

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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EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

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April 20, 2025

Good News

dear Padre

OLS News

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord (C) Acts 10:34a, 37-43 / Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8 / Jn 20:1-9

Looking for proof of the resurrection is like looking for proof of love. Sometimes, we realize only gradually—bit by bit—that we are loved.

John's Gospel abounds with images of light and darkness. So when this Sunday's Easter Gospel recounts Mary of Magdala going to the tomb early in the morning while it was still dark, the gospel is not simply marking the time of day. It's noting that what was taking place was before they believed in the resurrection, when they were still in the dark.

All sorts of hints about the resurrection begin to occur: Mary sees the stone rolled away, Peter and the other disciple go to the tomb and find the burial cloths. They see the cloth that had covered His head rolled up and set aside.

No apparition of Jesus, no men in white garments, no angels. Only hints that with the resurrection of Jesus, God has made all life new and destined for resurrection.

What, then, might one do who is plagued by doubts? Look for hints of resurrection, of life coming about where one expects only death (as if to symbolically enter the tomb).

What types of hints? Going for counseling, as frightening as that may be, and finding peace. Talking through a problem in marriage. Finding that empty-nesting gives way to new life. Discovering retirement's gifts. Making a dreaded move to a new city or school.

The Resurrection of Jesus means God makes all life new. We only need to see it and discover that, bit by bit, it leads to faith.

—Father Joseph Juknialis

I was baptized as a baby, but I never really went to church. Lately, I've been attending Mass. Are there steps I should take before I receive Communion?

The first step is to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation (confession). This is a wonderful opportunity to be officially welcomed back into full practice with the Church. After such a long absence, it is important to examine your conscience and celebrate the forgiveness of the Lord before you receive holy Communion.

I would also recommend that you "beef up" your understanding of what it means to be a practicing Catholic. You might do this by participating in your parish's process for the Christian Initiation of Adults (called OCIA or sometimes RCIA). The Liguori Publications program, Journey of Faith, is one resource used by many parish communities.

Another possibility is to use some of the resources offered online, such as Bishop Robert Barron's Word on Fire website, which has a fine reputation.

I am happy you have responded to the stirrings of the Holy Spirit within you and answered the call to deepen your spiritual practice and journey. The Church needs you. The people of God welcome you. You are beloved among us, and your response in faith is a powerful witness, a reminder to those who may be tempted to take for granted the gift of faith. Thank you.

--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.

May the Mother of Jesus, and our Mother, always smile on you and obtain for you, from her Most Holy Son, every heavenly blessing.

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.

A Blessed Easter to all of our parishioners and visitors!

To our Seasonal and Summer Parishioners: You are members of our "parish family," year-round, even if you are only here part of the year. We would love having you join any and all of our activities and parish groups.

Congratulations to our parishioners Barbie Barrow and Michele Borgess who will complete the Rites of Catholic Initiation at the Easter Vigil! We are blessed to have you in our parish! And thank you to Debbie and Larry Rives who led Barbie and Michele through the RCIA process.

Looking for Rosary leaders: We would like to start reciting the rosary a half hour before each weekend Mass in the chapel. If you are interested in leading the rosary, there is a sign-up sheet in the Social Hall. We would like to start in May, the Month of Mary. You can also email Father Josh at olslakealmanor@gmail.com.

THANK YOU to all who made our Holy Week services so beautiful and inspiring: those who cleaned and decorated, those who donated lilies, those who attended! God bless you!

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

Pray for our Sick and Deceased Loved Ones

Prayer for the Jubilee Year

Father in heaven,
may the *faith* you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of *charity* enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within
both humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

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
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Hilliard	Lawrence Oliver †	Carole Zimmerman †
Matthew Hunt †	Scott Oswald †	
Nancy Janus †	Francis Ouellette	
Erin Kelly		† indicates deceased

Weekly Mass Intentions

April 19	Saturday Easter Vigil	7:30 pm	Paul Gray †
April 20	Easter Sunday	9:30 am	Pat Martin
April 21	Monday	—	NO MASS
April 22	Tuesday	8:30 am	Joe Martin †
April 23	Wednesday	8:30 am	Marcela Cayabyab
April 24	Thursday	8:30 am	Virginia Dolar †
April 25	Friday	8:30 am	Guilherme Sousa Mello †

Weekly Offerings

Sunday April 6th:	\$ 967.00
Maintenance	\$ 1,505.00

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

Eucharistic Ministers* Lector

Easter Vigil-
SAT. 7:30 PM Kitty DeWitt Steve D., Larry G., Jeffrey J
* no distribution of the Cup at Communion

Easter Sunday-
SUN. 9:30 AM Carolyn Willhoit/Julie Chavez Mike Willhoit
* no distribution of the Cup at Communion

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Our website: ourladyofsnowparish.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.

OLS NEWS (continued)--

Rice Bowls: 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 donating to Catholic Relief Services with your Rice Bowl almsgiving! Twenty-five percent remains in the Diocese to support local anti-poverty efforts!

2nd Collection April 26-27th is for Catholic Home Missions Appeal (shared with Black and Indian Missions). This is a special Diocesan Collection. Envelopes are available in the Social Hall. Thank you in advance for supporting our Home Missions!

Altar Society will meet on Tues. May 6th at 11 am in the Social Hall. We welcome you to join us. Pack a lunch so that we can eat together and enjoy each other's company after the meeting.

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.