



# WELCOME

## *Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church*

1138 Wright Street • Reno, Nevada, 89509

Telephone: 775-323-6894 Fax: 775-323-6749

Website: [www.olsparish.com](http://www.olsparish.com)

Parish Center: 1200 S. Arlington Ave. (corner of Arlington & Monroe)

*February 5, 2017*

**Office Hours:** Monday thru Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**Weekend Masses:**

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., and 5:00 p.m.

Television mass: KOLO Channel 8 Sundays - 9:00 a.m.

**Weekday Masses:**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday - 8:00 a.m.

(Fridays are Communion Services)

Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. Year Round

**Holy Days of Obligation:**

8:30 a.m., 12:10 and 5:30 p.m.

**Civic Holiday Masses:**

9:00 a.m. only

**Reconciliation:**

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

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:**

Thursdays after 8:00 a.m. mass until 12:30 p.m..

### SACRAMENTS

**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:**

**Infants through 2nd Grade:** Parents are asked to attend our Baptism Preparation class on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Sponsors are also invited to attend. You must be registered parishioners for at least two months prior to the baptism. Please call the office at 323-6894 or email [secretary@olsparish.com](mailto:secretary@olsparish.com) for more information and to sign up.

**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 Margaret Graham at 323-6894 ext.511 or [marriage@olsparish.com](mailto:marriage@olsparish.com).

**R.C.I.A.:** Adults wishing to become Catholic or Catholic adults needing to receive First Communion and /or Confirmation, should contact Barbara Verdi at 323-6894 ext.514.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, February 6

8:00 a.m. Special Intentions of Aldo Maldonado by Fr. Tony

### Tuesday, February 7

8:00 a.m. ☩ All Souls List

### Wednesday, February 8

8:30 a.m. Special Intentions of John Pierson by Fr. Tony

### Thursday, February 9

8:00 a.m. ☩ Virginia Leonard by her family

### Friday, February 10

8:00 a.m. ☩ Joseph Donahoe by Liz Donahoe & family

### Saturday, February 11

5:00 p.m. People of the Parish

### Sunday, February 12

7:30 a.m. ☩ Dr. Lou Llop by Colleen McMullen

9:30 a.m. ☩ Tiny Thomas by Mom & Dad

11:30 a.m. Joseph Donahoe by Liz Donahoe & family

5:00 p.m. Special Intentions of John Sokol  
by Don & Kitty Bergin

## WEEKEND PRIEST SCHEDULE



### Saturday, February 11

5:00 p.m. - Fr. Norm King

### Sunday, February 12

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Tony Vercellone

9:30 a.m. - Fr. Mike Mahone

11:30 a.m. - Fr. Mike Mahone

5:00 p.m. - Fr. Tony Vercellone

**SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

### **We Welcome New Members !**

To register with us, please complete the registration form found in the church vestibule, or visit our parish website at [olsparish.com](http://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: schedule a baptism or wedding; 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 parish registration 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.

## REFLECTION

### FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 58:7-10

Psalm 112

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Matthew 5:13-16

### **THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE**

As children we sang the lively song *This Little Light of Mine*. The words, of course, are based on today's Gospel, in which we are called as disciples to be salt and light for the world. Children are uninhibited about sharing their faith. It's only when we grow older that we prefer to hide our light under a bushel basket because our culture tends not to emphasize discipleship. The message in this week's readings is clear: in order to give glory to God through our discipleship, we must show the light of Christ in our words and deeds. Not an easy thing for inhibited adults. Often we may think of salt and light in terms of what we do for others, but it can be just as important not to do something, such as getting angry with the stranger on the road, or telling an offensive joke.

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*"A Christian is never bored or sad. Rather, the one who loves Christ is full of joy and radiates joy."*

~ Pope Francis

## PARISH FINANCES



**Weekly OFFERING**

January 29, 2017	\$16,047.75	
Online Giving	<u>925.00</u>	
Total	\$16,972.75	
January 31, 2016	\$12,524.95	
increase	4,447.80	35.51%

### CSA 2016

2016 Diocesan Assessment	\$159,638.64
Total Pledges s of 12/30/16 (per Diocese)	\$268,916.50
Total cash received (per Diocese):	\$264,265.75
Total Registered Households	2503
Total households participating as of 12/30/16	528 21%
<b>PARTICIPATION GOAL</b>	<b>626 25%</b>

Many thanks to those of you who participated in this years campaign! Your generous response to our appeal brought us very close to reaching our participation goal of 25% **and** over \$100,000 in rebates. Thank you so much for your support!

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Second collection next week.

Please read Letter from the Bishop on page 6.

**Weekend of February 4/5:** See's Candy will be sold after all masses (Youth Ministry fundraiser)

**Tuesday, February 7**

10:00 am - Knit & Crochet group in parish center  
 10:00 am - Arts & Crafts group in parish center  
 6:00 pm - Snows Women's Auxiliary meeting in parish center

**Thursday, February 9**

8:30 am - Eucharistic Adoration  
 12:15 pm - Centering Prayer group in church  
 7:00 pm - Baptism Class in church

**Friday, February 10**

6:00 pm - Centering Prayer Group in PC

**Saturday, February 11 - Vintage Affair**

**Weekend of February 11/12:** See's Candy will be sold after all masses (Youth Ministry fundraiser)

Due to the small attendance in the past years at the afternoon mass on Super Bowl Sundays, we will not have a 5:00 p.m. mass next Sunday, February 5.



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Thursday mornings following the 8:00 a.m. mass - 12:30 p.m.  
 Questions: Call Donna at 827-1901.



**CENTERING PRAYER**

The daytime Centering Prayer group will meet each Thursday afternoon 12:15 - 1:45 p.m., in the cry room of the church.  
 Questions: Call Ann at 826-2133.

The evening Centering Prayer group will meet every 2nd & 4th Friday of each month in the **parish center** from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. The parish center is located at 1200 S. Arlington.

**The next evening gathering is Friday, February 10.**

Questions: Call Amy at (702) 373-3560.

**MINISTRY NEWS**



**NURSERY DURING SUNDAY 9:30 AM MASSES**

The OLS Young Adult Ministry's Nursery is now up and running!

Nursery services will be available for children ages 6 months - 5 years of age on the following dates:

February 5 & 12;  
 April 9 & 23;  
 May 7 & 14.

Go to Young Adult Ministry's Facebook page for more information, including child registration forms and volunteer opportunities for the nursery, or contact Gigi at [ym@olsparish.com](mailto:ym@olsparish.com).



**SINGERS NEEDED!!!**

We need singers at all Masses! You don't have to be a virtuoso. You don't even have to know how to read music. Our choirs are fun and welcoming, and you can come to a rehearsal without committing.

Please call our Music Director, Joseph DeRosa at 323-2954, or send an email to [music@olsparish.com](mailto:music@olsparish.com)

We REALLY need you!!!



**NEEDY MINISTRY**

We are always in need of non-perishable food items, such as: Spam, canned meats, tuna, canned fruit, canned vegetables, soups, cold cereals, jam, peanut butter, rice, ramen, evaporated milk, non-perishable soy milk. We are also collecting toiletry items.

We no longer need diapers or diaper wipes, plastic or paper bags.

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

**FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS, WE ARE ESPECIALLY ASKING FOR CANS OF FRUIT.**

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

**PARISH STAFF**

**323-6894 - Parish Office**

**Pastor**  
 Fr. Tony Vercellone  
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**Associate Pastor**  
 Fr. Mike Mahone  
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**Parish Deacons**  
 Deacon Brian Callister  
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 Deacon Dave Norman  
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 Barbara Verdi - ext. 514  
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**Children's Sacraments; Religious Education**  
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## LITURGICAL MINISTRY

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## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Please pray for all Knights who are sick and in distress.

**February 8** - Council Meeting  
6:00 p.m. - Social  
6:30 p.m. - Meeting

**February 26** - Pancake Breakfast  
after 7:30 & 9:30 a.m. masses

We invite all men of the Parish to become a member of The Knights of Columbus. If you are interested, give us a call or ask a Knight seated near you at church.

**Questions:** Dave Turner  
Grand Knight 685-6459

*Pick up your shield and become a Knight. Help your Church, Sister Carmen, the Youth Ministry, OLS School & Snows Women's Auxiliary.*

## OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS YOUTH MINISTRY

Invites the Youth of our OLS parish family to join us for a Night of Scripture Series!  
Grade 6-12 - No need to sign up just come.

# GO OUT TO ALL THE WORLD



**WHAT:** OLS YOUTH NIGHT

**WHERE:** 1045 LANDER ST. RENO, NV 89509

**WHEN:** Monday, February 6, 2017

**TIME:** 5:30 PM – 6:45 PM

This Scripture series piece centers on the importance of evangelization, encouraging youth to bring Scripture to others. The first portion explores four biblical figures – Jeremiah, Mary of Nazareth, Mary Magdalene, and Timothy - and how their discipleship can inspire the youth to courageously respond to God's call. In the second portion, participants create a tangible tool for sharing Scripture with others, especially friends and family.

The session concludes with a shared community prayer that is a commissioning for each participant as they go out into the world. This session contains small group brainstorming and discussion and then an individual activity.

For more information on our Youth Ministry program, contact Gigi Grapé  
323-6894 | [ym@olsparh.com](mailto:ym@olsparh.com)



### YAM FEATURED PROGRAMS

- **SCRIPTURE STUDY**—First Thursday of each month, 6:30 - 7:30 pm at the Rock House.
- **NURSERY at the Sunday 9:30 am mass:** sign up at <http://olsparish.com/documents/2016/10/OLS%20Nursery%20Form.pdf>
- **STAY CONNECTED:** Like us on Facebook and download [myParish](#) App to stay connected.

**REGISTRATION:** If you are interested to join OLS YAM please go to <http://olsparish.com/ya-register>

For more information about any of the above activities, or for information on joining the Young Adult Ministry, contact Gigi Grape at [ym@olsparish.com](mailto:ym@olsparish.com). You can also go to [www.olsparish.com](http://www.olsparish.com) and click on Young Adult Ministry under the Ministries tab.



### CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**First Communion Parents:** You have a choice of meetings: **Sunday, March 12 at 11:00 a.m.** in the chapel at the parish center or **Tuesday, March 14 at 7:00 p.m.** in the chapel at the parish center. At these meetings you will choose your first communion date, which begin with 5:00 p.m. mass on Saturday, April 29 and conclude at 9:30 a.m. mass on May 27. **THIS MEETING IS**

**MANDATORY** even if you had a child go through the process recently. Thank you.



### SNOWS WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

All women of the parish are invited to join the Snows Women's Auxiliary!

We meet on the first Tuesday of each month in the parish center. We begin at 6:00 p.m. with a social half hour. Members bring something sweet or savory to share. Coffee, tea, and cider are served. The meeting starts at 6:30 p.m.

**The next meeting is February 7.**

Questions: Call Sandra Gerhardt-Carroll at 772-2103.

**PARISH NEWS**



**VINTAGE AFFAIR**

Our Lady of the Snows School will hold our annual fundraiser, *A Vintage Affair*, on Saturday, February 11, from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Reno Ballroom downtown. The event will include dinner, wine tasting, and live and silent auctions.

Tickets are \$50 per person and may be purchased by sending checks to the school at 1125 Lander St., Reno, NV 89509.

Reserved tables are also available for \$700 for a table of ten, or \$1,000 for a corporate sponsor table for 10.

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.



**BABY'S BAPTISM CLASS**

Baptism Class is required for those families wishing to have their infants or young children baptized. These classes are offered on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Godparents are also encouraged to attend.

**The next class will be February 9.**

Please call the office to sign up - 323-6894.



**KNIT & CROCHET**

The SWA Knit & Crochet group meets next on **February 7** in the parish center from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. This is open to all members of the Snows Women's Auxiliary.

The women work on projects of their choice, and this is different from both the Prayer Shawl Ministry and the Arts & Crafts Group.

Questions: Pat at 786-5066.



**ARTS & CRAFT GROUP**

Enjoy doing needlework, painting, or other arts/crafts? Bring your latest project to the parish center (Mt. Carmel Room) on February 7, 10:00 a.m., to work on and pass the time with like-minded parishioners.

All are welcome!

Questions: Pat 786-5066.

**AROUND THE DIOCESE**

**CATHOLIC PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS GROUP**

Please join the Catholic Professional & Business Group for breakfast on Thursday, February 9, from 7:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. at the Silver Legacy as we welcome Michel Whitcraft, the Director of Activities for the American Society for the Defense of Tradition, Family, and Property. Michael will expose the secret to a virtuous and prosperous society.

For additional information, and to make reservations, visit [CatholicProfessionals.org](http://CatholicProfessionals.org). The breakfast is only \$22 for members, and \$25 for non-members. Clergy and religious brothers and sisters are free!



**LAY MINISTRY FORMATION AND LEADERSHIP PROGRAM**

Already serving the parish in a ministry position but wishing you had a stronger foundation? You're in a leadership position in the parish but you know that understanding more about the teachings of the church would be beneficial?

Beginning in August 2017, the diocese will be offering its Lay Ministry Formation and Leadership program for the second time. Meetings are held one Saturday per month in Reno, for ten months starting in August. Some of the meetings will be "Zoomed" to St Joseph's in Elko to make it easier for those on the eastern side of our diocese to participate.

Interested? Intrigued? Go to the diocesan website for more information and an application form: <https://www.renodiocese.org/lay-ministry-leadership>.

Talk to your pastor about it as well.

Questions? Or you can't download the forms from the website? Then please contact Dr. Lauri Anne Reinhart at the diocese, 326-9431 or [laurianner@catholicreno.org](mailto:laurianner@catholicreno.org)

**Applications are due April 15.**

**FOCUSED: AN EVENT FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS & PARENTS**

***Are You a High School Senior? A Parent of a High School Senior?***

The Diocese of Reno along with speakers from multiple parishes will host a one day event on **Saturday, March 12 from 1:00-5:00 PM** for seniors and their parents at Bishop Manogue High School. The day includes Mass, large group keynotes, separate break-outs and open discussion on life after high school, managing your career path through college, what is the reality of Catholic Universities, life at a Newman Center, how do you keep your faith on fire and more! **Register for free online at <https://renodiocese.org/focused> by March 4.**

**PARISH LEADERSHIP**

**Parish Council**

- Fr. Tony Vercellone
- Fr. Mike Mahone
- Debby Belk
- Don Bergin
- Don Cortez
- Tanya Mitchell
- Deacon Dave Norman
- Leslie Patti
- Brigid Pierce
- Belinda Preston
- Samantha Scott
- Mike Short
- John Sokol

**Finance Council**

- Fr. Tony Vercellone
- Fr. Mike Mahone
- Sallie Armstrong(Chair)
- Kathy Benson
- Leo Bergin
- Ken Boley
- Robert Cashell
- Lorraine Dougherty
- Keith Pierce
- Andy Stewart

**Parish Building Committee**

- Fr. Tony Vercellone
- Don Bergin
- Mary Conklin
- Lorraine Dougherty
- Greg Erny
- Tim Heydon, Jr.
- John Krmpotic

**School Board**

- Fr. Tony Vercellone
- Leslie Acosta
- Rick Alonso
- Steven Ascuaga
- Clay Brust
- Jaimie Dianda
- Tim Fuetsch, Principal
- Keith Pierce
- Bridget McMullen
- Robert Munson

**Corporate Board**

- Fr. Tony Vercellone
- Don Bergin
- Stuart Brady
- John Bydalek
- Belinda Preston

## LETTER FROM THE BISHOP

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As Bishop of the diocese of Reno I have a special concern for the priests who share with me the ministry and care for the faithful of this diocese. One of my concerns and responsibilities is to ensure that we are prepared to assist them when there are extraordinary health and retirement needs. As it sometimes happens a priest may experience a catastrophic illness that requires long term care or assistance with medical bills.

The collection for Priest's Relief to be taken up on February 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> fortifies those funds used to aid our priests with medical and retirement needs. All funds collected remain within our diocese.

Please let your gratitude show in your generosity for these men. Your financial support will enable me to be prepared to assist them in times of special need.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Sincerely yours in Christ



Most Reverend Randolph R. Calvo  
Bishop of Reno

Our diocese is privileged to have been chosen by the University of Dallas to serve as one of their Catholic Biblical School sites.



DEEPEN YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF  
SCRIPTURE!

*The University of Dallas*  
in the Diocese of Reno



If you are interested please fill out the "I am very interested" form at:  
<https://www.renodiocese.org/catholic-biblical-school-1> This will help us determine where to offer it.

Brochures may also be found at that diocesan website, giving you more information. (renodiocese.org; click on Ministries; click on Catholic Biblical School)

Or call Dr. Lauri Anne Reinhart at the diocese and ask to have the form or the brochure mailed to you 326-9431

We must have at least 30 participants to offer this program in our diocese  
30 sessions per year

**WHERE and WHEN:** To be determined, based on participants. We can offer it at several sites spread throughout the diocese (based on interest and geography)

**COST:** \$550 per person + books (less than \$100 for books)

*The first two years of the CBS program, focus on the biblical books that form the foundation of both the Old and New Testaments. Years Three and Four of the program cover the remaining books of the bible, emphasizing their contexts and principle themes. While starting at the beginning of the four-year cycle is encouraged, a student can join the program at any point. Students completing the requirements of all four years of the Catholic Biblical School program will receive a Certificate of Advanced Biblical Studies from the School of Ministry, University of Dallas.*

*"Our approach to scripture is rigorous, scholarly, and in conformity with the best of Catholic biblical tradition. CBS is guided by the directives of Scripture study as given in the Vatican II document, Dei Verbum (1965), and in more recent documents by the Pontifical Biblical Commission such as The Interpretation of the Bible in the Church (1993), and The Jewish People and Their Sacred Scriptures in the Christian Bible*

### The First Annual John and Rita Marschall Speaker Series

Join us as Fr. Jack Ryan M.A. presents:

## "THE HOPE AND MISSION OF YOUTH"

Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
University Catholic Community  
Our Lady of Wisdom Newman Center  
1101 N. Virginia St., Reno, Nevada 89503

Presentation: 6:30pm  
Dinner: 7:30pm

Tickets: \$30.00 General  
\$15.00 Student (with Student ID Card)

For tickets call the Newman Center (775) 322-4336



Fr. Jack Ryan M.A. is Pastor and Director of Catholic Campus Ministry of the Newman Center at the University of Hawai'i in Mānoa.

### **SAVE THE DATES:**

- St. Albert's Wine Tasting & Auction - St. Albert's gym  
Saturday, April 29 - 5:30 pm  
more info at [winetasting@stalbertreno.org](mailto:winetasting@stalbertreno.org)
- St. Rose of Lima Women's Retreat  
Saturday, March 25  
For more info, call St. Rose of Lima Church Office



*"No Greater Love Than This"*

# Couples Retreat

**Presented by Fr. Tom Bonacci, C.P.**

**Saturday, February 18, 2017**

**9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**Mass at 3:00 p.m.**

**Our Lady of the Snows Parish Center**

**1200 S. Arlington Ave.**

**Cost: \$20 per couple, includes lunch**

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**Call the church office at 323-6894 to register.**



Fr. Tom Bonacci was ordained in 1972 for the Passionate Religious Order of the Roman Catholic Church, and is recognized for his scriptural scholarship. He established the Institute for the Study of the Passion in 2011, and currently ministers at Christ the King Passionate Retreat Center of Citrus Heights, CA.

Fr. Tom is well-known in our diocese. He directed the retreat to the Diocese of Reno Synod Delegates in 2015, presented workshops at the Reno Diocesan Conference for 7 years, and was the Keynote Speaker at that Conference in 2014.

#### *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.*