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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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## Good News

## dear Padre

## OLS News

**Most Holy Trinity (B) Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40 / Romans 8:14-17 / Matthew 28:16-20**

Voltaire, the French author, once commented that God created us in God's image, and ever since we have been trying to pay God back. When we fail to forgive, we may not believe that God forgives us. If we hate another person (or another nation), we may imagine that God agrees with us. "God is on our side," presumes that God is rooting only for our team. In other words, we tend to think of God being like us rather than discovering how we reflect God.

It is little wonder, then, that amid such confusing images we can find ourselves wondering who God is or even doubting God's existence. Yet faith of its nature tends to be sown with doubt simply because faith does not bring the kind of certainty we think science does. This week's Gospel tells how "the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they all saw him, they worshipped, but they doubted" (Matthew 28:16-17).

From the beginning believers seemed to be inclined to uncertainty and doubt. How then do we live in faith? The reading from Deuteronomy tells of Moses asking the people to remember how they had been freed from slavery in Egypt, how God had taught them and taken care of them. It is in remembering past blessings that we recognize a power at work greater than ourselves, a remembering that will lead to renewed faith. We are people who live with the promise of Jesus "to be with you always, to the end of the age."

--Father Joseph Juknialis

*I hear people talking about finding their vocation. How do I know what my vocation is?*

Our Catholic understanding of vocation is "a call from God to a particular state in life," by which is usually meant single, married, priest, or religious. When you hear people speaking about finding their vocation, it is possible that this is what they have in mind. On the other hand, it is also quite possible that they are referring simply to a particular occupation that they feel comfortable with and wish to pursue.

The root understanding of *vocation* is really the understanding of God's call and our response. Vocation has not so much to do with what we do but is rather reflective of what we believe about our relationship with God. Vocation assumes that we believe that God is active in our own unique history, and is involved in our decision-making process; that God desires to manifest his will to us; and that God does in fact communicate with us in a very personal way.

If you are truly open to the will of God in your own life, if you are willing to listen to God's call and make your decisions and choices based on this experience, preferably with the guidance of a confessor or spiritual director, you will discover the true happiness that a real vocation can bring.

--The Redemptorists / Dear-Padre.org

**Pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for their release to praise the Lord. In return, these Souls will pray for us.**

### 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.

**Holy Hour Friday June 7th 9 am** (after the 8:30 am Mass): There will be Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. If you cannot come for the entire hour, stop by and spend as much time as you can in the Presence of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

Thank you to all who helped with the Altar Society Bake Sale! And THANK YOU to the Altar Society for the recent purchase of new wine and water cruets for use at Mass, as well as the purchase of the beautiful altar cloth that was used during Easter season and will be used on special solemnities. We are able to provide these items for our church because of your support!

**Eucharistic Revival! Saturday June 8th**, at Sacred Heart Parish Hall in Susanville, from 9 am to 3 pm. All are welcome. There is no charge. 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. Hope that you can attend--bring the whole family.

**2nd Collection:** From May through October, there is a 2nd collection at each weekend Mass: 1st, 3rd, and 4th weekends for our Maintenance Fund; 2nd weekend for Helping Hands and Westwood Resource Center. Thank you for your generosity!

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



**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*.

**Weekly Offerings**

Sunday May 12th	\$ 1,458.00
Maintenance	\$ 560.00
Helping Hands & Westwood Resource Center	\$ 256.00
Mass Stipends	\$ 100.00
Ascension (Holy Day )	\$ 111.00

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

**Eucharistic Ministers      Lector**

**SAT. 5:00 PM**      **Barbara Longo,**      **Nita Jimenez**  
                         **Toni Pleau, and Pat Didier**

**SUN. 9:30 AM**      **Ray Pallari,**      **Jeffrey Janus**  
                         **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.

**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.

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

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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 Oswold †	Carole Zimmerman †
Matthew Hunt †	Francis Ouellette	† indicates deceased

**Weekly Mass Intentions**

May 25	Saturday	5:00 pm	<b>Jose Flores</b>
May 26	Sunday	9:30 am	<b>Scott Oswold †</b>
May 27	Monday	-----	<b>No Mass</b>
May 28	Tuesday	8:30 am	<b>Special Intention</b>
May 29	Wednesday	8:30 am	<b>Isaac Chavez †</b>
May 30	Thursday	8:30 am	<b>Pat Martin</b>
May 31	Friday	8:30 am	<b>Jose Flores</b>

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

**Holy Father's Prayer Intention for June 2024:** For Migrants Fleeing their Homes-- "We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them."

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**If you would like to use envelopes** and want to have your own envelope number, there are boxes available on the shelf near the church door in the Social Hall. Choose any box that does not have someone's name on it. Thank you to all our contributors!

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.