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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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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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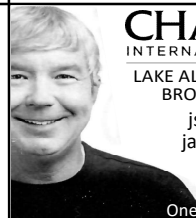
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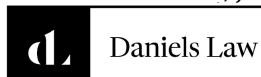
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THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

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February 2, 2025

Good News *dear Padre*

OLS News

The Presentation of the Lord Malachi 3:1-4 / Hebrews 2:14-18 / Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

It is always a blessed and holy occasion when parents bring their child to the parish church for baptism. They gather family and friends and proudly present their child to both God and the faith community. Somewhere in the midst of it all, they will wonder who their child will become, what their child's gifts and talents will be, and what hopes and dreams their child will have. Yet like Simeon, who blessed the Holy Family in the Temple, they will also realize that life is not always favorable to us. As Simeon foretold, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many...and you yourself a sword will pierce" (Luke 2:34-35).

Although we recognize that suffering is a part of everyone's life, and we would never wish it upon a child, we might hope that the child does not run from every suffering, for it becomes the path to wisdom and compassion—perhaps the only path. We might also wish on the child a bit of loneliness, for it teaches us to treasure friends. And amid hoping for the blessing of success, losing can also be a gift and a blessing, for it is how we learn to deal with failure and understand the important lesson that we cannot always have our own way. Failure can be the seed of humility.

Fortunately, while doing our best as parents, we must allow God to decide how our children will be blessed and what will nurture their growth into the image of Jesus. We simply present them to God from whom they came.

—Father Joseph Juknialis

At Fatima, Our Lady ended her initial message in May with the direction, "Pray the Rosary every day in order to obtain peace for the world and the end of the war."

What happened to Candlemas?

When I was a child, there was one day when everyone brought candles to church to have them blessed. At the end of Mass, the priest would bless everyone's throats with the candles. Candlemas is another name for our celebration of the Presentation of the Lord: the day Mary and Joseph presented their child to God in the Temple at Jerusalem in accordance with the law of Moses (Luke 2:22-38). We remember how the elderly believers Simeon and Anna recognized Jesus as their longed-for Messiah and how, addressing God in a canticle, Simeon proclaimed Christ to be "a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel" (Luke 2:32). Mass on this day often begins with the blessing and lighting of candles, which the priest and people carry into the church. The name Candlemas springs from this ritual blessing.

The day after the feast of the Presentation is the memorial celebration of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr. According to tradition, St. Blaise was instrumental in healing a person who was choking. The Church remembers this encounter and celebrates the intervention of the Spirit of God through the blessing of throats, using the blessed candles from the feast of the Presentation. It is a wonderful and very practical spiritual practice that is much appreciated and anticipated each year.

—Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSSR

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

From the "Jubilee Prayer" for the Jubilee Year of Hope, 2025: "May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven."

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 Second Collection this weekend is for our Maintenance Fund. Thank you for your generosity!

Holy Hour with Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place at 9 am on the FIRST FRIDAY of each month (after the 8:30 am Mass). Next Holy Hour is Friday, Feb. 7th.

OLS Men's Group will meet the 2nd Tues. of the month, Feb. 11th, at 5 pm in the Social Hall. Dinner will be served. Hope to see you there!

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for February: "For vocations to the priesthood and religious life—Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desire and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life." Please join with the Holy Father in this prayer intention, especially during the month of February, and especially on next Sunday, February 9th, "World Day for Consecrated Life."

Donation Envelopes for 2025 are available in the Social Hall on the shelf by the door. If you want to start using envelopes and have your own envelope number, there are boxes on the bottom shelf.

Please take a moment to say a prayer for all of our sick and deceased parishioners, especially this month when we celebrate "World Day of the Sick" (Feb. 8th) and the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes (Feb. 11th).

Father Josh's Liturgical Tidbits:
Priest's Prayer and Blessing Before the Gospel

Prior to proclaiming the Gospel, the priest bows before the Book of the Gospels and says: "Cleanse my heart and my lips, almighty God, that I may worthily proclaim your holy Gospel." The prayer is said to dispose the priest, because once the priest starts to speak the Words of the Gospel, it is no longer him speaking, but he is now speaking in the Spirit of Christ.

This is reinforced by the fact that before he reads the Gospel, the dialogue "The Lord be With You. And with your *Spirit*" is initiated.

Also during the Gospel Acclamation, the priest picks up the Book of the Gospels to draw attention to it and blesses the people with the Book. This gesture is now meant to prepare the people and draw their attention to listen to the Word.

This is also reinforced by the fact that before the Gospel is read, we make the sign of a cross over our forehead, lips, and breast. We all collectively pray that our minds may listen to Christ's word, speak of it in our lives, and that our hearts may be opened to His will.

Weekly Offerings

Sunday Jan. 19th:	\$ 1,718.00
Maintenance	\$ 365.00
Mass Stipends	\$ 15.00
General Donations	\$ 100.00

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

Eucharistic Ministers* Lector

SAT. 5:00 PM Lani Hovland Pat Didier
*** no distribution of the Cup at Communion**

SUN. 9:30 AM Julie Chavez Larry Gibbs
*** no distribution of the Cup at Communion**

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

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Pray for our Sick and Deceased Loved Ones

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Joe Beuchat	Ronald Longacre †	Miguel Pena †
Vernon Burgess	Lou Ann Martin †	Kerry Phillips †
Lucia Carillo †	Pat Martin	Linda & Dennis Porter
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Jane † & Reed Hilliard	Lawrence Oliver †	
Matthew Hunt †	Scott Oswald †	
Nancy Janus †	Francis Ouellette	
Erin Kelly	Cindee & Mitchell	
Karen Klemek †	Padula † †	

Weekly Mass Intentions

\ February 1	Saturday	5:00 pm	William Gibson †
February 2	Sunday	9:30 am	Cindee and Mitchell Padula † †
February 3	Monday	—	NO MASS
February 4	Tuesday	8:30 am	Scott Oswald †
February 5	Wednesday	8:30 am	Mike Willhoit
February 6	Thursday	8:30 am	Janet Saitone †
February 7	Friday	8:30 am	Pat Martin

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Jubilee Year 2025, "Pilgrims of Hope":

- Pick up your Guide to the Jubilee Year (pamphlet on table in the Social Hall) to see where the 12 Diocesan Pilgrimage Sites are and make plans to visit as many of the pilgrimage sites as you can during the Jubilee Year! There are stickers available to place on the picture of the Pilgrimage Site in the pamphlet once you have visited.
- Pick up a prayer card and recite the Prayer for the Jubilee Year as often as you can.
- Read in the pamphlet about special indulgences granted during the year.
- Also pick up the "Reflection" handout "One Day We Shall See God As He Is" (on table). May we all "live abundantly in hope" during this special year!

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.