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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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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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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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April 13, 2025

Good News

dear Padre

OLS News

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (C) Luke 19:28-40 / Isaiah 50:4-7 / Philippians 2:6-11 / Luke 22:14-23:56 or 23:1-49

We like to fill life with good things—good friends, good times, good jobs, good memories. They are all graced moments of life. Life is also marked by an emptying process. Friends move away, good times come to an end, jobs become boring. Saint Teresa of Kolkata (Mother Teresa) once noted how even God can't fill what is already full. The emptying process may very well be the action of God in our lives, emptying us to make room for God's gift of resurrection and life in its fullest.

Holy Week is the story of such a process—one long saga that begins with Palm Sunday as it focuses on how Jesus willingly emptied Himself even unto death. The story moves on to Holy Thursday and the gift of the Eucharist to sustain us in the emptying. On to Good Friday, where, once more, a narration in stark liturgical strokes tells of the emptying of Jesus. Finally, the Easter Vigil and the Feast of the Resurrection, the culmination of a journey through death into life.

We tell this weeklong story because the story of Jesus is also our story—more of God working in us rather than our own doing. The Jesuit theologian Karl Rahner once noted that one of the tasks of life is to learn how to die well. Our willingness to learn that lesson, again and again, is how we begin to share in the resurrection, even as we live our lives today.

—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.

I'm thinking about going to the Easter Vigil, but why does it have to be so long?

When an event seems long, it may have to do with our expectations. If we go to the Easter Vigil and expect it to be like a Sunday Mass, then it will seem long. The typical parish Easter Vigil lasts two to three hours. There are some communities who vigil all night. Why does it have to be so long? Because this is one night of the year when we Catholics tell our whole story.

There are four parts of the Vigil. Part One is the Lucernarium (Light) when we gather around the paschal fire from which the paschal candle is lit. Then follows the passing of the light to members of the congregation, who are holding candles. By candlelight, we hear the Exsultet—the Easter Proclamation, sung only on this night.

Part Two is the Liturgy of the Word, when we take our time listening to readings, singing psalms, and reflecting on salvation history.

Part Three is the Sacraments of Initiation, when new members are welcomed into the Church, baptized, and confirmed, and all renew their baptismal promises.

And Part Four is the Liturgy of the Eucharist, when new members receive holy Communion for the first time. The Easter Vigil is rich with meaning, solemn as well as joyful, and to fully experience it, we must take our time.

--The Redemptorists

Is your Rice Bowl filling up? You may turn in your Rice Bowl anytime after Easter Sunday. If you prefer, you may simply write a check and state "Rice Bowl" in the memo line—drop in any collection. Thank you for taking part in this opportunity for Almsgiving!!

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 Pontifical Good Friday Collection will take place on Good Friday, April 18. This collection helps Christians who live in the Holy Land and also helps preserve the sacred shrines there. These funds help the Church minister in parishes in the Holy Land. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians in this region. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection also provides humanitarian aid to refugees. Thank you for your help.

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

*** (no 8:30 am Mass)**

Good Friday—

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

*** (no 8:30 am Mass)**

Holy Saturday—

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

Easter Sunday—

Sun. April 20th Mass: 9:30 AM

Easter Lilies: If you wish to donate Easter Lilies for the altar, please bring them to the church between Tues. Apr. 15th and Fri. Apr. 18th. The church will be open on those days. Thank you!

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

Father Josh's Liturgical Tidbits

No Meat Fridays

As we continue our Lenten journey, another act that Catholics do during the season of Lent is abstaining from eating flesh meat on Fridays. I once was told by a friend that he "does not believe in giving up meat on Fridays," and fair enough, because the practice of abstaining from meat is not really a matter of belief, but rather a matter of communion and discipline.

The practice of abstaining from meat has developed in our tradition as a recognition that on Good Friday, our Lord sacrificed His flesh for us and so we refrain from eating flesh meat in honor of him on Fridays. Giving up meat is a way for the Church to urge the faithful to have a communal penance during Lent: Together, as one Catholic people, we are united in doing a penitential act in this very special time of sacrifice and reconciliation with the Lord. Although eating meat on a Friday does not necessarily mean you committed a grave sin by rejecting the Church's doctrine; it does mean, however, that you have either forgotten or refused to participate in this united action of the Catholic people.

Remember, Lent is a special time for us to reexamine our lives to not only reconcile with God, but with our neighbors as well. Abstaining from meat for a time may not seem like a "big deal" in terms of the Church's beliefs, but it is a way for us to be in communion with the Church as a whole, and therefore contribute to the unity of Christ's body here on earth.

Weekly Offerings

Sunday March 30th:	\$ 1,147.00
Catholic Relief Servi	\$ 325.00
Helping Hands//Westwood Resource Center	\$ 50.00
Online Donations March 1st-31st	\$ 2,190.00

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

Eucharistic Ministers* Lector

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

SUN. 9:30 AM Julie Chavez/Carolyn Willhoit Steve DeWitt
* no distribution of the Cup at Communion Larry Gibbs
Mike Willhoit

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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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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 Oswold †	
Nancy Janus †	Francis Ouellette	† indicates deceased
Erin Kelly		

Weekly Mass Intentions

April 12	Saturday	5:00 pm	Walt Frandrup †
April 13	Sunday	9:30 am	Marcela Cayabyab
April 14	Monday	—	NO MASS
April 15	Tuesday	8:30 am	Justin David Bergmann †
April 16	Wednesday	8:30 am	Pete Moale
*April 17	Holy Thursday	6:00pm	John Willhoit
*April 18	Good Friday	2:30 pm Stations	NO MASS

OLS NEWS (continued)--

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers: Your schedule for Holy Week—*Thanks for all that you do to serve our Church and the Lord!*

- **April 12th, Palm Sunday 5 pm VIGIL** Mass: Eucharistic Ministers: Cynthia Riggins; Lectors: Nita Jimenez (Lector), Pat Didier (Narrator), Volunteer (Voice)
- **April 13th, Palm Sunday 9:30 am** Mass: Eucharistic Ministers: Julie Chavez and Carolyn Willhoit; Lectors: Steve DeWitt (Lector), Larry Gibbs (Narrator), Mike Willhoit (Voice)
- **April 17th Holy Thursday 6 pm** Mass: Eucharistic Ministers: Julie C. and Carolyn W.; Lector: Mike W.
- **April 18th Good Friday:** Eucharistic Minister: Julie C.; Lector: Steve DeWitt
- **April 19th Easter Vigil:** Eucharistic Minister: Kitty DeWitt; Lectors: Steve DeWitt, Larry Gibbs, and Jeffrey Janus

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.