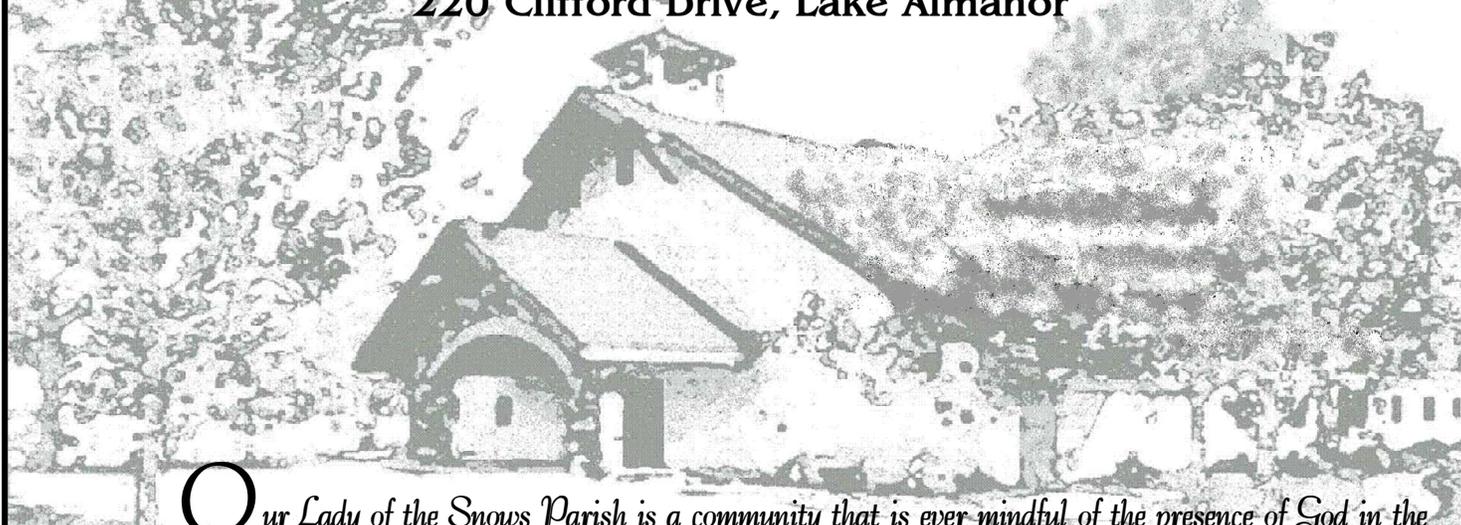


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Good News

dear Padre

OLS News

Sixth Sunday of Easter (B) Acts 10:25–26, 34–35, 44–48 / 1 John 4:7–10 / John 15:9–17

A while back I decided to plant two saplings that were about ten feet tall along the property line of the parish home where I lived. Some time after I planted them, I noticed that one was leaning in one direction and the other a bit in the opposite direction. *Strange*, I thought, *for it seemed that when I planted them they were staked with rope and stood straight*. So I bought some six-foot fence posts and tied the trees to them, thinking that as they grew they would straighten themselves.

Not so. After three years the trees seemed to insist on growing their own way, one leaning into the wind and the other a bit twisted. It seemed the only solution was to love them the way they were.

It is so with the people in our lives as well. Sooner or later we find ourselves needing to love them with their idiosyncrasies and foibles and perhaps even their sinfulness. We may try to reshape them, but ultimately it is usually to little avail. They have been created by God, after all, and if God has chosen us—as the Gospel suggests—then God also has chosen us to love them as they are, and perhaps to love them into all that they can be.

Ultimately though, God does the pruning, the reshaping, not us. We participate in that process by caring for them and bringing good to them, always in the image of Jesus.

—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.

Please clarify for me what the Church considers as “gossip.” Is it that bad?

Human beings have the great gift of speech. We continually talk to one another and we talk about one another. Gossip, at its most basic level, is just idle talk. It is neither good nor bad. But it is a tool we can use to build up another human being or tear a person down.

Gossip is sinful when we use our words to unjustly hurt the reputation of another or to judge another person rashly. The two words that the Church uses to describe this evil side of gossip are “detraction” and “calumny.” The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* tells us that detraction is “without objectively valid reason, disclosing another’s faults and failings to persons who did not know them.” Calumny occurs when a person, “by remarks contrary to the truth, harms the reputation of others and gives occasion for false judgments concerning them” (CCC 2477).

To judge whether your own gossip is good or evil, simply ask yourself: Do the words I am saying help others or hurt others? Am I building them up or tearing them down? Hopefully, as a Christian, you are committed to the commandment of Jesus we hear in today’s Gospel: “This is my commandment: love one another as I love you” (John 15:12).

—The Redemptorists

Having a good day? Thank God for it. Struggling through a bad day? Invite God into it. Just another “ordinary” day? Find God in it. And - every day - praise God, for life is a gift never to be wasted.

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: 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 the 2nd collection is for the poor. Thanks for your generosity!

Please note: The Solemnity of the Ascension of Our Lord will be celebrated **next Sunday, May 12th, NOT** on Thursday May 9th. Therefore, May 9th is **not** a Holy Day of Obligation.

Join us for coffee and goodies after Mass **this Sunday** in the Social Hall!

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!

Men’s Group will meet **Wed. May 15th** at 5pm in the Social Hall. Dinner will be served. All men are welcome. See you there!

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!

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. II)**

Following the *Epiclesis* and the *Institution Narrative*, the bread and the wine with the power of the Holy Spirit has been transubstantiated into the Body and Blood of Christ.

In awe, we proclaim "The Mystery of Faith," as what has just been done is one of the greatest mysteries in the Catholic Faith that our Lord has passed down to us. With the Lord now directly present on the altar, the priest will then go into a long prayer that includes another thanksgiving, petitions for the world, the church, the faithful, the dead, etc. And depending on the Eucharistic Prayer chosen, it can also ask for reconciliation, for the propagation of the Gospel, for unity in the church, for good works, etc.

It is tempting to just slip away into distraction when the priest is doing this long prayer after the Mystery of Faith, but remember that the Lord is now directly present on the altar, and this is a great time to think about your own intentions so that we can offer it up together with the priest alongside the Church's petition as a whole.

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Nancy Janus †	Francis Ouellette	
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Weekly Offerings	
Sunday April 21st	\$ 1,387.00
Maintenance	\$ 80.00
Westwood Resource Center/Helping Hands	\$ 75.00
Mass Stipends	\$ 70.00
Annual Catholic Appeal 2024	\$ 277.66

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

Eucharistic Ministers Lector

SAT. 5:00 PM Toni Pleau, Pat Didier
 Cynthia Riggins, and Pat Didier

SUN. 9:30 AM Lani Hovland, Ruthie Hinman
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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. Customary stipend is \$10.

Weekly Mass Intentions

Date	Day	Time	Intention
May 4	Saturday	5:00 pm	George and Diana Hormel
May 5	Sunday	9:30 am	Pat Martin
May 6	Monday	-----	No Mass
May 7	Tuesday	8:30 am	Reuben Chavez †
May 8	Wednesday	8:30 am	Fran Moale †
May 9	Thursday	8:30 am	Special Intention
May 10	Friday	8:30 am	Mary Deveny †

OLS NEWS (continued)--

Holy Father's prayer intention for May: For The Formation Of Men And Women Religious and Seminarians--Let us pray that men and women religious and seminarians, grow in their own vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, that leads them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel.

National Eucharistic Pilgrimage takes place in our Diocese from May 21st through 24th. Consider "joining in" for part of this four-day procession across the Diocese from Vallejo to South Lake Tahoe, with stops in Vallejo, Benicia, Rio Vista, Clarksburg, West Sacramento, Sacramento, Folsom, El Dorado Hills, Placerville and South Lake Tahoe. These 4 days are part of a national procession to Indianapolis for the National Eucharistic Congress in July. More information-- <https://scd.org/celebrate>.

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.