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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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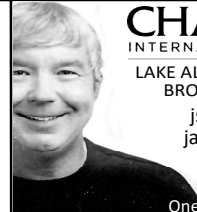
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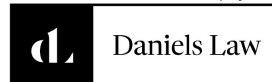
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THE 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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February 9, 2025

Good News dear Padre

OLS News

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8 / 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11 / Luke 5:1-11

Sometimes life calls us to a place that feels just right, as if it's where we're meant to be. I know a person who has always wanted to be a dad, and so he is—a stay-at-home dad of three, and he loves it. On the other hand, sometimes life's calls unfold in directions beyond our plans and seem to flow from a wisdom greater than our own. Author John Grisham studied to be a lawyer, something that unfolded into his becoming a writer of mysteries and thrillers instead.

Calls seem to be written upon our spirits. How else would God call us? Isaiah, Paul, and Peter found themselves called by God into lives they never wanted, baffled by God's whys and wherefores. Their calls pushed them into lives they initially resisted. Such calls can happen to us as well. A man finds himself caring for his aged mother after his father's death. His siblings seem unwilling or unable to help, so there is no one else. Grandparents find themselves raising their grandchildren because their son's or daughter's life is frayed beyond repair, and there is no one else to nurture and love the children.

The calls of God at times are calls into lives not of our own choosing. They arise from greater needs when there seems to be no one else but us to say "yes." Our reluctance and anxiety may attest that these calls come from God. They then become paths to ever-deepening faith and trust in God.

—Father Joseph Juknialis

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

Who was St. Valentine? Do our Valentine's Day traditions of love and romance have anything to do with the actual St. Valentine?

There were actually three St. Valentines. One was a priest who was beheaded in Rome on February 14 in the year 269. Another was a bishop, who was also martyred in the third century. Both are buried on the Appian Way in Rome. The third St. Valentine is a lesser-known saint who died in Africa with a number of companions during the early centuries of the Church. The tomb of this St. Valentine became a center of popular devotion in the early Middle Ages. In 496, Pope Gelasius set aside February 14 to honor this particular St. Valentine.

The popular romantic customs that surround our present Valentine's Day trace their origins back to the Middle Ages. The English writer Geoffrey Chaucer noted that halfway through the second month of the year, February 14, the birds begin to choose their mates. For this reason, the day was looked upon as specially consecrated to lovers and as a proper occasion for writing love letters and sending lovers' tokens. People who gave or received these tokens or letters were referred to as "valentines."

In the Middle Ages, a legend also developed that St. Valentine the priest left a farewell note for his jailer's daughter, who had become his friend, and that he signed that note "From Your Valentine."

—The Redemptorists

"God never stops dreaming of us becoming men and women of hope, harmony, and peace, a people who are not overcome by adversity. May we have the courage to dream for ourselves what God dreams for us!"

—Pope Francis, January 29, 2025

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, Feb. 8-9, is shared by Helping Hands in Chester and the Westwood Resource Center. Thank you for your generosity to those in need who live near us.

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!

From the USCCB: "The observances of National Marriage Week (Feb. 7-14) and World Marriage Day (Sunday, Feb. 9) are an opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family. This year's theme is "Marriage: Source of Hope, Spring of Renewal. Pursue a Lasting Love!"

Can you help clean our church and Social Hall? The 2025 Cleaning Schedule is on the bulletin board outside the office door (in the Social Hall). When you sign up for a listed date, you may clean on any day of the week before that date. All cleaning supplies are at the church. Call Julie Chavez 530-596-4951 or Larry Gibbs 707-479-6661 if you have questions about the cleaning process. All are welcome to clean! Thanks to those who are already helping to clean!

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:

The Bow During the Creed

One of the actions that we do within mass is bowing for a short time during the recitation of the Nicene Creed, particularly at the time when we say: "And by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man."

For many who do not understand, it may be an odd moment to bow randomly in the middle of a profession, but as Catholics it signifies something very important and profound. At that point in the Creed, we express our belief in one of the most fundamental mysteries in Christianity, specifically the Incarnation: that in Jesus Christ, God actually became man and took on a mortal body, born of a woman by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The remembrance and profession of this event that happened in the past is the reason why we bow. We are bowing in honor of the holiest point in human history.

Weekly Offerings

Sunday Jan. 26th:	\$ 753.00
Maintenance	\$ 120.00
Mass Stipends	\$ 10.00
Holy Day (Jan. 1)	\$ 50.00
Donation	\$ 3,000.00

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

Eucharistic Ministers* Lector

SAT. 5:00 PM Cynthia Riggins Nita Jimenez
* no distribution of the Cup at Communion

SUN. 9:30 AM Kitty DeWitt Steve DeWitt
* no distribution of the Cup at Communion

Email us at: olslakealmanor@gmail.com

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
Al & Estelle Cartlidge	Priscilla McEfee †	Janet Saitone †
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Dan Higgins	Colin & Susan O'Brien † †	John Willhoit
Aubrey Hawkins †	Kathy O'Donnell	Carole Zimmerman †
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Nancy Janus †	Francis Ouellette	
Erin Kelly	Cindee & Mitchell	
Karen Klemek †	Padula † †	

Weekly Mass Intentions

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\ February 8	Saturday	5:00 pm	Father Phillip Wells
February 9	Sunday	9:30 am	Ronald Longacre Diane & Larry Miller & Genny Amante ††††
February 10	Monday	————	NO MASS
February 11	Tuesday	8:30 am	Estelle and Al Cartlidge
February 12	Wednesday	8:30 am	Mike Willhoit
February 13	Thursday	8:30 am	Linda Porter
February 14	Friday	8:30 am	Paul Gray

OLS NEWS (continued)--

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.