

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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6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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February 11, 2024

Good News

dear Padre

OLS News

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
Leviticus 13:1–2, 44–46 / 1 Corinthians 10:31—11:1 / Mark 1:40–45

As a child, were you teased, bullied, chosen last for a team? Did you feel apart from the in-crowd? If so, in various ways this treatment may have kept you from being fully engaged with the larger community, possibly continuing to scar you in even your grown-up world.

In 2021, the news media reported that a Louisiana cemetery refused burial for Darrell Semien because he was black. Though he had served his community as a deputy sheriff for fifteen years and had helped raise seventy-two foster children, none of that was of any significance. After the news broke, the cemetery quickly lifted its whites-only stipulation, but the damage had been done. In so many ways, we continue to exclude others from the human community, even in death.

Our Sunday Gospel tells of Jesus curing a leper, enabling the man to again become part of the community. Even more startling, by touching him, Jesus himself became “impure,” and thus isolated himself from the community, thereby switching roles with the man. Bringing others into community even at a cost to ourselves is divine.

Such compassion is exemplified when people work to reform prisons, seek to integrate immigrants into national life, give voice to the voiceless, improve mental health care, strive to alleviate paralyzing poverty, and more. The world witnessed compassion at its finest during the COVID-19 pandemic when medical personnel worked to heal the sick, even at the cost of isolating themselves from their own families. Compassion toward those in need is holy.

--Father Joseph Juknialis

I am having a difficult time receiving Communion from a eucharistic minister who has been behaving in a manner that I don't consider moral. When I receive Communion from her, I feel like I am condoning her actions. Would it be wrong of me to go to a different person to receive Communion?

It seems unlikely that someone would assume you are condoning her actions by receiving Communion from her. We do not sin by receiving a sacrament from an unworthy person. What matters is how worthy we are to receive it. It might be wise to receive Communion from a different person if you are more concerned with this minister's behavior than you are with Jesus when you approach the sacrament.

It is not our task to expose and punish the sinner. If you look at the life of Jesus, you will see that he did everything possible not to condemn sinners but to save them. We should take that as the model for our own lives. Try to find ways to encourage her to live a good life. Perhaps friendship would serve her better than a boycott of her Communion line.

When Jesus was presented with the woman caught in adultery, He did not pretend that it was right. Neither did He rush to condemn her. He looked for his opportunity to forgive and tell her to avoid sin. Use that as your example about how to treat the woman at church.

--The Redemptorists

Diocesan Annual Catholic Appeal starts next weekend, Feb. 17th and 18th. This is a wonderful way to practice almsgiving!

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. 10-11, is for Helping Hands in Chester and Westwood Resource Center. Thank you for helping those in need who live nearby.

Ash Wednesday is February 14, 2024.

Masses with distribution of ashes will be at 9:30 am and 5:30 pm.

Stations of the Cross and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place every Friday during Lent, beginning this Friday, Feb. 16th; Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 4:30 pm, and Stations of the Cross at 5pm (followed by Benediction).

Soup after Stations begins February 16th:

You are invited to a Lenten meal of soup (meatless) and bread each Friday during Lent, following Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Stations of the Cross. There is a sign-up sheet in the Social Hall for anyone who would like to bring a pot of soup or some bread. All are welcome to attend!

Don't forget to pick up a Rice Bowl for your almsgiving during Lent. They are on the table in our Social Hall. Rice Bowls may be turned in anytime after Easter. Thank you for supporting Catholic Relief Services and helping those in need, worldwide.

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

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.

Weekly Offerings

Sunday Jan. 28th	\$ 706.00
Maintenance	\$ 45.00
Brick Donations	\$ 400.00
Online donations Dec. 15, 2023-Jan. 31, 2024	\$ 2,595.00

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

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

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>.

ONLINE GIVING: simply click the "Donate Now" link on our website ourladyofthesnowsparish.org. There are also information cards in the Social Hall. Thank you for your contributions!

Commemorative Bricks can be ordered for \$100. Forms are available in the Social Hall. Contact Steve DeWitt at 530-258-4222 or cranmorti@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	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 Alostyene
Dolores 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 Mass Intentions

February 10	Saturday	5:00 pm	Al Cartlidge
February 11	Sunday	9:30 am	Dolores Gard †
February 12	Monday	-----	No Mass
February 13	Tuesday	8:30 am	Dante Najera †
February 14	Ash Wednesday	9:30 am ----- 5:30 pm	Nancy Janus † ----- Pat Martin
February 8	Thursday	8:30 am	Special Intention
February 9	Friday	8:30 am	Janet Saitone

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A Lenten Prayer To Begin Each Day

Dear Lord,

As this day dawns along my Lenten journey, open my eyes to how I can follow You more closely along the road of love and self-sacrifice. Give me a heart that is grateful, so as to recognize Your countless blessings and generosity, so as to share all I have with others.

May I comfort You in Your Holy Passion by comforting others in distress whom I meet along my daily road—especially the poor and forgotten. May I show true sorrow for my failings with a sincere resolution to overcome my faults with the help of Your infinite mercy.

I entrust all this to You through Your loving Mother, whose tender love I trust will guide my steps to lasting hope and eternal joy found only in 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.