



## *Our Lady of the Snow Church*

### *Traditional Roman Catholic*

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#### Standard Sunday Schedule:

**Holy Mass 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, and 11:00 AM**

**Confessions: 30 minutes before Masses; Rosary: 20 minutes before Masses**

**December 20, 2020: Fourth Sunday of Advent**

IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY, PLEASE CONTACT THE RECTORY OR THE NUMBERS LISTED ON THIS BULLETIN.

MOTHER CABRINI ACADEMY: contact at 719-659-5193, [mcacademy2018@gmail.com](mailto:mcacademy2018@gmail.com)

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 20: 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent <i>St Dominic of Silos Ab</i> Second collection: missions	Mass: 700AM <i>RIP Private</i> 900AM <b>High Mass Pro Populo</b> 1100AM <i>Private intention</i>
Mon, Dec 21: <i>St Thomas Ap</i>	no Mass <i>Honor of St Philomena</i>
Tues, Dec 22: <i>St Frances Xavier Cabrini V</i>	Mass: 1115AM <i>RIP Michael Restivo</i>
Wed, Dec 23: Advent Feria <i>St Victoria VM</i>	no Mass <i>Brandan &amp; Michael Gibson</i>
Thurs, Dec 24: Vigil of the Nativity <i>St Delphinus B</i>	no Mass <i>Irma R Truluck</i>
Fri, Dec 25: Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ <i>RIP Lyn Truluck</i>	<i>St Anastasia M</i> Masses: 1200AM (Midnight High Mass) 800AM <i>Pro Populo</i> 1000AM <i>Pro Populo</i>
Sat, Dec 26: <i>St Stephen Protomartyr</i>	Mass: 900AM <i>RIP Carol Balizet</i>
Sun, Dec 27: <i>St John ApEv</i>	Mass: 700AM <i>Shirley Fisher</i> 900AM <i>Pro Populo</i> 1100AM <i>Private intention</i>
<b>If you have prayer requests or news for the bulletin, please email Agnes Anderson: <a href="mailto:jimandy41@outlook.com">jimandy41@outlook.com</a></b>	

*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: December: Lee Berchtold, Lynn Douglas Walker, Max Kosch, John Padilla, Shirley Marie Linnebur; October: Michael Restivo, Merry Lunde, Aaron Hemick, Martin Hall; September: Robin Seals, Fr Anthony Cekada

Remember in your prayers: December: Barbara Norell, parish families with sick; November: Aaron Ward, Hall family; October: Leslie DiGennaro, President Trump; Coralee Fox, George Sullivan, Ron Nats

#### Announcements . . .

- \* **Thank You!** from our new priests, who rely on your good prayers. As was said, why do men shoulder the dignities and duties of the priesthood? ~ *all* “to save your souls.”
- \* **Christmas Choir Practice** Will be held after the 9 am Mass today.
- \* **Christmas Program** Join the children in the church hall after today’s 11am Mass for their Christmas Program.
- \* **Feast of St. Francis Cabrini**, patroness of our school, is this Tuesday. Holy Mass will be celebrated at 11:15am.
- \* **Church Decorating** A big Thank You to those who pitched in yesterday. Additional help will be needed with the flowers on Wednesday: volunteers needed. Our Infant King will reward you beyond your imagining!
- \* **Vigil of Christmas** is a day of fast for those 21-59 and **complete** abstinence for those 7 and older.
- \* **Christmas Eve Confessions:** Will begin at 11:00 pm and will end at 11:50 pm.
- \* **Meat Allowed on the Feast of Christmas** There is no obligation for fast or abstinence on a holy day of obligation, even if it falls on a Friday. Therefore, since this Christmas is on Friday, we are allowed to partake of meat on this day.

*O my Jesus, my supreme and true God!*

*What can have attracted Thee from heaven to be born in a cave, if it be not the love that Thou bearest to man? What has drawn Thee from the bosom of Thy Father to lay Thyself down in a manger? What has brought Thee down from Thy throne above the stars, to stretch Thyself on a little straw? What, from the midst of the nine choirs of angels, has placed Thee between two animals? Thou dost inflame the seraphim with holy fire, and lo, Thou art trembling with cold in this stable! Thou dost give motion to the heavens and the sun, and now Thou canst not move without being carried in someone's arms! Thou dost provide with food both man and beast, and dost Thou now require a little milk to sustain Thy life? Thou art the delight of heaven, and now how is it that I hear Thee weep and moan? Tell me, who hath reduced Thee to such misery? "Who hath done this? Love hath done it," says St Bernard; the love that Thou bearest to man hath done it.*

*St Alphonsus Liguori, "Incarnation, Birth and Infancy of Jesus Christ"*

***Saint Thomas, December 21***  
***Apostle to the Indies***



*Immaculate Heart of Mary,  
bring all men to the feet  
of thy Divine Child.*

*(from the children's program)*

What can I give to Him, a heavenly King?

What can I give to Him? I have nothing to bring,  
but I'll offer my heart when I kneel at the manger tonight.

What can I give to Him, to honor His birth?

What can I give to Him? I have nothing of worth  
but I'll offer my heart when I kneel at the manger tonight.

If I were a shepherd boy, I would give him a lamb.

If I were a mighty king, I would give Him a golden ring  
(bright golden ring!)

But what can I give to Him, I have nothing at all.

What can I give to Him? Would my gift be too small  
if I offer my heart when I kneel at the manger tonight?

At the building of the church at Meliapor, one of the chief cities of India, a wonderful event took place. The sea had cast ashore a very large tree, which the king desired to make use of for his palace. But neither men nor many elephants could move the tree. The holy Apostle, full of trust in the Almighty, offered to draw the immense burden all alone, if the king would make him a present of it for the Christian church he was about to build. The king consented, and St. Thomas, loosening his girdle, tied the end of it to one branch of the tree, made the sign of the Cross, and drew the tree away from the place where it was lying. All present were greatly

astonished at this miracle, and many were converted, and assisted the Apostle in building the church.

The idolatrous priests who could not contradict the faith which St. Thomas preached, and which he verified by so many miracles, were enraged at his success, as they lost considerably in temporal goods by the conversions that took place. They therefore endeavored to arouse the king's wrath against him, or to make away with him in some other manner. Some write that they persuaded the king to pronounce his death-sentence, and that he was shot dead with arrows. Others relate that the Brahmins themselves took the life of the holy Apostle. They had ascertained that the Saint went every day, towards evening, to a cross which he himself had erected, and that he remained there a long time in prayer. This gave them a favorable opportunity to vent their wrath upon him. They came together silently to the place where, on bended knees, the Saint was saying his prayers. One of them thrust a lance into him so violently that he sank upon the ground; after which, the others continued to beat him and to trample on him until all signs of life ceased.

When St. Francis Xavier came to India, the signs of blood were still to be seen on the cross where this murderous deed was committed; and more than once drops of blood appeared on this cross during the celebration of Mass, when crowds of people were present. St. Xavier, shortly after his arrival in India, went to the tomb of St. Thomas, and passed many days and nights there in prayer. He begged God fervently to bestow upon him the Spirit and zeal of this holy Apostle, that he might be able to restore the Christian faith which St. Thomas had preached there, but which had gradually been entirely exterminated. Before undertaking any important work, he went, if possible, to the tomb of St. Thomas; and when this was impossible, he invoked the holy Apostle's intercession, and endeavored to follow his example in all things.

Bishop Pivarunas' dispensation from the Precept of Attending Mass on Sundays and Holydays will continue as long as the pandemic is active within the state, or until further notice from His Excellency.

Live-streamed from Mary Immaculate Queen Church in Rathdrum ID:

<http://www.miqparish.org/livestreaming-mass/>

Please follow current state guidelines regarding Covid, posted in the vestibule. During the 11AM Sunday Mass, the choir loft will be entirely reserved for those wearing masks.



1<sup>st</sup> Friday: Benediction, Sacred Heart devotions after 630pm Mass

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday: Holy Mass at 900am, Rosary and Fatima devotions

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday: Blessing of religious articles after each Mass

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday: 9am High Mass, Catechism class, Mission collection

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday: Benediction after 9am Mass