THE BAPTISM OF JESUS

Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church

January 12, 2020
Dear Parishioners,

We celebrate the Lord’s Baptism this weekend. It is a time for us to reflect on the meaning of Baptism itself. The Sacrament makes real the invisible reality that we are God’s children. This reality empowers us to do amazing acts of love so that this world becomes more and more the true Kingdom of Heaven. Baptism thus is lived in each moment of our lives, and is not just a one time event. This, I hope, will blow our minds!

Your pastor,

Fr. Bob

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Update on our Diocesan Capital Campaign

The TTT campaign will conclude on December 31, 2020. So we have a final year to complete our pledges. It is also a year to make an additional pledge if any of us would wish to do so. Our parish rebate will come to us after the campaign is completed. There has been confusion around this — people thinking we were going to receive our rebate as we do with the CSA; however, this is different. So, please make sure to complete those pledges so that our rebate will be as full as it can.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

JOIN US FOR YOUTH GROUP

JANUARY 12 & 26
MIDDLE SCHOOL 12:30-2:30
HIGH SCHOOL 6:00-8:00
YOUTH HOUSE

THIS IS MY BELOVED SON

This Sunday’s celebration of the Baptism of the Lord closes the Christmas season. In the scriptures we see one more epiphany, or manifestation, of the Spirit of God in Jesus—but this time it is as an adult, rather than as a child. Jesus’ baptism also serves as the inauguration of his prophetic mission and the messianic age.

Today’s reading from Isaiah describes God’s chosen Messiah, upon whom God’s spirit rests. In the Acts of the Apostles Peter says that “God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power” (Acts 10:38). Finally, in the proclamation from Matthew’s Gospel Jesus’ baptism in water goes almost unnoticed. The crucial moment comes when the Spirit of God comes upon Jesus and a voice from heaven echoes the words of Isaiah: “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased” (Matthew 3:17).
An information meeting for *Just 5 Days* (Middle School Mission Trip) and
*Young Neighbors in Action* (High School Mission Trip) will be held on **January 22 at 6:30 pm** in the Youth House - 1045 Lander St. We will discuss details, cost, fundraising, and will answer questions you might have. If interested, please attend this important meeting.
GIVING OF OUR TIME & TALENT

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Jan 19 - K of C Bingo - 1:00 pm
Jan 25 - Walk for Life - San Francisco
Feb 3 - Officers’ Meeting - 5:15 pm
Feb 4 - VA Bingo
Feb 12 - Council Mtg in Parish Center
Feb 16 - Bingo - 1:00 pm
Feb 23 - Blood Drive in Parish Center
Feb 26 - Ash Wednesday Soup Supper

Grand Knight Leon Carroll - 224-7096.

SNOWS WOMEN’S AUXILIARY

January 12 – Bunco
February 4 – General Meeting
February 9 – Bunco
February 15 – Chili Cook-off
February 26 – Ash Wednesday
March 3 – General Meeting
March 14 – St. Patrick’s Dinner

Questions: Contact Susann Boley at 775-499-9603.

OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE A ROOFING PROPOSAL

We invite all parishioners who have a licensed and insured ROOFING business to provide a written proposal for the repair and/or replacement of the roof on our Youth House at 1045 Lander St.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Susann Boley, 1138 Wright St, Reno, NV, 89509, or by telephone at 775-323-6894, or by email at parishadministrator@olsparish.com for information.

Sunday, January 12
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
OLS Parish Center, 1200 S. Arlington
$20.00
Free Snacks
Drinks available for purchase

For those who have recently gone to God:

❖ Mardelle Wallace, beloved mother of sons William, Michael, Brian and daughter Susan Richards.
❖ Gerry Glenn, beloved husband of Patricia and father of sons Michael, Jack, Gerry, and daughters Mary Pat Hawkins, Jennifer Howard, Sharon Pratt, Kathleen Rosi, Maureen Klippenstein, Anne Bydalek, and Peggy Coy.
❖ James Barnes, beloved husband of Betty and father of son Michael and daughter Erna Faye Slingland
❖ Richie Kern, beloved son of Bob and Nancy, and brother of Colleen.

Volunteer Opportunity - Snow Removal

In order for our parishioners to make their way safely from where they park to masses on the weekends, we try to shovel walkways and sprinkle ice-melt.

If you can spare a few minutes at least 30 minutes before mass start times, please consider being part of this volunteer Snow / Ice Removal team.

No need to pre-register...just show up. If you remember to bring a snow shovel, that helps too. As with all volunteer activities, we ask that you put your name in the binder located in the book shelves in the vestibule.

Thank you!

River Cruise with Fr. Tony Vercellone
Meeting
Wednesday, January 15
5:30 pm
Parish Center
1200 S. Arlington

OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS

January 12, 2020
**FROM JOSEPH, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES:**

**FUN WITH EAR TRAINING**

Here's a game you can play with a friend or child. Play a note on the piano or keyboard. Your partner, without having seen which note you played, has to guess the note by playing it again. Take turns. Try two notes at a time. Kids love this game. Catch me after Mass and I'll show you how to play.

If you have any questions about the music ministry or singing at Mass, please contact me at 499-9611 or music@olsparish.com.

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**NEEDY MINISTRY**

The Food Pantry is always in need of non-perishable food items, such as: jelly, peanut butter, Spam, tuna, canned meats, canned fruit, soups, jam, canned vegetables, cold cereals, rice, ramen, evaporated milk, non-perishable soy milk. We are also collecting toiletry items, diaper wipes, and plastic bags.

We are now again in need of diapers (especially Size 5); and clothing (especially men's clothing).

Please bring your donations with you to mass and leave in the “Food for Life” area of the church.

Thank you for supporting Sr. Carmen and helping our less fortunate brothers and sisters throughout the year.

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**CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER**

A Day of Reflection is planned for Saturday, January 25, from 9:00 am -12 noon in the Parish Center at 1200 S. Arlington.

Deacon Dennis and Patty will be leading to receive the gift of God's presence.

All are welcome!

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**CATHOLIC PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS GROUP**

Please join the Catholic Professional & Business Group for breakfast on Thursday, January 16, from 7:00 am - 8:30 am at the Silver Legacy as we welcome Catholic radio producer Mike Romano. Come hear him describe spreading the Magisterium of the Catholic Church through modern media.

For additional information, and to make reservations, visit CatholicProfessionals.org

The breakfast is only $22 for members, and $25 for non-members. Clergy and religious are free!

All are welcome.

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**OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS SCHOOL**

Our Lady of the Snows School will hold our annual fundraiser, *A Vintage Affair*, on Saturday, February 8, from 5:30 pm to 11:00 pm at the Reno Ballroom downtown. The event will include dinner, wine tasting, live and silent auctions, and dancing. Tickets are $55 per person and may be purchased by sending checks to the school at 1125 Lander St., Reno, NV 89509 or online by visiting [http://www.snowsnv.org/vintage-affair/](http://www.snowsnv.org/vintage-affair/). Reserves tables are also available for $700 for a table of ten, or $1,000 for a corporate sponsor table for 10, which includes an ad in our event program. If you are unable to attend the event please consider supporting our school by purchasing a ticket for the Grand Slam Raffle. Raffle tickets are $100, and the prizes are $5,000 for first place, $2,000 for second place, and $1,000 for third place. Thank you to all our parish for supporting our school and Catholic education.

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**ATTENTION CANTORS OR POSSIBLE CANTORS!**

Berta Sabrio, Vice President of Programming and Planning for the National Association of Pastoral Musicians, will be coming to the Diocese of Reno in February to offer a workshop for cantors or possible cantors. The workshop will be held at:

- St. Albert the Great, Reno, February 15 from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
- or
- St. Patrick Parish, Fallon, February 16 from 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Cost: $15 per person

RSVP or Questions: Monique Jacobs, Office of Faith Formation, 775-326-9439

Get your reservations in SOON!
January 13 - January 16 : Fr. Bob and Fr. Mike will be out of the office to attend Clergy Ed week.

Monday, January 13
9:30 am - Women’s Bible Study in Parish Center

Wednesday, January 15
5:30 pm - River Cruise Meeting in Parish Center

Thursday, January 16
8:30 am - Eucharistic Adoration in Church
12:15 pm - Centering Prayer group in Church

Sunday, January 19
10:00 am - RCIA meets in Parish Center
1:00 pm - Bingo in Parish Center

Eucharistic Adoration
There is Eucharistic Adoration on Thursday mornings following the 8:00 a.m. mass until 12:30 p.m.
Questions: Donna Kelly 722-5030

Centering Prayer
The Centering Prayer group meets each Thursday from 12:15 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. in the Cry Room of the Church.
Questions: Call Ann at 826-2133.

Are you ready to "Take Charge" of your health in 2020?
Check out the flyers in our church vestibules about FREE classes offered for better care and wellness (targeted at our older parishioners).
University of Nevada, Reno
School of Medicine
Sanford Center for Aging

Cross on the Rock -
The rock is often used as a symbol of the Lord, our strength and firm foundation. A cross rising from the rock echoes many Bible verses that proclaim Christ as the rock of salvation; for example, “He alone is my rock and my salvation …” (Psalm 62:2).

Weekly Offering

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We Welcome New Members
To register with us, please complete the registration form found in the church vestibule, or visit our website at olsparish.com. Return the form either through the collection basket or bring/mail it to the parish office.
Please remember that registration is required to obtain a letter of good standing or for school affidavits; etc. Thank you!

To Our Registered Parishioners
In order to keep better records of your weekly or monthly donations, please use the donation envelopes that are mailed to you. If you use a check, please enter your envelope number on it. If you don’t know it, please call the parish office for that information. If you requested contribution envelopes, but have since found that you no longer need them, please notify the parish office so we may update our records. Thank you.

Funeral Services – Please call the parish office. If you have already made arrangements with a funeral director, a staff member will coordinate with them to meet your needs. Assistance with music is available on request.
Mission Statement: We, the Body of Christ at Our Lady of the Snows, are a community of disciples on a journey of faith. To live the gospel message as listeners, learners, and leaders, we will: Enrich our liturgies as the foundation for greater spirituality; nurture an awareness of Christ in one another—see and reach out to those who long for mercy, healing, and justice; and facilitate the sharing of our Catholic legacy in the diverse settings of our lives.

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation: Saturdays: 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. or by appointment

Anointing of the Sick: Those wishing to receive the Anointing of the Sick are asked to speak with any of the priests or call the office at 323-6894. Masses for Anointing of the Sick are celebrated throughout the year, and are announced in the bulletin.

Baptisms of Infants through 2nd Grade: Parents are asked to attend our Baptism Preparation class on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. Sponsors are also invited to attend. Please call the office at 323-6894 or email secretary@olsparish.com for more information and to sign up.

Baptisms of third graders and older: Parents are asked to call our Director of Children’s Sacraments, Lauri-Anne, for information at 329-6147.

Communion to the Homebound: If you are ill at home and wish to receive the Eucharist, call the office at 323-6894.

First Holy Communion and Confirmation: The Diocese of Reno requires a two year preparation for children and teens receiving these Sacraments. Please contact Lauri Anne Reinhart at 329-6147.

Marriage: Couples wishing to be married at Snows need to make their initial contact with the parish six months before their wedding date. Couples are asked to contact Sandy McGowan at 323-6894 ext.525 or liturgy@olsparish.com.

R.C.I.A.: Adults wishing to become Catholic or Catholic adults needing to receive First Communion and/or Confirmation, should contact adultfaith@olsparish.com, or call 323-6894 ext. 502.

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Fr. Mike Mahone
Dave Brach
Ann McCarthy
David Meiding
Deacon Dave Norman
Kevin Short, Secretary
Mike Short, Chair
Katie Weber, Vice Chair
Jill White
Brian Wilcox

Finance Council
Fr. Bob Chorey
Fr. Mike Mahone
Kathy Benson
Leo Bergin
Susann Boley
Stan Bondick
John Bydalek
Keith Pierce
Andy Stewart

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Susann Boley
Mary Conklin
David Mieding
Greg Erny
Paul Gordon
Tim Heydon, Jr.
John Krmpotic

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Clay Brust
Jaimie Dianda
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Robert Munson
Heather Parks
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Stuart Brady
John Bydalek
Belinda Preston
Serra Club Member Establishes Matching Gift for Vocations

An anonymous member of the Serra Club of Reno has offered to match donations made to support men preparing for the priesthood in the Diocese of Reno. The donor will match gifts made by Jan. 31, 2020 up to a total of $75,000. Funds raised will become part of the Thomas S. Dolan Endowment for Seminarians, which was established through a generous $1 million donation from Thomas Dolan.

“I am gratified to witness the men and women of the SERRA Club of Reno supporting religious life through prayer and financial contributions,” said Bishop Randolph Calvo. “I am especially grateful for this matching gift that enables us to raise funds for seminarian education and continue to grow the Thomas S. Dolan Endowment for Seminarians.”

Educating one seminarian takes six to eight years and costs approximately $50,000 per seminarian each year. Currently, three young men are studying to become priests for the Diocese of Reno. In the past three years, five men have been ordained as priests for this diocese.

There are three ways to donate:

  By Check: Made out to the Diocese of Reno and mailed to 290 South Arlington Ave., Reno, NV 89501.
  By Phone: Call the Office of Stewardship and Development at 775-326-9444.

  By Cell Phone:

** Look for a larger QR Code on the bulletin board in the vestibule of your church.

Serra USA is an international organization of men and women who foster vocations to the priesthood and who encourage and affirm vocations to consecrated life in the Catholic Church. The Serra Club of Reno supports religious through fundraising, prayer, community gatherings and more. Serra of Reno welcomes men and women of all ages. For information on membership, contact Ross Barker at renoross7@gmail.com.

CENTERING PRAYER WORKSHOP

We would like to invite you to an introduction to Centering Prayer Workshop on Saturday, January 18 from 11:00 am to 2:15 pm at St. Thomas Aquinas Cathedral at 310 West Second St., Reno, NV 89503.

The Centering Prayer workshop will teach a method of silent prayer that is rooted in the Christian contemplative heritage. It is a gentle, silent method of consenting to God’s presence and healing action within us, by taking time to “rest in God” each day. We open our awareness to the gift of God’s presence. Come and learn more about this prayer method. There will be three follow-up sessions of 2 hours each from 6:00 to 8:00 pm on Tuesdays thereafter (January 21, 28 and February 4).

The workshop is free. Donations will be greatly appreciated. Coffee and tea will be provided. You could bring a snack to share. The book Open Mind Open Heart by Father Keating for $23 will be available along with his other books for purchase. Bring cash or check for the purchases. The program will be given by certified presenters of Contemplative Outreach: Deacon Dennis Schreiner, Patty Schreiner, and Therese Coen.

Contact person for registration: Patty Schreiner: 775 830 6005.
For more Information visit Contemplative Outreach Spiritual network: www. contemplativeoutreach.org or www.contemplativeoutreachnnv.org