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# OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS CATHOLIC PARISH

220 Clifford Drive, Lake Almanor

*Our 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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| Baptismal Preparation (call Rectory at least 1 month in advance) | 259-3932 |
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| 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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# 6th Sunday of Easter

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May 9, 2021

## Good News

***Sixth Sunday of Easter (B)*** **• Acts 10:25–26, 34–35, 44–48; 1 Jn 4:7–10; Jn 15:9–17**

The story about Cornelius shows that God's call is not restricted by our likes and dislikes. Cornelius was a Roman, a citizen of the nation that was occupying Israel. More than that, he served in a military that exercised harsh control over the inhabitants of the land. A man like this would not have been loved by the Jews of the day. However, Cornelius recognized Peter as a representative of God, and his fundamental faith opened him to the gift of the Holy Spirit. All those who were listening to Peter's words were then baptized. They were then one with the community of believers. Faith, baptism, and incorporation into the community of believers are offered to Jew and Roman alike. They are offered today to those who are members of our own religious, racial, or ethnic groups and those who are not; those who are socially or politically vulnerable, and those with power. The issue is not who does God favor, but who favors God.

The Gospel story reinforces this point. It insists that God's love for us is the foundation of everything. We are told: "Love one another as I love you" (John 15:12). God's love is all-inclusive. So should our love be all-inclusive. If God's love is for all, it follows that we are all favored by God—all chosen and cared for by him. This includes even those who might be our political adversaries, or who might exercise exacting authority over us, or who cherish different religious ideas. Imitating God's love requires that we will goodness to others—even those with whom we disagree or who have caused us harm.

*--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.**

## dear Padre

***How does a priest keep the confession of a grievous sin by someone he knows from affecting their personal relationship?***

One of a priest's most sacred responsibilities is the confidentiality of the confessional. This confidentiality encompasses everyone—even the priest and penitent outside the confessional. A priest is not allowed to discuss the confessed sin with the person outside the confessional unless permission is granted for further counseling. The confessor is also forbidden to use any knowledge gained through the sacrament of reconciliation to restrict the penitent. For instance, if a pastor's bookkeeper confessed he was embezzling money, the pastor could not use the knowledge acquired in the confessional to fire the person.

Priests generally try to forget the specific sins parishioners confess to us, and it really isn't that difficult. Contrary to what many think, a parishioner's sins do not rush into my mind when I speak to him or her.

We have all sinned, done things we are ashamed of, things we wouldn't want anyone to know about, things we wouldn't want others to define us by. This knowledge and the grace of the sacrament help us look past the mistakes of others and recognize Christ within them.

*--Fr. Rick Potts, CSsR*

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

**Nothing can limit God's power!**

## OLS News

**Mass Schedule:**
**Saturday** 5 PM
**Sunday** 9:30 AM
**Weekdays** Tues. thru Fri. 8:30 AM
**Confessions:** Saturdays 4 to 4:30 PM or by appointment

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**A Blessed Mothers Day to all mothers!**
**May is the Month of Mary, our Blessed Mother.**

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**Mortgage Retirement Fundraiser: We are having a fundraising Tri-tip Barbeque Dinner on June 11th in the church Social Hall. Details of this barbeque will be forthcoming in emails and weekly Church bulletins. Tickets will be sold, but the number of tickets available will be limited due to the seating capacity of the Social Hall.**

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**Bible Study: Join us in the Social Hall on Wednesdays from 12 noon to 2 PM for the study of the Book of Matthew. All are welcome! For more information, call or email Larry and Debbie Rives: (530) 941-5506, or drives1975@hotmail.com.**

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**Mark your calendars! World famous OLOS Altar Society Annual Memorial Weekend Bake Sale is back: May 29 starting at 7 am at Peninsula Market. If you would like to donate home-baked goodies or help in other ways, contact Laura Hawkins: fisharima@frontiernet.net**

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**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*

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| May 2, 2021 Sunday | $ 1,152.00 |
| Easter | $ 25.00 |
| Building & Maintenance | $ 2,344.00 |
| Helping Hands | $ 100.00 |
| Feast of Ascension | $ 25.00 |

## *This Weekend's Ministry Schedule*

| | Eucharistic Ministers | Lectors |
|---|---|---|
| Saturday | Toni Pleau | Pat Didier |
| Sunday | Debbie Rives<br>Laura Hawkins<br>Julie Chavez | Larry Rives |

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## *Weekly Mass Intentions*

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| May 8 | Saturday | 5:00 pm | Mass for the Parish |
| May 9 | Sunday | 9:30 am | Mass for the Parish |
| May 10 | Monday | | NO MASS |
| May 11 | Tuesday | 8:30 am | All Souls in Purgatory |
| May 12 | Wednesday | 8:30am | Janet Saitone |
| May 13 | Thursday | 8:30 am | Maynard Crowther |
| May 14 | Friday | 8:30 am | Debbie Stebbins |

**OLS news continued—**

**Holy Hour will be held on the First Friday of every month from 5 PM to 6 PM, with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. What a great opportunity to spend time in the Presence of Our Lord! Next Holy Hour: June 4th.**

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