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220 Clifford Drive, Lake Almanor

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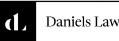
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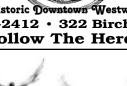
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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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December 8, 2024

Good News

dear Padre

OLS News

Second Sunday of Advent (C) Baruch 5:1–9 / Philippians 1:4–6, 8– 11 / Luke 3:1–6

Coming home can take place in many varied ways. Sometimes it's at the end of a long day when we come home to where we can be ourselves without any pretentions. Sometimes it's going back to the neighborhood we grew up in, to the old haunts that remind us of the dreams we had and how they now seem tucked in every niche. Sometimes coming home is what happens after many wanderings, after we've sown our oats and harvested little and now have nowhere else to go. That too is a coming home, back to where it all began, back to where we dare to hope that life might begin again.

All of this is how the Hebrew people found themselves coming home to Jerusalem after eighty years of exile, coming back to start anew with the hope that their God would once again be proud of them, back to where they could be as God intended them to be.

All of that is what we do when we decide we will try to be the sort of person we'd always hoped to become. It's when we attempt a second effort at making a marriage work, or a job productive, or maybe simply putting the pieces of our lives back in some sort of order.

It's all about coming back home to God's dream for us, a kind of second Advent, when God comes into our lives and is born once again.

—Father Joseph Juknialis

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for December: For pilgrims of hope. We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope. If Christmas is on December 25, why is the Immaculate Conception on December 8, rather than sometime in March?

The doctrine of the Immaculate Conception asserts that Mary was free of the stain of original sin from the time she was conceived in her mother's womb. Jesus was also free of the stain of original sin and His conception by Mary is referred to as the Incarnation of Christ.

Mary's Immaculate Conception is often confused for Christ's Incarnation. In the Church's liturgical calendar, Mary's conception is celebrated on December 8; her birthday is celebrated exactly nine months later on September 8. Likewise, Christ's conception is celebrated on March 25 on the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord; His birthday is celebrated exactly nine months later on December 25.

Mary's Immaculate Conception was celebrated many centuries before Pope Pius IX defined it as dogma on December 8, 1854: "The doctrine that maintains that the Blessed Virgin Mary in the first instant of her conception, by a unique grace and privilege granted to her by Almighty God, in consideration of the merits of Jesus Christ the Savior of mankind, was preserved free from all stain of original sin, is a doctrine revealed by God and therefore must be firmly and constantly believed by all the faithful" (Ineffabilis Deus). In fact, eight years before, in 1846, the bishops of the United States had already adopted the Immaculate Conception as the patronal feast for Catholics in this country. —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.

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

This weekend, the 2nd collection will be shared by Helping Hands in Chester and Westwood Resource Center.

Holy Day of Obligation: Mon. December 9th is a Holy Day of Obligation for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Two Masses will be celebrated that day: 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 Lady of Guadalupe is one of the Patron Saints of our Diocese. She has also been declared the Patroness of all the Americas. We hope you can join our Mass celebration on her feast day!

Have you picked up your <u>Little Blue</u> **Book** of daily readings and reflections
for the season of Advent? The books
are in our Social Hall—a gift from OLS.

Mama's Angel Tree: On the Christmas Tree in the Social Hall are tags with 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. Thank you so much!

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.

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.

Weekly Offerings		
Sunday Nov.1	7th & 24th	See next week's bulletin
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<u>I</u>	Eucharistic Mir	nisters Lector
SAT. 5:00 PM	Cynthia Riggi Lani Hovland	
SUN. 9:30 AM	Kitty DeWitt	Sonja Anderso

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

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Weekly Mass Intentions

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\ December 7	Saturday	5:00 pm	Carol Morgenroth †		
December 8	Sunday	9:30 am	Ronald Longacre Diane & Larry Miller & Genny Amante ††††		
December 9— Immaculate Con-	Holy Day of	9:30 am	Pat Martin		
ception (Monday)	Obligation (2 masses)	5:30 pm	Diana Pallari †		
December 10	Tuesday	8:30 am	Dan Higgins		
December 11	Wednesday	8:30 am	Those Named On our Bricks		
December 12	Thursday (2 masses)	8:30 am	Those in War- Torn Countries		
Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe		5:30 pm	The Homeless		
December 13	Friday	8:30 am	Special Intention		

OLS NEWS (continued)--

<u>Christmas Basket Raffle!</u> Tickets are on sale now after weekend masses. 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.

Mass Schedule for Christmas and Jan. 1st
Tues. Dec. 24th Christmas Eve—5:00 pm (no morning Mass)
Wed. Dec. 25th Christmas Day—9:30 am
Wed. Jan. 1st Holy Day of Obligation: Solemnity of Mary—

9:30 am and 5:30 pm

Don't forget to pick up your offering envelopes for 2025—in the Social Hall. Thank you for donating to Our Lasd of the Snows!

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.