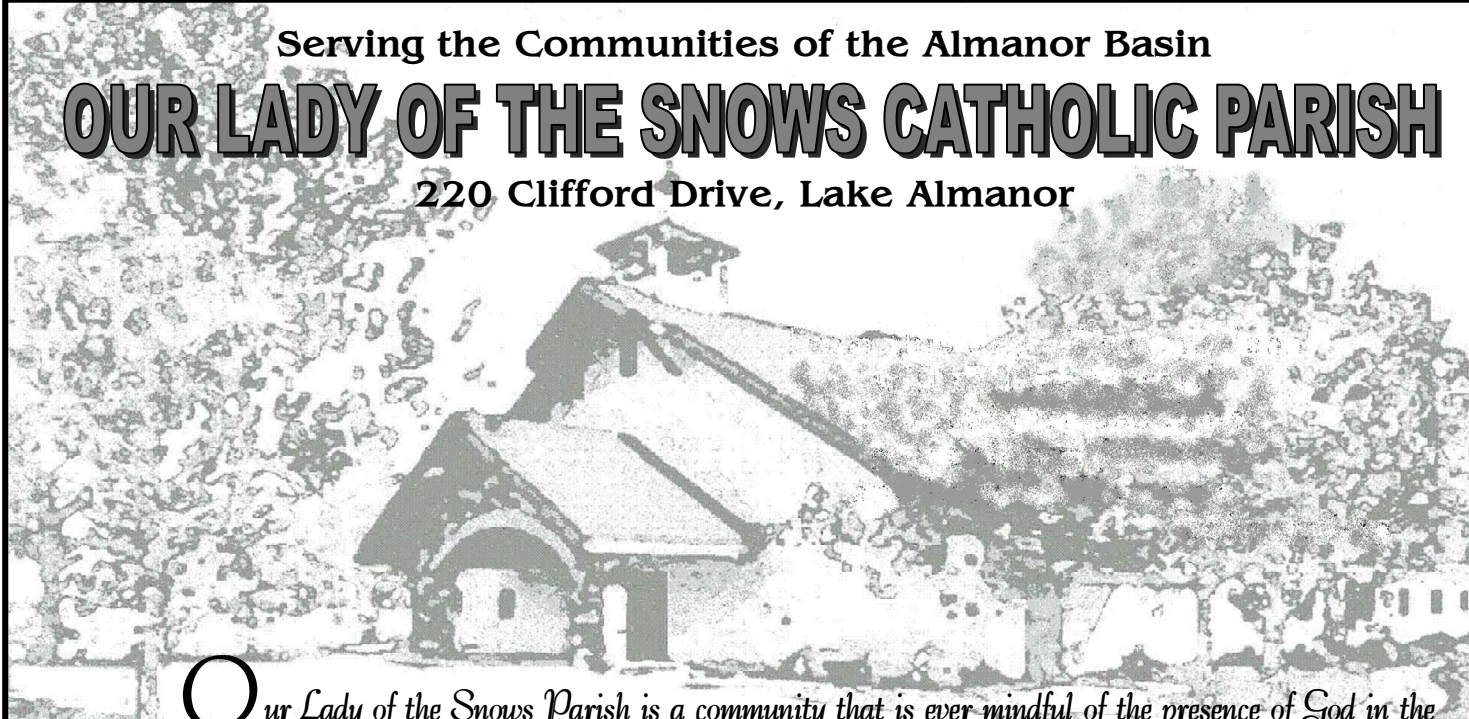


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PASTOR  
Rev. Fr. Joshua Sia

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Sunday - 9:30 a.m.

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

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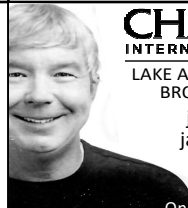
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## 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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August 13, 2023

### Good News

### dear Padre

### OLS News

**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a / Romans 9:1-5 / Matthew 14:22-33**

As priests we're expected to plan our own funerals, including the Scripture readings. As it happens, I chose the Gospel for this Sunday, the one about Jesus walking across the water and inviting Peter to trust and step out of the boat and come to him. You may think it strange for a funeral, but it's been pretty much the story of my life.

Often there have been times when I was asked to go where I didn't want to go, like Peter being asked to get out of the boat. Ultimately I realized that those were also the very times when I seemed most aware of God's presence.

Oh, I think God was always there, it's simply that my own ego often got in the way. It was when I gave in that I most felt buoyed by God. In fact, the least satisfying assignment was the one I eagerly sought out, and some of those I resisted turned out to be graced. Like Peter, it's good to do what doesn't always make sense.

What does all this have to do with my choice of this Scripture reading for my funeral? Well, every time I have stepped out of the boat of security, God has been there to sustain me. I figure there is going to be no bigger "stepping out" than death, so I'm expecting God will be there as well.

--Father Joseph Juknialis

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

***At what precise point in the Mass does the bread and wine turn into the Body and Blood of Christ?***

For many centuries, thinkers in the Western and Eastern Churches have pondered this question. Some say the moment of consecration happens at the beginning of the sentence, "This is my body." Others say it happens at the conclusion of that sentence. Still others claim it happens sometime during the sentence. The same theories were proposed about the consecration of the cup. From the Eastern Churches, the theory was raised that it wasn't the eucharistic narrative that was consecratory, but rather the prayer of invocation to the Holy Spirit known as the *epiclesis*.

These theories continue to be debated, but to what avail? Even the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* does not specify when the consecration happens (CCC 1375-81). But knowing the precise moment it happens doesn't seem to be as important as simply knowing that the elements of bread and wine over which the prayer is prayed do become for us the Body and Blood of Christ.

This mystery of faith, moreover, adds another dimension to our lives: transformation into Christ. Whether we share in Communion at the liturgy or contemplate the Lord in the tabernacle, the loving call of the Spirit is to change our hearts. Specifically, when does that happen to us? One never knows for sure. But by participation in the mystery of faith, we're changed ever more deeply into the One whose Body and Blood we share.

Source: *The Eucharist: 50 Questions From the Pews*, © Richard N. Fragomeni, PhD. (Liguori Publications, 2008)

#### **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 the Westwood Resource Center and Helping Hands in Chester. Thank you for helping those in need who live in our own area.

**BBO Dinner this weekend! 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. All are welcome! Please join us!

**\*Holy Day of Obligation:** Tues. Aug. 15th is the Feast of the Assumption. Mass schedule that day: 9:30 am and 5:30 pm.

It's not too late to join Father Josh's course on the Biblical and Jewish Roots of the Eucharist. It is held each Wed. from 10am to 11:30am in the Social Hall (The course began Aug. 9th and will go through September 13th.) No cost! All are welcome!

**Coming Aug. 19-20:** The Second Collection will be a Special Diocesan Collection for the Church in Latin America--envelopes are available in the Social Hall. Thank you for your generosity.

If you are new to the parish and haven't registered to be part of our parish, please fill out the registration form for new parishioners. Forms are available on the table in the Social Hall. Welcome, all new parishioners, to Our Lady of the Snows!

**THANKS TO ALL** whose efforts made our parish picnic such a lovely event! Thank you to all who attended!

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



### ***Liturgical Tidbits from Father Josh: “Let us Pray”***

After the Introductory Rites, the priest during mass always addresses and invites the people with the words: “Let us Pray.” The invocation of “Let us pray” is followed by a period of silence before the Collect (the Opening Prayer) is read. The silence is important because having just celebrated the Introductory Rites of the Mass, it is the hope of the Church that we have become distinctly aware of God’s presence and the intentions we are now bringing into the celebration of the Eucharist.

The priest does not just go directly to the Collect or say “I am now going to pray,” because he is not alone in the sacrifice that is to be offered. *In saying “Let us pray,” he is inviting the whole congregation to practice the common priesthood of our baptism.*

Remember that all of us in our baptism are configured to the threefold office of Christ as Priest, Prophet, and King. And so, as the priest invites us with the words “Let us pray,” we call to mind the sacrifices we want to present to the altar, the intentions we hold in our hearts, the prayers and thoughts of each and every one of us collected into one as the priest leads us into the celebration of the Eucharist.

### **Weekly Offerings**

Sunday Aug. 6th	\$ 2,168.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 1,779.00
Mass Stipends	\$ 50.00

### **--- This Weekend’s Ministry Schedule ---**

#### **Eucharistic Ministers**

Cynthia Riggins

**SAT. 5 PM**

Pat Didier

Toni Pleau

#### **Lectors**

Nita Jimenez

Jessica Dowling

**SUN. 9:30 AM**

Julie Chavez

Jeffrey Janus

Ray Pallari

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Sunday mass is live on Facebook: <https://fb.me/ourladyofthesnowslakealmanor>. You can also find the link on our website, [ourladyofsnovsparish.org](http://ourladyofsnovsparish.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!

### ***Pray for our Sick and Deceased Loved Ones***

Joe Beuchat	Matthew Hunt †	Cindee Padula †
Vernon Burgess	Helen Karch †	Mitchell Padula †
Troy Buzzell †	Erin Kelly	Diana Pallari †
The Cahill Family	Karen Klemek †	Miguel Pena †
Lucia Carillo †	Abigail Krebs	John Pezzi †
Reuben Chavez †	Alma Kopernik	Kerry Phillips †
Maynard Crowther	Nancy Lambert †	John Price
Ron & Fran Dennis	Ronald Longacre †	Linda Porter
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Jessica Dowling	Pat Martin	Janet Saitone
John Doyle	Andrea Maumoynier	Robert Shadley †
John Fehrman †	Priscilla McEfee †	Lori Sinclair
Jean Fernandez †	Fran Moale †	Marcella Unalles
Monique Figlietti	Kathy O'Donnell	Bruce Van Alostyne
Dan H.	Lawrence Oliver †	Faye Wilkinson
Aubrey Hawkins †	Scott Oswold	Ruby Vocke †
Jane & Reed Hilliard	Francis Ouellette	† indicates deceased

### **Weekly Mass Intentions**

Aug. 12	Saturday	5:00 pm	Ronald Longacre † and Larry Gene & Diane Miller ††
Aug. 13	Sunday	9:30 am	Mary Deveny †
Aug 14	Monday	-----	NO MASS
<b>Aug. 15</b> <b>Fest of the</b> <b>Assumption</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9:30 am</b> <b>5:30 pm</b>	Maynard Crowther Susan Pemberton
Aug. 16	Wednesday	8:30 am	Debbie and Larry Rives
Aug. 17	Thursday	8:30 am	Reuben Chavez †
Aug. 18	Friday	8:30 am	Cathy Graham

### ***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!

**THANK YOU** to all who are cleaning the church and to the hard-working volunteers who are maintaining the grounds around the church and the rectory! God Bless 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](mailto: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 burdens.