

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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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Year B Journey song 905

April 14, 2024

Good News

dear Padre

OLS News

Third Sunday of Easter (B) Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 / 1 John 2:1-5a / Luke 24:35-48

Spiritual writers tell us that a sure sign of life lived with faith in God is peace, the inner kind of peace that enables you to rest in it with no worry or anxiety. When the risen Lord appears in the midst of the disciples just back from Emmaus and says to them first off, "Peace be with you," that's the sort of peace he's talking about and wishing for them.

Such peace doesn't seem to be something easy to come by, something that simply plops into the lap of your soul. More than anything it seems to be the fruit of prayerfulness—sometimes praying the rosary or other traditional prayers and sometimes just simply sitting in the quiet, in the midst of love without having to say any words.

There is something about surrendering to God's love over the course of many lived days that eventually brings us to that sort of trusting peace.

The thing about such peace is that only you know if it's genuine. When you feel peace when life turns topsy-turvy, that's God peace. When life is progressing smoothly, it's not easy to know if that's God's peace or just a life without turbulence. But if you're at peace when everything else around you is not, that's when you know it's the presence of God that has you all wrapped up in worry-free wonder.

--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.

Pray the Rosary for an end to violence in our world.

What is a "covenant," and how are marriage and covenant related?

"Covenant" is the word the Church employs to define and describe the sacrament of matrimony. It is clearly based on the idea of "covenant" contained in Scripture. In contrast, society uses the related word "contract," as in the "marriage contract." However, these two words do not mean the same thing.

The meaning of "contract" is too limited to contain the full commitment of Christian marriage. When you sign a contract, you are legally bound only to its terms. You need not do more or less than what is stipulated in its wording. Warmth and concern for the well-being of one party for the other are not stipulated in a contract.

A covenant, on the other hand, is different. Although it may contain some aspects of contract, it establishes a personal relationship of closeness, affection, and warmth, and it locks the couple into a mutual commitment to each other's well-being.

As God freely chose Israel from all the nations possible, so do two people choose each other from all other people. As God declared, "I will take you as my people, and I will be your God" (Exodus 6:7). In the same way, a husband and wife pledge total commitment to each other.

Christian marriage bears the same characteristics of covenant commitment—the personal relationship of caring, loyalty, intimacy, exclusivity, permanency, and, above all, love; hence the use of "covenant" to define Christian marriage.

--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.

***There will be no weekday masses this coming week, April 15th-19th. The regular weekday mass schedule will resume on Tuesday, April 23rd.**

Rosary before weekend Masses: The Rosary will be said one half hour before each weekend Mass. Please join other parishioners in the main church to say the Rosary at 4:30PM prior to the Saturday evening Mass, or at 9AM prior to the Sunday morning Mass. A leader to say the Rosary can be chosen by those in attendance.

Seneca Hospital, Chester, Ca. has offered to provide CPR and Defibrillator training at the church for our parishioners and family members. If you are interested in attending, please contact Steve DeWitt by April 14th. He will notify Seneca Hospital how many people have signed up so they can schedule the date(s) and time of the training. There may be more than one date for the training, depending on the number of people signing up. Those who have signed up will be notified of the scheduled date(s) and time. There is a defibrillator installed in the church social hall, and it is located on the wall between the two bathrooms. Please email Steve at crannmorti@gmail.com or call him: (530) 258-4222 (home), (530) 370-0661 (cell).

Altar Society's first meeting of 2024 will take place on Tuesday, May 7th, at 11 am in the Social Hall. Hope to see you there, and please bring your lunch.

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 Eucharistic Prayer (Pt.I)

When the Preface acts as a prelude to the eucharistic prayer: The word *Eucharist* comes from the Greek word *eukaristia*, meaning thanksgiving. Although the eucharistic prayer is addressed to the Father, it is all about Jesus as we give the Father thanks and praise for Jesus's action in the world, especially for God sending his Son for our salvation. For the Jews, the Pass-over sacrifice and meal was not just a time to remember the past when they were set free from slavery, it was a way to relive their covenant with God and therefore renew it with him. So for us Christians, we too remember Christ's Last Supper with his disciples, we give thanks for what he has done, and then relive and renew our covenant granted to us in Christ's sacrifice offered to us as a meal.

With that background, you will notice that the priest will (1) ask the Holy Spirit to come down upon the gifts we have offered to make it into the sacrifice of the Body and Blood of Christ, just as he did on the cross. The Holy Spirit will make present again this saving action of Christ for us today. This is called the *Epiclesis* and when the priest holds his hands over the gifts. And (2) the priest will hearken back to the words and actions of Jesus at the Last Supper where he has instructed us to offer his body and blood in memory of him until the end of time. This is called the Institution Narrative when the priest says: "Take this, all of you, and eat of it...and drink from it..."

Weekly Offerings

Sunday March 24th	\$ 731.00
Easter	\$ 3,688.00
Good Friday for Holy Land	\$ 323.00
Maintenance	\$ 115.00
Poor	\$ 100.00

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

Eucharistic Ministers

Lector

SAT. 5:00 PM Cynthia Riggins, Nita Jimenez
 Sonja Burton and Pat Didier

SUN. 9:30 AM Lani Hovland, Larry Gibbs
 Ray Pallari and Julie Chavez

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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>.

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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.

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Jayden Bird †	Alma Kopernik	Miguel Pena †
Vernon Burgess	Ronald Longacre †	John Pezzi †
Lucia Carillo †	Diane & Larry	Kerry Phillips †
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Hilliard	Scott Oswold †	
Matthew Hunt †	Francis Ouellette	
Nancy Janus †	Cindee Padula †	
Erin Kelly	Mitchell Padula †	† indicates deceased

Weekly Mass Intentions

April 13	Saturday	5:00 pm	Ronald Longacre †
April 14	Sunday	9:30 am	Pat Martin
April 15	Monday	-----	No Mass
April 16	Tuesday	-----	No Mass
April 17	Wednesday	-----	No Mass
April 18	Thursday	-----	No Mass
April 19	Friday	-----	No Mass

OLS NEWS (continued)--

Calling all singers and musicians: If you have, or know of anyone who has musical talent, preferably singing, we would love to have you join our choir director, Cindy Hawkins at Sunday Masses in providing the beautiful touch of music to our service.

Eucharistic Revival! Save the date--Saturday June 8th, at Sacred Heart Parish Hall in Susanville, from 9 am to 3 pm. All are welcome. The day will include lunch, as well as inspiring talks on the Eucharist from Father Josh and from several of the priests in our region, from Alturas to Quincy to Susanville to Portola. Bring the whole family. You won't want to miss this!

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.