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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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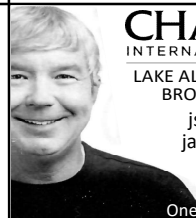
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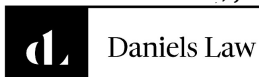
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THE 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year C Journey song 945

February 16, 2025

Good News

dear Padre

OLS News

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
Jeremiah 17:5-8 / 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20 / Luke 6:17, 20-26

Where we put down our spiritual roots matters. For some, the old adage "Bloom where you are planted" may offer wisdom; however, the prophet Jeremiah reminds us that if we find ourselves planted in a lava bed or a salty and empty land, we won't do much blooming. We'll be no more than a shriveled, barren bush. So, where we plant our inner spiritual lives makes a difference.

This week's gospel may seem to sap all the joy out of life. Woe if you have money to spend, a banquet to feast on, fun and laughter to dress up your days. Woe to you, it seems to caution, because when you die, the opposite will be your lot. What's so wrong, we wonder, with having cash in our pockets, food on our tables, and a good time once in a while? Life can be downright dreary otherwise.

The answer, of course, is that there is nothing wrong with any of that—unless that's where we put down our roots. In other words, if that's what life is all about, sooner or later, we are likely to discover we have become a barren bush standing in lava waste.

Jesus didn't come to suck the joy out of life but to give us a heads up on how to live a life that is full. He hoped we might avoid the lure that can become a wasteland. He hoped we might become "like a tree planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to the stream" (Jeremiah 17:8).

—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.

May the Mother of Jesus, and our Mother, always smile on you and obtain for you, from her Most Holy Son, every heavenly blessing.

I have always been an "every Sunday" Catholic. My problem is that holy Communion doesn't feel that special. I believe that it's the Body and Blood of Christ, but receiving feels "routine." Sometimes I'm even distracted while receiving. Help?

Do you remember the story of the transfiguration of Jesus? (See Luke 9:28-36.) Jesus took his three special disciples, Peter, James, and John, up on the mountain, and while Jesus was praying, what did they do? They fell asleep! In the very presence of Jesus, their Lord and Master.

Human beings cannot maintain feelings of awe and ecstasy for long periods of time. We would be exhausted. Feelings don't always reflect the specialness of the moment. That is why good habits are so important. Feelings may elude us, but we can fall back on the habit of Sunday Mass. Just as two contented, long-married people don't feel like they did on their honeymoon, they still quietly enjoy the habit of each other's company.

Lent is coming soon. You might consider shaking up your routine a little. Attend one weekday Mass. Prepare for Sunday Mass by reading the Scriptures for that Sunday and praying the entrance antiphon or the psalm. If you don't already, consider volunteering as a choir member, lector, or extraordinary minister of holy Communion.

Meanwhile, continue to receive holy Communion, giving thanks that it is readily available, and perhaps offer a prayer for communities where Communion every Sunday is not possible.

--The Redemptorists

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.

Coming Soon: Annual Catholic Appeal for 2025 will begin on the weekend of March 1st-2nd.

Are you ready? Ash Wednesday is March 5th! Plan on attending Mass as we begin the season of Lent. Mass with distribution of ashes takes place at 9:30 am and 5:30 pm on Ash Wednesday.

Bingo Night is coming—

When: Thur. Mar. 6th, 6pm to 9pm.

Where: Clifford's Restaurant in the Lake Almanor Country Club. The restaurant and bar will be open.

This Bingo Night is a fund-raiser sponsored by the Our Lady of the Snows Men's Group. **ALL ARE WELCOME!** You don't have to live inside the Country Club to attend! Thank you for supporting our Men's Group by joining us for Bingo! It should be a fun evening!

The second collection on the weekend of March 8th-9th is for our Maintenance Fund. This is especially crucial in winter for heating the church and for snow removal in our parking lot. Thank you for your help!

Our website, ourladyofsnowsparish.org, has links to many resources: inspiring articles and videos about living our faith, daily reflections, on Scripture, and news from the Vatican.

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

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 Feb. 2nd:	\$ 1046.00
Maintenance	\$ 1008.00
Mass Stipends	\$ 170.00
Christmas	\$ 100.00
Helping Hands/Westwood Resource Center	\$ 103.00

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

Eucharistic Ministers* Lector

SAT. 5:00 PM Toni Pleau Pat Didier
* 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>.

Our website, ourladyofsnosparish.org.

To receive our bulletin by email, contact Steve DeWitt: crannmorti@gmail.com or call him at 530-258-4222.

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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 for information.

Pray for our Sick and Deceased Loved Ones

Genny Amante †	Alma Kopernik	Cindee and Mitchell
Joe Beuchat	Ronald Longacre †	Padula ††
Vernon Burgess	Lou Ann Martin †	Diana Pallari †
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Nancy Janus †	Francis Ouellette	
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Karen Klemek †		

Weekly Mass Intentions

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February 15	Saturday	5:00 pm	Mary Deveny †
February 16	Sunday	9:30 am	Mary Meissner †
February 17	Monday	—	NO MASS
February 18	Tuesday	8:30 am	Fran Moale †
February 19	Wednesday	8:30 am	Pete Moale
February 20	Thursday	8:30 am	Dante Najera †
February 21	Friday	8:30 am	Reuben Chavez †

OLS NEWS (continued)--

During the Jubilee Year, Bishop Soto invites all Catholics to reflect upon: For what do we hope?

- *To see God.* "We shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. Everyone who has this hope based on him makes himself pure as he is pure." — 1 John 3:2-
- *To be living stones in His temple.* "Like living stone, let yourself be built into a spiritual house" — 1 Peter 2:5
- *To Unite all creation in Christ.* "Creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God" — Romans 8:19

Pick up information about the Jubilee Year in the Social Hall.

Reminder: If you are new to the parish and haven't registered to be part of the parish, please fill out the registration form for new parishioners. Forms are available on the table in the Social Hall.

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.