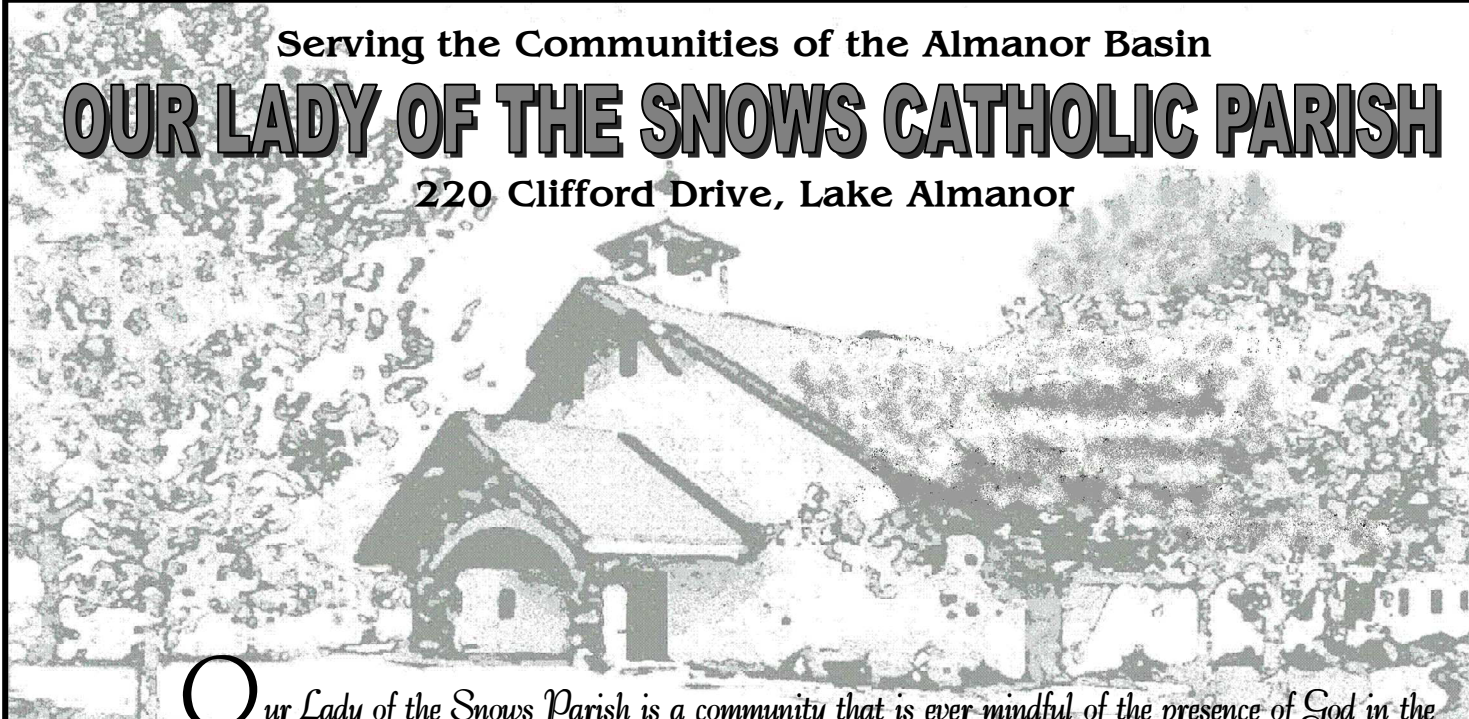


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Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday - 8:30 a.m.

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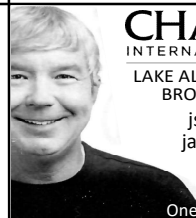
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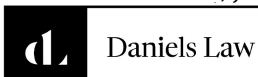
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Good News

dear Padre

OLS News

**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
(C) 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 / 1 Corinthians 15:45-49 / Luke 6:27-38**

The American experiment of 1776 ushered in the dawn of a new world order, one that would redefine how nations functioned and interacted. The computer age brought about an upheaval in how we interact with one another personally—a new world order in human communication.

Saint Paul wrote to the Corinthians about how Adam was the first being who ushered in human life, and how Jesus was the new Adam, who ushered in a new life-giving spirit. Jesus initiated a new world order, one that redefined what it meant to be human and contained a new spiritual dimension. “Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you...give to everyone who asks of you...do to others as you would have them do to you.... Be merciful, just as [also] your Father is merciful” (Luke 6:27-36).

The fact that there are many who think this is not a practical or useful way to live—to say nothing of whether it is desirable or even possible—does not negate its power to transform human relationships as well as our very own spirits. None of us do it as well as we might hope, which only attests to the fact that we live with a foot in each of two worlds—the earthly one and the heavenly one.

Empowered by God’s Spirit, we are still growing into the people God created us to be.

—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.

It is always Springtime in the heart that loves God. —the Curè of Ars

My ex broke up with me. I find myself hoping he gets subjected to the same emotional pain as I have. I hate feeling this way, so how do I ask God to take away this pain and help me forgive my ex?

What you are sharing is your hurt and confusion. Although your boyfriend was ready to end the relationship, you were not. It seems you are still not ready to move on. That is OK. Everyone has his or her own manner of dealing with disappointment, and there is no perfect timeframe.

More than your boyfriend’s suffering, you desire freedom for yourself and a return to a healthy sense of your own personhood. You perceive him as happy and perhaps wonder how that’s possible while you are still struggling. This is all very normal, and it’s part of the process we all experience when an important relationship changes.

You will work through this. You will love again. You will no longer be triggered by strong feelings when you encounter him in the future. But you are going to have to do the hard work of growing, maturing, and learning to let go.

Begin by praying for his well-being. And if you can’t do that, ask God for the grace to want to pray for his well-being. Certainly, the Lord will help you, but He won’t magically take away your pain. There are no shortcuts.

--Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR

“By offering a little of our time and our energy to God and neighbor, we can find consolation by consoling, we can find relief by relieving, and we can find meaning in our existence by becoming a sign of hope for those we meet.”

—Pope Francis

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.

Ash Wednesday is March 5th. There will be Mass and distribution of ashes at 9:30 am and at 5:30 pm.

Stations of the Cross and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament take place every Friday during Lent (beginning on Friday March 7th). Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begins at 4:30 pm, and Stations of the Cross at 5pm (followed by Benediction).

Soup After Stations: Join us every Friday during Lent for a Lenten meal of soup (meatless) and bread, following our Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Stations of the Cross. There is a sign-up sheet in the Social Hall for anyone who would like to bring a pot of soup (meatless) and/or some bread. All are welcome to attend!

Next Weekend March 1st-2nd we initiate the Diocesan Annual Catholic Appeal. The 2nd collection will be for the Appeal. Please note: We will push the Maintenance Collection to the following weekend (March 8th-9th).

Bingo Night is coming—Thur. Mar. 6th, 6pm to 9pm at Clifford’s Restaurant in the Lake Almanor Country Club. The restaurant and bar will be open. This Bingo Night is sponsored by Our Lady of the Snows Men’s Group. ALL ARE WELCOME!

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. 16th: \$ 600.00

Maintenance \$ 5.00

Helping Hands/Westwood Resource Center \$ 434.00

--- 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 Jessica Dowling Sonja Anderson
* no distribution of the Cup at Communion

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Our website, ourladyofsnowsparish.org.

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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 cranmorti@gmail.com for information.

Pray for our Sick and Deceased Loved Ones

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Vernon Burgess	Lou Ann Martin †	Kerry Phillips †
Lucia Carillo †	Pat Martin	Linda & Dennis Porter
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Weekly Mass Intentions

\ February 22	Saturday	5:00 pm	Janet Saitone †
February 23	Sunday	9:30 am	Arlynnne Swanson †
February 24	Monday	—	NO MASS
February 25	Tuesday	8:30 am	Pat Martin
February 26	Wednesday	8:30 am	Mike Willhoit
February 27	Thursday	8:30 am	Special Intention
February 28	Friday	8:30 am	Those Named on Our Bricks

OLS NEWS (continued)--

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for March—Please join Pope Francis and the faithful, worldwide, in praying for this intention during March: "For families in crisis: Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences."

Coming soon for your Lenten Devotions: The Little Black Book! Look for these booklets soon on the table in the Social Hall. There is a Scripture passage and a timely reflection for each day of the Lenten Season This book is a gift from the Parish.

Rice Bowl almsgiving during Lent: Pick up a Rice Bowl and add your loose change or any donation each day. Your donations help combat poverty around the world! You may hand in your Rice Bowl contribution after Easter.

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.