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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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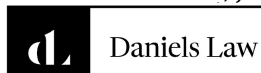
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Welcome*

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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October 6, 2024

Good News

dear Padre

OLS News

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) Genesis 2:18-24 / Hebrews 2:9-11 / Mark 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

As human beings, we have a sense that by ourselves, we are incomplete. We long to be made whole, to unite with something more. We have glimpsers of that wholeness when we fall in love, opening ourselves to another in complete and total surrender. We feel touched by it when we experience great beauty in art, music, and creation. We may also find that wholeness in times of prayer.

Yet in all such moments, there is a hint of sadness knowing that it will not last, that we will once again ache for more from life. All such longings are part of the human condition. It is how we have been created from the very beginning, always seeking to be made whole.

The American poet Sara Teasdale wrote in one of her poems that "the heart asks more than life can give." That seems to be true in so many aspects of life. As often as married couples may feel united in their love, they may also expect the other person to fulfill and satisfy that need of wholeness at all times and circumstances. However, that is not possible, and so they may find themselves disappointed.

Whether in marriage, friendship, or the bonds of family, love always asks for more than life is able to give. We will always hunger for more, simply because that very hunger flows from God, the only one who will ultimately satisfy it.

—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.

Nothing can limit God's power!

Why do we say "Holy Mary, Mother of God" when she's the mother of Jesus?

The first Christians did call Mary the "Mother of Jesus." The title "Mother of God" wasn't formally defined in the Church's history until the First Council of Ephesus in 431.

Around the year 250, the hymn Sub Tuum Presidium ("We Fly to Thy Patronage") appeared, which refers to Mary as the Mother of God. Why did it take so long for the early Church to decide how to refer to Jesus' Mother?

What we call Mary is tied to how we understand Jesus' identity as the fully human and fully divine Son of God. The Church understood Jesus as a person of the Trinity, the Son of God, who uniquely possesses both fully human and fully divine natures.

In a nutshell, you can't separate the "man" Jesus from the "God" Jesus. In clarifying what it meant to say that Jesus is the Son of God, equally one with the Father and the Holy Spirit and yet fully human and "like us in all things but sin," the Church had to answer the question of how Mary fit into the work of salvation.

Mary was the Mother of the Son of God; she was not only the Mother of Jesus' human nature. When Catholics call Mary the "Mother of God," they state their belief that Jesus is a single person—the Son of God—and that Mary is his Mother.

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR

From Pope Francis's Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary for Russia and Ukraine:

"Holy Mother . . . At this dark hour, help us and grant us your comfort. . . You are able to untie the knots of our hearts and of our times. In you we place our trust."

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.

Second Collection schedule during Fall and Winter: From Oct. 1st until May 1st, a 2nd collection for Maintenance is taken up on the first Sunday of each month. On the second Sunday of each month, there is a 2nd collection for those in need in our own community. Thank you to all who contribute to Our Lady of the Snows! God Bless you!

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. Let's gather in the front pews of the church near the statue of Mother Mary to pray the rosary for world peace, 30 minutes before each weekend Mass. Consider participating in this beautiful devotion. If you see others praying the rosary before Mass, please join them!

Ways to have your loved ones included in our prayers: (1) There is a Prayer Box in our Social Hall. Slips of paper are provided to write names and intentions. (2) There is a book for names on the table in the back of the church. It is brought to the altar during the Offertory. Write names of those you would like remembered in the Masses that weekend. (3) There are "Mass Intention" envelopes on the table in the Social Hall if you would like to have a Mass said for someone (usual offering/stipend is \$10). Drop in any collection or in the slot on the office door 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 Lamb of God:

After the Sign of Peace, as a community, we together say the "Lamb of God" or the "*Agnus Dei*". This prayer is deeply Biblical and points to something very important concerning what we are about to receive.

In the story of Moses in Exodus during the Israelites' captivity in Egypt, God offered them a special ritual meal, a meal that would bring them earthly life and freedom. This is the Passover meal wherein the Israelites would offer an unblemished lamb, cook it, and consume it for the salvation of their people.

Fast forwarding to the Gospels, John the Baptist points now to the definitive Lamb of God, Jesus Christ, who will take away the sins of the world and will bring us heavenly and everlasting life and freedom. By repeating the words of John the Baptist at Mass, we are acknowledging what we are about to receive.

Jesus, the definitive unblemished lamb, will be sacrificed for you to be eaten at this meal, and through this meal eternal salvation is offered and given.

Weekly Offerings

Sunday September 22nd	\$ 938.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 6,325.00
Brick	\$ 100.00
Diocesan Collection for Retired Priests	\$ 310.00

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

Eucharistic Ministers Lector

SAT. 5:00 PM volunteers please Lori Koehnen

SUN. 9:30 AM Lani Hovland, Mike Willhoit
Ray Pallari, and Julie Chavez

Email us at: olslakealmanor@gmail.com

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

Commemorative Bricks can be ordered for \$100. Forms are available in the Social Hall. Contact Steve DeWitt at 530-258-4222 or email him at crannmorti@gmail.com for more information. **Please note:** A Guide to Bricks is now available! Inside the entrance of the church, there is a binder that lists the coordinates of the Commemorative Bricks to help you quickly locate your brick(s). The list is in alphabetical order by the last name of the person who purchased the brick.

Make sure to check out our website, ourladyofsnowsparish.org. Besides important parish information, you will find links to world news that is important to all Catholics, and articles to help you live in Christ each day!

Pray for our Sick and Deceased Loved Ones

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

Weekly Mass Intentions

October 5	Saturday	5:00 pm	Those Named on Our Bricks
October 6	Sunday	9:30 am	Ronald Longacre & Diane and Larry Miller † † †
October 7	Monday	—	No Mass
October 8	Tuesday	8:30 am	Special Intention
October 9	Wednesday	8:30 am	Melcon Family
October 10	Thursday	8:30 am	Pat Martin
October 11	Friday	8:30 am	Helen Hovland

OLS NEWS (continued)--

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for October 2024: "For a shared mission—we pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people."

To receive our **bulletin by email**, contact Steve DeWitt: crannmorti@gmail.com or call him at 530-258-4222. Thank you, Steve, for your time and effort in doing this for all of us!

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

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.