

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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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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September 24, 2023

Good News

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) Isaiah 55:6-9 / Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a / Matthew 20:1-16a

Human beings grow and mature at different paces. Turning twenty-one is no marker of maturity. We've all known the ten-year-old whom people say is already an old man because of how he thinks and acts. Just as surely, we've known the forty-year-old who still acts and dresses like a teenager. If this is true with human growth, would it not be true as well with growth in faith?

This Sunday's parable of the landowner who pays all his laborers the same even though they have not all worked the same amount of time often sparks the comment that it's not good business sense. But the parable is not about business. It's about how we all come to faith at different times in life, all according to God's plan, not ours. Why then do some complain about deathbed conversions as being unfair? Who's to say when someone finally catches up to God's love and goodness? Too often human wisdom and divine wisdom spin in different worlds.

Pope Benedict XVI once commented on this Gospel's wisdom and how we should be patient with young people as they seek the sacraments. Jesus was patient with us, he said, so we should follow His lead. Federico Lombardi, SJ, the Vatican spokesman for Pope Benedict, reported that the Pope had commented, "I used to be more strict about this, but the example of Christ led me to become more welcoming in cases in which, perhaps, there is not a mature and solid faith, but there is a glimmer, a desire of communion with the Church."--*Father Joseph Juknialis*

dear Padre

When can I take photographs in church? During my niece's baptism, I was told to put my camera away. We have a Confirmation and a wedding coming up, and I don't want to get in trouble again.

Reverence and courtesy are the issues here. Reverence keeps in mind that what is real about baptism and all the sacraments does not come out in photos. Courtesy notes that other folks are trying to enter into the awe and joy of the mystery, and people taking photographs can get in the way or distract.

Parishes differ in rules and regulations. Many parishes prohibit the taking of pictures. Certainly taking flash pictures is annoying in a way that taking available-light photos is not. But even with nonflash pictures, the photographer is trying to get around people and into a good spot.

Weddings call for photos from approved photographers. In most United States cultures, photos at funeral Masses are out of place. However, there are exceptions, such as the situation of an infirm woman who was unable to attend her sister's funeral. She was extremely upset until her niece thought to record it with her phone. The pastor had no problem with this solution.

No matter what the situation, it is always best to check with the parish office before the event. If it is permitted, get a few good pictures and then be sure to close your eyes in prayer so you can see what is really going on. --*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 Second Collection this weekend, Sept. 23rd-24th, is for our Maintenance Fund. Thanks for helping us with all the expenses to keep our church and parking lot in good repair!

Welcome, Father Tam! Thank you for saying our masses this weekend while Father Josh is away.

***There will be no 8:30 am weekday masses for the weeks of Sept. 25th-29th, and Oct. 2nd-6th. We will have the usual weekend mass schedule. The 8:30 am weekday mass schedule will resume on Tues., Oct. 10th.**

Thanks to all who signed up to help in our various ministries! It is not too late to sign up. Sign-up sheets are in the Social Hall.

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.

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 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 †
Paul Burke	Erin Kelly	Diana Pallari †
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Lucia Carillo †	Alma Kopernik	Kerry Phillips †
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Dan Higgins	Lawrence Oliver †	Faye Wilkinson
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Jane & Reed Hilliard	Francis Ouellette	† indicates deceased

Weekly Offerings

Sunday Sept. 17th	\$ 1,086.00
Diocesan Collection for Priests Retirement	\$ 467.00
Maintenance	\$ 641.00
Online Giving from July 15-Sept. 15	\$ 4,445.00
OLS share from Annual Catholic Appeal	\$ 949.00

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

Eucharistic Ministers

Cynthia Riggins

SAT. 5 PM

Pat Didier

Sonja Burton

Lectors

Pat Didier

Lori Koehnen

Carolyn Willhoit

SUN. 9:30 AM

Kitty DeWitt

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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 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. 23	Saturday	5:00 pm	Pat Wheatley
Sept. 24	Sunday	9:30 am	Mary Deveny †
Sept. 25	Monday	-----	NO MASS
Sept. 26	Tuesday	-----	NO MASS
Sept. 27	Wednesday	-----	NO MASS
Sept. 28	Thursday	-----	NO MASS
Sept. 29	Friday	-----	NO MASS

OLS NEWS (continued)--

Altar Society meets on **Tues. Oct. 3rd at 11 am at Buffalo Chips Restaurant at 322 Birch St. in Westwood**. Interested in joining Altar Society? You are welcome to attend our meeting. Call Julie Chavez for more information: 530-258-9604.

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.

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.