

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.

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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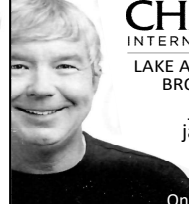
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5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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February 4, 2024

Good News

dear Padre

OLS News

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
Job 7:1-4, 6-7 / 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23 / Mark 1:29-39

At some point in one's faith journey, every believer asks: If God is good and loving, why is there evil in the world? Why is there war? Why do children die prematurely? Why do pandemics rage? The biblical story of Job seeks to speak to that question, though it never really answers it.

God and the satan (the name he is called in the Book of Job) are discussing Job and what a fine man he is. The satan suggests Job is a good man only because everything is going well for him. God then tells the satan that he may do whatever he wishes to test Job but may not harm him. By a series of catastrophes, then, Job loses his flocks, his camels, and even his sons and daughters. It is at this point that we hear today's first Scripture reading—Job's lament of misery and hopelessness.

Though Job's friends suspect that the cause of all that has befallen him must be due to some grave sin on his part, Job denies this accusation and continues believing in the goodness of God, never wavering in his faith. Though frustrated by what life has brought, Job never blames God or asks God to fix his life.

God is God, concludes Job, whether we understand the ways of life or not. To seek any more is to seek to be God. He continues to trust in God and admits that the ways of God are incapable of being understood. This becomes Job's only answer to the question about the "why" of evil.

--Father Joseph Juknialis

In the Our Father, we pray, "thy kingdom come." Will God's kingdom come only at the end of the world?

God's kingdom will come in its fullness only at Jesus' Second Coming, but the kingdom came into the world with Jesus' first coming as a man. That means we are in God's kingdom right now, but not in its fullness.

In the Scriptures, we read that John sends his disciples to ask Jesus if He is the messiah or if they need to wait for another. Jesus responds, "The blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have the good news proclaimed to them" (Luke 7:22). These are all signs of the kingdom of God.

In the meantime, we don't have to just wait for God's kingdom to come in its fullness. We can make God's kingdom more of a reality on earth by visiting the sick, caring for the poor, and being kind to others. Loving your spouse is a sign of the kingdom of God. God's kingdom is among us, not completely but partially, and we can make it more of a reality in the good that we do for each other.

Jesus' Second Coming will be at the end of time, an event Jesus Himself did not know the time of: "But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father" (Mark 13:32). --Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSSR / DearPadre.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.

The 2nd Collection this weekend, Feb. 3-4, is for our Maintenance fund. Thank you for your generosity!

The Season of Lent begins soon! Ash Wednesday is February 14, 2024. Masses with distribution of ashes will be at 9:30 am and 5:30 pm.

Monthly Prayer Intention of the Holy Father: The Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. You can join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention. Prayer Intention for the month of February: "For the terminally ill. We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment."

Reminder: If you are new to the parish and haven't registered to be part of the parish, please fill out the registration form for new parishioners. Forms are available on the table in the Social Hall. We would like to welcome all new parishioners to Our Lady of the Snows Parish.

2023 Contribution Statements have been mailed. If you do not receive one, email Sally Harvey, willaharv09@gmail.com, or call or text 530-570-5437.

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 Prayer of the Faithful

After the Creed (or if the Creed is not said, after the homily) the priest and a lector invite us to make a Universal Prayer for the Church and the world, usually known as the Prayer of the Faithful. It is in this part of the mass that the people respond in faith which they have received in the Word spoken to them. Although this part of the mass is actually optional, the Church strongly encourages that these petitions be said so that prayer intentions are offered right before the sacrifice of the Eucharist in the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

The series of intentions usually takes four different forms: (1) for the needs of the Church, (2) for public authorities and the salvation of the world, (3) for those burdened by any kind of difficulty, (4) for the local community, and (5) particular intentions concerned more closely with the liturgy and occasion celebrated (i.e. Marriage, Funeral, Confirmation, etc.).

During the Prayer of the Faithful, the whole congregation directly exercises the office of their baptismal Priesthood by offering prayers to God for the intentions of the world and salvation of all.

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| Joe Beuchat | Abigail Krebs | John Pezzi † |
| Jayden Bird † | Alma Kopernik | Kerry Phillips † |
| Vernon Burgess | Ronald Longacre † | John Price |
| Paul Burke | Diane & Larry | Linda & Dennis |
| Lucia Carillo † | Miller † † | Porter |
| Al Cartlidge | Lou Ann Martin † | Janet Saitone |
| Reuben Chavez † | Pat Martin | Lori Sinclair |
| Ron & Fran Dennis | Priscilla McEfee † | Marcella Unalles |
| Mary Deveny † | Mary Meissner | Bruce Van Alostyne |
| Delores Gard † | Fran Moale † | Faye Wilkinson |
| Dan Higgins | Dante Najera † | Ruby Vocke † |
| Aubrey Hawkins † | Kathy O'Donnell | |
| Jane & Reed Hilliard | Lawrence Oliver † | |
| Matthew Hunt † | Scott Oswold | |
| Nancy Janus † | Francis Ouellette | |
| Erin Kelly | Diana Pallari † | |
| Karen Klemek † | Miguel Pena † | † indicates deceased |

| Weekly Offerings | |
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| Sunday Jan. 21st | \$ 993.00 |
| Helping Hands & Westwood Resource Center | \$ 65.00 |
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--- This Weekend's Ministry Schedule ---

| | Eucharistic Minister | Lector |
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| SAT. 5 PM | Barbara Longo | Pat Didier |
| SUN. 9:30 AM | Kitty DeWitt | Steve DeWitt |

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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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Weekly Mass Intentions

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| February 3 | Saturday | 5:00 pm | Nancy Janus † |
| February 4 | Sunday | 9:30 am | Ray Frandrup |
| February 5 | Monday | ----- | No Mass |
| February 6 | Tuesday | 8:30 am | Abigail Krebs |
| February 7 | Wednesday | 8:30 am | Paul Burke |
| February 8 | Thursday | 8:30 am | Delores Gard † |
| February 9 | Friday | 8:30 am | Special Intention |

OLS NEWS (continued)--

Coming Feb. 17th-18th: Annual Catholic Appeal! This is a wonderful opportunity for almsgiving during Lent.

Invitation from the Diocese: National Eucharistic Pilgrimage, Tuesday-Friday, May 21-24, 2024. Consider joining our Diocese for part of this four-day procession across the Diocese from Vallejo to South Lake Tahoe, with stops in Vallejo, Benicia, Rio Vista, Clarksburg, West Sacramento, Sacramento, Folsom, El Dorado Hills, Placerville and South Lake Tahoe. These 4 days are part of a national procession to Indianapolis for the National Eucharistic Congress in July. More information can be found at: <https://scd.org/celebrate>

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.