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# 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.



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## 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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Dear Parishioners,

We are celebrating the 6<sup>th</sup> weekend of Easter. In the gospel Jesus made His disciple reflect that keeping his commandments is a show of love. He also prepared the disciples' minds of His upcoming physical absence but they need not worry for they will not be left orphans since He will go and ask the Father to give them another advocate to be with them always. The readings this weekend prepare us to understand the reasons for the Ascension of Jesus and the descent of the Holy Spirit; and make us recognize who the Holy Spirit is; and what are His responsibilities to those who love Jesus.

The Lord Jesus will continue to stay on with us and the Church through the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit, the Advocate, will help us understand and be enlightened on the teachings of Jesus. The first reading shows us how the Holy Spirit helped Philip, deacon, convert the Samaritans through his preaching. Then, the Samaritans were baptized and received anointing. During this time of the pandemic, the Divine Advocate is helping us to understand and accept the situation; and, with this realization of the situation, we move on to find ways and means to address the problem we are facing with the new normal ways of worship and social interactions that would be safe and beneficial for everyone. Peter in the second reading exhorted the believers: "Sanctify Christ in your hearts." This call is very intense and makes the believer assess oneself on how deep the command of Jesus has touched one's life shown in the way of doing things and relating with other people. A life that shows one's faith and hope; a principle which explains what, why, and how you do it. This is putting into action Jesus' call to love Him by following His commandments.

We, through baptism and confirmation, received the Holy Spirit. So, let us open our hearts and minds to be molded to who we need to be – loving Jesus by keeping His commandments. How can we keep the commandments of Jesus? To keep the commandments, we need to know Jesus and His teachings, like the Beatitudes. Let these beautiful attitudes permeate and grow in the way we live. But, in life, we always encounter blocks, like anger, hatred, selfishness, jealousy etc. which hinder us to be a better person. However, if we allow the Holy Spirit to work in us, slowly but surely, we will grow and mature in our faith. The Holy Spirit is like a coach to an athlete. The coach will assist the athlete to develop his/her potentials in the sport he/she is playing. Thus, the athlete must follow the instructions, encouragement, advices, warnings, and critiques of his/her coach to become the best and successful athlete. Patience and sacrifice are needed for nothing is automatic.

We are now preparing for another step to the "New Normal Way" of worship. So, we need your cooperation. Better safe than sorry. Because of this move, I invite everyone to support the church since we will be needing sanitizing materials to keep everyone safe. Guidelines on what to do and not to do will be published. You can mail your support to the Church or, dropped in the church's mailbox, or do online giving. Remember, we must still take care of our Mortgage Retirement Fund – be generous. The Memorial Bricks is still on.

I enjoin everyone to pray that our frontliners will be safe in assisting the patients, those infected will get cured soon, those who passed on will have a place in God's kingdom, everyone will be spared from the spread of the virus and, especially, and a vaccine will be found to end this pandemic.

Praying you and your family be safe amidst this pandemic, I remain

In Christ,  
Fr Tam



# Sixth Sunday of Easter



Year A Journey Song 913

May 17, 2020

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*Sixth Sunday of Easter (A)* • Acts 8:5–8, 14–17; 1 Pt 3:15–18; Jn 14:15–21

**We have hopes for ourselves and others.** We hope for good health, for fulfilling work, for settled lives for our children. As valuable as such hope might be, that is not what Peter is referring to in today's second reading. He is talking about religious hope. Not hope *that*, but hope *in*. Not hope that God will give us what we ask, that God will supply what we cannot accomplish, that God will reward our faithfulness. That is also valid hope, but it is still not religious hope.

Genuine religious hope is hope or trust in God. Period. Trust in God when we have no idea what the future might bring. Trust in God when all our best plans crumble before us. Trust in God when we face the terrors of illness and death. This is a trust or hope for which we do not provide God plans to follow so our needs get met as we think they should be. It is a hope that enables us to place ourselves into the hands of God. Period.

This kind of hope asks for nothing and expects everything. Why? Because we are convinced that God loves us with a passion we can't possibly imagine and, therefore, wants what is best for us. This might seem like an impossible hope, but the reading goes on to list reasons to hope. God's love is exemplified by Jesus Christ, who "suffered for sins . . . That He might lead you to God" (1 Peter 3:13). Who could ask for more? —Sr. Dianne 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**

**After Mass, a friend told me I belonged to "the priesthood of believers." I'm not a priest! What did she mean?**

At baptism, all of us became part of the laity. The word *laity* comes from the Greek word *laos*, which means "people." The laity are the people of God. As people of God, we all share in the priesthood of Christ. This is why the Church speaks of the "priesthood of all believers," because when we were baptized we were incorporated into Christ's priesthood. Each of us is called to exercise our common priesthood within the Church, strengthening and serving each other. The exercise of priesthood means, above all, to serve.

The Church speaks of Jesus as our High Priest, the one who offers Himself as the sacrificial animal. Jesus is the priest and victim, offering Himself as a sacrifice to God. The priesthood that Jesus exercises is one of self-giving. All those who are called to the priesthood of Christ are called to serve as He did, offering themselves in a spirit of service and love.

This "priesthood of all believers" shouldn't be confused with the sacrament of Holy Orders, which ordains to the office of bishop, priest, or deacon. These men are called by God and ordained by the Church to exercise the particular ministry of preaching the Good News and administering the sacraments, especially the Eucharist. During Mass, the ordained priest represents Christ and also acts on behalf of all the people of God. His sacramental priesthood represents the common priesthood of the whole Church.

—Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSsR

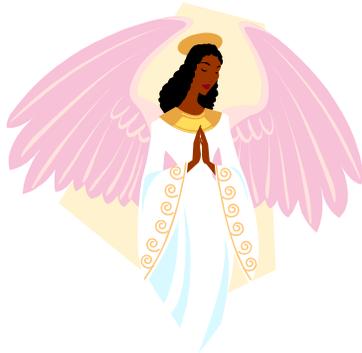
**Daily Mass** will be in **Christ the King Chapel** at 8:30am on Mon, Tues, Thurs and Fris. **The Lord's Day Mass** is held on **Saturday** at 5:00pm and on **Sunday** at 9:30am. in Church.

**Hope all are staying well and watching Father Tamayo on your computer say Mass each week day at 8:30am and Saturday at 5:00pm and Sunday Mass at 9:30am. Fr. Tam sang a beautiful song to all Mothers on Sunday, hope you did not miss it. At least we have Mass each day even if we cannot be together for now.**

**Next weekend, May 23-24, the 2nd collection is for the Catholic Communication Campaign. 50 percent will remain in our Diocese to help support our local communications efforts.**

**Don't forget to send in your donation envelopes to: 220 Clifford Dr. Lake Almanor, Ca. 96137. We appreciate you continued support of the Church. God bless all of you and stay well.**

**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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May 10, 2020

Offertory — \$ 670.00

Building & Maintenance	\$ 2795.00
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Poor	\$ 95.00

**This Weekend's Ministry Schedule**

	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors
Saturday		
Sunday		

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**Weekly Mass**

Intentions	Day	Time	Notes
May 16	Saturday	5:00 pm	Mass for the Parish
May 17	Sunday	9:30 am	Mass for the Parishioners
May 18	Monday	8:30 am	Holy Souls
May 19	Tuesday	8:30 am	Sick of our Parish
May 20	Wednesday	8:30 am	
May 21	Thursday	8:30 am	For all Priests
May 22	Friday	8:30 am	End of the

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**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

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