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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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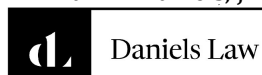
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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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Good News

dear Padre

OLS News

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (B) Daniel 7:13-14 / Revelation 1:5-8 / John 18:33b-37

We are bombarded by many statements professing to be true. Advertisers seek our endorsement, political parties seek our allegiance, and friends seek our agreement. Each purports to offer truth.

In the Gospel this week, Pilate asks Jesus whether he is a king. Jesus replies, "You say I am a king. For this...I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice" (John 18:37).

What is Jesus' truth? We tend to go through life taking stands on various issues: how to raise children, what kind of exercise is best, which political approach to endorse, and countless others. Once we decide, we often make that stance one of life's truths and proclaim all others false.

Jesus, on the other hand, offers His life as truth, much bigger than our petty truths. His truth stretches us beyond what we already are, more than life issues that change daily. His life's truth declares that meaning is found only by living for others, that loving someone can heal their pain, that wisdom is found in the struggle, that less is more.

Jesus' ultimate truth is doing His Father's will. The fact that it is difficult or that we tend not to live it very well makes it no less the truth.

—Father Joseph Juknialis

God's grace is always greater than the prayer which sought it. The Lord always grants more, He is so generous, He always gives more than what He has been asked.

—Pope Francis

When receiving the Body and Blood of Christ, I feel the need to respond, "Thank you, Jesus. Amen." Is this OK or should I just stick to "Amen"?

"Amen" is an appropriate response, in and of itself. An emphatic, heartfelt "Amen" is an affirmation of faith meant to capture our feelings of profound gratitude and awe in the presence of God. It's also a statement of belief, roughly translated as "truly," "most assuredly," or "so be it" to what has been said.

For example, when we conclude the Creed with "Amen," it repeats and confirms the first words "I believe." "To believe is to say 'Amen' to God's words, promises and commandments; to entrust oneself completely to him who is the 'Amen' of infinite love and perfect faithfulness" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1064).

"Jesus Christ is...the definitive 'Amen' of the Father's love for us. He takes up and completes our 'Amen' to the Father.... That is why we utter the Amen through him, to the glory of God" (CCC 1065).

Sharing in the one bread and the one cup is a time of unity with God and with God's people. Each individual communicant's "Amen" is also meant to be an expression of our unity together in receiving the Body and Blood of Christ.

Responding with something other than "Amen" may serve to disrupt that unity and draw attention to yourself. So, yes, stick with a sincere, mindful "Amen!"

--Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR

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

Advent begins next Sunday, December 1st.

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.

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

Thursday Nov. 28th is Thanksgiving Day. Mass will be celebrated at 9:30 am. A Blessed Thanksgiving to all of our parishioners and their families.

***NO MASS on Friday, November 29th.**

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.

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Thursday, Dec. 12th. There will be 2 masses on this date: 8:30 am and 5:30 pm.

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.

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.

Pray for our Sick and Deceased Loved Ones

Father Josh's Liturgical Tidbits: The Gestures at Mass

Now that we have gone through the different parts of the Mass, let's move on to the different gestures during Mass, starting with a general overview. Something that distinguishes our Catholic worship from other Christian services is that within the Mass we use quite a few different gestures: sitting, standing, kneeling, bowing, genuflecting, striking the breast, etc.

You may have wondered why we do all of these things in Mass and why not simply sit down for the duration. The answer is quite simple, really. We make gestures in Mass, because *they convey basic human emotions communicated through actions*. When the president of a country enters a conference room, most people in that room will probably stand in order to greet him/her. In the ancient world, if the king and queen is in someone's presence, then that person would usually greet them with one knee on the ground or by bowing. If a person is sorry for something they've done, one of the ways they can express their sorrow for their offense is to strike their chest. We do all of these basic gestures in Mass, too!

Remember now, whenever we're in Mass, we are in the presence of Jesus Christ, the King of the Universe. We stand in the beginning to honor His entrance in our worship; we strike our breast during the *confiteor* to express sorrow for our offenses against Him; like Jesus' disciples, we sit down as we listen to His words and stories; and we kneel down as He presents Himself to us as our King and Savior. We don't make different gestures in Mass just because we're told to do it; rather, we make them because there's usually a symbolic meaning attached to them.

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Karen Klemek †	Padula † †	† indicates deceased

Weekly Mass Intentions

November 23	Saturday	5:00 pm	Katie Filzenger, Laura Muchard and Nina Libuit † † †
November 24	Sunday	9:30 am	Jackie and Josh Brown
November 25	Monday	—	NO MASS
November 26	Tuesday	8:30 am	Those Named On Our Bricks
November 27	Wednesday	8:30 am	Priscilla McEfee †
November 28	Thanksgiving	9:30 am	Tim Rogers
November 29	Friday	—	NO MASS

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Coming Soon: Mama's Angel Tree! There will be a Christmas Tree in the Social Hall with tags on it that are gift suggestions for the babies and toddlers served by Mama's Crisis Pregnancy Center in Susanville. Please take a tag, buy and wrap the gift, and place it under the tree. Let's make it a happy and blessed Christmas for these little ones in need! Sponsored by the Altar Society.

Offering Envelopes for 2025 are here! Boxes are on the shelf in the Social Hall (near front door). If you would like to start using envelopes, there are boxes on the bottom shelf for new envelope users. Thank you for supporting Our Lady of the Snows!

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 cranmorti@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.

Weekly Offerings

Sunday Nov. 10th	\$ 1,493.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 415.00
All Souls Remembrance	\$ 70.00
All Saints Day	\$ 70.00
Westwood Resource Center/Helping Hands Chester	\$740.00

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

Eucharistic Ministers Lector

SAT. 5:00 PM	Cynthia Riggins Toni Pleau, volunteer	Pat Didier
SUN. 9:30 AM	Julie Chavez, Ray Pallari, volunteer	Larry Gibbs

Email us at: olslakealmanor@gmail.com

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

Make sure to check out our website, ourladyofsnwsparissh.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!

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