



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

April 19, 2020: Low 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, Apr 19: Low Sunday <i>Holy Communion on the half-hour: 8AM – 11AM</i> <i>St Elphege BM</i>	no Public Mass 530-7PM
Mon, Apr 20: Feria <i>St Agnes of Montepulciano V</i>	Private Mass <i>R.I.P. Mer Borcharding</i>
Tues, Apr 21: St Anselm BCD	Private Mass <i>R.I.P. Leo Evans</i>
Wed, Apr 22: Ss Soter & Caius PpMm	Private Mass <i>R.I.P. Neal Evans</i>
Thurs, Apr 23: St George M	Private Mass <i>Ernestine Simpson</i>
Fri, Apr 24: St Fidelis of Sigmaringen M	no Mass <i>R.I.P. Thomas A Drahman</i>
Sat, Apr 25: St Mark Evangelist <i>Greater Litanies</i>	no Mass <i>R.I.P. Soul least prayed for</i>
Sun, Apr 26: 2 nd Sunday after Easter <i>OL Good Counsel, Ss Cletus & Marcellinus PpMm</i>	no Public Mass 530-7PM
If you have prayer requests or 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: Apr: Mer Borcharding, Josh Etzenhauser, John Mercure, Joseph Bittner; Mar: Thomas Drahman, Doris Rice; Feb: Jack Felthager, Margie Solomon, Anthony Toler, Lillie Riney, Norman Bailey

Remember in your good prayers: Apr: Patti Melvin, Nicole Drahman; Mar: Kathy Morrison, Sarah & Anastasia King, Diane Sloop, Joan Smith; Coralee Fox, George Sullivan, Ron Nats

Announcements

Mission Sunday: today is the third Sunday of the month

Blessing of Religious Articles that are brought in today ~

Easter Water from this year's ceremony is available in the main holy water receptacle in the vestibule.

THANK YOU for all who contributed lilies to the church. We have almost a full complement of Easter flowers to beautify our Holy Mass this year, although some main suppliers and nurseries were not open.

Upcoming events: flyers are available in the vestibule:

July 26- 31: Camp Saint Joseph (boys) in northern Idaho

August 11- 16: Ladies' Retreat in Spokane

*(earlier) That self-same night (Easter), while out of fear
the doors were shut, their Lord most dear
to His Apostles did appear. Alleluia!*

But Thomas, when of this he heard,
was doubtful of his brethren's word;
wherefore again there comes the Lord.
Alleluia!

"Thomas, behold my side," saith He;
"My hands, My feet, My body see,
and doubt not, but believe in Me."
Alleluia!

When Thomas saw that wounded side,
the truth no longer he denied;
"Thou art my Lord and God!" he cried.
Alleluia!

Oh, blest are they who have not seen
their Lord and yet believe in Him!
Eternal life awaiteth them.
Alleluia!



Today's Gospel has the particular value of strengthening us in our faith.

Thomas' doubt confirms us in the faith, for as St Gregory says, "his disbelief was more useful to us than the faith of the other Apostles" if he had not "put his finger in the wounds of the nails, nor his hand into the side" of Our Lord. Jesus had pity on the tottering faith of the Apostle, and on ours, too; and He allowed him not only to see Him, as He had allowed the others, but also to touch Him, thereby permitting Thomas, the incredulous, to do what He had not permitted Mary Magdalen, the most faithful one. From this incident we derive a better understanding of God's ways. Whereas He gives sensible consolations and more or less palpable signs of His presence to souls who are still wavering in the faith, He often leads by very obscure paths those who have irrevocably given themselves to Him, and on whose faith He can count. God is a Father. He never denies to any soul who seeks Him with sincerity the necessary props to support its faith, but He often refuses to the strong what He grants to the weak. Is this not Jesus' own teaching: "Blessed are they that have not seen, and have believed"? Blessed are they who, in order to believe in God, do not need to see Him or to touch Him, and do not require sensible signs, but who can unreservedly affirm: "I know whom I have believed" and I am sure of Him. Faith such as this is more meritorious for us because, being founded solely on the word of God, it is entirely supernatural. It shows greater honor to God, because it gives Him full credence, without demanding any proof, and because it perseveres even in obscurity and in the midst of the most disconcerting events - even when it seems that heaven is closed and the Lord is deaf to our groanings.

Such a strong faith as this is certainly the fruit of divine grace, but we must prepare ourselves to receive it, both by asking for it in prayer, and by exercising ourselves in this same faith.

Father Lasance on safeguarding the Virtue of Faith:

Guard against the dangers which may threaten your faith. Let me point out these dangers to you:

* In the first place, doubts of the faith. If such doubts occur to you, do not dwell upon them, do not strive to solve them, but in all simplicity and humility say: "O my God, I believe this, because Thou hast said it, and because Thou art eternal Truth." If doubts which you cannot answer are brought before you by others, simply say: "I cannot explain this, but one thing I know: God and His holy Church can never err. You had better consult a priest; he will be able to answer you." And if you should yourself be troubled with doubts of the faith, tell them simply and frankly to your confessor, and he will advise you as to the best method of setting them at rest.

* Secondly, avoid, as far as possible, the society of those who deny the truths of religion and scoff at faith, the sacraments, and so on. If they are your equals and among the number of your acquaintances to whom you can speak plainly, cut them short with some such words as these:

*Queen of Heaven, rejoice: Alleluia.
For He Whom thou didst merit to bear:
Alleluia.
Hath risen as He said: Alleluia.
Pray for us to God: Alleluia.
Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary,
alleluia:
For the Lord is truly risen, alleluia. |
Let us pray. O God, Who by the
resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord
Jesus Christ, hast vouchsafed to make
glad the whole world, grant, we
beseech Thee, that through the
intercession of the Virgin Mary, His
Mother, we may attain the joys of
eternal life. Through the same Christ
our Lord. Amen.*

"May I ask you not to talk in this way, for, if you persist in doing so, this must be the last time I shall have anything to do with you." Do not argue with such persons, but say quite simply: "Are you wiser than the Catholic Church and almighty God Himself?" If they are persons to whom you cannot speak in this way, observe an expressive silence, and thus show your displeasure; or adroitly turn the conversation to a different subject.

*In the third place, beware of reading books and pamphlets hostile to the faith or which attack the Church. Such reading can raise the most bewildering doubts of the faith. These might be like poisonous seed, from which the accursed weeds of unbelief can spring up.

*Finally, pay no heed to the false and foolish assertion that every religion is good, every system of beliefs can lead to heaven. Hold fast to your faith as being the only true one and the only one which can take you to heaven. Christ established but one Church. Be vigilant, and see that the light of faith shines with ever-increasing brightness, guiding you on your heavenward way.