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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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2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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January 14, 2024

Good News

dear Padre

OLS News

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
1 Samuel 3:3b–10, 19 / 1 Corinthians
6:13c–15a, 17–20 / John 1:35–42

“What are you looking for?” asks Jesus of the two disciples who come to see who he is and what he is about. They are Jesus’ first words in John’s Gospel, and that’s what the entire Gospel of John is about, an answer to that piercing question.

I spent the week living with that question, never really finding an answer that seemed to fit, or perhaps I got too many answers, all of them somehow falling short. Why do I spend an hour early each morning sitting in the silence? I read some Scripture, but then mostly I sit with the silence. Many are the times when my mind drifts to other times and places and daydreams.

Sometimes the silence is scattered with boredom; at other times it stumbles with prayerful words; and sometimes in the silence I look for answers to the plaguing whys of life. Mostly, though, I sit in the silence. I’d like to call it prayer, but then I wonder if I’m simply floundering in wishful thinking. So I return to that haunting question—“What are you looking for?”

I think perhaps the answer is similar to what I look for when I gather with friends. Sometimes the get-together is engaging, but not always. Sometimes it is memorable, but not always. Sometimes we just hang out, and that can be enough. Ultimately relationships keep me grounded. That also is why I spend time in the silence. It’s what I’m looking for when I pray—to be in relationship with God, to be grounded lest I drift away and grow lost.

--Father Joseph Juknialis

If St. Matthew was an apostle, why do we have Gospels from other writers who were not apostles of Jesus? Since he knew Jesus personally, wouldn’t his Gospel be the definitive one?

There are two assumptions that need to be addressed. One is that the Apostle Matthew is the same as the evangelist Matthew. The book’s title, the Gospel According to Matthew, was added to the text in the second century.

Whether it was written by the same Matthew or someone else, it still traces back to the experience of the apostles. The Scriptures are the inspired word of God, and Christians can rely on the truth of the Gospel message through the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

The other assumption is that one Gospel is somehow more “definitive.” All four Gospels are the inspired word of God. A Gospel is not a history of the life of Christ. It is a collection of stories that each evangelist arranged in a specific way so that they would make sense to a particular audience.

For the Gospel of Matthew, the audience was predominantly Jewish, but these Jewish Christians were being excluded from mainstream Judaism and perhaps were wondering among themselves if Jesus was really the Messiah for whom they had waited so long. Matthew’s Gospel asserts repeatedly that Jesus is a true Israelite who fulfills Old Testament prophecies, while also reinterpreting the Law of Moses in a new direction that includes all nations.

--The Redemptorists /

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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.

Thank you, Father Philip Wells, for being here while Father Josh is on vacation. We appreciate you! [Father Josh will be back in time to say our weekend masses on January 20-21.]

The 2nd Collection this weekend, Jan. 13-14, is for Helping Hands in Chester and the Westwood Resource Center. *Did you know?* In 2023, our parishioners contributed over \$4,000 to these two local service agencies. In addition, the Altar Society gave a \$100 gift at Christmas to each of these organizations who help those in need. Thank you and God bless you!

***Please note: The 8:30 am mass on Jan. 17th, 18th and 19th (Wed., Thur., and Fri.) is cancelled this week only.**

2024 Weekly Envelopes are available in the Social Hall (on the shelf near the front door). Please pick yours up. If you would like to start using envelopes and have your own envelope number, there are extra boxed sets of envelopes available for you! Take any box that doesn’t have a name on it. Thank you to all our contributors!

OLS Men’s Group will be sponsoring and serving the Community Dinner in Chester on Jan. 25th. Thanks in advance to our Men’s Group for your service to our community!

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

Pray for our Sick and Deceased Loved Ones

Father Josh's Liturgical Tidbits: The Incarnation

As we continue to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ this Christmas season, I'd like to draw our attention on the Nicene Creed. Every Sunday when we profess our faith, we are given a little reminder of Christmas whenever we say these lines of the Creed: "*and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.*" We are remembering the conception of our Lord within Mary and His birth through this Virgin, who is the chosen vessel for our salvation.

You may also wonder, however, why the Church requests that we bow whenever we say those words in the Creed. The answer is quite simple, actually: it is to show our profound respect to the *holiest* moment in the history of humanity—when God became incarnate and chose to become one of us and entered the human condition. This great moment of the incarnation is one of the greatest mysteries of the Church, but one thing we know for sure is that God became man out of His love for us, so that we may be more like Him. Merry Christmas to all!

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Weekly Offerings	
Sundays, Dec. 17th & Dec. 24th	\$ 972.00
Maintenance	\$ 3,522.00
Christmas Offering	\$ 7,088.00
Bricks	\$ 200.00
Helping Hands and Westwood Resource	\$ 162.00

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

	Eucharistic Minister	Lector
SAT. 5 PM	Toni Pleau	Nita Jimenez
SUN. 9:30 AM	Jessica Dowling	Larry Gibbs

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Sunday mass is live on Facebook: <https://fb.me/ourladyofthesnowslakealmanor>.

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Weekly Mass Intentions

January 13	Saturday	5:00 pm	Dante Najera †
January 14	Sunday	9:30 am	Theresa DeWalt †
January 15	Monday	-----	No Mass
January 16	Tuesday	8:30 am	Pat Martin
January 17	Wednesday	-----	No Mass
January 18	Thursday	-----	No Mass
January 19	Friday	-----	No Mass

OLS NEWS (continued)--

Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers--a printout of your schedule for January through April 2024 is in the Social Hall. The new schedule has also been emailed to you. Thank you for your ministry!

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

Mass Intention envelopes are available in the Social Hall for those who would like to have a mass offered for someone. The usual stipend is \$10. If you prefer a special date, indicate that. Or email Sally Harvey willaharv09@gmail.com

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.