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**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023** 

# 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come." - Mk 13:33

#### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Monday, December 4

8:00am **\PK**athy Alexander by Caroline Berney

#### Tuesday, December 5—NO MASS

#### Wednesday, December 6

8:45am Aleta Nawrot by the Nawrot family

#### Thursday, December 7

8:00am OLS Staff

#### Friday, December 8 - Immaculate Conception

#### Saturday, December 9

4:00pm **\$\Pi\$**Karen Smeath by OLS Staff

6:00pm **☆**All Souls

#### Sunday, December 10

#### PRIEST MASS SCHEDULE



#### Saturday, December 9

4:00 pm - Fr. Bob Chorey 6:00 pm - Fr. Bob Chorey

#### Sunday, December 10

8:00 am - Fr. Dariusz Miskowicz 10:00 am - Fr. Dariusz Miskowicz 5:00 pm - Fr. Dariusz Miskowicz

#### SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

#### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 63:19 Psalm 80 1 Corinthians 1:6-7 Mark 13:35

Why in the world should we follow Christ's advice this week? "Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house will come ... lest he find you asleep." Isn't sleep, especially at midnight and cockcrow, a good thing?

Of course, it is. But the wakefulness the Lord calls us to is a deep, personal orientation to Him. A nightly vigil is therefore a metaphor for this, but it's not just that. We should give up real sleep in order to pray, too. This difficult practice is a time-tested way to foster wakefulness of heart. When we give up sleep to pray, it focuses us. We learn that life is not an endless series of days. You and I belong to the Lord — awake or asleep, in life and in death. Sooner or later, even our need for our physical sleep will pass away. And our attentiveness to God — that is, whether we are awaiting Him to meet us — will be all that matters.

May I challenge us this week and this Advent to intentionally give up at least one hour of sleep each week for prayer? Stay up later, wake up in the middle of the night, or an hour earlier, and pray. Will we be a bit more tired the next day? Yes. But we'll be amazed at the spiritual wakefulness that results, too. ~ Father John Muir

### Ommaculate <u>IMMACULATE CONCEPTION</u>



Friday, December 8,

is the Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception.

This is a holy day of obligation.

Masses that day will be at:

8:30 a.m. - Fr. Dariusz (School Mass)
12:10 p.m. - Fr. Bob
6:30 p.m. - Fr. Dariusz

Dear Parishioners,



BIG THANKS to Fr. Dariusz and all the staff for making the sabbatical possible. I received almost NO texts

or emails; and everything seems so together! I am appreciative. Thanks to Shauna for taking on the weekly newsletter too.

I did enjoy the time - Rome, Italy and 12 days in Egypt; but I am very glad to be back among the people of this parish (and my own bed and kitchen). I think the jet lag has mostly resolved itself, still other readjustments coming along.

Last week we celebrated the end of our Liturgical year (Year A, I) with the Feast of Christ the King. It provided us an opportunity to reflect back on this past year and how we grew in faith, and in what ways we need to improve. **This week**, we begin the new Liturgical Year with Advent (Year B, II) which means Gospel of Mark.

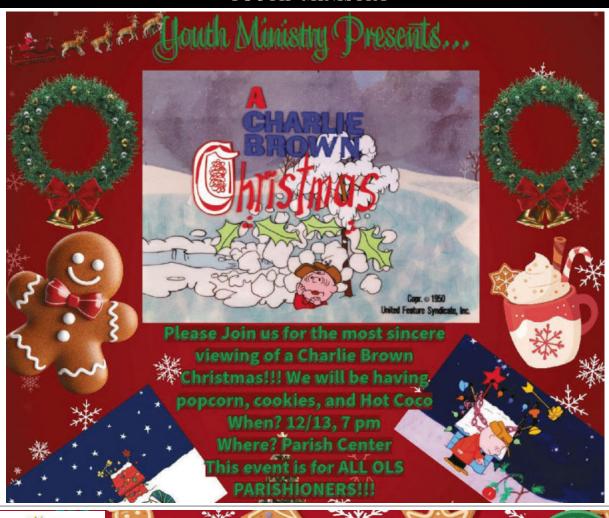
Welcome Home Project: We have a Public Hearing with the city of Reno on December 7 at 6:00 pm. Keep sending good vibes.

Your pastor, Fr. Bob



"The Lord is coming, always coming. ... Life is Advent; life is recognizing the coming of the Lord."

#### YOUTH MINISTRY





#### YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY



You're invited to

1045 Lander St.

Potluck Dinner and Faith Sharing

Join us for Faith Sharing and a Potluck Dinner. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share with friends!

We come together for a meal, to read the Gospel and share how the Gospel relates to us.



### **Young Adults December Service Project**

December 9th 10AM-2PM

### **Rock House (1045 Lander Street)**

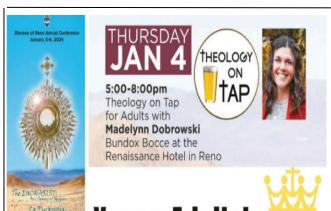
We are going to be filling stockings for Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada and giving them to Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada

#### **Lunch** is provided

Want to help our Young Adults? You can help by donating empty stockings, children and teen books, stuffed animals, crafts, children and teen games, gift cards, or toiletries. Please bring your donations to the Parish Office by December 4th. Email Mariah at adultfaith@olsparish.com if you have any questions.







Young Adults! SNOWS YOUNG ADULTS

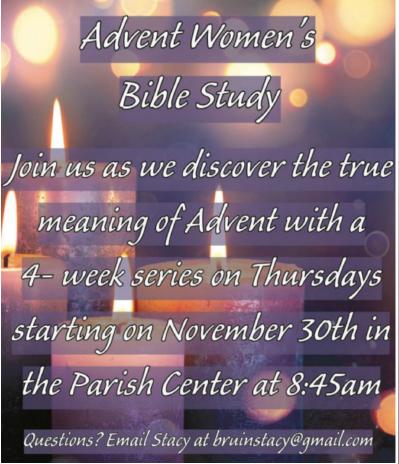
Do you wish to attend the

Diocesan Conference Theology on Tap? Snows Young Adults will cover the fee!

January 4th 5PM-8PM
If you would like to attend the
Theology on Tap please email
snowsyoungadults@gmail.com
by December 28th.







#### GIVING OF OUR TIME & TALENT



#### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

#### Msgr Patrick J. Conors Council #4997

#### December 5-

2:30 pm - Food Distribution in Church parking lot 5:15 pm - Officers' Meeting

#### December 12 - at 6:30 pm Mass in Church Exemplification in Church

# **December 13 - Business Meeting** 6:00 pm Social / 6:30 pm Meeting

#### December 16 - 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Christmas Decorations in Parish Center

December 17 - after 8:00 am and 10:00 am Masses Pancakes with Santa in Parish Center

#### **December 31 - 5th Sunday Rosary**

Become a Knight! Serve your church, help your parish! All Catholic men are invited.

Contact: Ryan Harris, Grand Knight 406-452-0444 olsknights4997@gmail.com

#### Become a Brother Knight!

The **Knights of Columbus** are the largest Catholic men's fraternal organization in the world numbering over 1.8 million.

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The **Knights of Columbus** are based on principles of Charity, Unity and Fraternity which guide our Council's activities.

If you are looking for a way to fulfill that need to support your church, your family and your community, you have found it in the Knights of Columbus.

Our parish Knight's Council will hold a recruitment weekend on Dec 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>. Brother Knights will be available after all Masses.

If you want additional information. please contact Dave Brach, <u>dbrach@verizon.net</u> or 714-800-0567.



Sacristans, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, and Greeters: Please sign up to serve at the Christmas Eve and Christmas Masses.... Signing-ups available now!

Lectors will be notified of which reading to use, within a week or two.

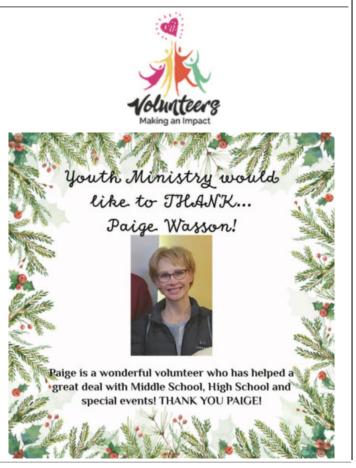


On Sunday, December 3, after the 5:00 pm Mass, there will be training for new Eucharistic Ministers.

We are encouraging **teens** to get trained in this wonderful ministry, as well as adults!

For those adults who simply need re-training, you'll learn what you need at this time plus a little more. Meet in the front pews of the Church after Mass is over. Katie Weber will be leading the training.

Contact Lauri Anne Reinhart at <u>dre@olsparish.com</u> if you have questions beforehand.





#### SNOWS WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

All women of the parish are invited to join the Snows Women's Auxiliary (SWA)

We meet on the first Tuesday of each month.

Our next meeting is **December 5** in the Parish Center at

6:00 pm for social and 6:30 pm for meeting.

For those interested, we'll meet in the PC Mercy Room at 5:30 pm to pray the rosary.

Questions? Call Cindy 775-750-7867



#### **OLS FOOD DISTRIBUTION**

Food Distribution takes place on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month.

The next distribution is <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>December 5</u> 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Our Lady of the Snows Church Parking Lot 1138 Wright St.

If you'd like to volunteer to help, just come to the parking lot and we'll have sign-in sheets.



#### KNIT & CROCHET and ARTS & CRAFTS

The SWA Knit & Crochet group and the OLS Arts & Crafts group

will meet next on **Tuesday**, **December 5**, at 10:00 am in the Parish Center.

Questions: Pat at 775-722-7998



#### MOMS GROUP - MINISTRY OF MOTHERS

Calling all moms who are craving fellowship with likeminded Catholic women!

A new MOMs group (<u>Ministry of Mothers</u>) is forming in the Reno/Sparks area, starting up in 2024. If you are a mom with the desire to grow in your faith and raise faithful Catholic children, the MOMs group is for you!

The first meeting will be held at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church on Thursday, January 18, from 9:30 am – 11:30 am, and every first and third Thursday of the month following. Onsite childcare is included in membership.

For more information, or to join, please visit <a href="https://momsnv.my.canva.site/">https://momsnv.my.canva.site/</a> or call 775.525.3227.

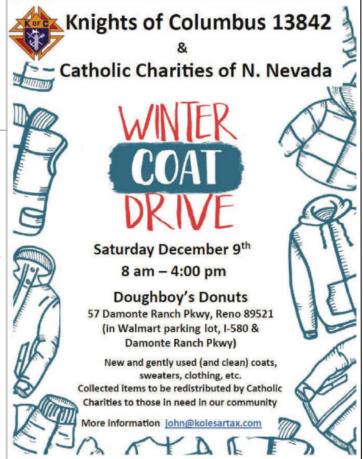
\*Must be a Catholic mom with one or more children under the age of 10. Registration will be open until December 18.

#### **DIOCESAN CONFERENCE**

The Faith Formation office would like to encourage you to join us at the Annual Diocesan Conference, January 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> at the Nugget Casino Resort in Sparks. Early Registration is about to close. Please see registration details available on the diocese website, High Desert Catholic <a href="http://highdesertcatholic.org/renodiocesanconference">http://highdesertcatholic.org/renodiocesanconference</a> as well as speaker biographies, session details, and full weekend schedule. There are also hard copy brochures to review the information in the parish office if you prefer to register by mailing in a form to the diocese office. Please see your parish secretary or call the Faith Formation office at 775-326-9439 or email

faithformation@catholicreno.org.





#### Letter from the Bishop

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we approach the end of the year, I want to draw your attention to a new special collection entitled *One Church*. This will be an annual Second Collection taken up on Christmas throughout the Diocese of Reno to benefit a particular ministry with outstanding need. This first annual *One Church* Christmas Collection will be taken up for St. Peter Canisius Parish.

Although the actual Second Collection will occur at all Christmas Masses, parishes are asked to place the special *One Church* donation envelopes in the back of the Church during each of the four (4) Sundays of Advent so that parishioners can make their donation earlier by using the special envelope and placing it in the regular parish collection. Providing this special donation envelope during the four Sundays of Advent will help raise awareness of both need and the pending Second Collection at Christmas.

During the Advent and Christmas season, we can reflect the generosity of God the Father who sent His only Son through our support of a parish community in need of financial assistance. As one Catholic family in northern Nevada, this is an opportunity for us to demonstrate our unity and our concern for each of our brothers and sisters.

I ask that you take a few moments to understand why St. Peter Canisius parish is deserving of our support. Established in the 1950's, St. Peter's has now outgrown the worship and facility space needed for its members. Facts about St. Peter Canisius include:

- St. Peter's has the largest congregation in the diocese, averaging more than 600 attendees at each Mass, but current seating capacity is only 227 people.
- St. Peter's currently has 875 students between the ages of 7-17 enrolled in religious education and Sacramental preparation classes, but only has 2 small classrooms and 2 bathrooms.
- A capital campaign is underway to increase the seating capacity of the Church to 800 by expanding the current facility. Construction is underway and a new Church will be rededicated in the Fall of 2024. They need help to offset the immense cost of modern construction.

For more information about the *One Church* collection, to donate online, and for a brief history of St. Peter Canisius Parish, please visit <a href="https://www.highdesertcatholic.org/2023-second-annual-collection/">https://www.highdesertcatholic.org/2023-second-annual-collection/</a>. You can also donate by scanning the QR code on the posters placed throughout your parish or by placing the special envelope in the collection basket at any of the Advent or Christmas Masses at your parish.

With every best wish and an assurance of prayers, I remain,

Yours in Christ.

+ Lauil Maggarley
Most Rev. Daniel H. Mueggenborg, Bishop of Reno

#### 2nd Collection Next Week - Retirement Fund for Religious

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Across the United States, hundreds of religious communities- Priests, Brothers, Sisters, and Nuns- lack financial resources to meet the retirement and healthcare needs of aging members. Many elderly religious spent their youth working for small stipends, with little for retirement savings. Simultaneously, the decrease in religious vocations means that few religious are able to serve in compensated ministry. Today, retired religious outnumber wage-earners by three to one.

The Retirement Fund for Religious (RFR) attempts to provide for those religious who gave their lives to the church. Most donations to the RFR are distributed as Direct Care Assistance, going to individual religious for immediate eldercare needs or saved for long-term expenses. Nearly 25,000 elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests benefit annually from this fund. Roughly 95 percent of the RFR budget aides senior religious. The remainder is used for administration of the funds and promotion of the nationwide RFR appeal.

Donating to this fund is a great way to help the growing number of elderly religious who due their service to God were unable to save for their retirement.

With every best wish and an assurance of prayers, I remain,

Yours in Christ

Most Reverend Daniel H. Mueggenborg, Bishop of Reno

+ Daniel Wenggenlag



#### Monday, December 4

3:00 pm - Advent Small Group in Parish Center 7:00 pm - Advent Small Group in Parish Center

#### Tuesday, December 5

10:00 am - Knit & Crochet and Arts & Crafts in PC 2:30 pm - Food Distribution in Church Parking Lot

6:30 pm - SWA Meeting in Parish Center

7:00 pm - Young Adults Faith Sharing in Rock House

#### Thursday, December 7

8:30 am - Eucharistic Adoration in Church 8:45 am - Women's Advent Bible Study in PC

10:15 am - Centering Prayer Group via Zoom

#### Saturday, December 9

10:00 am - Young Adults Service Project in Rock House

#### Sunday, December 10

10:00 am - Children's Liturgy of the Word 4:00 pm - Korean Mass in Parish Center



#### **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

There is Eucharistic Adoration in Church each Thursday after the 8:00 am mass until 11:00 am.

#### **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.



Emma Alden	Mary Johnson	Sofia Padilla
Mike Blane	Jennifer Justus	Nellie Perazzo
DeDe Bradshaw	Karen Kottinger	Gabe Perry
Pat Brochtrup	Michelle Lingad	Earl Piercy
Carol Burr	Jeff Lieberstein	Sofia Porper
Korey Calhoon	Sonia Lopez	Ed R.
Anita Culannay	Tony Lowdon	Ro Reviglio
M.J. Diarte	Nelda McGee	Al Roth
Fred Elezi	Sandy McGowan	Carol Roth
Ron Gunderson	Mike Neeser	Mark Schinzing
Dave Higgins	Terry Norman	Kay Seeliger

Please contact the parish office to add or remove a name from the prayer list. Email secretary@olsparish.com or call 775-323-6894.

#### FINANCIAL COLUMN

WEEKLY OFFERING			
WEEK ENDING	AMOUNT	SPECIALS	AMOUNT
October 29	16,006		
November 5	19,653	Catholic University of America	1,786
November 12	15,531		
November 19			
November 26	13,313	Catholic Camp for Human Development	1,860

#### CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL (CSA) - 2023

GOAL	\$178,000
Families Pledged	323
% of Families (Goal 30%)	20%
Amount Pledged	235,453
Amount Paid	231,233



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- Call Joe Anne at 775-323-6894 ext. 502
- Scan the QR Code

Thank you and may God bless your generosity



#### **FUNERAL SERVICES**

Please call the parish office at 775-323-6894. 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.

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#### **MASS SCHEDULE**

Reverend Bob Chorey, Pastor

Reverend Dariusz Miskowicz, Parochial Vicar

Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 4:30 pm Saturday & Sunday 9:00 am - Noon

Weekend Masses: Saturday Vigil- 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am & 5:00 pm

Weekday Masses: Thursday, Friday - 8:00 am Tuesday - 6:30pm

Wednesday - 8:45 am

Civic Holiday Masses: 9:00 am

Holy Days of Obligation: 8:30am, 12:10pm and 6:30pm

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: 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm 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 Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. Sponsors are also invited to attend. Please call the office at 323-6894 or email <a href="mailto:secretary@olsparish.com">secretary@olsparish.com</a> 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 or dre@olsparish.com.

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 or dre@olsparsh.com.

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 the office at 323-6894.

**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. 525.

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