

Serving the Communities of the Almanor Basin

# OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS CATHOLIC PARISH

220 Clifford Drive, Lake Almanor



**O**ur Lady of the Snows Parish is a community that is ever-mindful of the presence of God in the Blessed Sacrament, in our church, in each other and in ourselves. We envision all who enter our doors will be welcomed and valued for their gifts. We strive to respond to the needs of all -- to bring about joy and spiritual growth. We open our hearts to the poor and vulnerable. We promote peace and justice for all. We are committed to be active stewards of God's creation to preserve the beauty of nature and our surroundings and be ever grateful for His bountiful blessings.

## MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS

Baptismal Preparation (call Rectory at least 1 month in advance)	259-3932
Marriage Preparation (call Rectory at least 8 months in advance)	259-3932
Altar Servers - Pat Martin	258-2101
Facilities & Maintenance - Steve DeWitt	258-4222
Finance Council - Laura Hawkins, Chair	259-5379
Hospitality Ministry (Ushers) - Carl Deveny	596-3319
Liturgy Committee - Pat Martin, Chair	258-2101
Sick & Homebound Ministry - Fr. Alfredo	259-3932
Parish Pastoral Council - Fr. Alfredo	259-3932
Religious Education - Carolyn Straight	
RCIA - Debbie & Larry Rives	259-2420
Altar Society - Julie Chavez	596-4951
Music Ministry - Cindy Hawkins	258-0319
Environment Ministry - Luci Burgess	596-4636

## MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday - 8:30 a.m.

Saturday - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday - 9:30 a.m.

Confessions: Saturday 4:00 - 4:30 p.m.

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# EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



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## Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a—5-6; Mt 2: 1-12

**“Go back where you came from!”** What if the Magi heard this when they came to the house where the Child was, and they heeded that deriding message? The “signs of the times” that they read told them a king had been born. They might not have known exactly where to look, but they knew what they were looking for, and they recognized that king when they found him. These righteous men were not Israelites, yet God revealed this great mystery to them. Furthermore, there is no indication that they eventually became Israelites. Rather, “they departed for their country” (Matthew 2:12) God really does not play favorites.

Then how are we to understand the claim of being God’s Chosen People, whether ancient Israelites or the Christian Community? What’s the point of being chosen if you are not the favorite? While acknowledging God’s special love for his Chosen People, both Isaiah and Paul answer this question. The prophet claims that “nations will walk by your light, kings by the radiance of your dawning” (Isaiah 60:3) and Paul says “the stewardship of God’s grace... was given to me for your benefit” (Ephesians 3:2). In other words, some have been chosen by God to bring the light of God’s love to others.

The Feast of the Epiphany celebrates two important realities—the revelation of God to all people and the responsibility to reveal that astounding mystery to others. The Magi personify both realities. They were men of another faith tradition to whom God revealed the mystery of the Incarnation, and they returned home and probably proclaimed the wonder of God

Sr. Dianna Bergant, CSA  
May the Mother of Jesus, and our Mother,  
always smile on you and obtain for you,  
from her Most Holy Son, every heavenly  
blessing. Pray to Our Blessed Mother Mary.

## What do we know about the Three Kings?

Your question reminds us how much human tradition has embellished some of the events described in sacred Scripture. Historically, the name Magi designates members of an ancient Near Eastern priestly caste. In Matthew’s Gospel, they are presented as noble wise men and astrologers.

The number three has long been associated with the Magi. However, the Gospel narratives never mention their number (through they did offer three gifts—gold, frankincense, and myrrh). Saint Matthew is also silent about their names. However, in the eighth century, Western traditions began calling them Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. Other Christian traditions use different names. Though their gifts indicate they were from South Arabia, it’s doubtful that they represented particular nations or the major racial families. At the very least, the Magi represent the Gentile peoples coming from afar to find the true God in Jesus Christ. This contrasts with King Herod and Israel. Both neglected this manifestation of God’s presence in their midst.

Astrology permeated ancient cultures, so it isn’t strange that astrologer appear in the Bible. The Church responded by “Christianizing” aspects of astrology. For example, the Church deliberately called Christ the “Sun of Justice,” thus replacing the god of Sol with one true God. In the fourth century, the Church placed the celebration of Christ’s Nativity on Dec. 25, the birthday of the sun. We emphasize Jesus as the Light of the World and celebrate his feast every week on Sunday.

Pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory for their release to praise the Lord, in return these Souls will pray for you.

**Daily Mass** will be in **Christ the King Chapel** at 8:30am on Mon, Tues, Thurs and Fris.  
**The Lord’s Day Mass** is held on **Saturday** at 5:00pm and on **Sunday** at 9:30am. in Church.

**Father will be gone Jan.-6-10-2020. No weekday Mass.**

**Happy New Year**  
**Hoping this year will bring everyone great Blessings and Peace to all and the World.**

**The second collection will be for the Maintenance of our Church. This is to off set the snow plowing, shoveling paths, and any problem that should rear it’s ugly head. We thank you for your very generous support. Second collection next weekend will be for the poor of our community.**

**Have you picked up a pink envelope to donate to our Mortgage Retirement Fund raising for the debt of our church. We appreciate anything that you can give. We thank all who have helped in donations.**

**Don’t forget to pick up the 2020 offering envelopes. Please take a moment and say a prayer for all our sick parishioners.**



***Pray for the Sick and Deceased***

***Loved ones.  
Prayer is the best armor we have,  
It is the key which opens the  
heart of God. St. Padre Pio***

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### Weekly Offerings

December 29, 2019

Offertory — \$ Next week.

Building & Maintenance	\$
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### This Weekend's Ministry Schedule

	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors
Saturday	Pat Didier Toni Pleau	Nita Jimenez
Sunday	Julie Chavez Mary Deveny	Priscilla McEfee

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### Weekly Mass

Intention	Day	Time	Location
Jan. 4	Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Dom & Aurora Quadrio †
Jan. 5	Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Diana Pallari
Jan. 6	Monday	8:30a.m.	NO MASS
Jan. 7	Tuesday	5:00am	NO MASS
Jan. 8	Wednesday	9:30pm	NO MASS
Jan. 9	Thursday	8:30am	NO MASS
Jan. 10	Friday	8:30am	NO MASS

### OLS news cont

**Pray the Rosary** thirty minutes before Saturday and Sunday Mass in the Chapel. All are welcome.

**A couple extra dollars each week in your offertory envelope will help with our General Fund for the church. This helps to pay for the heating of the church and social hall, also to remove the snow from the parking lot (when we get it). God Bless all of you.**

**Please remember if you are in need of spiritual guidance, need special anointing, or just information please call Fr. Tamayo for an appointment. We are here to help and lessen your burden.**

Sunday

Marcia Huestis  
Ken Wilkinson

Giordano

