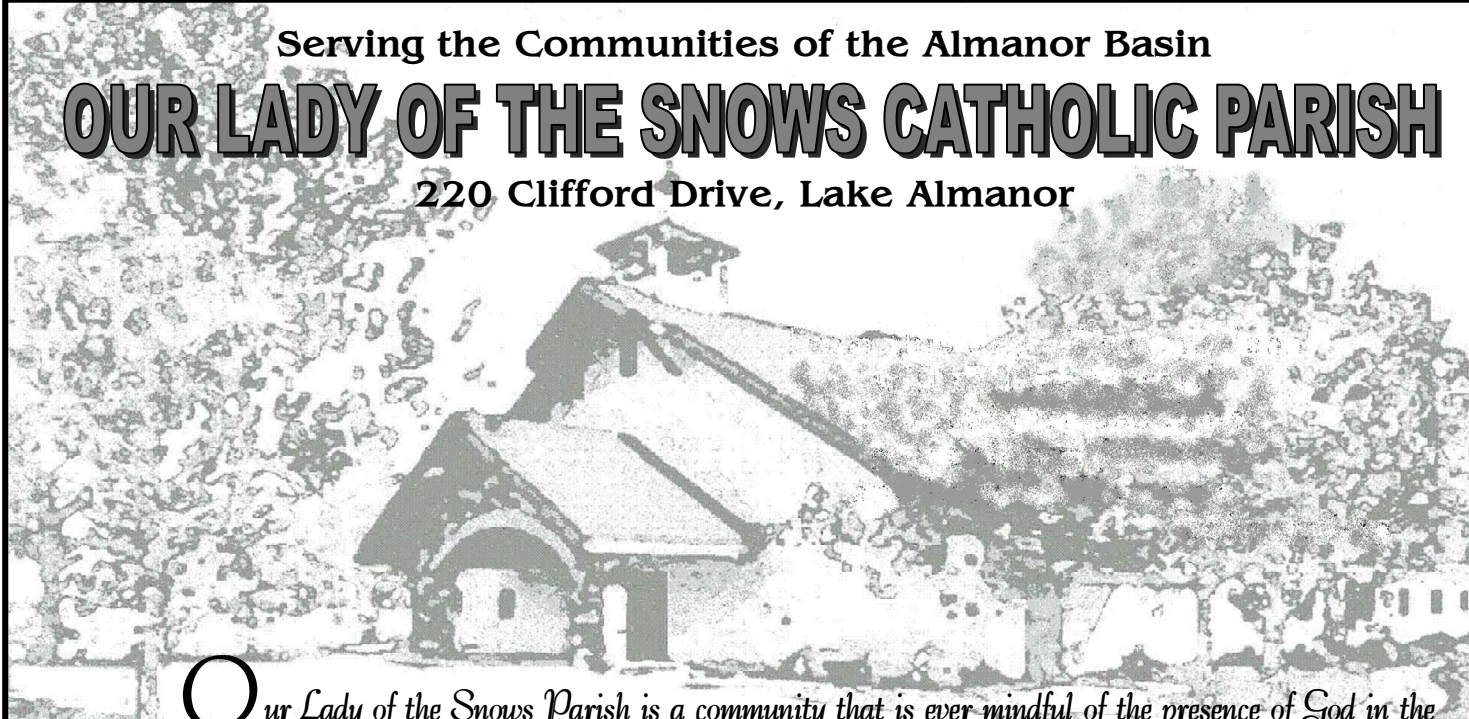


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Rev. Fr. Joshua Sia

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Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday - 8:30 a.m.

Saturday - 5:00 p.m.

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Year A Journey song 988

August 27, 2023

Good News

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
(A) Isaiah 22:19–23 / Romans 11:33–36 / Matthew 16:13–20

Over the years I've asked many people what they believe about Jesus and who He is for them. I've always nudged them away from the expected answer simply because I was interested in who He was for them down deep in their spirits. It's been a whole wheelbarrow full of answers, yes it has, a full and varied garden.

Some said they thought He was a very good human being, though they hedged when I asked if they thought He was also of God. Others thought He was a prophet, though they also backed away from anything that hinted of the divine. For some, Jesus was God dressed in human skin, as if He were simply playing at being human. Some labeled Him a reformer and others a teacher. None of them dismissed Jesus as irrelevant or a remnant of the past. And for many, Jesus is the truth professed by Peter, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." He is the Word made flesh, the wisdom of God among us, the one who lives.

In one way or another all of us must answer the question Jesus asks of His disciples in today's Gospel: "Who do you say that I am?" The question is just as relevant today as it was when Jesus asked it. For some, their yes is without doubt. For others, it is a questioning journey of coming to faith. All of us are faced with that question: Who is Jesus for us today in the way we live our life? --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.

dear Padre

Why do Catholics believe they are the only true Church?

Roman Catholics believe our Church has historical continuity with St. Peter and the apostles who were present on the day of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit gave birth to the Church. Catholics believe the work begun by Peter and the other apostles continued under men they appointed and on whom they laid hands—giving them apostolic authority to carry their work into the next generation. Apostolic authority, understood by Catholics to be historical and traceable, is a mark of authenticity and continuity of the Church. For Catholics, this essential mark of the Church is missing if a Christian community rejects apostolic authority and Peter's leadership of the other apostles—carried on by their successors in the persons of bishops and popes—over the last 2,000 years.

Nevertheless, "numerous elements of sanctification and truth" are present in separated Churches and ecclesial communities, and "the Spirit of Christ has not refrained from using them as instruments of salvation" (*Responses to Some Questions Regarding Certain Aspects of the Doctrine on the Church*, by the Vatican Offices of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, 2007).

Dialogue with other Christians continues, and we hope the love and respect we have for one another can grow over time. While our Church leaders have the role of conserving the faith we have received, all Christians should remember that the Law of Love must prevail. If we violate that principle, we fail to comprehend an essential truth of our faith.

--From *Catholic and Cornered: Answers to Common Questions About Your Faith* (Liguori Publications, 2011)

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. We appreciate your help with the upkeep of our church.

Breakfast this weekend! 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! (Suggested donation is \$10 per family). Your donations help the Men's Group with numerous projects that benefit our church and our community!

Learn more about the Eucharist and about the foundations of our faith! Father Josh explains the Biblical and Jewish Roots of the Eucharist 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!

Holy Hour and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place on the First Friday of each month, after our 8:30am mass. Next Holy Hour: Friday, September 1st.

Altar Society meets the first Tuesday of the month. Next meeting: Tuesday, September 5th at 11am in the Social Hall. Please join us--bring a lunch.

Please consider volunteering to be a lector, a Eucharistic Minister, an usher, a choir member, or an altar server at our church. There are sign-up sheets in the Social Hall. We need and appreciate all members of our OLS family (full-time and seasonal)! Father Josh will provide training.

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 & 20th	\$ 1,438.00 & \$ 2,907.00
Feast of the Assumption	\$ 377.00
Maintenance (2 weeks)	\$ 2,272.00
Commemorative Bricks	\$ 300.00
Church in Latin America	\$ 538.00

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

Eucharistic Ministers

Lectors

SAT. 5 PM Pat Didier
Sonja Burton Nita Jimenez
Toni Pleau

SUN. 9:30 AM Kitty DeWitt
Ruthie Hinman Steve DeWitt
Julie Chavez

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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!

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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Jessica Dowling	Pat Martin	Janet Saitone
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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. 26	Saturday	5:00 pm	Ronald Longacre † and Larry Gene and Diane Miller ††
Aug. 27	Sunday	9:30 am	Gail Rowley †
Aug 28	Monday	-----	NO MASS
Aug. 29	Tuesday	8:30 am	Pat Martin
Aug. 30	Wednesday	8:30 am	Debbie and Larry Rives
Aug. 31	Thursday	8:30 am	Janet Saitone
September 1	Friday	8:30 am	Those Named on our Bricks

OLS NEWS (continued)--

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Do you know anyone in our parish who is recuperating from an illness and would benefit from having a dinner provided and delivered to their home? The Altar Society is happy to do so. Call Carolyn Willhoit at 530-258-1765.

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.