

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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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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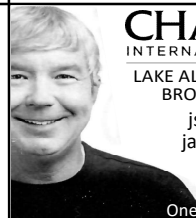
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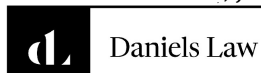
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Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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September 8, 2024

Good News

dear Padre

OLS News

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) Isaiah 35:4-7a / James 2:1-5 / Mark 7:31-37

We find ourselves living at the edge sometimes, when life could go either way, up or down. We may experience this as we begin marriage or first become parents. At other times, it may be frightening or sad, but also exciting, such as when graduation nears, or when we are faced with an "empty nest." Then, we stand at the edge of a new beginning, eager for the onset of what we've dreamt of for so long, but also uncertain whether we will be able to navigate it. We also find ourselves living at the edge when someone we love dies.

The other day, someone came by, wanting to talk. She spoke of the chaos of her life, its pain, and of not knowing how to cope. As she was about to leave, she commented how, in spite of it all, it seemed strange that God was also very much present. Strange indeed, yet chaotic times are when God's presence is often perceived in our lives, perhaps out of our need, perhaps because we are not distracted by life's glitter, or perhaps because, at last, we have nowhere else to turn.

It was St. James who asked then and asks us now, "Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith?" (James 2:5). There are indeed many different ways of being poor, of being in need. For people of faith, it is often at the edge when we sense most clearly that God is with us

—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 is the "gospel of prosperity"? Does it mean that being rich is a sign of God's favor?

That's a good question, as this month we listen to the challenging words of St. James. If there is a "gospel of prosperity," Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John didn't write it, and it isn't about Jesus. If anything, the Gospels would be called "Gospels of poverty." Jesus himself was born in poverty. Had He wished to extol riches and prosperity, He would have been born into the lap of luxury. But God chose the poverty of a stable.

Although the subject of riches and poverty appears in all the Gospels, Luke writes about it the most. It is thought that Luke was concerned about this topic because he came from wealth and dealt with people of means. Luke sees money and goods as dangerous to salvation. Although "nothing will be impossible for God" (Luke 1:37), Luke uses the image of a camel passing through the eye of a needle to explain that this impossible task is easier than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of heaven (Luke 18:25). Scary words. Yet, poverty itself is not hailed as good, nor are riches condemned in themselves. It's what wealth does to people that is the core issue.

When we focus on riches and possessions, we risk turning from God and growing deaf to the cries of the poor. Possessions and wealth are to be shared, not hoarded.

—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.

Pray the Rosary for World Peace!

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.

The 2nd collection this weekend is shared by Helping Hands in Chester and the Westwood Resource Center, helping those in need who live in our area. Thank you for your generosity.

THANK YOU to all who helped make our Altar Society Bake Sale a success! Fundraisers such as our bake sale help us to purchase items for our church. They also finance our Social Sundays, our annual Parish Picnic, and our Christmas dinner. In addition, these earnings help us to provide the gifts that we give at Christmas to local charities. God bless you!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is offering a great weekend experience for couples and religious at Zephyr Pointe Conference Center located on the shores of South Lake Tahoe on October 25-27th 2024. The weekend is presented by three couples and a priest. This is a time to Restore, Rekindle and Renew your relationship with your spouse. Register at sacramentowwme.org. More information at wwme.org. If you have any questions, please contact Janet and Terry Doane at 916-489-3464 or Jim and Mary Carr at 775-742-1123.

Men's Group—mark your calendars! Meeting on **Tuesday, Sept. 24th at 5 pm**. Dinner will be provided. Hope you can join us in the Social Hall!

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

Father Josh's Liturgical Tidbits: The Final Doxology

So why then do Catholics add the Final Doxology after the “*Deliver us*” prayer? To put it plainly, although the prayer is very rich in its use in our tradition, it is not original to the Biblical text.. You can certainly add the Final Doxology as you privately pray the Our Father to honor this great tradition! In mass, however, we make it clear what is Biblically original and what is part of tradition by having a break between the Lord’s Prayer and the Final Doxology.

Sunday August 25th	\$ 1,681.00
Holy Day	\$ 111.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 1,056.00
Mass stipends	\$ 20.00
Online giving Aug 1-Aug 29th	\$ 2,060.00

SUN. 9:30 AM **Julie Chavez,** **Larry Gibbs**
 Kitty DeWitt, volunteer

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!

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Weekly Mass Meetings			
September 7	Saturday	5:00 pm	Jacque Springer
September 8	Sunday	9:30 am	John Willhoit
September 9	Monday	-----	No Mass
September 10	Tuesday	8:30 am	Reuben Chavez †
September 11	Wednesday	8:30 am	The Carleton Family
September 12	Thursday	8:30 am	Janet Saitone †
September 13	Friday	8:30 am	Priscilla McEfee †

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.