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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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Rev. Fr. Joshua Sia

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MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, Wednesday, 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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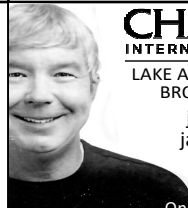
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The Transfiguration of the Lord

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August 6, 2023

Good News

Transfiguration of the Lord (A) Deuteronomy 7:9-10, 13-14 / 2 Peter 1:16-19 / Matthew 17:1-9

In life there are moments that some call transcendence, when the divine shines through the human and the veil that seems to cloak another world falls ever so briefly to reveal that there are not two worlds but only one wrapped in mystery. That is what took place on a mountaintop when Peter, James, and John realized that this Jesus with whom they talked and walked and shared meals, this friend, this very ordinary one, was so much more, was extraordinary, was "of God." While real, it seemed better not to tell anyone about what they had seen.

Are there also moments in our lives when the human glows with the divine, when we come to realize more clearly than ever before that there is another power at play in life than you yourself? Most assuredly.

While we are powerless to create such experiences of transcendence, more than 100 years ago the psychologist William James described such moments when they do occur. He identified four qualities in such experiences: 1) they seem closer to being emotional than intellectual or cognitive; 2) they tend to bring us new understandings of life and of what is, akin to insights, though they cannot be found in a book or be taught; 3) they tend to be very brief, a few seconds for most people; and 4) there is a sense of being sustained by a superior power. This was the apostles' experience of the transfiguration, the feast we celebrate today.

--Father Joseph Juknialis

dear Padre

For the past year or so I have been trying to pray on a regular basis, but I am constantly distracted. My mind wanders so easily. Do you have any suggestions?

Distractions in prayer are an inescapable part of the human condition and the result of our imagination. Even great saints experienced distractions in prayer, and some of their suggestions may help.

When St. Thérèse of Lisieux struggled with prayer, she would recite an Our Father or a Hail Mary or read from the Gospels. Praying an act of faith or returning to God's presence and love can turn our focus away from other concerns, but even then, distractions may still arise.

When we become aware of them, we should calmly renew our focus and continue our prayer. Saint Teresa of Ávila offers this guidance: "We should not be distressed by reason of our thoughts, nor allow ourselves to be worried by them.... The thing is inevitable, therefore do not let it disturb or grieve you" (*The Interior Castle*). No matter how often distractions return or how long they last, they are not sinful. Rather, they are opportunities to show God that we are sincere about praying.

Saint Alphonsus, another great teacher of prayer, reminds us that prayer is necessary, beneficial, and always possible. Hang in there, he says, because the devil would like nothing better than for you to stop praying.

--The Redemptorists

May the Mother of Jesus, and our Mother, always smile on you and obtain for you, from her Most Holy Son, every heavenly blessing.

OLS News

Mass Schedule:

Saturday 5 PM

Sunday 9:30 AM

Weekdays Tues. thru Fri. 8:30 AM

Confessions: Sat. 4 to 4:30 PM or by appt.

The 2nd collection this weekend is for our Maintenance Fund. Thank you so much!

Parish Picnic! Join us this weekend on Sunday, August 6th, after the 9:30 am Mass, on the patio!

Father Josh will teach a 6-week course on the Biblical and Jewish roots of the Eucharist beginning on Wed. Aug. 9 from 10am to 11:30am in the Social Hall. No cost! All are welcome!

BBQ Dinner! On Sat. August 12th, the OLS Men's Group will serve a barbeque dinner after our 5pm Mass. There is no charge, but donations will be accepted. There is a sign-up sheet in the Social Hall so that we know how much food to prepare. Hope you can be there!

Tues. Aug. 15th is a Holy Day of Obligation, the Feast of the Assumption. Masses are at 9:30 am and 5:30 pm.

Prayer Box: Do you know someone who needs our prayers? There is a prayer box in the Social Hall. There are forms provided to name the person and the intention. You can also add names to the prayer book on the back table in church. That book is placed on the altar at the Offertory, and those named are remembered in our mass.

Interested in serving as a lector or a Eucharistic Minister at our masses? Contact Sally Harvey at willaharv09@gmail.com.

Please take a moment to say a prayer for all of our sick parishioners.

Pray for our Sick and Deceased Loved Ones

Liturgical Tidbits from Father Josh: The Gloria

On Sundays, Feast Days, and Solemnities, the Gloria is either recited or sung at Mass. Its origin is very Biblical and follows a long-standing tradition in the Church. In essence, it is a prayer of praise that extols the glory of God, how worthy he is to be worshipped, and recalls the mystery of the Incarnation. If done well, ideally it is a reflection of our joy because of what God has done for us, especially the gift that we are given in the Eucharist.

The original form of it comes from the Gospel of Luke, a Gospel full of praise and joy. When the angel Gabriel announces to Zechariah that he will have a son and when that promise was fulfilled, he praises God with his hymn of the *Benedictus* (Lk 1:67-79). In the Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth, Mary also glorifies God with the *Magnificat* (Lk 1:46-56). In the birth of Jesus, angels praised God as they sang: “*Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests!*” (Lk 2:13-14). Also, when the infant Jesus was presented in the Temple in Jerusalem, Simeon recognizes the promise of the long-awaited Messiah being fulfilled and also proclaims a joyful canticle known as the *Nunc Dimittis* (Lk 2:29-32). The Gloria that we say or sing at mass echoes all of these hymns of praise, most especially the hymn that was sung by the angels in Jesus’ birth.

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Weekly Offerings

Sunday July 30th	\$ 1,090.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 1,030.00
Brick	\$ 100.00
Mass Stipends	\$ 70.00
Baptisms	\$ 100.00

--- This Weekend's Ministry Schedule ---

Eucharistic Ministers

Lectors

SAT. 5 PM Cynthia Riggins
 Sonja Burton Nita Jimenez
 Toni Pleau

SUN. 9:30 AM Carolyn Willhoit
 Julie Chavez Larry Gibbs
 Kitty DeWitt

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To receive our bulletin by email, contact Steve DeWitt: cranmorti@gmail.com or call him at 530-258-4222.

Sunday mass is live on Facebook: <https://fb.me/ourladyofthesnowslakealmanor>. You can also find the link on our website, ourladyofsnowsparish.org. Check out all of the great information on our website, including a [link for online giving](#) (click on “Donate Now”).

From May through Sept., there is a **2nd collection at weekend masses for our Maintenance Fund** (except for the 2nd Sun. of the month when the 2nd collection is for Helping Hands and Westwood Resource Center). Thank you for your contributions!

Weekly Mass Intentions

Aug. 5	Saturday	5:00 pm	Sister Cecilia Rose
Aug. 6	Sunday	9:30 am	Sonny Weber †
Aug 7	Monday	-----	NO MASS
Aug. 8	Tuesday	8:30 am	Faye Wilkinson
Aug. 9	Wednesday	8:30 am	Debbie and Larry Rives
Aug. 10	Thursday	8:30 am	Mary Meissner
Aug. 11	Friday	8:30 am	Cahill Family

OLS NEWS (continued)--

The Pastoral Council is compiling a **history of our two former parishes**. Our Lady of the Snows in Westwood and Christ the King Church in Chester. If you have photos or information, please contact Father Josh at 530-259-3932. If you know anyone whom we might interview about our history, please let us know!

Information about upcoming 2nd Collections:

Aug. 12-13: Helping Hands and Westwood Resource Center
Aug. 19-20: Church in Latin America (Special Diocesan Collection--envelopes are in the Social Hall). Thank you!

Commemorative Bricks can be ordered for \$100. Forms are available in the Social Hall. Contact Steve DeWitt at 530-258-4222 or cranmorti@gmail.com for more information.

Please remember if you are in need of spiritual guidance, special anointing, or just information—call the Rectory (530-259-3932) for an appointment. We are here to help and to ease your burden.