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# OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS CATHOLIC PARISH

220 Clifford Drive, Lake Almanor



**O**ur 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.

PASTOR  
Rev. Fr. Joshua Sia

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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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## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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March 16, 2025

# Good News

# dear Padre

# OLS News

**Second Sunday of Lent (C) Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18 / Philippians 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1 / Luke 9:28b-36**

The darkness can be unsettling. As a child, my nightly bedtime ritual included checking beneath my bed as well as in the dark hall closet. One could never know what denizens of harm might be lurking there, hidden in the shadows.

As adults, the darkness we fear is no longer what lies hidden about our home. Rather, the darkness we attempt to escape is the unknown forces that have the power to overturn our lives. It is the death of someone we love that plunges us into fear and loss, forcing us to somehow make our way, alone and unsure. It is the frightening medical diagnosis that has the ability to dismantle our planned future. It is the financial security that dissolves before our very eyes. In such darkness, we grope blindly to find our way.

The Book of Genesis notes that a trance came upon Abram, a terrifying darkness that enveloped him. The Gospel relays how Peter, James, and John became frightened atop Mt. Tabor when they found themselves in a cloud that obscured their sight. Yet, the darkness became for each of them a place in which they came to know their God in a totally new way; it set them on a new path of faith. It is then that we, too, are forced to surrender trust in our own wisdom. Unable to see clearly what is in store for us, we can only rely on a new path, trusting that we will be accompanied by our 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.**

***Does the Church teach how we should dress to go to Mass? Maybe I'm just old-fashioned, but the way some people dress seems very disrespectful.***

Church teaching, dogmas, doctrines, and creedal formulations are not the specific resources to consult in order to answer this question. It is properly a matter of discipline and practice, although the Catechism of the Catholic Church does direct that “bodily demeanor (gestures, clothing) ought to convey respect” (1387).

There are many commentaries on what exactly “respect” might mean. It would be very difficult to establish a universal dress code. The many different cultures, climates, and particular circumstances of a specific Catholic community make a dress code unmanageable.

It seems that you judge the local practice not up to your standards. Your judgment may be correct, or you may have unreasonable expectations. There was a time when “Sunday best” was the established norm. In other communities, the expectation would be “business casual” as a bare minimum. Now, it seems standards and practices are very fluid and flexible.

All of this being said, it is ultimately a pastoral concern, not doctrinal or dogmatic. Try not to allow how other people dress distract you from your purpose at Mass. While they may not look like you imagine they should, their prayer might be genuine and heartfelt.

—Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSSR

**“There is no evil to be faced that Christ does not face with us. There is no enemy that Christ has not already conquered. There is no cross to bear that Christ has not already borne for us, and does not now bear with us.”**

—St. John Paul II

### 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.

Welcome this weekend to Father Tam! Thank you for being here while Father Josh is away. God Bless you!

This weekend March 15th-16th there is a 2nd collection to be shared by Helping Hands in Chester and the Westwood Resource Center. Thank you for your generosity to those in need!

Stations of the Cross and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament take place every Friday during Lent. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begins at 4:30 pm, and Stations of the Cross at 5pm.

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.

Personal Hearing Devices: Please sign the sheet in the Social Hall if you are interested in using a Personal Hearing Device during Mass. We need to get an idea of how many more devices to order. You would attach your own headphones to the device. If you use one of these during Mass, please do not take it home.

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 in our Diocese and around the world, through Catholic Relief Services.

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



## Pray for our Sick and Deceased Loved Ones

### Father Josh's Liturgical Tidbits

#### The Commingling of Water and Wine

One of the actions of the priest that you probably have noticed during the Offertory is when he pours a little drop of water in the wine during the preparation of the gifts. During this action, he prays in a low voice: *"By the mystery of this water in wine, may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity."*

This commingling of water and wine is a very ancient practice. It was part of the culture at the time of Jesus, and so it has always been assumed that He did the same at the Last Supper, tempering or diluting His wine slightly with water. We can see this referenced all the way back in Proverbs 9:5 to St. Justin Martyr (150 AD) and St. Cyprian (250 AD).

Later on in the life of the Church, this has taken on more of a theological meaning of what happens in the Eucharist. The bread and the wine that we offer are the toils of humanity, but in the Eucharist they will totally become overwhelmed by God's divine grace, making them into the Body and Blood of Christ, turning the toils of humanity into Divinity.

Humanity is the water, and the wine is Jesus Christ. We are only a drop in his Divinity, but he allows us to be transformed as part of his Body. This gesture of commingling is also an image of Jesus's sacrifice on the Cross. As His side was pierced by a spear, blood and water gushed out, which has become the source of life for the Church.

Genny Amante †	Karen Klemek †	Cindee & Mitchell
Joe Beuchat	Alma Kopernik	Padula ††
Vernon Burgess	Ronald Longacre †	Diana Pallari †
Claudia Caramella †	Lou Ann Martin †	Miguel Pena †
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Hilliard	Lawrence Oliver †	Carole Zimmerman †
Matthew Hunt †	Scott Oswold †	
Nancy Janus †	Francis Ouellette	
Erin Kelly		

† indicates deceased

## Weekly Mass Intentions

March 15	Saturday	5:00 pm	Ronald Longacre Diane & Larry Miller & Genny Amante ††††
March 16	Sunday	9:30 am	Pedro Astorga †
March 17	Monday	—	NO MASS
March 18	Tuesday	8:30 am	Catherine Wheatley Hoard †
March 19	Wednesday	8:30 am	Jim Harvey †
March 20	Thursday	8:30 am	Francisco Carrillo †
March 21	Friday	8:30 am	Maureen Pallari †

### Weekly Offerings

Sunday March 2nd	\$ 668.00
Maintenance	\$ 800.00
Mass Stipends	\$ 50.00
Helping Hands & Westwood Resource Center	\$ 150.00

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

#### Eucharistic Ministers\*      Lector

**SAT. 5:00 PM**      Cynthia Riggins      Pat Didier  
\* no distribution of the Cup at Communion

**SUN. 9:30 AM**      Julie Chavez      Jeffrey Janus  
\* no distribution of the Cup at Communion

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### *OLS NEWS (continued)--*

Please take **The Little Black Book** for your Lenten devotions—on the table in the Social Hall. This book is a gift from the Parish.

**COMING SOON: 24 Hours for the Lord** will be celebrated throughout the Diocese starting at 12 noon on **Friday, March 28, 2025 until 12 noon on Saturday, March 29, 2025**. Every deanery in the Diocese will be offering 24 hours of **continuous confessions and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**. Here is the schedule for our Deanery churches:

Mar. 28th 12:00pm-4:00pm - Sacred Heart Parish | Alturas  
Mar. 28th 4:00pm-9:00pm - Holy Family Parish | Portola  
Mar. 28th 9:00pm-Mar. 29th 2:00am - St. John Parish | Quincy  
**Mar. 29th 2:00am-7:00am - Our Lady of the Snows Parish | Lake Almanor**  
Mar. 29th 7:00am-12:00pm - Sacred Heart Parish | Susanville

Please remember if you are in need of spiritual guidance, special anointing, or just information—call the Rectory (530-259-393av2) for an appointment. We are here to help and to ease your burden.