break the law of God. And if, for the time to come, we would persevere in loyalty to Him, we must humble

ourselves and accept the sentence. Our life may be long or short; but to the tomb it must lead us. Remembering this, we shall see all things in their true light. We shall love that God, Who has deigned to set His Heart on us, notwithstanding our being creatures of death: we shall hate, with deepest contrition, the insolence and ingratitude, wherewith we have spent so many days sinning against our Heavenly Father: and we shall be not only willing, but eager, to go through these days of penance which He so mercifully gives us for making reparation to His offended justice.

This earnest acknowledgment of being but dust and ashes is an act of humility, and humility ever gives us confidence in God, Who resists the proud and pardons the humble. When the priest puts the holy emblem of penance upon you, accept it in a spirit of submission. Humble yourself, and remember that it was pride that brought the punishment of death upon us: man wished to be as a god, and preferred his own will to that of his Sovereign Master. Reflect, too, on that long list of sins which you have added to the sin of your first parents, and adore the mercy of your God, Who asks only one death for all your transgressions.

“When you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites.” The Christian who understands what a dangerous thing it is to be a debtor to Divine justice welcomes the season of Lent with joy; it consoles him. He knows that if he be faithful in observing what the Church prescribes, his debt will be less heavy upon him. These penances, these *satisfactions*, united with those of our Savior Himself and offered to God, will purify our souls and make them worthy to partake in the grand Easter joy. Let us not, then, be *sad* because we are to *fast*; let us be *sad* only because we have sinned and made fasting a necessity. Our Redeemer gives us a second counsel: that of joining almsdeeds with our fasting. He bids us to *lay up treasures in Heaven*. For this we need intercessors; let us seek them amidst the poor.

During the services of Lent we read so often the words: “Humble your heads before the Lord,” and “let us bend our knees,” because it is the time when we should humble ourselves before God and bend our knees in prayers. After the words, “Let us bend our knees,” comes the word, “Arise.” We bend our knees and prostrate ourselves to the earth in prayer, to show the weakness of our bodies, which are made of earth; to show the weakness of our minds and imagination, which we cannot control; to show our shame for sin, for we cannot lift our eyes to heaven; to follow the example of our Lord, who came down from heaven and prostrated himself on the ground in the garden when in prayer; to show that we were driven from Paradise and that we are prone towards earthly things.

O Lord and Master of my life, take from me the spirit of sloth, despondency, lust of power, and idle talk; but grant rather the spirit of chastity, humility, patience, and love to Thy servant. Yea, O Lord and King, grant me to see my own transgressions, and not to judge my brother; for blessed art Thou unto the ages of ages.

Be Thou my vision,
O Lord of my heart;
Naught is all else to me,
save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought,
by day and by night;
Waking or sleeping
Thy Presence my Light.

Be Thou my battle-shield,
Sword for the fight.
Be Thou my dignity,
Thou my delight,
Thou my soul's Shelter,
Thou my High Tower,
Raise Thou me heavenward,
Power of my power.

Be Thou my wisdom,
Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee,
Thou with me, Lord.
Thou my great Father,
I Thy dear Son;
Thou in me dwelling,
I with Thee one.

Riches I need not,
nor man's empty praise;
Thou my inheritance,
now and always!
Thou and Thou only
first in my heart:
High King of Heaven,
my treasure Thou art.

Heart of my own heart,
whatever befall –
Still be my vision,
O Ruler of all!
Be Thou my vision,
O Lord of my heart;
Naught is all else to me,
save that Thou art.