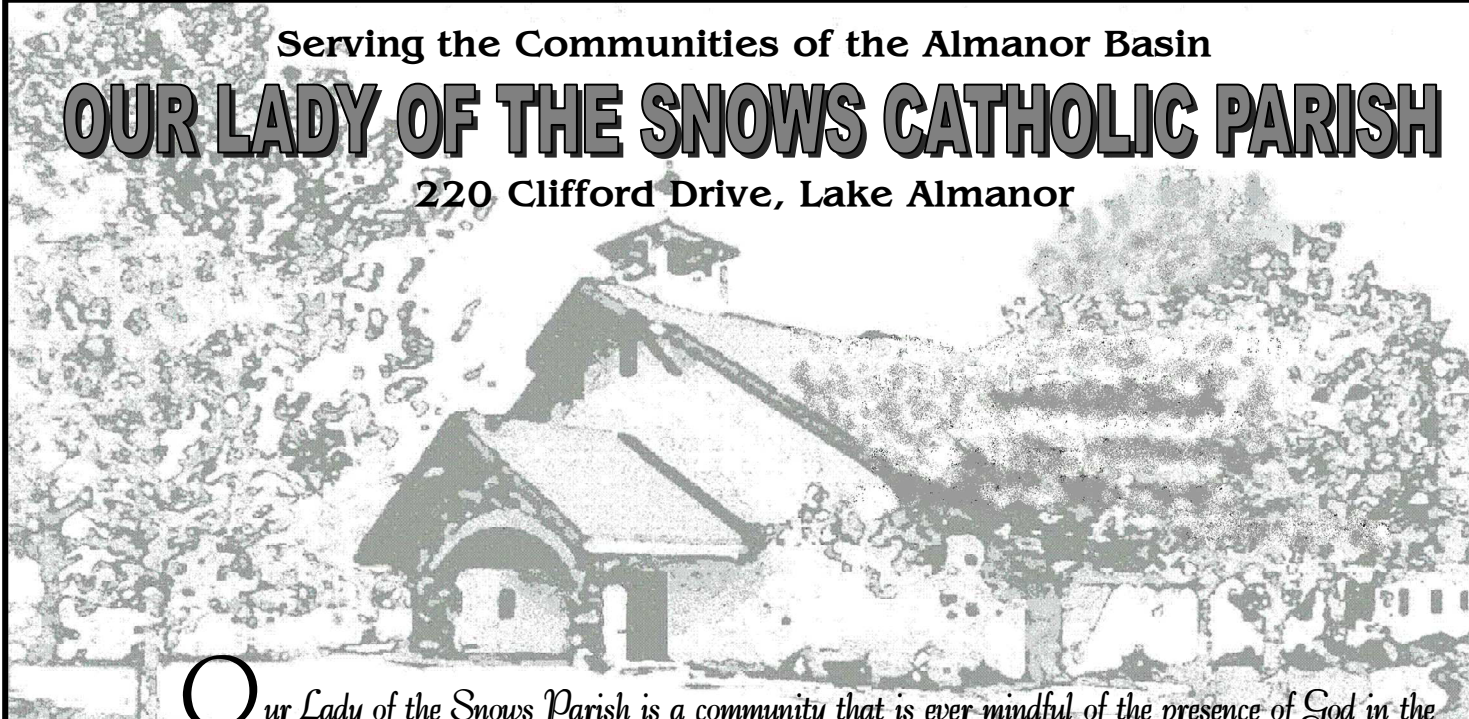


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Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday - 8:30 a.m.

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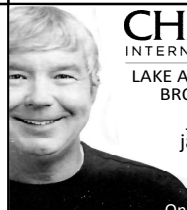
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November 19, 2023

Good News dear Padre

OLS News

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) Proverbs 31:10–13, 19–20, 30–31 / 1 Thessalonians 5:1–6 / Matthew 25:14–30 or 25:14–15, 19–21

Those who are willing to take great risks are often the ones who give birth to dreams of growth and new life. Often it is at the scary edge of life where such growth ultimately takes place. In 1776, those who sparked a revolution and risked their personal wealth founded a new nation. President Abraham Lincoln issued his Emancipation Proclamation in 1863, when many were urging him not to do so, thus opening the door of freedom to those who found it locked. In South Africa, Nelson Mandela risked speaking out against apartheid, was imprisoned for twenty-seven years, and was eventually freed to become the leader of a new South Africa.

So often those who risk to make life new are those who are living at the growing edge of God's reign, instruments of God bringing creation to new life.

In the parable in this week's Gospel, three individuals are entrusted with a treasure of great worth. The third person backs away from any risk, burying it because he is stifled by fear. God's dynamic presence, on the other hand, grows when individuals risk doing the right thing in spite of the consequences, when they are willing to speak an unpopular truth, when they take a stand for those on the edges of society, when they break down the barriers of racism and oppression. In the end, we need to listen less to our fears and more to our dreams. It's where God does God's best work: at the edges. --Father Joseph Juknialis

My grandmother says Catholics used to fast from midnight until they received Communion. When did the fasting time change to only one hour, and why?

The ancient discipline of fasting before Communion became a universal practice by the fifth century. Until 1953, those who would receive holy Communion refrained from consuming food, water, and medicine from midnight to the time of Communion. In 1953 and 1957, Pope Pius XII reduced the fast from food to three hours and from water for one hour (*Christus Dominus* and *Sacram Communionem*).

In 1966, Pope St. Paul VI further reduced the fast to one hour and allowed water and medicine at any time (*Paenitemini*). In 1973, he reduced the fast for the sick and elderly to fifteen minutes before Communion when one hour is prohibitive (*Immensae Caritatis*).

The loosening of the restrictions was in no way intended to lessen the reverence for the holy Eucharist. The changes were made to allow as many Catholics as possible to receive the Eucharist, which can be difficult when priests are in short supply. For the same reason, *Immensae Caritatis* also allowed the practice of having extraordinary ministers give Communion. Despite the changes to the Communion fast, unity and uniformity have been maintained. And of course, Catholics are free to fast before Communion beyond the duration and degree currently prescribed.

--Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR

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

*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.

This weekend's 2nd collection is a special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

*Thursday, November 23rd, is Thanksgiving Day. Mass will be at 9:30 AM.

*There will be NO Mass on Friday, Nov. 24th.

A huge thank you to the Men's Group members who cleaned the path of our outdoor Stations of the Cross. God Bless you!

Join us after Mass next Sunday, Nov. 26th, in the Social Hall to celebrate the Feast of Christ the King with coffee and treats!

All Souls Remembrance Leaves: It is not too late to have deceased loved ones remembered in our November masses. Remembrance Leaves are in the Social Hall: write names on the leaves, and drop in the collection basket or in the designated basket in the Social Hall. We will hang the leaves on our All Souls Tree by the altar.

Friday Dec. 8th is a Holy Day of Obligation, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Masses will be at 9:30 am and at 5 pm (new time) on that day.

The OLS Christmas Dinner 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! The Christmas Basket winner will be drawn at the dinner! Raffle tickets are on sale after our weekend masses: \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

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, Nov. 12th	\$ 1,806.00
Maintenance	\$ 195.00
Helping Hands & Westwood Resource Center	\$ 995.00
All Souls	\$ 75.00
Mass Stipends	\$ 150.00

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

Eucharistic Ministers

Lectors

SAT. 5 PM Cynthia Riggins Pat Didier

SUN. 9:30 AM Kitty DeWitt Steve DeWitt

THANKSGIVING Julie Chavez need volunteer lector

Email us at: olslakealmanor@gmail.com

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>.

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Commemorative Bricks can be ordered for \$100. Forms are available in the Social Hall. Contact Steve DeWitt at 530-258-4222 or cranmorti@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 †	Miguel Pena †
Jayden Bird †	Erin Kelly	John Pezzi †
Vernon Burgess	Karen Klemek †	Kerry Phillips †
Paul Burke	Abigail Krebs	John Price
Troy Buzzell †	Alma Kopernik	Linda Porter
Lucia Carillo †	Nancy Lambert †	Joe Rawson
Reuben Chavez †	Ronald Longacre †	Janet Saitone
Ron & Fran Dennis	Lou Ann Martin †	Robert Shadley †
Mary Deveny †	Pat Martin	Lori Sinclair
John Fehrman †	Andrea Maumoynier	Marcella Unalles
Jean Fernandez †	Priscilla McEfee †	Bruce Van Alostyne
Monique Figlietti	Fran Moale †	Faye Wilkinson
Dan Higgins	Kathy O'Donnell	Ruby Vocke †
Mary Hasselwander	Lawrence Oliver †	
Aubrey Hawkins †	Scott Oswold	
Jane & Reed Hilliard	Francis Ouellette	
Matthew Hunt †	Diana Pallari †	† indicates deceased

Weekly Mass Intentions

November 18	Saturday	5:00 pm	Genny Amante †
November 19	Sunday	9:30 am	Scott Oswold
November 20	Monday	-----	NO MASS
November 21	Tuesday	8:30 am	Vernon Burgess
November 22	Wednesday	8:30 am	Sister Cecilia Rose
Thanksgiving Day November 23	Thursday	9:30 am	Carol Morgenroth †
November 24	Friday	-----	NO MASS

OLS NEWS (continued)--

Mass Intentions: Envelopes are in the Social Hall if you'd like to have a mass said for someone. The usual stipend is \$10. Just drop envelopes in any collection basket or in the mail slot in the office door. Indicate if you would like a special date for the mass. You can also email Sally Harvey at willaharv09@gmail.com

Are you ready? **The season of ADVENT begins on Sunday, December 3rd.**

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.