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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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## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Year B Journey song 875

December 31, 2023

### Good News

### dear Padre

### OLS News

*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph (B) Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 / Colossians 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 / Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40*

I asked some folks what they carried with them as their most treasured gift from their parents. One spoke of the gift of freedom. As an adult he always felt loved and welcomed by his parents. Although he was not always able to visit them as frequently as his life would allow, he was never made to feel guilty about it. It was an atmosphere unpressured by any "have-tos" whether it concerned choices for marriage or profession or simply for occasional family visits.

Another spoke of being taught by example that love in a family always extends to welcoming the stranger, caring for the unfortunate, opening one's home to those in pain. She learned to live that way because that was how her parents lived.

Yet another spoke of her father's gentleness and faithfulness as treasured gifts. And in truth she herself had become gentle and faithful, both with life and with God. Yet another took note of his parents' acceptance and openness to differing cultures and traditions and value systems. It was a way of living he now took to himself and his own family.

Not every family may seem as graced as these individuals remember their own families, and no doubt these families had flaws, too. Yet those qualities of a believer, enumerated by St. Paul in his Letter to the Colossians, make for good family life as well: "heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another. And over all these put on love" (Colossians 3:12-14). --Father Joseph Juknialis

*How much should we support our adult children? We have a niece and a daughter who are both healthy, capable, and in their twenties. We have set boundaries and continue to give to them but they just can't seem to get their act together. Would it be unchristian to cut them off?*

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* describes in detail the duties of family members toward each other (CCC 2214-33). Parents are responsible to ensure that their children grow up in faith and to meet their basic needs. Children should show respect toward their parents and, as they grow older, assist them as needed. As children become adults, they should take on responsibility for themselves and parents are not to pressure them into choices of a profession or a spouse, while at the same time, "giving their children judicious advice...." (CCC 2230). At some point, children need to become responsible adults, which brings us to your point.

You seem to have done what is required as parents. At the same time, you would not want to abandon young adults if physical, mental, or emotional factors prevent them from assuming the responsibility of adulthood. If they are healthy, capable young people they should be able to progress in life without your financial assistance. To help them toward this goal, you may want to set very specific limits, perhaps with the help of a counselor, and then consistently follow those limits.

--Fr. John K. Schmidt, CSsR /

**May the Mother of Jesus, and our Mother, always smile on you and obtain for you, from her Most Holy Son, every heavenly blessing.**

#### 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 on Monday Jan. 1st: On Monday, January 1, 2024, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. Mass will be at 9:30 am.

[This year, the Solemnity of Mary is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation.]

Welcome to Father Philip Wells, who will be here while Father Josh is on vacation! Thank you, Father Wells!

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

Suggestion for 2024: Think about volunteering to clean our church and Social Hall once in a while. Bring a friend! There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board next to the office door. All the cleaning supplies are provided. For more information, call Julie Chavez at 530-596-4951 or Sally Harvey at 530-570-5437. Thanks to all who are already cleaning the church!

Please include in your prayers Pope Francis's Prayer Intention for January 2024:

**"For the Gift of Diversity in the Church-- We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church."**

May 2024 bring you and your family many blessings!

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



### Father Josh's Liturgical Tidbits: The Creed

On Sundays and Solemnities, why is it a practice for us Catholics to recite the Creed after the homily?

It may seem a bit tedious for us to keep reciting the Creed every Sunday, but whenever we fulfill our Sunday obligation by going to Mass, we not only renew our relationship with Christ, but we also renew our Baptismal promises by proclaiming the basic tenets of the faith.

The Creed is placed toward the end of the Liturgy of the Word, because the Profession of Faith is an opportunity for us, as God's people, to respond to the Lord's revelation and salvation offered to us through the readings and the homily.

Saying the Creed is more than just reciting words of prayer. It is a response to the Word of God that was just proclaimed, and it is also a profession by which we renew our faith together with the members of the Body of Christ, the Church. These words have been professed by Christians up and down the centuries so that we may never forget who we are as a Christian people. The words proclaim who we believe God is, who Jesus is, what He has done for us, the nature of the Church, and our ultimate destination.

### Weekly Offerings

For Sundays, Dec. 17th & Dec. 24th:

[See next week's Bulletin]

Online giving Nov. 19th-Dec. 17th \$ 2,060.00

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

#### Eucharistic Minister

#### Lector

SAT. 5 PM Toni Pleau Pat Didier

SUN. 9:30 AM Julie Chavez Larry Gibbs

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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 30	Saturday	5:00 pm	Father Josh (birthday)
December 31	Sunday	9:30 am	Scott Oswald
<b>Solemnity of Mary January 1, 2024</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	All Mothers
January 2	Tuesday	8:30 am	Little Tommy
January 3	Wednesday	8:30 am	Janet Saitone
January 4	Thursday	8:30 am	Those Named on our Bricks
January 5	Friday	8:30 am	Miranda Lemmons

### OLS NEWS (continued)--

**Diocesan Observances in January:** Jan. 18-25 is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. January 22nd is the National Day of Penance. See more about these events on the Sacramento Diocese website, [scd.org](http://scd.org) under Office of Worship 2024 Diocesan Liturgical Calendar of Solemnities, Feasts, and other Observances.

During our winter months, we have a 2nd collection only on the first two Sundays of the month (1st Sunday for Maintenance; 2nd Sunday for Helping Hands and Westwood Resource Center). The only exception is special Diocesan collections. Thank you to all our contributors. God bless you!

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.