

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.

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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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*Public Welcome*

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. Although the institution of the Eucharist is on Holy Thursday, we celebrate it this weekend to emphasize the importance and the centrality of the sacrament in our faith. This Feast was called before “Corpus Christ” which originated in 1246 in the diocese of Liege. Bishop Robert de Torote, bishop of Liege, decreed a festival be celebrated in his diocese. When Jacques Pantaleon became Pope Urban IV, he ordered the whole Church to observe the feast in 1264. In the 15<sup>th</sup> century, it became one of the principal feasts of the Church. A procession was and still done participated by civil leaders to highlight the importance of the feast.

This feast, actually, celebrates three feasts: 1) the Eucharistic Sacrifice – Jesus offered himself as an act of Thanksgiving; 2) the Sacrament of the Eucharist – an outward sign wherein and through it we meet Jesus who shares his life to us; and 3) the Real Presence – his body and blood are truly food and drink. In Matthew 26:26-28 during the last Supper: “. . ., Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and giving to his disciples said, ‘Take and eat; this is my body.’ Then he took a cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, ‘Drink from it all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, . . .’” When Jesus raised the bread and wine declaring them as his body and blood, the change of the substance happened and today we call it “Transubstantiation” – taste and texture of bread and wine but the substance, body and blood of Christ. When the priest raises the bread and wine during the consecration and says the words, the transfiguration happens. We do this repeatedly because of Jesus command: “. . ., do this in memory of me.” (Lk 22:19) Mystery, but true. Jesus said it and he is God. Our response in faith is to receive him that he will become part of our lives spiritually and physically that we will be like Christ. As the song goes: “We eat his body we drink his blood. We become what we receive.” When we receive the Eucharist, we receive the body of Christ and we become the body of Christ. This will remind us of the call to unity and sacrificial love. The bread from grains of wheat ground and pulverized, loses its individuality as grains; wine from grapes pressed together producing wine loses its individuality. To be one, sacrifice is needed. Thus, in our lives we learn that we need to make sacrifices for the good of all. Recently, we have rallies to express feelings of racism triggered by the tragic death of George Floyd. The sacrifices of marching and shouting as one were great to be seen and heard. But the rioting, vandalizing, throwing bricks and Molotov bombs, looting, setting buildings on fire, inflicting injuries, etc. did not do good to the cause because other people were hurt – some died, properties destroyed, businesses trashed. We are in a pandemic. People are trying to keep their

businesses but the lootings that happened compromised the owners' dreams and livelihoods. How is the commandment "Thou shalt not steal" being observed? Where is our Christian love in action? What we need to do is pray for unity and sacrificial love. We admonish people we know, who are participating in the rallies, to act peacefully, always look for the good of others, and restrain themselves and others from doing harm or damages. As I have said last weekend one wrong cannot be corrected by another wrong. If this persists, then what follows will be spiral of violence.

We are slowly reopening the church's sacramental life, but we must remember that we are still in the pandemic. Parish guidelines are posted on the website, emailed, and at the entrance of the church. Thus, we need to follow the guidelines to prevent infections: wear masks, social distancing, and hand-sanitizing. Masses are back: Weekdays: M T Th F @ 8:30am; Saturday Vigil Mass @ 5:00pm; Sunday Mass @ 9:30am. Confessions will start next Saturday - 4:00pm - 4:30pm.

Remember your support to the church. We have bills to pay. We still need support to our Mortgage Retirement Program. Memorial Bricks are still available.

Praying for you and your loved one's happiness and fulfillment in life, I remain

In Christ,  
Fr Tam



# Body and Blood of Christ



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June 14, 2020

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Body and Blood of Christ (A)  
DT 8:2-3, 14b-16a; 1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58

**Many of us are little different from the Jewish crowds who cried out:** “How can this man give us [his] flesh to eat? (John 6:52). Jesus does not explain how the bread was really His flesh. What he did was underscore the importance of eating this bread, which was His flesh. He then goes on and insists that we must drink His blood as well. If these were hard sayings for the people of Israel, who in their ancient past might have shared the flesh and blood of a sacrificed animal, what are we “sophisticated” contemporary Christians go make of it?

The people of Jesus’ time would have recognized several elements from their traditions in Jesus’ discourse, but His reinterpretation of them would have startled these people. Like the victim of an ancient holocaust offering, Jesus’ blood is shed. However, it is not poured around the altar; it is to be consumed. Bread from heaven recalled the manna that fed their ancestors in the wilderness. However, the manna lasted for only a day; then it rotted.

The bread Jesus gives is living bread that enables those who eat it to live forever. This is a lot to believe. But then, that is exactly what we are asked to do.

We might have correct theological language to explain how this transformation takes place, but we still will not understand the mystery to which it points. So what are we to do? Very simply: take and eat!

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 Mother Mary.**

## Why have many Christian religions been divided over the question of Christ’s Body and Blood?

Today’s Gospel indicates that even before the Last Supper, Jesus’ teaching about his Real Presence was met with skepticism. When Jesus said, “The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world,” the reaction was, “How can this man give us [his] flesh to eat?” (John 6:51-52). When Jesus continued, “Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him,” his hearers shrugged: “This saying is hard; who can accept it?” (John 6:56, 60).

John’s inclusion of this incident in his Gospel indicates that some of his contemporaries also denied Christ’s Real Presence. Since then, some Christians have broken away from the Catholic Church because they could not accept the reality of Christ’s Eucharistic Presence. Some contend that Christ was speaking metaphorically—that the bread and wine merely symbolize the spirit of Jesus. Others say that Christ is present only as a result of the faith of the community and doesn’t remain after the worship service.

The Catholic Church teaches that when Jesus pronounced, “This is my body ... this is my blood,” He meant exactly what He said. For Jews of Jesus’ time, “body” meant the person, and “blood” was the source of life identifiable with the person. Jesus was saying over the bread and wine, “This is my very self.” Church teaching couldn’t be more clear: in the Eucharist “the body and blood, together with the soul and divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, the whole Christ is truly, really, and substantially contained (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1374).

—Fr. Oscar Lukefahr, CM

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

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

**Today is our first Vigil and Sunday Mass. Great to be back with our Church Family.**

**The bulletin will be printed again for you as soon as the publishers are back from the shut down. Hopefully soon.**

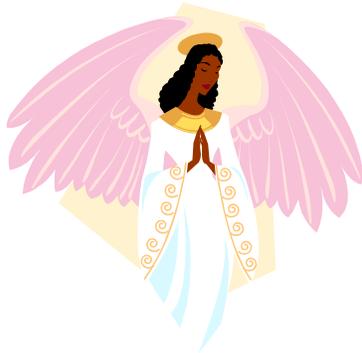
**Thank all of you for your continues support of Our Lady of the Snows. As you know life and bills go on even if the church is closed.**

**Please go to our Website for all the information of the Parish, Dioceses, and personal news.**

**Hope soon we will be having our Bible Study resume. We really miss Debbie and Larry having these studies.**

The second collection will be for the maintenance of our church. Please be generous.

**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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June 7, 2020

Offertory — \$ 210.00

Building & Maintenance \$ 581.00

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### This Weekend's Ministry Schedule

	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors
Saturday	Pat Didier	Geo. Hormel
Sunday	Carolyn Wilhoit	Steve DeWitt

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Weekly Mass Intentions			
June 13	Saturday	5:00 pm	Mass for the Parish
June 14	Sunday	9:30 am	Dennis Kaptor
June 15	Monday	8:30 am	Bob & Marilyn Bow †
June 16	Tuesday	8:30 am	Sp. Intention
June 17	Wednesday	8:30 am	
June 18	Thursday	8:30 am	Holy Souls
June 19	Friday	8:30 am	Pray for Peace

**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      Giordano  
Ken Wilkinson

