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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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## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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April 28, 2024

### Good News

**Fifth Sunday of Easter (B) Acts 9:26–31 / 1 John 3:18–24 / John 15:1–8**

The common myth is that we receive a new body every seven years as cells die and are replaced. However, stomach cells are renewed every two days or so because of acids and enzymes. Skin cells are replaced every two to three weeks. Bone cells last about ten years, and our brain cells stay with us for our entire lives. In a sense, then, we might say that our bodies are pruned, part of us remaining long-term to nurture and sustain like the trunk of a tree, and part of us severed so that life may be renewed and continue on.

If so with our bodies, are not our spirits also pruned? There is a core part of who we are that wends its way throughout our lives. Yet that “who” has rough edges in need of being smoothed; barbs need to be dulled; and certain inclinations simply need to be severed. Spouses tend to prune one another, the grace of a loving marriage. Children sometimes keep parents honest. Life events may grind down our independence and self-sufficiency. Illnesses, aging, job loss, the death of loved ones— all forcing us to recognize that we are not in control of life. We are thus pruned, forced to surrender much of what we once thought we could control.

Where is God in all of this? If God is woven into the warp and woof of all life, then all the events and rhythms of life can draw us closer to God, pruning us into goodness and fruitfulness.

--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.**

### dear Padre

*Several months ago my son died in a tragic car accident. Life, work, family, and even religion seem so meaningless now. How can I find my way back?*

You have suffered a great loss. When you are able, you can choose to live in a way that will respect both your son's memory and your own ongoing life. Here are a few gentle steps that might help.

- Expect to feel numb at first. This is nature's way of helping you deal with your loss. Keep following the normal patterns of your life and, eventually, meaning will return.
  - Allow your friends to help. “Sorrows shared are sorrows lessened.”
  - If you are sad, let the tears come! Even Jesus cried at the death of his friend Lazarus (John 11:32–35).
  - If you are angry, look for a healthy release. Focus the energy of your anger into productive work, even if it's just doing dishes or yard work.
  - Use your experience to help others. While helping others, the Lord often reveals to us the meaning of our own losses.
  - Don't be afraid to seek professional help. A therapist has the expertise to help you talk about your loss and cope with your grief.
  - Pray for yourself, for your son, for all whose lives he touched, for all those who are grieving.
  - After you have done everything you can, leave your loss in God's hands. The Lord will do for you what you cannot do for yourself.
- The Redemptorists

### 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.

2nd Collection April 27-28 is a Diocesan Collection for Home Missions across the United States. Thanks for your generosity!

Join us for coffee and goodies after Mass this Sunday April 28th in the Social Hall!

Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place Friday May 3rd at 9am. If you cannot come for the whole hour, come for as long as you can--to spend some quiet time in Our Lord's Presence.

Altar Society meets on Tues., May 7th, at 11 am in the Social Hall. Please bring your lunch. **INTERESTED IN JOINING THE ALTAR SOCIETY?** Come to our meeting!

Think about volunteering to clean our church and Social Hall once in a while. All the cleaning supplies are provided. For more information, call Julie Chavez at 530-596-4951 or Sally Harvey at 530-570-5437. Thanks to all who are already cleaning the church!

May through October, a second collection for Maintenance will be taken up every Saturday and Sunday -- except for the 2nd weekend of the month when it is for the poor. Thanks for your help!

Have you picked up your envelopes for 2024? They are on the shelf in the Social Hall (by the front door). If you would like to start using envelopes, choose any box that does not have a name on it.

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



**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 April 14th	\$ 1,064.00
Easter	\$ 250.00
Westwood Resource Center/Helping Hands	\$ 139.00
Maintenance	\$ 396.00

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

**Eucharistic Ministers      Lector**

**SAT. 5:00 PM**      Toni Pleau,      Pat Didier  
Sonja Burton, Cynthia Riggins

**SUN. 9:30 AM**      Kitty DeWitt,      Steve DeWitt  
Jessica Dowling, Ruthie Hinman

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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](mailto:cranmorti@gmail.com) for more information.

**Mass Intentions:** Envelopes are available in the Social Hall if you would like to have a mass offered for someone. Or contact Sally Harvey: [willaharv09@gmail.com](mailto:willaharv09@gmail.com). Customary stipend is \$10.

***Pray for our Sick and Deceased Loved Ones***

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

**Weekly Mass Intentions**

April 27	Saturday	5:00 pm	<b>Monique Figlietti †</b>
April 28	Sunday	9:30 am	<b>Dante Najera †</b>
April 29	Monday	-----	<b>No Mass</b>
April 30	Tuesday	8:30 am	<b>Estelle and Al Cartlidge</b>
May 1	Wednesday	8:30 am	<b>All Laborers</b>
May 2	Thursday	8:30 am	<b>Pat Martin</b>
May 3	Friday	8:30 am	<b>Special Intention</b>

***OLS NEWS (continued)--***

**We need bakers! ALTAR SOCIETY MEMORIAL WEEKEND BAKE SALE** will be **Sat. May 25th** at Peninsula Market, beginning at 7 am. You do not have to belong to the Altar Society to bake something for this event. Call Julie Chavez 530-596-4951 or Carolyn Willhoit 530-259-3647 if you would like to bake for us. Thank you!

**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.