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: July: Sharon Koneazny, Therese Martin; May: Veronica Floding, Jack Kosovich, Madeline Berry Parishioners and more in need of prayers: July: Emma Sue Hormung, Koneazny family, Pats and Efren Antonio Macias; June: Coralie Fox; George Sullivan, Chad Marcum, Frank Beaver, Ron Nats

**A warm welcome** to all our great visitors!! Thank you, Fr. Casimir, for making the annual festival a splendid event!

**Today’s Breakfast** is a fund-raiser for the upcoming school year of Mother Cabrini Academy, our parochial school. A nominal donation is requested. Enrollment forms & uniform information are available from Sr. Jeanne Marie CMD. First day of school is set for August 20.

**Next Sunday**! Our Lady of the Snow feastday and our eleventh anniversary celebration! More to follow on this.

**Artwork available in Bookstore** by parishioner Vanessa Fresquez. Vanessa does traditional Spanish Colonial Retablo artwork on wood. All paintings depict Jesus, Mary and the Saints!

**Modesty standards** include an admonition that men & boys be properly attired for Holy Mass, and that ladies wear proper attire that covers the shoulders and the knees at all times.

**Religious Goods Table** in our social hall is meant to provide to our parishioners religious items that have been donated. A nominal offering for each is requested. When the proceeds from these items totals $25, a Mass stipend for the Holy Souls is given to Father.

**Announcements**

- **AUGUST**: 7/28 - 8/2 Idaho Boys’ and Girls’ Camps  11-16 MSM Ladies’ Retreat  20 Mother Cabrini first day of school
- **OCTOBER**: 9-13 Fatima Conference at Mt St Michael. Theme: **BEHOLD THY MOTHER**
Learn, brethren, that a good father brings up good children. But, if parents be wicked, how can the children be virtuous? Fathers and mothers, be attentive to this sermon, which is of great importance to the eternal salvation of yourselves and of your children. Be attentive, young men and young women, who have not yet chosen a state of life. If you wish to marry, learn this day the obligations which you contract with regard to the education of your children; and learn also that, if you do not fulfil them, you shall bring yourselves and all your children to damnation.

A father owes two obligations to his children; he is bound to provide for their corporal wants, and to educate them in habits of virtue. Of the second I will speak.

It is certain that a child’s future good or ill conduct depends on his being brought up well or ill. God gives children to parents that they may be brought up in the fear of God, and be directed in the way of eternal salvation. Children have not been given to parents as a present, which they may dispose of as they please, but as a trust, for which they must render an account to God.

He who teaches his son to live well, shall die a happy and tranquil death. And he shall save his soul by means of his children; that is, by the virtuous education which he has given them. Were fathers or mothers to lead a life of piety and continual prayer and to communicate every day, they should be damned if they neglected the care of their children.

A parent, as being the cause of the irregularities of his children, was justly punished for their crimes with greater severity than the children themselves. Great indeed is the misfortune of the child who has parents who, when they see their children engaged in dangerous friendships and in quarrels, instead of correcting and chastising them, rather take compassion on them, and say: “What can be done? They are young; they must take their course.” Oh! what wicked maxims! what a cruel education! Do you hope that when your children grow up they shall become saints? I entreat you, fathers and mothers, to remember what I now say to you; for on it depends the eternal salvation of your own souls, and of the souls of your children.

Discipline, which is the same as the religious regulation of the morals of children, implies an obligation of educating them in habits of virtue by word and example. First, by words: a good father should often assemble his children, and instil into them the holy fear of God. But, as a well instructed son is the delight of his father’s soul, so an ignorant child is a source of sorrow to a father’s heart; for the ignorance of his obligations as a Christian is always accompanied with a bad life. But parents are obliged to instruct their children in the practice of virtue, not only by words, but still more by example. If you give your children bad example, how can you expect that they will lead a good life? Do you expect that your son will go frequently to confession, when you yourself approach the tribunal of penance? And he shall save his soul; that is to say, he will not be damned if he keeps the commandments of God and the rules of the Church.

To bring up children in the discipline of the Lord, it is also necessary to take away from them the occasion of doing evil. “Cast out,” said Sarah to Abraham, “this bondwoman and her son.” Bad companions are the ruin of young persons. A father should remove from his house all bad books which contain pernicious maxims, or of profane love. O fathers and mothers! confess all the sins you have committed in this respect, before the day on which you shall be judged.

Another obligation of parents is, to correct the faults of the family. “Bring them up in the discipline and correction of the Lord.” There are fathers and mothers who witness faults in the family, and remain silent. Through fear of displeasing their children some fathers neglect to correct them. But if you saw your son falling into a pool of water, and in danger of being drowned, would it not be savage cruelty not to snatch him by the hair and save his life? “He that spareth the rod hateth his son.” I say, “with the rod,” but not with the stick; for you must correct them like a father, and not like a galley sergeant. Dearly beloved brethren, draw from this discourse the conclusion that he who has brought up his children badly shall be severely punished; and that he who has trained them to habits of virtue shall receive a great reward.

Noah’s ark was a true figure of Mary. As in it all kinds of beasts were saved, so under the mantle of Mary all sinners, who by their vices and sensuality are like beasts, find refuge; but with this difference, that while the brutes who entered the ark remained brutes, under the mantle of Mary, the wolf becomes a lamb, the tiger a dove. One day St. Gertrude saw Mary with her mantle open, and under it many wild beasts - leopards, lions, bears. Not only did our Blessed Lady not drive them away, but she welcomed and caressed. The saint understood that these wild beasts were miserable sinners, welcomed by Mary with sweetness and love the moment they had recourse to her.