

Serving the Communities of the Almanor Basin

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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THE 8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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March 2, 2025

Good News dear Padre

OLS News

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
Sirach 27:4-7 / 1 Corinthians 15:54-58 / Luke 6:39-45

There are days when the darker side of who we are rises up and slaps us in the face. One evening, I decided to go to see a film. I bought a ticket, made my way into the theater, and found a seat that would give me an unobstructed view of the screen, one that had patrons on either side of the open seat in front of me. Fairly sure that no one would sit in front of me, I felt good about my maneuver.

A few minutes before the film began, a group of four walked down the aisle, looking for a string of open seats in the crowded theater. One of them stopped at my row and asked if I would move down a seat. Immediately, I realized my predicament. If I moved, I'd be behind someone tall, with my vision of the screen blocked. I'd spend the film gazing through someone's head. I said no.

The woman who had asked was taken aback, said so, and then moved on. Just as quickly, I found myself shocked by my own selfishness. Where had that come from? Was I really not who I thought I was? I discovered that there are hidden pieces of who we are that seldom come to light, and when they do, we cringe. If we are fortunate, the Lenten journey we begin on Ash Wednesday might reveal to us what it is that lives in our hearts.

—Father Joseph Juknialis

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."

Does pregnancy qualify as an exemption from abstinence and fasting in Lent?

Yes, it does. Just to be clear, abstinence is not eating meat on the Fridays of Lent and applies to Catholics over the age of fourteen. On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, Catholics between the ages of eighteen and fifty-nine are obligated to fast, that is, eat only one full meal and two smaller meals that do not add up to a full meal.

In addition to children and elders, exemptions from these disciplines include pregnant or nursing women and the physically or mentally ill, including those with chronic illnesses, like diabetes. It is presumed that mature Catholics will seek balance and integration in the practice of the faith and will routinely make careful, informed decisions and apply them to spiritual practice. Obviously, being informed and aware of what the Church teaches, why the Church teaches something, and how it is to be applied and understood will only enhance a person's discernment.

The health of an unborn baby is a clear responsibility and of the utmost importance. Maintaining a healthy and balanced diet during pregnancy and adjusting any habitual practices that may endanger the health of the baby should be a primary concern. While exempt from fasting and abstinence, a pregnant woman may want to observe Lent by adopting another penitential discipline, something that would do no harm to the baby but would still be in the spirit of Lent.

--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.

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.

This 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 next weekend (March 8th-9th).

***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!

Bingo Night! Join us at Clifford's Restaurant in the Lake Almanor Country Club on Thurs. March 6th from 6 pm to 9 pm. The restaurant and bar will be open. Our Lady of the Snows Men's Group is volunteering to host this Bingo Night. 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 Offering of the Gifts

During the Offertory or the Preparation of the Gifts one of the gestures that the faithful do is to choose representatives among them to offer the bread and wine (and, yes, even your hard-earned money that you put in the collection basket) to the priest which will be offered as a sacrifice during the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

These sacrifices are offered up by faithful attending Mass as a direct symbolism of their toils and efforts of the earth. Remember the prayer of the priest during the offertory: "Blessed are you Lord, God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: *fruit of the earth and work of human hands*, it will become for us the bread of life."

The sacrifice you offer in Mass literally will be transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ which not only affects our personal salvation, but the salvation of the whole Christian community.

Weekly Offerings

Sunday Feb. 16th	\$ 1,423.00
Maintenance	\$ 745.00
Helping Hands/Westwood Resource Center	\$ 155.00
Online donations Jan. 1st-Jan. 31st	\$ 1,910.00
Mass Stipends	\$ 30.00

--- 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 Jeffrey Janus
* 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: cranmorti@gmail.com or call him at 530-258-4222.

ONLINE GIVING is so easy! Simply click the "Donate Now" link on our website ourladyofsnosparish.org. There are also information cards in the Social Hall.

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

Genny Amante †	Alma Kopernik	Diana Pallari †
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 †
Reuben Chavez †	Jack & Mary Meissner ††	Lori Sinclair
Ron & Fran Dennis	Diane & Larry Miller † †	Frances Smith †
Mary Deveny †	Fran Moale †	Rikki Taddei
Dolores Gard †	Dante Najera †	Marcella Unalles †
Paul Gray	Colin & Susan O'Brien † †	Ruby Vocke †
Dan Higgins	Kathy O'Donnell	John Willhoit
Aubrey Hawkins †	Lawrence Oliver †	Mike Willhoit
Jane † & Reed Hilliard	Scott Oswald †	Carole Zimmerman †
Matthew Hunt †	Francis Ouellette	
Nancy Janus †	Cindee & Mitchell	† indicates deceased
Erin Kelly	Padula ††	
Karen Klemek †		

Weekly Mass Intentions

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March 1	Saturday	5:00 pm	Ronald Longacre Diane & Larry Miller & Genny Amante ††††
March 2	Sunday	9:30 am	Cindee and Mitchell Padula ††
March 3	Monday	—	NO MASS
March 4	Tuesday	8:30 am	Priscilla McEfee †
March 5 (2 masses)	Ash Wednesday	9:30 am 5:30 pm	Pat Martin Mike Willhoit
March 6	Thursday	8:30 am	JoAnn Glendenning
March 7	Friday	8:30 am	Special Intention

OLS NEWS (continued)--

The Little Black Book is here! Please pick up your copy of "The Little Black Book" to use for your Lenten devotions—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, through Catholic Relief Services. You may hand in your Rice Bowl contribution after Easter.

Prayer Box: Do you know someone who needs our prayers? There is a prayer box in the Social Hall. Forms are provided to name the person and the intention. This information remains confidential: Father Josh collects these prayer intentions.

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.