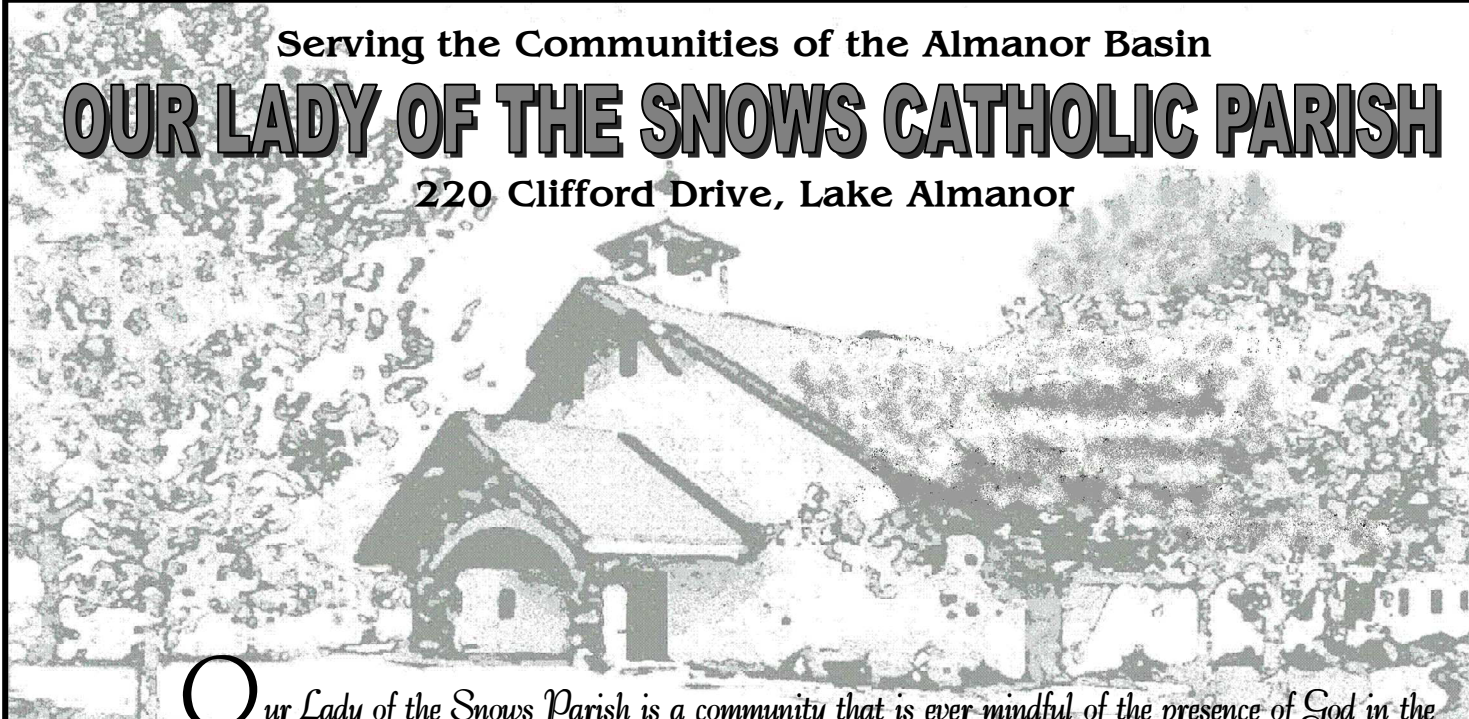


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Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday - 8:30 a.m.

Saturday - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday - 9:30 a.m.

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Good News

dear Padre

OLS News

Fourth Sunday of Lent (C) Joshua 5:9a, 10-12 / 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 / Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Life is not fair. Even though we know this, we expect God to be fair, which may be what irks so many about the Parable of the Lost Son. There is a part of our skewed human nature that agrees with the older son in the story. It certainly seems that the younger son was able to have his cake and eat it too, while the older son could only sit by and watch, missing out on the devil-may-care part of life. It didn't seem fair, and the older son said so.

The point of the story does seem to be that God is both just and merciful, but if ever one of those virtues seems to give way to the other, then, from God's perspective, divine mercy always trumps worldly justice. We, however, think that's not fair. We grow suspect of deathbed conversions, worried that the person is trying to have life both ways.

But do we give thought to the suffering such a life without God might entail? The humiliation and near starvation of the younger son as he lived his self-indulgent life? We think we want God to be fair, but do we really? In C.S. Lewis' novel, *Till We Have Faces*, one character asks another if the gods are just, to which is replied, "Oh, child, pray that they are not!"

Do we really want to be treated with justice, getting exactly what we deserve and no more? Or do we want to let God be God and be treated with mercy?

—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.

Is it OK if I receive holy Communion more than once a day? Part of my routine is to go to early morning Mass in my parish, even on days I know I'm going to another Mass, like a wedding or funeral, or sometimes another Mass for that day.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that by the very nature of what the Eucharist intends and celebrates, those who participate in the great mystery of our faith should "receive the Lord's Body" (1388). In other words, reception of holy Communion is strongly recommended and is understood as the ordinary practice for all who participate in the Mass.

Proper preparation and disposition are presumed as both necessary and important. In response to a specific "dubium" or question about this practice and expectation, in 1984 the Pontifical Commission on the Code of Canon Law issued an authentic interpretation of the Church's understanding of this practice. It mandated that "the faithful may receive the Holy Eucharist only a second time on the same day" (CCC, 1388, footnote 222). This directive is intended to establish the general norm and practice for the reception of holy Communion. Your practice, as a result of this norm, is directly representative of the understanding of the Church.

—Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR

More Ways to Fast during Lent—

- Fast from complaints; contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful
- Fast from bitterness; fill your heart with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled

—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.

The 2nd Collection this weekend, March 29th-30th, is 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!

The Men's Group will meet on Tues. April 8th at 5 pm in the Social Hall. Dinner will be served. Please join us!

Holy Week and Easter Schedule

Palm Sunday—

Sat. Apr. 12th Vigil Mass: 5:00 PM

Sun. Apr. 13th Mass: 9:30 AM

Holy Thursday—

Thur. April 17th Mass: 6:00 PM

Good Friday—

Fri. April 18th: Stations at 2:30 PM with Passion to follow

Holy Saturday—

Sat. April 19th Easter Vigil: 7:30 PM

Easter Sunday—

Sun. April 20th Mass: 9:30 AM

Join Pope Francis and Catholics worldwide in praying the Pope's Prayer Intention for April: "Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times."

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

Father Josh's Liturgical Tidbits

The Lenten Practices

As we are in the middle of Lent, let's quickly take a look at the three basic practices that we usually do during Lent: *fasting*, *prayer*, and *almsgiving*. These Lenten Practices derive from Jesus's own denial of the devil during His own forty days in the desert. The devil always has one main mission in the Bible, and that is to move us to another path that leads away from God and to order our desires to something less than God.

When the devil confronted Jesus, the evil one gives him three basic temptations: to make stone into bread, to challenge the glory and honor of God, and finally to test God's power—all of which boils down to our own desires of sensual pleasure, thirst for glory, and hunger for power. These things in themselves are good, but once we make these things our central preoccupation and put God aside, then we know the evil one is succeeding in our lives.

This is why during Lent, we are given the opportunity to again reexamine our relationship with these three basic desires. We go through *fasting* so that we may realize that "*one does not live on bread alone*"; we intensify our *prayer* so that we may give glory to God instead of ourselves; and finally we do *almsgiving* so that we may teach ourselves to let go of the things we have power over.

Weekly Offerings

Sunday March 16th	\$ 646.00
Maintenance	\$ 299.00
Mass Stipends	\$ 55.00
Helping Hands & Westwood Resource Center	\$ 155.00

--- 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 Julie Chavez Sonja Anderson
 * no distribution of the Cup at Communion

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Pray for our Sick and Deceased Loved Ones

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Joe Beuchat	Alma Kopernik	Padula ††
Vernon Burgess	Ronald Longacre †	Diana Pallari †
Claudia Caramella †	Lou Ann Martin †	Miguel Pena †
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Aubrey Hawkins †	O'Brien † †	John Willhoit
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Hilliard	Lawrence Oliver †	Carole Zimmerman †
Matthew Hunt †	Scott Oswald †	
Nancy Janus †	Francis Ouellette	
Erin Kelly		† indicates deceased

Weekly Mass Intentions

March 29	Saturday	5:00 pm	Ronald Longacre Diane & Larry Miller & Genny Amante ††††
March 30	Sunday	9:30 am	Elizabeth Ahart Wood †
March 31	Monday	—	NO MASS
April 1	Tuesday	8:30 am	Julie Van Cise
April 2	Wednesday	8:30 am	Bob McCulloch
April 3	Thursday	8:30 am	Special Intention: thanksgiving
April 4	Friday	8:30 am	The Brower- Arnold Family

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.)

Pick up your **Guide to the Jubilee Year** (pamphlet on table in the Social Hall) to see where the 12 Diocesan Pilgrimage Sites are and make plans to visit as many of the pilgrimage sites as you can during the Jubilee Year! There are **stickers available** to place on the picture of the Pilgrimage Site in the pamphlet once you have visited.

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.