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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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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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FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

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Good News

dear Padre

OLS News

First Sunday of Lent (B) Genesis 9:8–15 / 1 Peter 3:18–22 / Mark 1:12–15

Deserts come in all shapes and sizes. For Noah, it turned out to be a desert of water, an endless, dreary expanse. For Jesus, it was also without end, one of rocks and sand; it was a harsh existence. In our lives, deserts might be a debilitating illness, a dried-up marriage, grief over lost love, a job that seems to tax our sanity, or a childhood scarred by abuse. Not long ago, the world found itself in a pandemic desert. For many, it was one of cabin fever that isolated us from family and friends. Deserts are not alluring places. They are places from which we tend to run.

Some people deal with the inevitable deserts of life by becoming angry; others grow bitter and turn inward; others blame God and walk away from faith. Yet deserts can also be the very forces that reshape lives. With nothing else to distract us, in the desert we come face to face with ourselves, with who we really are and whose voice it is that we follow.

There we take a stand on life, as Jesus did. It was the Spirit that drove Jesus into the desert, and it was there that He realized the future to which he was being called. So also with us. Deserts become places where we discover what God is asking of us and where we need to go, all discoveries that may otherwise never have occurred. In some strange and curious way, then, deserts may be blessings in our lives.

--Father Joseph Juknialis

Pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for their release to praise the Lord. In return, these Souls will pray for us.

We're in the middle of home renovations, and the season of Lent is beginning. Everything is in total disarray. Any ideas to help me "keep my religion" at this time?

"There is...a time to tear down, and a time to build" (Ecclesiastes 3:1, 3). During the season of Lent—a word meaning "spring"—we are called to put away the "dead" deeds of winter. It's a time of spiritual "spring cleaning" for the individual and for the faith community. As nature renews herself every spring, so do we. The change of season may even prompt a renovation project—the kind you are now undertaking. The structural changes to a home afford many spiritual parallels—the redoing of your physical home can be a challenge to realign your spiritual home during Lent.

In the Genesis story, God is pleased with the handiwork of His creation. Likewise, our stamina, perseverance, and patience to see a work through to its completion are cause for great satisfaction and celebration. This would remind us that we are made in the same image of God, who took delight in his own work. Lent also can become a time of delighting in ourselves as God's special and ongoing creation.

When your home improvement project is completed, arrange for a blessing of your home. Enthroned a special cross or icon to venerate, light a devotional candle, and use holy water in the area of the home that was improved. At that time, remind yourself again that you and your home belong to the Lord—renewed during the spring cleaning of Lent!

--Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR

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.

New devotion: Please join us as we begin a new devotion this weekend. It will take place before each mass in the future (daily masses, too). Before mass (after reading the announcements), the lector will lead the congregation in reciting the Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel. There are beautiful prayer cards in the pews and on the table in the Social Hall. The prayer is also printed on the next page in the bulletin.

Second Collection: This weekend is the Diocesan Annual Catholic Appeal. Here is an opportunity to help those in need within our diocese and in our own community. Thank you for your donation!

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

Join us for Soup after Stations: 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!

Lenten Regulations are available on the website for the Sacramento Diocese:
www.scd.org/worship

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

Father Josh's Liturgical Tidbits:

The Offertory/Preparation of the Gifts

The Offertory or the Preparation of the Gifts is an integral part of the mass that not only acts as the transition from the Liturgy of the Word to the Liturgy of the Eucharist, but it has been part of the Christian worship from the beginning (refer to 2 Cor 9:10-15).

This is when the altar is prepared for the sacrifice that is about to be offered to God. These sacrifices--the bread, the wine, and yes even your hard-earned money--are offered up by the people as a direct symbolism of their toils and efforts of the earth. Remember the prayer of the priest during the offertory: "Blessed are you Lord, God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life."

The sacrifice you offer in mass is to be transformed into the body and blood of Christ which not only affects our personal salvation, but that of the whole Christian community.

Weekly Offerings

Sunday Feb. 4th	\$ 826.00
Maintenance	\$ 3,556.00
Helping Hands & Westwood Resource Center	\$ 75.00
Mass Stipends	\$ 110.00
Christmas	\$ 100.00

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

	Eucharistic Minister	Lector
SAT. 5 PM	Cynthia Riggins	Barbara Longo
SUN. 9:30 AM	Jessica Dowling	Sonja Anderson

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

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Pray for our Sick and Deceased Loved Ones

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

Weekly Mass Intentions

February 17	Saturday	5:00 pm	Ronald Longacre †
February 18	Sunday	9:30 am	Al Cartlidge
February 19	Monday	-----	No Mass
February 20	Tuesday	8:30 am	Miranda Lemons
February 21	Wednesday	8:30 am	Joan Sayre
February 22	Thursday	8:30 am	William Koehnen
February 23	Friday	8:30 am	Judy Bertolezza †

OLS NEWS (continued)--

PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

*Saint Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle. Be our
protection against the
wickedness and snares of the devil.*

*May God rebuke him, we
humbly pray; and do thou, O
Prince of the heavenly host, by
the power of God, cast into hell
Satan and all the evil spirits,
who wander through the world
seeking the ruin of souls. Amen*

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.