

Serving the Communities of the Almanor Basin

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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3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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January 21, 2024

Good News dear Padre

OLS News

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
Jonah 3:1-5, 10 / 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 / Mark 1:14-20

Our lives are filled with calls of one kind or another. Phone calls, text messages, teachers who call on us in class, those who call us for supper, people behind a counter who call out, "Next!" And, sooner or later, death will call each of us.

Jonah was once called to go to Nineveh, and the people of Nineveh were called to repent and change their lives. Simon and Andrew, John and James were called to follow Jesus. And today God calls each of us, but it is never easy to sort out what it is we are called to do.

Saint Paul took pains to tell us that "the world in its present form is passing away" (1 Corinthians 7:31). That being true, then God's call is always into a new way of life, which seems to imply leaving something behind, not unlike the four followers in Sunday's Gospel leaving their fishing nets and their father Zebedee in his boat.

The world that is passing away may be childhood, or productivity as we age. The new world may require confronting addiction and leaving a life of what we thought we couldn't live without. Or, like the people of Nineveh who were called to repent, it might be a call for our nation to confront our failure to engage in dialogue about and find solutions to injustice in its many forms at home and abroad. Who knows what God's new world will be?

--Father Joseph Juknialis

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."

While on vacation, I attended Mass at a church where many people left right after Communion. Why would they do this?

Canon law says the faithful are bound to participate in the Mass on Sundays and other holy days. We are expected to attend the entire Mass.

A misunderstanding of this law may be traced to a pre-Vatican II teaching. Some theologians taught that the Mass had three main parts: offertory, consecration, and Communion. Some people reasoned that their obligation would be fulfilled by attending only those parts of the Mass. They felt justified in coming late and leaving early.

This changed with the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965). The Mass is divided into four sections (introductory rites, Liturgy of the Word, Liturgy of the Eucharist, concluding rite), and Christ is present throughout the Mass. Attending Mass means being there from the processional hymn through the recessional hymn.

Some people have valid reasons for leaving Mass early, such as feeling ill or taking a crying child from church. Perhaps they are traveling and need to get to the airport on time. Still, I also wonder why there is a great exodus before the Mass has ended in some churches. In my opinion, people who are in the habit of leaving early should reconsider that practice.

--Fr. Victor Karls, CSsR / Dear-Padre.org

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.

Welcome back, Father Josh! We missed you. We hope you had a wonderful vacation.

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!

Day of Penance and Prayer: Monday, January 22nd, is the National Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. For more information, click on the Sacramento Diocese website, scd.org under Office of Worship 2024 Diocesan Liturgical Calendar of Solemnities, Feasts, and other Observances.

Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers--a print-out 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!

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

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.

**Special Message from the Conference of Catholic Bishops about
“Sunday of the Word of God”**

“In 2019, Pope Francis established the *Sunday of the Word of God* to be celebrated each year on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. As the Holy Father stated in his apostolic letter instituting the observance, “Devoting a specific Sunday of the liturgical year to the word of God can enable the Church to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of his word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world” (*Aperuit illis*, no. 2).

“On January 21, 2024, in observance of the Sunday of the Word of God, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, through a grant from the American Bible Society, will offer a “Sunday Seminar Series” of four videos about Sacred Scripture in the life of the Church. These videos, available in English and Spanish, will feature some of the bishops and biblical scholars and will be accompanied by discussion/reflection questions.

“The videos will be made available on January 19, 2024 at: <https://catholic.bible/sunday-of-the-word-of-god/> Through these videos, we hope to bring people into an encounter with Scripture. May God's people be inspired and challenged to see, understand, and engage with Scripture in a new and prayerful way.”

Weekly Offerings

Sunday, Dec. 31st	\$ 1,490.00
Maintenance	\$ 1,045.00
Christmas Offering	\$ 2,555.00
Solemnity of Mary offering	\$ 50.00
Helping Hands and Westwood Resource	\$ 50.00

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

	Eucharistic Minister	Lector
SAT. 5 PM	Cynthis Riggins	Barbara Longo
SUN. 9:30 AM	Lani Hovland	Sonja Anderson

Email us at: olslakealmanor@gmail.com

To receive our bulletin by email, contact Steve DeWitt: crannmorti@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 crannmorti@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 †	Diana Pallari †
Jayden Bird †	Erin Kelly	Miguel Pena †
Vernon Burgess	Karen Klemek †	John Pezzi †
Paul Burke	Abigail Krebs	Kerry Phillips †
Troy Buzzell †	Alma Kopernik	John Price
Lucia Carillo †	Nancy Lambert †	Linda Porter
Reuben Chavez †	Ronald Longacre †	Joe Rawson
Ron & Fran Dennis	Lou Ann Martin †	Janet Saitone
Mary Deveny †	Pat Martin	Robert Shadley †
John Fehrman †	Andrea Maumoynier	Lori Sinclair
Jean Fernandez †	Priscilla McEfee †	Marcella Unalles
Monique Figlietti	Fran Moale †	Bruce Van Alostyne
Dan Higgins	Dante Najera †	Faye Wilkinson
Mary Hasselwander	Kathy O'Donnell	Ruby Vocke †
Aubrey Hawkins †	Lawrence Oliver †	
Jane & Reed Hilliard	Scott Oswold	
Matthew Hunt †	Francis Ouellette	† indicates deceased

Weekly Mass Intentions

January 20	Saturday	5:00 pm	Ronald Longacre † and Larry Gene † and Diane Miller †
January 21	Sunday	9:30 am	Braxton Jones
January 22	Monday	-----	No Mass
January 23	Tuesday	8:30 am	Bridget Tierney †
January 24	Wednesday	8:30 am	Dante Najera †
January 25	Thursday	8:30 am	Abigail Krebs
January 26	Friday	8:30 am	Those named on our Bricks

OLS NEWS (continued)--

A New Year's Prayer

May God make your year a happy one!

Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain,

But by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes;

Not by making your path easy,

But by making you sturdy to travel any path;

Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,

But by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows;

Not by making your life always pleasant,

But by showing you when people and their causes need you most,

And by making you eager to be there to help.

God's love, peace, hope and joy to you

For the year ahead.

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.