

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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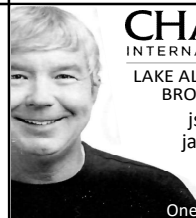
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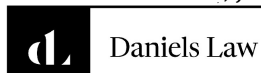
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July 21, 2024

Good News

dear Padre

OLS News

**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
(B) Jeremiah 23:1-6 / Ephesians
2:13-18 / Mark 6:30-34.**

In 1931, Arthur Schwartz and Howard Dietz collaborated to write the song "Dancing in the Dark." It's said that the lyrics are primarily about how we feel our way through life, not sure where life is leading us and wondering why we're here. There are many who feel they are "dancing in the dark."

The Scriptures this week promise that God will shepherd us through difficult times, particularly when we feel lost amid uncertain choices we must make. Consequently, we are tempted to look for signs about what to do—paying attention to billboards, hoping a tune on the radio will give an answer, opening the Bible at random and pointing to a verse, multiplying prayers in hope of a sudden revelation.

The reality is that God does speak to us, but usually in the silence, in the quiet moments of a busy day. At times, it may be when we begin to second-guess ourselves and realize we are becoming the sort of person we do not want to become. God's voice may be camouflaged in our emotions, helping us recognize how our fears may be calling us to trust in Him, or in our anxieties that move us to face the futility of a relationship.

He might be calling us through friends who offer advice contrary to what we think, yet persistently insisting we face what we do not wish to see. It is in the silence that we begin to move from dancing in the dark to marching in sync with a divine rhythm. —*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.

What does it mean to call the pope infallible?

Jesus established the Church, gave Peter a special place in it, and promised that the powers of evil would never overcome the Church (see Matthew 16:13-19). This promise indicates that Jesus would not allow the Church to be misled in essential matters of faith or morals. In these matters, Jesus grants the gift of infallibility...not only to the pope, but to the bishops and the faithful in union with the pope.

The pope speaks infallibly when he teaches ex cathedra ("from the chair") as the leader of the whole Church, expressly defining doctrine as a matter of faith or morals (see Catechism of the Catholic Church, 891). The pope has done this only once in the past one hundred years, when he declared the dogma of the Assumption of Mary.

The Church's understanding of infallibility reflects our Catholic belief that God will not allow evil to lead the Church astray. It helps us to distinguish what is essential from what is not. A clear understanding of infallibility and its limits may be seen as a safeguard against the misuse of authority. Understood in this manner, infallibility is another gift the Lord gave to the Church.

—*The Redemptorists*

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

"Most High, glorious God, enlighten the darkness of my heart and give me true faith, certain hope, and perfect charity, sense, and knowledge, Lord, that I may carry out your holy and true command." —St Francis of Assisi

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 for our Maintenance Fund. Thank you for your generosity!

Men's Group Fundraiser: Saturday, July 20th at 6 pm: BBQ dinner, tri tip and chicken. Join us in the Social Hall after the 5pm Mass. Suggested donation, \$20.

Join us this Sunday July 21st after Mass for coffee and treats, courtesy of the Altar Society! All are welcome!

Parish Picnic! Sunday, Aug. 4th, after the 9:30 Mass, on our patio. The picnic is free! Join us to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of the Snows. There is a sign-up sheet in the Social Hall for those who plan to attend, so that we can have enough food. Hope to see you there.

A SILENT AUCTION will take place during our Parish Picnic on Sunday August 4th. DO YOU HAVE NEW OR QUALITY USED ITEMS to donate? You can bring them to our Social Hall before Mass on the Saturdays and Sundays before the Aug. 4th Picnic. Please attach a note with your name, your phone number, and a suggested opening bid or the value that you put on the item. For more information, call Julie Chavez 530-596-4951 or Sally Harvey 530-570-5437.

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

**Father Josh's Liturgical Tidbits:
The Lord's Prayer (Part II)**

We continue now our reflection on the use of the Lord's Prayer in Mass. Thus far, the prayer is all about positive things: God's glory and his gifts to us. But there are also obstacles to his glory and his gifts. These are our sins and other people's sins against us. 4) We need God's forgiveness for our ungratefulness in sinning, especially when we are in the act of asking him for good things. 5) We have to be willing to forgive others if we ourselves want to be forgiven. If we can forgive those who have hurt us, we will be acting like God and pleasing him — God loves a forgiving heart.

6) But there is also the struggle against sin when we are tempted. We are in complete need of help and grace; God will be faithful to us in times of trial. 7) The last negative: there is the devil, our spiritual enemy who constantly tries to remove us from God's glory, his holiness, his kingdom, his Eucharist, his pardon, and his help. Although the English and Latin versions of the Our Father pray simply for us to be delivered from "evil," the Greek original clearly prays for us to be delivered from the "Evil One." Thus, our most common prayer taught to us by the Lord himself contains a little exorcism against the devil. And this exorcism is a great way to purify ourselves as we prepare for our reception of the Eucharist.

Weekly Offerings

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| Sunday July 7th | \$ 2,444.00 |
| Maintenance | \$ 930.00 |
| Peter's Pence | \$ 528.00 |
| Helping Hands & Westwood Resource Ctr | \$ 150.00 |

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

Eucharistic Ministers Lector

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

SUN. 9:30 AM **Carolyn Willhoit,** **Mike Willhoit**
 Julie Chavez, and Lani Hovland

Email us at: olslakealmanor@gmail.com

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

ONLINE GIVING: simply click the "Donate Now" link on our website ourladyofsnosparish.org. There are also information cards in the Social Hall. Thank you for your contributions!

To receive our bulletin by email, contact Steve DeWitt: crannmorti@gmail.com or call him at 530-258-4222.

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for July: "We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all."

Pray for our Sick and Deceased Loved Ones

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

Weekly Mass Intentions

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| July 20 | Saturday | 5:00 pm | Ronald Longacre and Larry and Diane Miller ††† |
| July 21 | Sunday | 9:30 am | Helen Hovland |
| July 22 | Monday | ----- | No Mass |
| July 23 | Tuesday | 8:30 am | Linda Porter |
| July 24 | Wednesday | 8:30 am | Melcon Family |
| July 25 | Thursday | 8:30 am | Janet Saitone † |
| July 26 | Friday | 8:30 am | Jack Meissner† Mary Meissner |

OLS NEWS (continued)--

The new commemorative bricks have been installed on our patio! **Commemorative Bricks** can be ordered for \$100. Forms are available in the Social Hall. Contact Steve DeWitt at 530-258-4222 or crannmorti@gmail.com for more information. The brick donations help us make improvements to our church, such as the beautiful flooring in the Social Hall. Thank you!

Bake Sale! Altar Society will have a bake sale on Saturday, August 31st, from 9 am to 4 pm at Rec 1 in the Lake Almanor Country Club during the Lake Almanor Peninsula's 21st Annual Arts and Crafts Faire. We need bakers! Call Carolyn Willhoit 530-259-3647 or Julie Chavez 530-596-4951 if you can bake something for us. Thank you in advance!

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.