

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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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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September 3, 2023

Good News

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) Jeremiah 20:7-9 / Romans 12:1-2 / Matthew 16:21-27

Somewhere in every life, along its twisting curving path, we find ourselves wondering if we would not be better off somewhere else doing something different, as if with the flip of the channel we could live a parallel life. Except that changing life is never that simple. And so we live on with our foibles and our insecurities. We make do for one more day in a job that is less than satisfying, or a relationship that is worn and fraying, or caring for aging parents as we juggle the needs of two households. In every niche of life, we may find ourselves dealing with difficult people, listening to others' woes, wondering if anyone cares. Like the prophet Jeremiah, we can feel we've been duped by the Lord God.

We don't need to go looking for crosses. They come our way. And it is our crosses that allow us to save our lives by losing our lives. It is these very same lives from which we wish we could escape that bring us to holiness, if for no other reason than that we *do* struggle not to have our own way all the time. Spirituality has been defined as an inner set of values by which we live an outer set of circumstances. As people of faith, we try to do just that: to live in the style of Jesus. Somehow, it seems that God brings us to places we should be.

--Father Joseph Juknialis

September 8th is the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Remember to pray the rosary often and to ask our Blessed Mother to intercede for all our needs--especially that God may bring peace to our troubled world.

dear Padre

Are we supposed to pray a specific prayer after we genuflect and kneel in the pew before we take our seats? What about after Communion?

There is no particular prayer to say when we genuflect, enter the pew, and kneel for a while. Genuflecting and kneeling are powerful expressions and prayers in themselves—we kneel only to God. But these gestures can become mere routine unless we accompany them with a moment of awareness and recollection and maybe a prayer like, “I adore you, O Christ, and I bless you, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.”

Neither are there required prayers to say in the moments after holy Communion as we return to the pew. But this is a most special time. “Holy souls endeavor to remain as long as possible in prayer after Communion,” wrote St. Alphonsus Liguori in *The Holy Eucharist*. “There is no prayer more agreeable to God, or more profitable to the soul, than that which is made during the thanksgiving after Communion.”

Eucharist is from the Greek word *eukharistia*, which means “thanksgiving,” and this is a time for giving thanks. We remain silently focused on the astonishing passion and affection of our Lord in giving himself to us to eat and make part of ourselves. So much depends on awareness; so much depends on gratitude. Prayer books may help us enter a time of thanksgiving. But we can also say simply, “Jesus, I love you.” --*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. We appreciate your help with the upkeep of our church.

THANK YOU to the OLS Men's Group for the delicious breakfast on Aug. 27th! Thanks to all who helped with this event and to all those who attended!

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

All are welcome to attend Father Josh's lectures on “The Biblical and Jewish Roots of the Eucharist.” Time: each Wednesday, 10am to 11:30am. Place: Social Hall. The course continues through Sept. 13th

Men's Group meets Friday, Sept. 8th at 5pm in the Social Hall. Dinner will be provided. Please join us! All men welcome!

The Holy Father's monthly prayer intentions: Please include in your prayers during this month the Holy Father's prayer intentions for September: “*For people living on the margins: We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.*”

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.

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 Collect"

The Collect, or also known as the Opening Prayer at Mass, immediately comes after the priest addresses the people with "Let us pray."

Ever wonder why the prayer is specifically called "The Collect"? As per our last tidbit, when the priest invites us with "Let us Pray," what he specifically does is to **gather into one** all our prayers and thoughts, so in a spiritual and literal sense he is "collect-ing" all of us into one.

The etymology of The Collect comes from *collecta* in Latin, which means "the gathering of the people together." The structure of a Collect typically has five parts: 1) invocation or address of God; 2) acknowledgment or description of God; 3) petition or request; 4) aspiration or desired result; and 5) conclusion or doxology.

Next time we start the mass, pay attention to the Collect as it sets the tone for our intentions and petitions for the whole mass.

Joe Beuchat	Matthew Hunt †	Cindee Padula †
Vernon Burgess	Helen Karch †	Mitchell Padula †
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Dan Higgins	Lawrence Oliver †	Faye Wilkinson
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Jane & Reed Hilliard	Francis Ouellette	† indicates deceased

Weekly Offerings

Sunday Aug. 27th	\$ 1,124.00
Maintenance	\$ 945.00
Food Bank	\$ 100.00
Commemorative Bricks	\$ 200.00
Mass Stipends	\$ 58.00

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

Eucharistic Ministers

Lectors

SAT. 5 PM	Pat Didier Sonja Burton Toni Pleau	Nita Jimenez
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SUN. 9:30 AM	Kitty DeWitt Jessica Dowling Julie Chavez	Steve DeWitt
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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

Sept. 2	Saturday	5:00 pm	Vicki Pleau †
Sept. 3	Sunday	9:30 am	Jim Tierney †
Sept. 4	Monday	-----	NO MASS
Sept. 5	Tuesday	8:30 am	Joe Beuchat
Sept. 6	Wednesday	8:30 am	Paul Burke
Sept. 7	Thursday	8:30 am	Cindy Hawkins
Sept. 8	Friday	8:30 am	Linda Porter

OLS NEWS (continued)--

Next weekend, **Sept. 9th-10th**, the second collection will be for **Helping Hands** and for the **Westwood Resource Center** to help those in need who live in our area.

If you have not yet seen our beautiful bricks by the patio, take a look! These **Commemorative Bricks** can be ordered for \$100. Forms are available in the Social Hall. Contact Steve DeWitt at 530-258-4222 or crannmorti@gmail.com for more information. The proceeds from the bricks help with many special projects, such as the beautiful flooring in the Social Hall.

Coming in two weeks: On the weekend of Sept. 16th-17th the 2nd collection will be a Special Diocesan Collection for Priests Retirement. Thank you for your generosity!

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.