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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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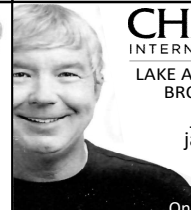
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## ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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### Good News

### dear Padre

### OLS News

**Ascension of the Lord (B) Acts 1:1–11 / Ephesians 1:17–23 or Ephesians 4:1–13 or 4:1–7, 11–13 / Mark 16:15–20**

As a child, I remember our backyard had a fruit tree planted by my grandfather. Each year the tree bore apples and pears, both on the same tree. My grandfather explained that he had planted an apple sapling and then had grafted a pear branch onto its trunk. What continues to intrigue me about that tree is how the very same nourishment, the same sap out of the earth and traveling up the trunk, would produce such different fruits.

It is much like the power of the Holy Spirit given to human beings at the time of the ascension. Various gifts make themselves known, at times in the same person, over the course of a lifetime. A friend loved being a mom and raising a family. After the children had grown and went on their way, she went back to school and became a nurse. A local pastor was a pediatrician. After his wife died, he decided to become a priest. John Grisham, educated as an attorney, began writing novels.

All apples and pears, the fruit of God's Spirit. We tend to ask young people what they would like to be when they grow up. A better question might be to ask what they think God would like them to be. However someone might answer such a question, what is important is to do it with "humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve unity of the spirit through the bond of peace" (Ephesians 4:2–3)—all prompted by God's Spirit.

--Father Joseph Juknialis

**What were the main changes brought about by the Second Vatican Council?**

It has been sixty years since the Second Vatican Council and we are still learning from what Pope John Paul II called the "fundamental event in the contemporary Church" and "the constant reference point of every pastoral action." Vatican II's sixteen documents focus on a wide variety of topics, touching almost every conceivable aspect of Church and Christian life. Four of the documents bear the title of "Constitution" and contain the core formulations of the council's teachings.

The most visible change might be in how we worship. But even more fundamental is the emphasis on the Church as the "people of God." Baptism admits all to the same journey of faith, initiating each person with differing talents and abilities into the mission of the Church. Thus, the faithful must be "led to that fully conscious, and active participation in liturgical celebrations which is demanded by the very nature of the liturgy."

"Such participation by the Christian people as 'a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a redeemed people' (1 Peter 2:9; see 2:4–5), is their right and duty by reason of their baptism" (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy [*Sacrosanctum Concilium*], 14). The hierarchy continues, but it is to hear and serve God's people; "servant leadership" is the way to exercise authority in the Church of Vatican II.

--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.

**2nd Collection** this weekend is shared between Westwood Resource Center and Helping Hands in Chester. Thank you for helping those in need who live in our area.

A blessed Mother's Day to all of our mothers! May the Mother of Jesus, and our Mother, always smile on you and obtain for you, from her Most Holy Son, every heavenly blessing.

If you have not yet seen our beautiful bricks by the patio, take a look! These **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.

Our Lady of the Snows 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!

**ALTAR SOCIETY MEMORIAL WEEK-END BAKE SALE** will be **Sat. May 25th** at Peninsula Market, beginning at 7 am. Do you like to bake? You do not have to belong to the Altar Society to bake something for our bake sale. There is a sign-up sheet in the Social Hall. Proceeds fund our work and projects at Our Lady of the Snows, including the Parish Picnic, purchasing altar linens, etc. Thank you for your help!

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. 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.

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

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

**Weekly Offerings**

Sunday April 28th	\$ 1,351.00
Maintenance	\$ 4,225.00
Online giving for month of April	\$ 2,835.00
Mass Stipends	\$ 310.00
Home Missions 2024 (Diocesan collection)	\$ 307.00

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

**Eucharistic Ministers      Lector**

**SAT. 5:00 PM**      Toni Pleau,      Nita Jimenez  
Cynthia Riggins, and Sonja Burton

**SUN. 9:30 AM**      Jessica Dowling,      Larry Gibbs  
Julie Chavez, and Kitty DeWitt

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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](mailto:willaharv09@gmail.com). Customary stipend is \$10.

Our website, [ourladyofsnowsparish.org](http://ourladyofsnowsparish.org), has links to many resources: inspiring articles and videos about living our faith, spiritual reflections, and worldwide news for Catholics.

**Weekly Mass Intentions**

May 11	Saturday	5:00 pm	<b>Frances Smith †</b>
May 12	Sunday	9:30 am	<b>Martha Doyle † Jane Hinman †</b>
May 13	Monday	-----	<b>No Mass</b>
May 14	Tuesday	8:30 am	<b>Jose Flores</b>
May 15	Wednesday	8:30 am	<b>Diana Pallari †</b>
May 16	Thursday	8:30 am	<b>Pat Martin</b>
May 17	Friday	8:30 am	<b>Those Named On our Bricks</b>

**OLS NEWS (continued)--**

**Scam alert!** Be cautious of texts or emails pretending to be from Father Josh and asking you to reply or send money or a gift card. **Do not reply.** Call the rectory if you are in doubt about the authenticity of any text or email that you receive.

If you are **new to the parish** and haven't registered, please fill out the registration form for new parishioners, available on the table in the Social Hall. Or fill out the form on the front of the bulletin and drop in the slot on the office door. We welcome you!

To receive our **bulletin by email**, contact Steve DeWitt: [cranmorti@gmail.com](mailto:cranmorti@gmail.com) or call him at 530-258-4222.

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.