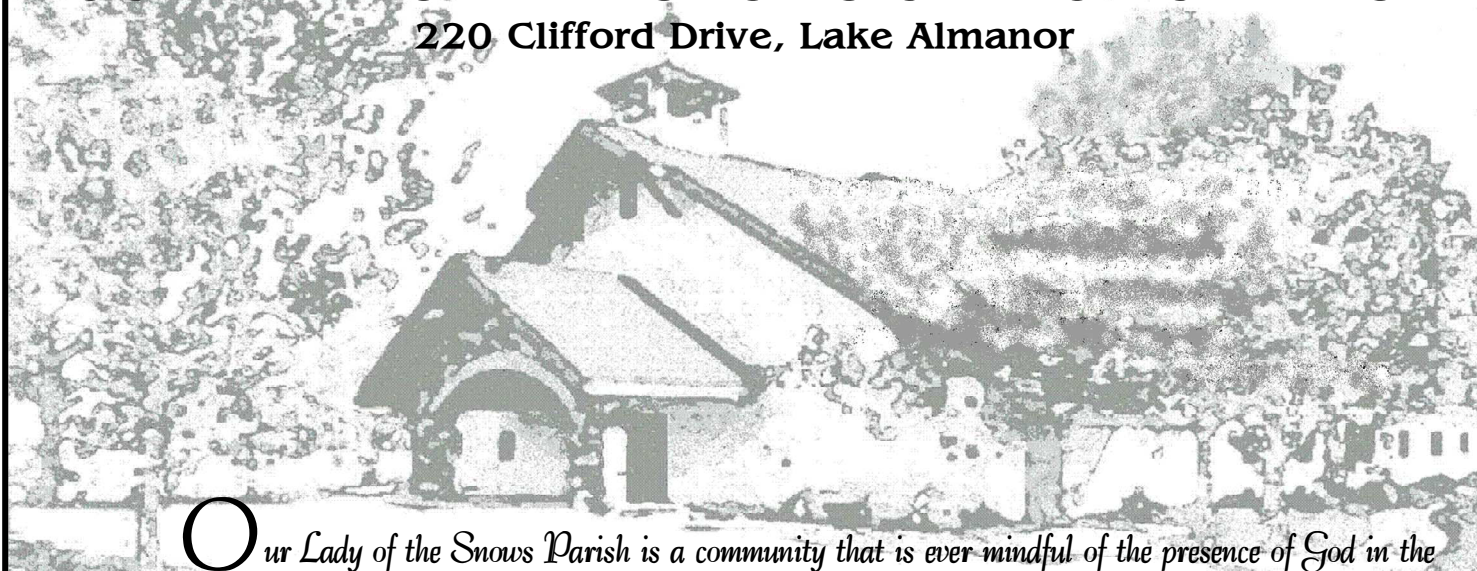


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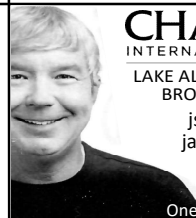
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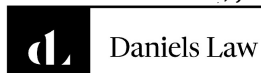
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OLS News

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) 2 Kings 4:42-44 / Ephesians 4:1-6 / John 6:1-15

The radio program discussed whether Americans thought they were better or worse off today than one year ago. As you might expect, opinions were divided. Some believed we were better off—inflation had dropped 6 percentage points to about 3 percent, and while prices were higher, so were most wages. Others believed the opposite—many costs had risen, especially food, as well as big-ticket items like homes and cars.

One of the panelists then suggested what she knew would be an unpopular opinion: while there were many still struggling to make ends meet and did not have enough, there were others who, because of the pandemic supplement, began to overspend and now could not maintain their lifestyle. Her opinion was that, for many, it was not an issue of having enough, but rather wanting too much and a lack of proper budgeting.

When Jesus fed the people gathered by the mountain, He provided not a feast but bread and fish, which was enough for them all. This is how God feeds us each day, with enough. We rise each morning sleepy, yet with enough energy to get us through the day. Our health may not be what it once was, but there is enough to keep us going. Our prayer may seem routine and lacking in heavenly inspiration, but somehow it seems to be enough for us to continue living with faith. God does feed us, not always with the abundance we may desire, but always with enough of what we need. —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.

Is there really an unforgivable sin?

In the Gospels, Jesus teaches that blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven (Matthew 12:31-32, Mark 3:28-29, Luke 12:10). This seems to imply the existence of a sin that God either cannot or will not forgive. Yet we have the overwhelming testimony of the Scriptures and Church teaching that God's mercy and forgiveness are more powerful than any sin, no matter how serious or frequent it might be.

This apparent contradiction disappears when we carefully consider the context of Jesus' teaching on the "unforgivable sin." Jesus' statements regarding blasphemy against the Holy Spirit occurred as part of His ongoing dispute with the scribes and Pharisees who witnessed Jesus' exorcisms but attributed them to the power of Satan, thus denying the evidence of the Spirit's saving action in Jesus' work and teaching (Matthew 12:22-32).

This denial is not simply a misunderstanding. Rather, it is willful, malicious, deliberate, and unrepentant. For such people, there can truly be no forgiveness, not because God is unwilling or unable to forgive, but because the people will not recognize their need for forgiveness. The "unforgivable sin" is not an action so horrible that even God's patience and mercy are exhausted. Rather, it is the attitude of people who reject the Lord's presence in their lives. God's offer of forgiveness is still universal. We need only respond to His grace and seek His forgiveness.

—The Redemptorists / DearPadre.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.

2nd Collection this weekend is for our Maintenance Fund. Thank you for your generosity!

Holy Hour Friday, Aug. 2nd at 9am (after morning Mass), with Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Join us to spend some quiet time in prayer before Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. If you cannot stay for the entire hour, come for as long as you can.

Join us this Sunday July 28th 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? See the poster in the Social Hall for more information, or call Julie Chavez 530-596-4951 or Sally Harvey 530-570-5437 (call or text). This is a fun event! Hope you can take part.

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

**Father Josh's Liturgical Tidbits:
The "Deliver us" Prayer**

After the Our Father the priest says the following prayer: "Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ." This prayer is very ancient. It can be found in Greek Eastern liturgies as well as Latin Western liturgies so it is very plausible that these have been part of the mass since the 600s.

Given the time, the emphasis on peace in the prayer, "grant us peace in our day", reflects the state of Christianity during the decline of the Roman Empire when there were many wars and much unrest. Secondly, it is a repeat and amplification of the last petition of the Our Father "deliver us from evil" which makes it a "gloss" -- an explanation, interpretation, or paraphrase.

Like us, the early Christians wondered about the meaning of that phrase. What evil do we want to be delivered from? The explanation the prayer offers is thoroughly universal: we want delivery from every evil, especially from the evils of war. So as we prepare ourselves to receive the Eucharist, this is a very important point of reflection: what evil do you want to be delivered from?

Weekly Offerings

Sunday July 14th	\$ 2,557.00
Missionary Cooperative Appeal	\$ 2,649.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 415.00
Helping Hands & Westwood Resource Center	\$ 135.00
Mass Stipends	\$ 50.00

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

Eucharistic Ministers Lector

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

SUN. 9:30 AM **Carolyn Willhoit,** **Steve DeWitt**
 Julie Chavez, and Kitty DeWitt

Email us at: olslakealmanor@gmail.com

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

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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. The brick donations help us make improvements to our church, such as the beautiful flooring in the Social Hall. Thank you!

Pray for our Sick and Deceased Loved Ones

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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

July 27	Saturday	5:00 pm	Do-Be Melcon Peltier †
July 28	Sunday	9:30 am	Lyndra Canal
July 29	Monday	-----	No Mass
July 30	Tuesday	8:30 am	Jose Flores
July 31	Wednesday	8:30 am	Pat Martin
August 1	Thursday	8:30 am	Zackery Hart † †
August 2	Friday	8:30 am	Lyndra Canal

OLS NEWS (continued)--

Thank you to Helen Hovland, who gave our parish a gift of 50 beautiful aqua blue rosaries. They are in the Social Hall. Please take one if you like, and remember to have Father Josh bless it. We hope people will gather before weekend Masses—anywhere in the church—to recite the rosary for world peace. If you see a few people reciting the rosary, please join in!

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.