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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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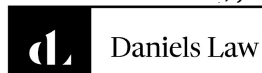
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## Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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# Good News

# dear Padre

# OLS News

**Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) Daniel 12:1-3 / Hebrews 10:11-14, 18 / Mark 13:24-32**

When personal worlds collapse, we can lose our way. The stars that marked our path through life disappear. When everything in life on which we had depended is shaken, we can feel life is not worth living.

It happens when someone we love dies, when life-threatening illness lays us low, when a relationship disintegrates without warning. Then the world we once knew is no more. This week's Gospel suggests "when you see these things happening, know that he is near, at the gates" (Mark 13:29).

But how can that be? I met Marguerite and Ken when I came to the parish. A short time later, I received a phone call that Ken had suffered a massive heart attack. He had gone down to the basement for something, and that was where he died. I spent some time with Marguerite, and as you can imagine, she was wrapped in grief. They'd had a wonderful marriage, she told me, had done everything together. Whatever one did, the other went along.

Two years later, Marguerite and I were talking and she began telling me how life had changed for her without Ken. She still missed him terribly. But lately she found herself involved in all sorts of parish activities and services she never would have gotten into, simply because they had always done things together. Without Ken, she found new worlds she never knew existed. For Marguerite, God had opened the gates to new life.

—Father Joseph Juknialis

**Are you ready? The Season of Advent and the beginning of the new Church year arrives on Dec. 1st!**

***I am confused by Genesis 6:6: "The Lord regretted making human beings on the earth, and His heart was grieved." How can a perfect being regret something He created in his own image?***

Sometimes reading an isolated line of Scripture can be confusing. Context is essential. The Second Vatican Council's Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation (Dei Verbum), promulgated by Pope St. Paul VI on November 18, 1965, clearly teaches this Catholic understanding of sacred Scripture.

A proper appreciation of context, in the example you provided, reminds us that the holy writers of Scripture were not reporting the words of the Lord like an announcer on the evening news. This is not a newspaper account of a witnessed event or a report commenting on the scene that has unfolded. Biblical authors were constrained by their own experience and perception, even as they were inspired by the Spirit of God. When they made a conclusion, they frequently revealed more about their humanity than they did about the divinity they witnessed. The divine is just too wonderful and mysterious for humans to fully comprehend.

The author of Genesis provided a summary of how the experience of the creative activity of God was perceived. It is not the whole story and is perhaps best understood more as a contrast with Genesis 1:31, where we read that on the sixth day, "God looked at everything He had made, and found it very good."

--Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / 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.

The 2nd Collection this weekend is a special Diocesan Collection for the Campaign for Human Development. Envelopes are available in the Social Hall. "In our own country, 37 million Americans struggle in poverty, many despite working full-time." Thank you for contributing to this Campaign, which is committed to helping people create permanent solutions to the problem of poverty in their community.

**This Sunday is World Day of the Poor. Pray for those in need throughout the world!**

Join us next Sunday, Nov. 24th in the Social Hall after the 9:30 am Mass to celebrate the Feast of Christ the King, with cake, coffee, and conversation!

Thursday Nov. 28th is Thanksgiving Day. Mass will be celebrated at 9:30 am.

Holy Day of Obligation: Monday December 9th is a Holy Day of Obligation for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Masses will be celebrated at 9:30 am and 5:30 pm.

**Christmas Basket Raffle!** Tickets are on sale now. The winner's name will be drawn at our Christmas Dinner on Dec. 13th! You do not have to be present to win, as long as you arrange for someone to pick up your basket for you.

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



## Father Josh's Liturgical Tidbits

### The Prayer after Communion:

After the reception of the Body and Blood of Christ, the concluding rites will now wrap up the celebration of the Eucharist. The Prayer after Communion is said, and the priest introduces it just as he did the Collect at the beginning of the Mass with: "Let us Pray."

Remember, the priest, as he invites us with "Let us pray," is inviting the whole congregation to practice the common priesthood of our baptism. The Mass that he celebrated is not for his priesthood alone, but rather for the priesthood of all the baptized. Together they have made a sacrifice and partaken of it.

The Prayer after Communion wraps up the celebration. The priest asks that the benefits of the Eucharist will remain active in our daily lives. The prayer takes various forms, but will encapsulate all the fruits of the mystery just celebrated: healing of body, mind, and spirit; the forgiveness of sins; the protection of God; and the strength to go forward in holiness.

We pray that the Eucharist will strengthen us to live as Jesus did.

### Weekly Offerings

Sunday October Nov. 3rd	\$ 945.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 772.00
All Souls Remembrance	\$ 427.00
All Saints Day	\$ 270.00
Westwood Resource Center/Helping Hands Chester	\$50.00

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

#### Eucharistic Ministers      Lector

SAT. 5:00 PM    Toni Pleau,                      Nita Jimenez  
                         Lani Hovland, volunteer

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

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

Make sure to check out our website, [ourladyofsnwsparish.org](http://ourladyofsnwsparish.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!

To receive our bulletin by email, contact Steve DeWitt: [crannmorti@gmail.com](mailto: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 [ourladyofsnwsparish.org](http://ourladyofsnwsparish.org). There are also information cards in the Social Hall. Thank you for your contributions!

## Pray for our Sick and Deceased Loved Ones

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

### Weekly Mass Intentions

November 16	Saturday	5:00 pm	Ronald Longacre Diane & Larry Miller & Genny Amante † † † †
November 17	Sunday	9:30 am	Sally Tierney †
November 18	Monday	—	NO MASS
November 19	Tuesday	8:30 am	Pat Martin
November 20	Wednesday	8:30 am	Eileen Ruby †
November 21	Thursday	8:30 am	The Jim Currlin Family
November 22	Friday	8:30 am	Sister Cecilia Rose

### OLS NEWS (continued)--

**Our Parish Christmas Dinner:** Join us at 5 pm on **Friday, Dec. 13th** for a delicious dinner and celebration! There is no charge, but there is a sign-up sheet in the Social Hall so that we know how much food to prepare. Sponsored by the OLS Altar Society.

Visitors to the Lake Almanor area can now find information about Our Lady of the Snows Church and a link to our website on the Chamber of Commerce website: [lakealmanorarea.com](http://lakealmanorarea.com). Go to the "Community Info" menu and click "Churches" to find our listing.

**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](mailto:crannmorti@gmail.com) for information.

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.