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# OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS CATHOLIC PARISH

220 Clifford Drive, Lake Almanor



**O**ur 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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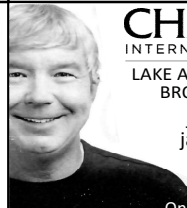
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## FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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### Good News

### dear Padre

### OLS News

**Fourth Sunday of Lent (B) 2 Chronicles 36:14–16, 19–23 / Ephesians 2:4–10 / John 3:14–21**

A long time ago, I came across a piece that I still remember because it's pretty much a commentary on how life is for most of us. It goes something like this: At the age of ten, we think we can live forever. When we're twenty, we think we can save the world. When the big thirty rolls around, we think we can save the company. When the fortieth birthday arrives, we think we can save our children. Then, when we're fifty, we think we can at least save our marriage. And by the time we're sixty, we think we should just save aluminum cans.

A bit flippant perhaps, but it reminds me that even given my own best efforts, I really do not save much of anything. It is always God who does the saving, not me.

It's a conversation replayed in our heads again and again. We find ourselves unwittingly thinking that if we do all the right things, when we die and go to heaven, then God will have to take us in. If we say the right prayers and follow all the rules, then we will have earned salvation. Yet then we will have saved ourselves and there will have been no need for God's gracious goodness. Then we will have lifted ourselves up by our own bootstraps and not by the Lord Jesus.

Then we will proclaim ourselves as the light to overcome darkness, and it will not be the death and resurrection of the Lord which does so.

--Father Joseph Juknialis

**May the Mother of Jesus, and our Mother, always smile on you and obtain for you, from her Most Holy Son, every heavenly blessing.**

*In the Church's eyes, what constitutes pornography? Art museums have statues of nude men and women, some of which are quite explicit. Is the only difference the respectability of the venue?*

The "respectability" of the location or publisher doesn't matter. A product is pornographic if it was created to sexually arouse users of the product regardless of the venue. Michelangelo's intention in carving his famous statue of David was not to arouse the people who look at it, so the Church does not call it pornography.

Pornography has existed for centuries, but it didn't arrive in our homes uninvited until recently. People with internet access are regularly confronted by pornographic images and literature, and many find it a very powerful temptation. In response, the US bishops issued a helpful document, which is available online at [uscbb.org](http://uscbb.org): *Create in Me a Clean Heart: A Pastoral Response to Pornography*.

From this document: "Using and/or producing pornography is a sin against chastity and against human dignity.... The sin of pornography needs the Lord's forgiveness and should be confessed in the sacrament of penance. Pornography objectifies people and brings hurt and pain. It is an illusory substitute for real relationships and intimacy, which in the end bring true joy. Many good people struggle with the sin of pornography and [strive] to cultivate chastity. You are not alone. Jesus is with you, the Church offers you love and support. Trust in the Lord's mercy and his power to free and heal you."

--The Redemptorists

#### 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.

Daylight Saving time begins this Sunday. Set your clock 1 hour ahead!

The 2nd Collection this weekend is shared by Helping Hands in Chester and Westwood Resource Center. Thank you!

#### JOIN US for Stations of the Cross and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament each

Friday during Lent: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 4:30 pm, and Stations at 5pm. Afterwards, join us in the Social Hall for a Lenten supper--soup (meatless) and bread. All are welcome! There is a sign-up sheet in the Social Hall if you want to bring a pot of soup or bread.

#### Almsgiving opportunities during Lent:

(1) Rice Bowls are available on the table in Social Hall. (2) Annual Catholic Appeal envelopes are available in the Social Hall.

Visit our website, [ourladyofsnowsparish.org](http://ourladyofsnowsparish.org).

You'll find links to many resources: inspiring articles and videos about living our faith, Lenten reflections, and Catholic news worldwide. Thank you, Debbie Rives, for keeping up our website!

#### Mark your calendar for Holy Week!

March 28th - Holy Thurs. Mass at 6pm

March 29th - Good Friday Devotions begin at 2:30 pm (Stations, Passion of Our Lord)

March 30th - Easter Vigil at 7:30 pm

March 31st - Easter Sun. Mass at 9:30 am

Would you like to donate an Easter Lily for Easter? Bring to the church Mar. 25-27th.

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 over the Offerings

The Prayer over the Offerings is said at the conclusion of the Preparation of the Gifts. It begins when the priest says: "Pray, brethren, that *my sacrifice and yours* may be acceptable to God the almighty Father." Notice there that what is being offered is not only the priest's sacrifice, but it is also yours. It is what you have offered during the Offertory—your prayers, your labors, and yourself—that we lift up to God as pleasing sacrifice. And we respond with: "May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name for our good and the good of all his holy Church." This response bonds our prayers to the prayers of the priest as we intercede for our good and the good of all through the offering we have just put forth on the altar.

Immediately after this exchange, the priest then offers the Prayer over the Offerings. It is similar to the Collect at the beginning of Mass, as it is a prayer to summarize what we are dedicating our offerings to in the Mass, so depending on the occasion the prayer is different. If it's Lent, it may be asking for these gifts to strengthen us for the Lenten journey. If it's for a wedding, the prayer will take the form of the unique offering of the couple. If it's for a funeral, for the dead. Etc.

So as we end each offertory at Mass, what did you offer for your salvation and the salvation of all?

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 Alostyne
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 Offerings

Sunday Feb. 25th	\$ 1,683.00
Maintenance	\$ 1,045.00
Helping Hands & Westwood Resource Center	\$ 350.00
Brick donation	\$ 100.00
Online donations, month of February	\$ 1,855.00

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

	Eucharistic Minister	Lector
SAT. 5 PM	Cynthia Riggins	Nita Jimenez
SUN. 9:30 AM	Kitty DeWitt	Larry Gibbs

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To receive our bulletin by email, contact Steve DeWitt: [cranmorti@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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.

### Weekly Mass Intentions

March 9	Saturday	5:00 pm	<b>Al and Estelle Cartlidge</b>
March 10	Sunday	9:30 am	<b>Cindee &amp; Mitchell Padula</b> ††
March 11	<b>Monday</b>	-----	<b>No Mass</b>
March 12	Tuesday	8:30 am	<b>Dolores Gard †</b>
March 13	Wednesday	8:30 am	<b>All victims of discrimination</b>
March 14	Thursday	8:30 am	<b>Pat Martin</b>
March 15	Friday	8:30 am	<b>Janet Saitone</b>

### OLS NEWS (continued)--

Day of Reconciliation: March 13th is a "Day of Reconciliation and Unity." This is a day of penance for negative attitudes and discrimination toward people of differing culture, ethnicity, and race; and prayer for unity in our diversity, for equality, mutual respect and peace among all peoples.

The 2nd Collection next weekend, March 16th and 17th, is a Special Collection for Catholic Relief Services. Envelopes are available in the Social Hall. Thank you for your generosity!

Lenten Regulations are available in a folder in the Social Hall or online at the website for our diocese, [scd.org](http://scd.org).

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.