

Serving the Communities of the Almanor Basin

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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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A Journey song 985

August 20, 2023

Good News

dear Padre

OLS News

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
(A) Isaiah 56:1, 6–7 / Romans 11:13–15, 29–32 / Matthew 15:21–28

In Robert Frost's poem "Mending Wall," he tells how each spring he meets with his farming neighbor, and the two of them walk along on either side of the stone wall that marks their property to replace the stones toppled by the ice of winter. His neighbor loves the idea of a wall, inspired by his father's advice that "good fences make good neighbors." Frost, however, is not convinced and keeps suggesting that "something there is that doesn't love a wall," as if walls are not intrinsic to God's creation.

We humans seem to like our boundaries. As children, we divide ourselves between girl germs and boy germs and draw imaginary lines in the back seats of cars. Later we build walls everywhere—the Great Wall of China, the Berlin Wall, the structures at Mexico's border, backyard fences, and gated communities. We set up national boundaries, build emotional walls, relegate people to ghettos and the other side of the tracks, and we differentiate among religions, arguing over which is God's preference. We seem to use walls rather than love to give us our identity.

Some Scripture scholars suggest that this Sunday's Gospel event was a turning point where it became clear that Jesus came to save not only the Jewish people but all people, believers and unbelievers alike. Seeing her faith, Jesus willingly cured the Canaanite woman's daughter. With God there are no boundaries or walls—not those of nations, not those imposed by languages and customs, not those we use to divide people of faith.

--Father Joseph Juknialis

Why are the Scripture readings for Mass so piecemeal? We read part of a verse then jump to another part. Doesn't reading it like this distort the meaning of the passage?

The readings for Mass are in a book called the *Lectionary*. Our current *Lectionary* was set up after the Second Vatican Council. It uses a three-year cycle for the Sunday readings, so over three years we hear the majority of the Bible at Mass. Its introduction states, "The present Order of Readings for Mass, then, is an arrangement of biblical readings that provides the faithful with a knowledge of the whole of God's word, in a pattern suited to the purpose" (*General Introduction to the Lectionary*, Second Edition, 60).

So the readings are not "piecemeal" but rather arranged so that we are exposed to the whole of God's word within three years. At times a given reading may not be complete—for example, the second reading for today is from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans, chapter eleven, verses 13–15 and 29–32. This is done not only for brevity but for clarity. Those who organized the *Lectionary* thought that this excerpt made the message clearer or gave better emphasis to a point in the reading. It certainly is good to get out your Bible and read the whole section so you can see what is missing, but when the word is proclaimed at Mass, the current arrangement is most effective.

--Father Patrick Keyes, CSSR

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

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 a Special Diocesan Collection for the Church in Latin America). Thanks so much!

Join us for breakfast on Sunday August 27th, after the 9:30 Mass in the Social Hall, provided by the OLS Men's Group. No charge, but donations are welcome! Your donations help the Men's Group with numerous projects that benefit our church and our community!

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!

ONLINE GIVING is a great way to donate to Our Lady of the Snows anywhere, anytime. You can schedule a monthly or weekly donation, or you can make a one-time donation. On our website (ourladyofsnowsparish.org), simply click the "Donate Now" link. There are also information cards available on the shelf in the Social Hall near the front door.

THANKS TO ALL whose efforts made the Men's Group Barbeque such a success! Thank you to all who attended!

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 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. 13th [See next week’s bulletin]

--- This Weekend’s Ministry Schedule ---

Eucharistic Ministers

Lectors

SAT. 5 PM

Cynthia Riggins

Sonja Burton

Toni Pleau

[need volunteer]

SUN. 9:30 AM

Jessica Dowling

Julie Chavez

[need volunteer]

[need volunteer]

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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. 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 †
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Dan H.	Lawrence Oliver †	Faye Wilkinson
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Jane & Reed Hilliard	Francis Ouellette	† indicates deceased

Weekly Mass Intentions

Aug. 19	Saturday	5:00 pm	Ronald Longacre †
Aug. 20	Sunday	9:30 am	Don Downing †
Aug 21	Monday	-----	NO MASS
Aug. 22	Tuesday	8:30 am	Jo Ann Glendenning
Aug. 23	Wednesday	8:30 am	Debbie and Larry Rives
Aug. 24	Thursday	8:30 am	Janet Saitone
Aug. 25	Friday	8:30 am	Gilbert and Mabel Tosso †

OLS NEWS (continued)--

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!

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!

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.