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# OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS CATHOLIC PARISH

220 Clifford Drive, Lake Almanor



**O**ur 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.

PASTOR  
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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## 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A Journey song 994

September 10, 2023

### Good News

**Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) Ezekiel 33:7-9 / Romans 13:8-10 / Matthew 18:15-20**

While the Scripture readings this week remind us we are responsible for one another, do any of us really want someone serving as our conscience, telling us what to do? A national insurance company once aired a TV ad in which "Cynthia" takes it upon herself to make sure everyone was abiding by the established regulations of the subdivision. She checks to make sure everyone is breaking down cardboard, cuts down hanging flower baskets that are contrary to regulations, and takes a chainsaw to mailboxes that are even two inches too high.

None of us wants a "Cynthia" for a neighbor. It may be that it takes a community to raise a child, but once we have become adults—well, thanks but no thanks. So what do we do with these readings?

The Gospel adds the ingredient of community to the "cake batter." Praying with a faith community can help correct our personal opinion, remind us what we might be blind to, and broaden our vision by affirming that we are a part of a larger world, all from the perspective of faith.

A faith community that reflects "Cynthia" thinking is a church that seeks to control. It motivates by fear, discourages prayerful reflection, and expects everyone to march in unison. A healthy faith community is a church that respects everyone as serious individuals of faith, encourages study and dialogue to seek out truth, and recognizes that growth in faith occurs in different ways. Prayerful, respectful communities of faith are how God tweaks our lives.

--Father Joseph Juknialis

### dear Padre

**Recently our new pastor relocated the rectory away from the church and parish office. Why is this becoming more common?**

"The laborer deserves his payment" from Luke 10:7 has been traditionally interpreted to suggest that ministers for the Lord engaged in pastoral service are provided with certain basic necessities, such as a place to call home. Some priests are now choosing a distinct location in which to live that is apart from where their ministry is primarily conducted. A reason for this move is often attributed to rectories that have no clear boundaries between the private living space and the parish office.

While clergy in apostolic ministry are not necessarily seeking a cloistered existence, they do deserve the fundamental privacies enjoyed by everyone else. Sometimes this courtesy is not respected by those who have an unhealthy curiosity about the lives of their parish priests or by those who are preoccupied with being "in the know" (and sharing what they know with the rest of the congregation).

Dedicated priests can be accessible and available at various hours during the day or night without having to live in a fishbowl. Sometimes this may warrant a new rectory location or facility, especially if the pastor in stocking feet on his day off can't pour his morning coffee without stumbling into a DRE staff meeting!

--Fr. Byron Miller, 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.**

### 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 Helping Hands in Chester and the Westwood Resource Center. Thank you for your generosity in helping those in our community who are in need.**

**Don't miss Father Josh's last lesson on "The Biblical and Jewish Roots of the Eucharist." Time: Wednesday, September 13th, 10am to 11:30am. Place: Social Hall. All are welcome!**

**Is God calling you to take a more active role at our weekend masses? It is not too late to volunteer! We need lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, ushers, choir members, and altar servers. Sign up sheets are in the Social Hall. Father Josh will provide instructions. Thank you for considering these ministries.**

**RCIA: Do you know anyone who is interested in becoming a Catholic? Or do you know someone who has been baptized in the Catholic faith but has not yet received the sacraments of Penance and Holy Communion or Confirmation? There is a sign-up sheet in the Social Hall to let Father Josh know so that he can contact the person about RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation) instructions.**

**Coming next week: 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 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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### Weekly Offerings

Sunday Sept. 3rd [See next week's bulletin]

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

#### Eucharistic Ministers

#### Lectors

**SAT. 5 PM**

Cynthia Riggins  
Sonja Burton  
Toni Pleau

Pat Didier

**SUN. 9:30 AM**

Carolyn Willhoit  
Ray Pallari  
Julie Chavez

Larry Gibbs

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From May through September, 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. 9	Saturday	5:00 pm	Ronald Longacre † and Larry Gene † and Diane Miller †
Sept. 10	Sunday	9:30 am	Perry O'Dowd
Sept. 11	Monday	-----	NO MASS
Sept. 12	Tuesday	8:30 am	Paul Burke
Sept. 13	Wednesday	8:30 am	Pat Martin
Sept. 14	Thursday	8:30 am	Janet Saitone
Sept. 15	Friday	8:30 am	Priscilla McEfee †

### *OLS NEWS (continued)--*

**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."*

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](mailto: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.

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.