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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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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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November 26, 2023

Good News

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (A) Ezekiel 34:11–12, 15–17 / 1 Corinthians 15:20–26, 28 / Matthew 25:31–46

Invite Marty into your home and the first thing he'll ask is whether or not you have any cats. Marty is allergic to cats, big time, even if they have been quarantined to another room. His eyes turn red. He sneezes. He begins to cough and wheeze like an old-time Model T. Cats are his nemesis. It is ironic that Marty has befriended a stray cat from his neighborhood. Though he never pets the kitty or allows him into his home, each day he feeds him and puts milk out for him on the deck outside his living room. And if the cat fails to come around, he worries about him.

There is something instinctive in us that moves us to care for the underdog, even if it's a cat. The Sunday Gospel this week suggests that the innate desire to care for the weakest among us is a Godly instinct. It's where we meet God, and we need to pay attention to it simply because it's how we come to a sense of God in our lives.

We all search for meaning, looking for it every day in the hidden corners of our lives and in the open daytimes of our busyness. Sometimes we find it, and sometimes we limp back home at the end of the day. More often than not it's when our day has been brushed with the color of caring for someone else that we feel good about that day. It's a Godly instinct that's not to be ignored. --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

In the liturgy, how do a solemnity, a feast day, and a memorial differ?

Celebrations in the Church calendar are named according to their rank or importance. Solemnity is the highest rank. The next rank is feast, celebrating an event in the life of Christ, Mary, the apostles, martyrs, and a few other important saints.

Solemnities are usually celebrated by the whole Church, but celebrations may be made solemnities for local churches. For instance, Our Lady of Guadalupe is a solemnity in Mexico and a feast in the United States.

A memorial commemorates the day a saint died. An obligatory memorial is celebrated by every church in a diocese or country. The memorial of Redemptorist St. John Neumann, for example, is obligatory in the United States because of his historical contribution to the American Church as the fourth bishop of Philadelphia. It's also obligatory in Redemptorist churches around the world.

Optional memorials are saints' days an individual priest can celebrate Monday through Saturday if he chooses. For example, Jesuit St. Robert Bellarmine's memorial is obligatory in Jesuit churches or in churches named for him, but it's optional everywhere else.

During Ordinary Time, solemnities that fall on Sunday are celebrated, but feasts and memorials that fall on Sunday are not. During Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter, some solemnities that fall on Sunday are transferred to a weekday because of the importance of these seasons.

--Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSSR

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.

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

Holy Hour, with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, is held at 9am on the first Friday of every month following our morning mass. Next Holy Hour is Friday Dec. 1st. "The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time that you will spend on earth. Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in Heaven, and will help bring about an everlasting peace on earth." --St. Teresa of Calcutta

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.

Prayer Box: Do you know someone who needs our prayers? There is a prayer box in the Social Hall. There are forms provided to name the person and the intention. You can also add names to the prayer book on the back table in church. That book is placed on the altar at the Offertory, and those named are remembered in our mass.

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

Father Josh's Liturgical Tidbits: The Homily

You know it when you hear it! Many of us probably don't have a good consistent experience with homilies, because each priest has his own style and not every priest's gift is preaching. Preparing and delivering a homily requires putting together many different skills and types of knowledge: public speaking, creativity, knowing sound doctrine, the Scriptures, historical context, current news, and social issues among other things.

So what is a homily? A homily serves as an instruction, reflection, consolation, and exhortation within the liturgy. What makes it different from simple "preaching" or a "sermon" is that its structure must be found within the liturgy (mass, baptisms, wedding, funerals, etc.), and therefore must be done by members of the clergy who represent the figure of Christ. Its purpose, then, is to unpack the Lectionary readings of the liturgy being celebrated. A homily brings forth the timeless Word of God to our lives today, our lives as we live in the world, and our lives in the world to come. From the time of the Apostles, the Church Fathers, the saints of the past, even until today, it is a place of instruction for the faithful to know and develop their relationship with Christ and each other.

Weekly Offerings

Sunday, Nov. 19th [See next week's bulletin]

Online giving Sept. 15th -Nov. 15th * \$ 2,920.00

* (39 donations for the 2-month period)

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

Eucharistic Ministers

Lectors

SAT. 5 PM Sonja Burton Nita Jimenez

SUN. 9:30 AM Lani Hovland Larry Gibbs

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

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| 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 |
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| 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

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| November 25 | Saturday | 5:00 pm | Joe Gutierrez † |
| November 26 | Sunday | 9:30 am | Scott Oswold |
| November 27 | Monday | ----- | NO MASS |
| November 28 | Tuesday | 8:30 am | Gailmarie Boyd |
| November 29 | Wednesday | 8:30 am | Those Who Have Lost Hope |
| November 30 | Thursday | 8:30 am | Paul Burke |
| December 1 | Friday | 8:30 am | Pat Martin |

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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. You can also email Sally Harvey at willa-harv09@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.