

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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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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Good News

dear Padre

OLS News

Pentecost (B) Acts 2:1–11 / 1 Corinthians 12:3b–7, 12–13 or Galatians 5:16–25 / John 20:19–23 or John 15:26–27; 16:12–15

“Know thyself,” advised the philosopher Socrates. Yet easier said than done. A recent public service ad warning about the dangers of smoking concludes, “The worst lies are the lies you tell yourself, like smoking isn’t that dangerous.” To admit the truth, to come to truth, to live the truth is no small thing.

Have you ever wondered why it takes a lifetime to come to wisdom, why we aren’t born with all the wisdom we need? It would make life so much easier. When Jesus promised us the Spirit, he said, “I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now. But when he comes, the Spirit of Truth, he will guide you to all truth” (John 16:12–13). To know ourselves and the truth of who we are can be a painful process, coming to terms with what we do not want to hear. So the Spirit brings us to that wisdom gradually, over the course of a lifetime, lest we run from it.

Paul warns against “immorality and impurity and lust,” and each of us at some point in our lives must come to terms with the truth that if we do not channel our sexuality healthfully it will mess up our lives. Paul warns against “hatred, rivalry, fury, dissensions,” and each of us eventually realizes how any of those can ruin relationships and our very lives. Some of us learn such wisdom early in life, some late, yet coming to Truth is a lifelong journey guided by the Spirit.

--Father Joseph Juknialis

Is it a sin to use God’s name in profanity?

Profanity is obscene, vulgar language that may or may not include God’s name. People may thoughtlessly ask God to condemn a person or a thing in their profanity, but if questioned, admit that they did not mean it literally. They say their angry words were not intended to deliberately ask God to harm someone and deliberate intent is one requirement for what constitutes a sin. God who knows our hearts can determine if our misuse of his name is a form of venting, but the Second Commandment warns us that taking the Lord’s name in vain does not please him, even if no harm to another is intended. The danger in constantly and carelessly using God’s holy name profanely is that over time we can easily become desensitized to the practice, creating an irreverent attitude toward God that is offensive and may lead others into sin.

Recall that when we pray, “Hallowed be thy name” in the Lord’s Prayer—the prayer Jesus taught his disciples—we ask God to enable us to give him the reverence that is due; it comes first before we ask anything for ourselves—a sure sign of our respect for God.

Because God’s name is holy, we mustn’t abuse it. Despite the erosion of inhibitions against poor word choices in our time, consider this prayerful petition from the last verse of Psalm 19: “Let the words of my mouth be acceptable, / the thoughts of my heart before you, / Lord, my rock and my redeemer.”

--Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR

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: There is a Special Diocesan Collection this weekend for the Catholic Communications Campaign, to help fund the efforts of the Church to reach out to Catholics and others through print, TV, internet, radio. For more information, visit <http://www.usccb.org/ccc>

This weekend: Stay for coffee and treats after our Sunday Mass! All are invited!

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! 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.

ALTAR SOCIETY MEMORIAL WEEK-END BAKE SALE will be Sat. May 25th at Peninsula Market, beginning at 7 am. If you would like to bake something for the sale, please drop it off that morning at the Bake Sale (at Peninsula Mkt) or call us by Thur. May 23rd for more information: Julie Chavez 530-596-4951 or Carolyn Willhoit 530-259-3647. 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 Doxology

At the conclusion of the Eucharistic Prayer is that line that is very familiar to us; the priest raises the body and blood of Jesus Christ and he says: "Through him, with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever."

There is so much to say with these concluding lines of the Eucharistic prayer, but to this I refer to Abbot Jeremy Driscoll. He says: "In that moment the Church is doing what Christ did and forever does: she offers his one body, to which she has been joined to the Father for the glory of his name and for the salvation of the world. This is our communion in the sacrifice of Christ. This is perfect praise."

Why is this perfect praise? Because we have just offered the most perfect form of worship: to offer again what Christ has offered, (his passion, death and resurrection) as the definitive sacrifice of worship to the Father. Jesus says: "No one comes to the Father except through me." (Jn 14:6) Through our union with Christ, we are restored to our original vocation to become one with God in worship. And to that, we have but one response, the *Great Amen*.

Joe Beuchat	Nancy Janus †	Cindee Padula †
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Hilliard	Scott Oswald †	Carole Zimmerman †
Matthew Hunt †	Francis Ouellette	† indicates deceased

Weekly Offerings

Sunday May 5th	\$ 735.00
Maintenance	\$ 744.00
Easter	\$ 975.00
Mass Stipends	\$ 60.00

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

Eucharistic Ministers Lector

SAT. 5:00 PM Sonja Burton, Luci Burgess
Cynthia Riggins, and Pat Didier

SUN. 9:30 AM Julie Chavez, Sonja Anderson
Ruthie Hinman, and Jessica Dowling

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Sunday Mass is live on Facebook: <https://fb.me/ourladyofthesnowslakealmanor>.

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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.

Our website, 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 18	Saturday	5:00 pm	Ronald Longacre Larry Gene & Diane Miller †††
May 19	Sunday	9:30 am	Frances Smith †
May 20	Monday	-----	No Mass
May 21	Tuesday	8:30 am	Jose Flores
May 22	Wednesday	8:30 am	Carole Zimmerman†
May 23	Thursday	8:30 am	Janet Saitone
May 24	Friday	8:30 am	Al & Estelle Cartlidge

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Welcome back to our Seasonal Parishioners: You are members of our "parish family," year-round, even if you are only here part of the year. We would love having you join any and all of our activities and parish groups, as well as serving as lectors or Eucharistic ministers if you would like to. We are blessed to have you in our parish!

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.

To receive our **bulletin by email**, contact Steve DeWitt: 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.