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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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Good News

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (B) Mark 11:1–10 or John 12:12–16 / Isaiah 50:4–7 / Philipians 2:6–11 / Mark 14:1–15:47 or 15:1–39

Tenzin Kiyosaki is a former Buddhist nun who now works as an interfaith chaplain at a medical center in Los Angeles. There she tends to the spiritual needs of patients who have less than six months to live. When her brother asked her what it was that dying patients talk about, it led to her book *The Three Regrets: Inspirational Stories and Practical Advice for Love and Forgiveness at Life's End*. The three regrets she lists are: 1) I did not live the life of my dreams; 2) I did not share my love; and 3) I did not forgive. All too easily it seems we become preoccupied with what in the end becomes peripheral to what we really seek in life.

Today we tell the story of how Jesus' life of loving others came to its final conclusion, one of sacrificial love to the point of death. He came to reveal how such love is an essential dimension of the presence of God at the heart of every human life, and a cornerstone of the kingdom of God he proclaimed and to which he gave his life.

To the end, even on the cross, forgiveness was an essential aspect of his life of loving others. The very realities of what Jesus' life was all about are the same hungers we so often fail to recognize as we live our lives, though it is what he continually preached. Coming face to face with our own mortality seems to make his message most real.

--Father Joseph Juknialis

Pray the rosary every day--for world peace, an end to violence!

dear Padre

I am the divorced mother of three young children. My daughter is making her first Communion and I want to go to Communion with her. But I haven't been to Mass in three years because of my divorce. I am nervous and embarrassed about returning to the Church. What can I do?

Sharing in your daughter's preparation for holy Communion is a lovely desire and a good chance to look closely at your own faith; it may be the "little push" you need. She needs to see in you someone who has faith and is committed to the Church. Taking your children to Mass each Sunday is a good start.

You mentioned that you haven't been to church in three years because of your divorce. You may be confused about the teachings of the Church concerning divorce. Divorced Catholics are still full members of the Church and can receive holy Communion. If you have remarried outside the Church, it is a more complicated issue, yet not hopeless.

Since you haven't been to Mass in three years, the first step is to talk to your pastor or another priest with whom you feel comfortable. Be honest. Explain why you have stayed away from the Church. Then set up a time to go to confession. And please don't be ashamed or embarrassed about coming back to church. No matter how long it has been, the Church welcomes you home.

--The Redemptorists

"If you want your prayers to fly to God, equip them with the two wings of fasting and almsgiving."

--St. Augustine

OLS News

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.

There will be a Special Pontifical Collection on Good Friday, March 29th, for the Holy Land. Thank you for your generosity.

Schedule for Holy Week:

*March 28th - Holy Thurs. Mass at 6pm

*March 29th - Good Friday Devotions 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

*No morning Mass on either Holy Thursday or Good Friday

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

It is not too late to donate to the Diocesan Annual Catholic Appeal, which helps those in need throughout our diocese and locally. Envelopes are available in the Social Hall.

Rice Bowl almsgiving during Lent: Containers are available in the Social Hall. 25% of your donations remain in our diocese to help support anti-poverty services. Hand in Rice Bowls after Easter.

Thank you to the volunteers who are cleaning our church and Social Hall. We need more help. All cleaning supplies are provided. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Social Hall. Questions? Call Julie Chavez, 530-596-4961, or call or text Sally Harvey, 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 Preface

The Preface comes right after the Prayer of the Offerings. Its etymology comes from the Latin "Pre-factum" which means "before the act." The act for which the Preface is setting up is none other than the great Eucharistic Prayer that will follow, wherein the Priest will recall the words of Christ's institution of the Holy Eucharist and will make the offering we brought to the altar become Christ's Body and Blood.

The Preface itself is an action of praise and thanksgiving before we begin the Eucharistic Prayer. As the Preface dialogue takes place, you can already see how we are praising and giving thanks to God. It is when we say: "The Lord be with you.-And with your spirit.-Lift up your hearts.-we lift them up to the Lord.-Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.-It is right and just." Then what comes after is the central part of the Preface where, depending on the day and feast being celebrated, the priest proclaims the fundamental reasons for the act of praise we are making.

Finally, the Preface concludes with a prologue to the Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) as we're not only praising God as a Church, but rather the whole of creation (including the angels and archangels) is praising God for the gift we are about to celebrate and receive.

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
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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 March 17th See next week's Bulletin

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

Eucharistic Minister Lector

SAT. 5 PM Toni Pleau Pat Didier--Lector
Passion: Narrator--Nita Jimenez Voice--Luci Burgess

SUN. 9:30 AM Jessica Dowling Jeffrey Janus--Lector
Passion: Narrator--Steve DeWitt Voice--Larry Gibbs

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Weekly Mass Intentions

March 23	Saturday	5:00 pm	Nancy Janus †
March 24	Sunday	9:30 am	Steve and Kitty DeWitt
March 25	Monday	-----	No Mass
March 26	Tuesday	8:30 am	Dolores Gard †
March 27	Wednesday	8:30 am	Al Cartlidge
March 28	Holy Thursday	6 pm	Pat Martin
March 29	Good Friday	Devotions 2:30	[No Mass]

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HOLY WEEK LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS 2024:

March 28th - Holy Thursday Mass at 6pm: Eucharistic minister-- Lani Hovland; Lector--Luci Burgess

March 29th - Good Friday Devotions at 2:30 pm: 1st reading and responsorial-- Pat Didier; Gospel/Passion: Narrator--Steve DeWitt; Voice--Larry Gibbs; Solemn Intercessions--Pat Didier; Eucharistic minister--Barbara Longo

March 30th - Easter Vigil at 7:30 pm: Eucharistic minister--Kitty DeWitt; Lector for Reading 1--Larry Gibbs; Lector for Reading 3--Jeffrey Janus; Lector for Reading 5--Steve DeWitt; Epistle and Responsorial--Sonja Anderson

March 31st - Easter Sunday Mass at 9:30 am: Eucharistic minister--Julie Chavez; Lector--Steve DeWitt

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.