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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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## 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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November 5, 2023

### Good News

**Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
(A) Malachi 1:14b—2:2b, 8–10 / 1  
Thessalonians 2:7b–9, 13 / Matthew  
23:1–12

In July 2013, as part of a visit to Brazil, Pope Francis met with the Latin American conference of bishops. Speaking informally, bishop to bishops, he said, “At times we lose people because they don’t understand what we are saying, because we have forgotten the language of simplicity and import an intellectualism foreign to our people.”

I thought about how his words could be applied in my parish, so one Sunday I asked the people in the pews what they looked for from the Church. I was impressed and touched by their answers: wisdom to make their way through life; where and how to find God; a desire to be treated like adults; compassion for themselves and for others; guidance to reach out to the needy in society; a link between faith and life; a place to find some peace and quiet; wisdom for the political process. It was a list by which we who lead need to examine our consciences.

The charge from Pope Francis is to be a Church that speaks to people where they are with the words of everyday life. We look for wisdom that enables us to become our best selves. And that is what healthy religion is about: to guide rather than to control; to inspire rather than to shame; to participate fully rather than to simply “pray, pay, and obey.”

--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

*I would like to do more spiritual reading, but everything I've tried is either over my head or too sweet and pious for me. Do you have suggestions for any down-to-earth authors?*

You might try reading shorter works. More is not necessarily better. Consider several publications available at Liguori.org. *In My Own Words* is a series of books that gathers excerpts from different authors: Dorothy Day, Sr. Thea Bowman, Pope St. John Paul II, and others. Also consider the *Wisdom* series for Advent and Christmas or Lent and Easter. These include the writings of ancients and a few more current authors like Pope Francis, Henri Nouwen, and Thomas Merton. *Day-breaks* for Advent and Lent are booklets of short meditations for each day of each season. *Catholic Update*, a four-page newsletter from Liguori, features in-depth articles on contemporary topics written by expert authors.

C. S. Lewis was a prolific and popular Christian author. His *Mere Christianity* is practical and informative. *A Grief Observed* is a beautiful meditation for those who have lost someone dear to them, as is Henri Nouwen's *In Memoriam*. Merton's *New Seeds of Contemplation* has inspired readers since it was first published in 1949.

Finally, the best place to start might be the Gospel of Mark—not to study or analyze. Rather, read it just to get to know Jesus a little better.

--The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org

Pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for their release to praise the Lord. In return, these Souls will pray for us.

### 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 (Nov. 4-5) is for our Maintenance Fund. We appreciate your contributions, which help us heat our church in the colder months, and help with snow removal in our parking lot.

Daylight Savings Time ends this weekend, Nov. 5th. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour on Sat. night.

Altar Society meets this Tuesday, Nov. 7th, 11 am, in the Social Hall. Hope you can join us! Please bring your lunch.

All Souls Remembrance Leaves: We are continuing the custom in our parish of writing names of deceased loved ones on “leaves,” which will hang on the “tree” in front of the altar during November. Leaves are in the pews: write names on them, and drop them in the collection basket or in the designated basket in the Social Hall—or leave them in the pew. We will hang the leaves on our All Souls Remembrance Tree in front of the altar.

Tickets for the Christmas Basket Raffle are on sale after our weekend masses. The basket will be raffled at our Christmas Dinner on Dec. 8th

Envelopes for Remembrance of All Souls: November is the month of All Souls. There are envelopes in the Social Hall to list the names of your deceased loved ones. Your deceased loved ones will be remembered in all of our November masses.

Please take a moment to say a prayer for all of our sick and deceased parishioners.



### ***Liturgical Tidbits: The Readings***

The first part of the Liturgy of the Word is when the Church feeds the people of God from the table of his Word. This is the part where God speaks to us through various readings in the Scriptures. On Sundays and solemnities, there are three Scripture readings to highlight the importance of these days, but daily masses usually only consists of two readings.

During most of the year, the first reading is from the Old Testament and the second reading is from one of the New Testament letters. During Easter Time, the first reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles which tells the story of the Church in its earliest days. The Responsorial Psalm is sung or recited between readings to give us time to meditate and respond to God for the Word we have received.

The last reading is always taken from one of the four Gospels and is the high point of the Liturgy of the Word. The Gospel holds a special place, because the Gospels tell of the life, ministry, preaching of Christ, and the fulfillment of the first and second readings. Standing and singing the “Alleluia” are special signs of honor and reverence to it as we recognize the presence of Christ in his Word.

### **Weekly Offerings**

Sunday, October 29th	\$ 1,602.00
Maintenance	\$ 370.00
Brick	\$ 100.00
All Souls	\$ 169.00
All Saints Day	\$ 25.00

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

#### **Eucharistic Ministers**

#### **Lectors**

**SAT. 5 PM**      Cynthia Riggins      Pat Didier

**SUN. 9:30 AM**      Jessica Dowling      Sonja Anderson

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Sunday mass is live on Facebook: <https://fb.me/ourladyofthesnowslakealmanor>. You can also find the link on our website, [ourladyofsnwsparish.org](http://ourladyofsnwsparish.org). Check out all of the great information on our website, including a [link for online giving](#) (click on “Donate Now”).

**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.

### ***Pray for our Sick and Deceased Loved Ones***

Joe Beuchat	Helen Karch †	Mitchell Padula †
Jayden Bird †	Erin Kelly	Diana Pallari †
Vernon Burgess	Karen Klemek †	Miguel Pena †
Paul Burke	Abigail Krebs	John Pezzi †
Troy Buzzell †	Alma Kopernik	Kerry Phillips †
Lucia Carillo †	Nancy Lambert †	John Price
Reuben Chavez †	Ronald Longacre †	Linda Porter
Ron & Fran Dennis	Lou Ann Martin †	Joe Rawson
Mary Deveny †	Pat Martin	Janet Saitone
John Fehrman †	Andrea Maumoynier	Robert Shadley †
Jean Fernandez †	Priscilla McEfee †	Lori Sinclair
Monique Figlietti	Fran Moale †	Marcella Unalles
Dan Higgins	Kathy O'Donnell	Bruce Van Alostyne
Mary Hasselwander	Lawrence Oliver †	Faye Wilkinson
Aubrey Hawkins †	Scott Oswold	Carolyn Willhoit
Jane & Reed Hilliard	Francis Ouellette	Ruby Vocke †
Matthew Hunt †	Cindee Padula †	† indicates deceased

### **Weekly Mass Intentions**

November 4	Saturday	5:00 pm	Fred Ferrari †
November 5	Sunday	9:30 am	Pat Martin
November 6	Monday	-----	NO MASS
November 7	Tuesday	8:30 am	JoAnn Glendenning
November 8	Wednesday	8:30 am	Faye Wilkinson
November 9	Thursday	8:30 am	Those named on our Bricks
November 10	Friday	8:30 am	Linda Porter

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

**Coming in 2 weeks: Catholic Campaign for Human Development, Nov. 18/19.** Envelopes are available in the Social Hall. Remember that 25% will remain in our Diocese to help support our local anti-poverty efforts. Thank you for your generosity.

**Save the date:** The OLS Christmas Dinner, sponsored by the Altar Society, takes place on **Fri. Dec. 8th, beginning at 6pm.** No charge, but there will be a sign-up sheet in the Social Hall so that we know how much food to prepare. Hope you can attend!

**It is not too early to start thinking about Year-end Charitable Giving:** If you have a 2023 “Required Minimum Distribution” (RMD) from a retirement account, please consider a donation to Our Lady of the Snows. Thank you to all our donors!

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.