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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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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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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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December 10, 2023

Good News

Second Sunday of Advent (B)

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 / 2 Peter 3:8-14 / Mark 1:1-8

In 1992, *Forbes* magazine published an issue titled "Why Do We Feel So Bad When We Have It So Good?" It featured articles by such luminaries as newsman Dan Rather, President George H. W. Bush, and author John Updike.

Many of the writers reflected upon our passion for more and our hunger to live in affluence and how that fails to satisfy. In so many ways, we as a nation find ourselves seeking distractions from living with ourselves lest we be confronted by our ultimate loneliness.

As a nation we are addicted to entertainment and smartphones, to drugs and pornography, to finding something new. We are confronted by rising suicide rates and a pervasive, deep-seated anger. Why are we not satisfied?

John the Baptist called the people of his day to repent, which is another way of asking them—and us—to look at life differently.

Advent is really about getting in touch with our deep longing for more, a part of our human condition that ultimately is only satisfied by God. We have been created to long for more, a longing that feels like loneliness, a longing that seeks to be satisfied. In the end, we can only find a sense of peace in the midst of such longing by accepting that it can never be fully satisfied in this life. Like the spirituality of Alcoholics Anonymous, accepting rather than fleeing from our human reality becomes a path to new life.

--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

Do Catholics have to marry in the Church? If a couple decides to marry outside of the Church, are they still allowed to receive Communion and other sacraments?

Catholics are obligated to follow the laws of the Church, including those laws regarding marriage. If a Catholic marries outside the Church, meaning that they did not follow Church law, then they may not receive the other sacraments until their marriage has been witnessed by the Church.

A wedding is a sacred ceremony for the couple, but it is also a ceremony for the Church. The Christian community is called upon to witness the ceremony, with the bishop, priest, or deacon called upon to bless the union in the name of the Church.

The Church can dispense from the form, that is, the place of the wedding, for good cause, and does so when necessary. When a dispensation from the law is granted, then the person has followed the marriage laws of the Church and is free to receive the sacraments.

A wedding is a sacred ceremony in which a sacrament is conferred. While the park may be pretty or the church down the street may be bigger, neither is a sufficient reason to ignore marriage law and marry outside the Church. --*The Redemptorists*

Please pray for the Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for December: "For persons with disabilities--We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation."

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.

Mass Schedule for Christmas week 2023:

4th Sun. of Advent vigil Sat. Dec. 23: 5pm

4th Sun. of Advent Sun. Dec. 24: 9:30 am

Christmas Eve, Sun. Dec. 24: 5:00 pm

Christmas Day, Mon. Dec. 25: 9:30am

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God:

Mon. Jan. 1 - 9:30am *

***Jan. 1st is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation in 2024**

The 2nd Collection this weekend, Dec. 9/10, is for Helping Hands in Chester and the Westwood Resource Center.

Men's Group meets Mon. Dec. 11th at Tim and Lani Hovland's, 5pm. Join us! Dinner will be served. Directions will be sent.

Mama's Angel Tree! Pick up a "gift suggestion star" from the tree. Then purchase and wrap the gift, and place it under the tree. These gifts will be taken to Mama's Crisis Pregnancy Center in Susanville.

December 12th is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Co-Patron of our Sacramento Diocese, along with St. Patrick.

Next weekend, Dec. 16/17, the 2nd Collection is a Special Diocesan Collection: the Annual Retirement Fund for the Religious. Envelopes are available in the Social Hall.

Pick up your beautiful 2024 Calendar in the Social Hall, a gift from the parish.

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, November 26th:	\$1,123.00
All Souls	\$ 20.00
Maintenance	\$ 45.00
Westwood Resource Center and Helping Hands	\$ 50.00
[for Sun. Dec. 3rd see next bulletin]	

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

Eucharistic Ministers

Lectors

SAT. 5 PM Sonja Burton Luci Burgess

SUN. 9:30 AM Julie Chavez Jeffrey Janus

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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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 Oswald	
Jane & Reed Hilliard	Francis Ouellette	
Matthew Hunt †	Diana Pallari †	† indicates deceased

Weekly Mass Intentions

December 9	Saturday	5:00 pm	Carol Morgenroth †
December 10	Sunday	9:30 am	Mike Lagow †
December 11	Monday	-----	NO MASS
December 12	Tuesday	8:30 am	Reuben Chavez †
December 13	Wednesday	8:30 am	Janet Saitone
December 14	Thursday	8:30 am	Mary Deveny †
December 15	Friday	8:30 am	Fran Moale †

OLS NEWS (continued)--

Advent Prayer

**Lord and Brother, Jesus,
You came to reveal our loving God,
You came to show us the way to life with God,
You came to teach us how to love each other.**

Bless us this Advent with

a little quiet,

a little peace,

**a little time to reflect on how we might be
the loving people You call us to be.**

We pray, be born in us, be born in our world. Amen

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.