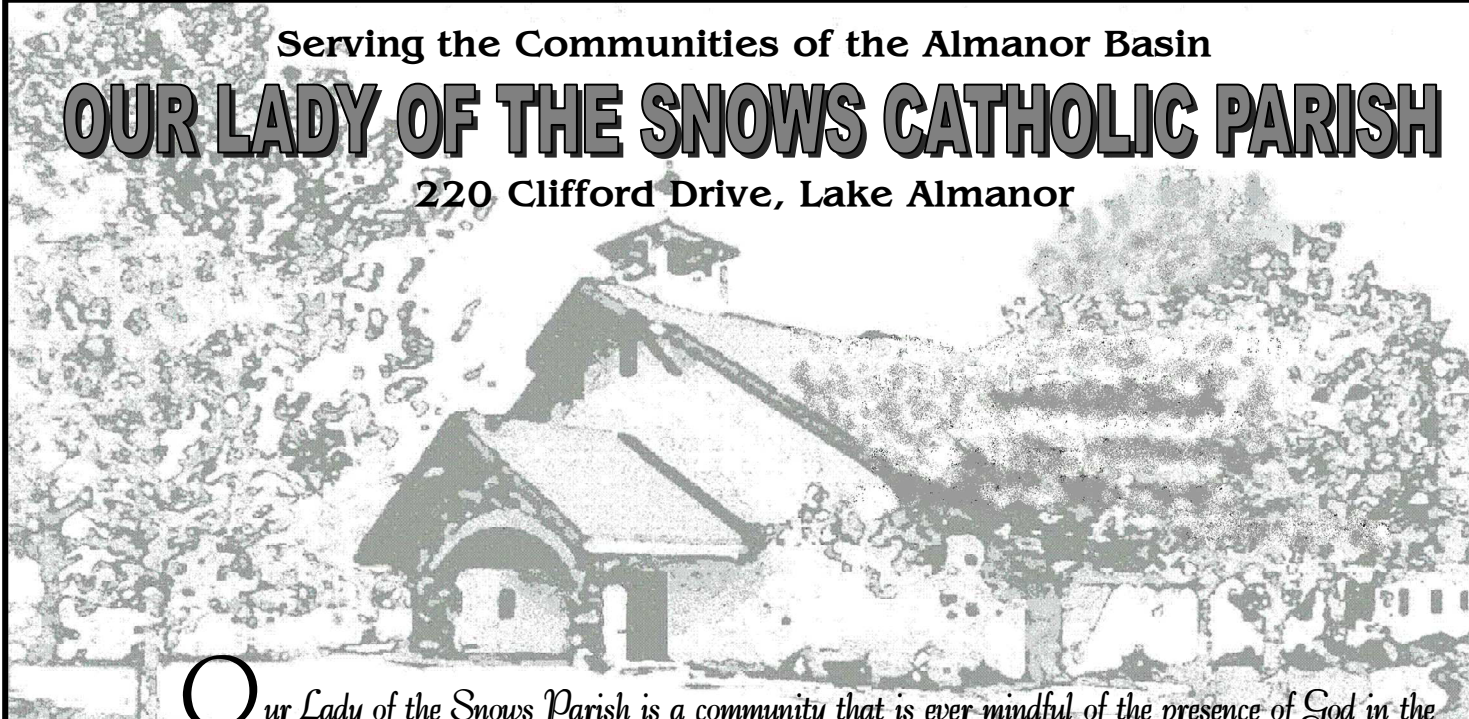


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OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS CATHOLIC PARISH

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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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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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March 23, 2025

Good News

dear Padre

OLS News

Third Sunday of Lent (C) Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15 / 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12 / Luke 13:1-9

Charles Baudelaire was a French poet and essayist in the mid-1800s. He once observed that life is like a hospital in which each patient is possessed by the desire to change beds. In other words, he thought everyone seemed to think life would be so much better if only they had a different set of circumstances, a different job, a different marriage, a different place in life.

Like trees, however, not everyone grows and matures at the same pace. There are forty-year-olds who still act and think like teenagers, and there are ten-year-olds who have an attitude toward life like that of an elder. Over time, we all grow into the lives we're given.

In this week's Parable of the Barren Fig Tree, some think God is like the owner who planted the tree, as if God is impatient with us to begin bearing fruit and quick to uproot us if we fail. A case could be made, however, for God to be the gardener who patiently fertilizes and nurtures. In the beginning, it was God who had a garden called Eden, filled with all kinds of trees and plants among which God walked with Adam and Eve in the cool of the evening.

After the resurrection, it was Mary Magdalene who went looking for the body of Jesus and mistook him for the gardener. It is God who hovers over us, watering and nudging and nurturing, waiting until in God's good time, we begin to bear fruit.

—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 I receive Communion if I'm divorced and haven't gotten an annulment?

Yes, you may. Divorce, in itself, is not an impediment to the reception of Communion. Divorce, although regrettable because of the many ramifications that may be part of the experience, is not in itself a sin. There are situations when divorce may be the most loving choice and make it possible for all parties involved to live the lives God is calling them to live.

Remarriage, when a person is not free to marry because of the presence of a previous bond, is an impediment to the reception of holy Communion. Although this situation is more and more common, it does not mean that the law of the Church, representative of the teaching of Jesus, can be set aside.

As part of the process of healing from your divorce and moving on with your life, you may want to seek an annulment, particularly if you think you might want to marry again. The annulment process can often be healing and a source of great blessing. It also provides a rare opportunity to reflect on what was lost as a result of the original divorce and what can be learned as a way of moving forward and building a second marriage that is strong and life-giving.

—Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR

Ways to Fast during Lent—

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.

—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.

There is no 2nd collection this weekend.

NEXT weekend, March 29th-30th, there will be a Diocesan Special Collection for **The Catholic Relief Services** (shared with the Church in Central and Eastern Europe). Envelopes are available in the Social Hall. Thank you for supporting this worthy cause!

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. The time slot for Our Lady of the Snows to have Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is the early morning hours of Sat. Mar. 29th from 2:00am-7:00am. Consider spending some time in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament during these hours. There is a sign-up sheet in the Social Hall. Or just drop by the church during the hours of 2 am through 7 am to sit with the Lord. Catholics worldwide will be taking part in this devotion as part of Jubilee Year 2025.

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.

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.

Weekly Offerings

Sunday March 9th	\$ 715.00
Maintenance	\$ 497.00
Mass Stipends	\$ 30.00
Helping Hands & Westwood Resource Center	\$ 174.00
Christmas	\$ 300.00

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

Eucharistic Ministers* Lector

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

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

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Our website: ourladyofsnowsparish.org.

To receive our bulletin by email, contact Steve DeWitt: cranmorti@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 cranmorti@gmail.com for information.

Pray for our Sick and Deceased Loved Ones

Genny Amante †	Karen Klemek †	Cindee & Mitchell
Joe Beuchat	Alma Kopernik	Padula ††
Vernon Burgess	Ronald Longacre †	Diana Pallari †
Claudia Caramella †	Lou Ann Martin †	Miguel Pena †
Lucia Carillo †	Pat Martin	Kerry Phillips †
Al & Estelle	Priscilla McEfee †	Linda & Dennis
Cartlidge	Jack & Mary	Porter
Reuben Chavez †	Meissner ††	Janet Saitone †
Ron & Fran Dennis	Diane & Larry	Lori Sinclair
Mary Deveny †	Miller † †	Frances Smith †
Dolores Gard †	Fran Moale †	Rikki Taddei
Paul Gray †	Dante Najera †	Marcella Unalles †
Dan Higgins	Colin & Susan	Ruby Vocke †
Aubrey Hawkins †	O'Brien † †	John Willhoit
Jane † & Reed	Kathy O'Donnell	Mike Willhoit
Hilliard	Lawrence Oliver †	Carole Zimmerman †
Matthew Hunt †	Scott Oswald †	
Nancy Janus †	Francis Ouellette	† indicates deceased
Erin Kelly		

Weekly Mass Intentions

March 22	Saturday	5:00 pm	Claudia Caramella †
March 23	Sunday	9:30 am	Arlynn Swanson †
March 24	Monday	—	NO MASS
March 25	Tuesday	8:30 am	Ray Frandrup †
March 26	Wednesday	8:30 am	Zella and Elvin Bird ††
March 27	Thursday	8:30 am	Paul Gray †
March 28	Friday	8:30 am	Bruce Arnold †

OLS NEWS (continued)--

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. All are welcome! If you would like to bring a pot of soup and/or bread, we thank you in advance! (There is a sign-up sheet in the Social Hall.)

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.**

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.