HE HAS BEEN RAISED FROM THE DEAD, AND HE IS GOING BEFORE YOU TO GALILEE.

Matthew 28:7
Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Yesterday President Trump and the White House Task Force reported on the data used for the decision to extend the COVID-19 federal guidelines through April 30, 2020. These measures form our national effort to stem the loss of lives, which could range from 100,000 to 240,000 even with full mitigation, and to prevent healthcare personnel and facilities from being overwhelmed, and to decrease the likelihood of a possible system collapse.

Today, Governor Sisolak issued a Stay at Home Directive, extending his previous directive on closures to April 30th as well. His new directive “strengthens the imperative that Nevadans must not leave their homes for nonessential activities in order to prevent the spread of COVID 19.” Today’s directive now aligns our state with the order in place for states that border ours. Among these contiguous states, Nevada has the third largest number of COVID 19 cases to date.

In response to previous federal guidelines and state directives, I suspended all public Masses for the duration of these measures and authorized the closure of our Catholic schools, now until April 30th in compliance with the state’s extension. After prayerful consideration, I have decided, starting tomorrow, April 2, 2020, all churches and chapels will be closed in the Diocese of Reno. This means that churches will not be open for private prayers, Reconciliation, Adoration, or any gatherings whether inside or outside. There will be no celebration of Mass in private homes or the distribution of communion to small groups. We have to encourage people to stay at home. This order extends through April 30, 2020.

It is heartbreaking to watch on TV the extreme conditions under which doctors, nurses, and other healthcare professionals are working. They are putting their lives on the line. There are not enough of them, and many work without adequate equipment. A couple of weeks ago when I was at a grocery store early in the morning to avoid a crowd, a nurse came up to me pleading for prayers for healthcare personnel. I still can see the anxiety in her eyes. We have to pray for them, and we must help them by diligently following all the guidelines and directives in our state.

This is a painful and difficult decision to make. I know there will be people disappointed about my decision as they have been with my suspension of public Masses. But in conscience I firmly hold that I am morally compelled to take these measures. I make this decision out of the love of neighbor that Jesus Christ expects of us and our moral duty to safeguard human life, especially of the vulnerable, and to promote the common good. This decision also brings the Diocese of Reno in line with Las Vegas and California.

While public Masses are suspended, local parish Masses are being transmitted through various platforms such as Facebook and YouTube. I will be livestreaming the Paschal Triduum from St. Thomas Aquinas Cathedral. I invite you to join me or contact your parish to find out more about their Triduum plans. Though our doors may be closed, we are still here for you. Follow the diocese of Reno on Facebook or at renodiocese.org.

Please take care of yourselves. Let’s pray for one another.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Randolph R. Calvo
Bishop of Reno
**MY PARISH APP**

Our Lady of the Snows has our own app for iPhone and Android smart phones. This allows us to better communicate with you throughout the week and keep you informed with relevant parish news or updates.

Please use your smartphone to sign up for My Parish App. Text **App to phone number 88202**, or visit myparishapp.com to download.

You can also go to your app store on the iPhone or Play Store on the Android and download **myparishapp**.

Install. Look for Our Lady of the Snows in Reno, follow the prompts, and you are set!

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**CHILDREN’S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**We’re more than sacraments!**

**LET’S LEARN AND GROW IN FAITH!**

We hope and expect that children **first grade through tenth grade** (although we offer it beginning with three-year-olds) attend CRE (Catholic Religious Education) every year to learn about: their savior and friend, Jesus Christ; the faith of the Church; and deepen their own faith as well. **Where do we encounter Jesus? How do we encounter Jesus? How do we express our faith? Are the children learning with other children whose parents share their values and faith? These are important questions. Now that they’ve learned about Disneyland, should you teach them about heaven?**

Classes for Kindergarten-8th grade are offered on Sunday mornings and Wednesday afternoons.

Little Church (for preschoolers) is held during the 9:30 am Mass.

The weekend of August 24-25, 2020, is our weekend of registration. Classes begin after Labor Day.

*We hope your children will join our program this year, if they haven’t already done so.*

**SACRAMENTS ARE A BEGINNING, NOT AN END!**

Each sacrament requires two years of formation including attendance at CRE or a Catholic school. The earliest a child can receive First Reconciliation (confession) and First Communion is second grade. High school students receive formation for the sacrament of Confirmation.

While most children are baptized as infants, we love doing baptisms and first communions at every age! Sacraments are wonderful gifts from Jesus to His people.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** (VBS) is offered the final full week of June – 22-26, 9:00 am -12:30 pm at the school. This year’s theme is:

Registration forms for VBS are online; registration will also be held after all Masses the weekend of June 6-7.
YOUTH MEETING

TUESDAYS
3:00PM

VIA ZOOM

CONTACT YOUTHM@OLSPARISH.COM

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Contact youthm@olsparish.com or email christina@catholicreno.org for details!
YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRIES

Snows Young Adults
Upper Room
Tuesdays 8:00pm

As the Apostles gathered in the
Upper Room, let us gather in our
own Upper Rooms to share our faith.
This is not a series, no need to have
attended before.

Join us on Zoom
Contact: snowsyoungadults@olsparish.com

Cheers!
Virtually

 Thursdays 8:00pm

Via Zoom
snowsyoungadults@olsparish.com
GIVING OF OUR TIME & TALENT

Our Lady of the Snows Women’s Auxiliary Presents:

The 4th Annual Community Yard Sale
Saturday, June 6
8:00 am - 2:00 pm
Our Lady of the Snows Parish Center - 1200 S. Arlington

Want to sell your stuff?

$40 for a space approx. size of car parking space
- Rent due by May 25
- You keep the proceeds of the sale - no commission
- Reserve and pay at the Parish Office at 1138 Wright St.
- St. Vincent Truck will be there at the end of the day to take any unwanted/unsold items. St. Vincent cannot accept Electronics including entertainment centers, mattresses, Box springs, pillows, cribs or car seats.
- Set up at 6:00 am. Bring your own table/display unit. Tents OK.
- ALL UNSOLD ITEMS NOT GOING IN ST. VINCENT TRUCK MUST BE REMOVED FROM THE PREMISES AT THE END OF THE SALE.

WE HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US!!
For more info: call Belinda 828-4096

2020 "MAKING A DIFFERENCE"
SCHOLARSHIP RECOGNITION AWARDS

ATTENTION Graduating 8th Graders &
Graduating High School Seniors!

Snows Women’s Auxiliary is offering Scholarship Recognition Awards of $500 each (3) for 8th graders and (3) awards of $1,500 each for graduating 12th grade seniors. Applicants must be registered at OLS Parish. The deadline to submit applications is Wednesday, April 22, by 4:00 pm at the parish office (sent by mail, email, or put thru mail slot.) Applications may be obtained by calling the church office at 323-6894. Leave your name and address and we will send you the application by mail or email. Questions? Contact Sandy McClure 233-5359 or Gayle Carlson 329-8558.

Come Celebrate
Fr. Mike, Sr. Carmen & Sr. Carol’s Retirement
Cocktails 6 pm - 7 pm - No Host Bar / Dinner: 7pm - 8pm
Dancing to Papa Clutch & The Shifters 8pm-10pm
Saturday, May 30
The Peppermill’s Tuscany Ballroom
Attire: Smart Casual/Cocktail
Ticket Price: $25.00 / Available thru Parish Office
Adults Only

OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS                                   6                                                               April 12, 2020
MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, April 14
8:00 am ℹ️ Camille Mouchawar by Louise Mouchawar

Wednesday, April 15
8:00 am ℹ️ Ron Hovland by Eugenia Hovland

Thursday, April 16
8:00 am ℹ️ Kathy Alexander by Liz Donahoe

We have a list of volunteers who are ready to help.
We are all in this together!

REFLECTION

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
Acts 10:34a, 37-43  Psalm 118
Colossians 3:1-4  1 Corinthians 5:6b-8
John 20:1-9

SEEDS OF FAITH

There is a brevity, a certain terseness, in the scripture readings for Easter Sunday. Peter’s speech in Acts is built of direct, pointed sentences. Paul’s letters are based on straightforward creed-like statements. Even the Gospel story only briefly recounts what will turn out to be one of the most remarkable events in human history — the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. Advertising agents call these encapsulated points of information “bullet points.” Scripture scholars call them kerygmata, or “kernels” of our faith. Actually, “kernels” or “seeds” are good terms for these statements, since throughout the Easter season, we will hear in the Acts of the Apostles, the Letters of Paul, and the Gospel accounts of the days following the Resurrection exactly how these kerygmata began to flower, how they continued to grow through the life of the early church. May these Easter “seeds” of faith serve a similar purpose for us, too, so that the life of the Risen Christ will flourish in us and through our witness in the coming days.

"Let nothing disturb you, let nothing frighten you. All things pass. God does not change. Patience achieves everything. Whoever has God lacks nothing; God alone suffices."

— St. Teresa of Avila

ONLINE GIVING - WE SHARE

We have been getting inquiries from parishioners who are concerned about continuing their Offertory Support during this difficult time when the Masses are canceled, and want to know how to use We Share - our online giving program.

1. Go to our website www.olsparish.com. Click on Give Online {on the right side under “Ways to Give”}
2. This brings you to the giving site. Follow the simple directions to set up your account.
3. When you find the giving opportunity you want, be sure to select whether you want to make a Recurring Donation or a One Time Only Donation and click the appropriate box.
4. Continue to follow the prompts, entering all the necessary info. At the end, review and click “I Agree.”
Reverend Bob Chorey, Pastor
Reverend Mike Mahone, Parochial Vicar
Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Weekend Masses: Saturday Vigil - 5:00 pm
Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am, 5:00 pm
Weekday Masses: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday - 8:00 am
Wednesday - 8:30 am

Civic Holiday Masses: 9:00 am

Holy Days of Obligation: 8:30 am, 12:10 pm and 5:30 pm

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 and to sign up.

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 Confirmation, should contact adultfaith@olsparish.com, or call 323-6894 ext. 502.

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