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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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## 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

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April 27, 2025

# Good News

# dear Padre

# OLS News

**Second Sunday of Easter / Sunday of Divine Mercy (C) Acts 5:12-16 / Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19 / John 20:19-31**

At this point in history, we are a nation filled with much anger. Given all that is taking place, one might conclude that it comes from a fear of losing control—fears due to the waves of immigrants seeking asylum, to a changing economy, to political alliances, to artificial intelligence, resulting in our inability to sort truth from untruth. Fears also due to strained relationships with non-Western nations, to urban violence and the abundance of guns, to the conflict between pro-life and pro-choice allegiances, and, for some, to what is perceived as conflicted thinking within the Catholic Church.

There is no shortage of what may be fueling our anger. How can faith help us respond in a life-giving way? Saint John writes that “whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith” (1 John 5:4). This is not to say that we can easily make the world respond in ways we want, but rather that the world has no power over the person who places all trust in God’s presence among us. It was the risen Lord who once brought peace to the disciples behind doors locked out of fear. Might not our faith help us who have locked ourselves behind doors of mistrust and anger? If only we allow ourselves to trust God. Yet, we should not simply shrug off all cares or involvement in life; on the contrary, with faith and trust, we recognize we are not the only players in shaping the events of the world

—Father Joseph Juknialis

***How do we maintain our faith in a world that shames religion and creates doubt in our beliefs?***

I would respond to your question with one of my own: “When has it ever been different?” In what place has there been universal praise and acceptance of the practices of faith and belief? When has there been a time when there is no doubt?

This is a good question for this Sunday, when we hear about St. Thomas, the doubting disciple. Many years ago, unanimity might have been understood as the norm in a tight-knit neighborhood community of people with the same experience and belief. However, in the wide world today that is so connected and disconnected at the same time, sameness and uniformity cannot be assumed.

It may cause unease, or even fear, to learn that someone disagrees with you, perhaps even someone you love, but it should no longer be a surprise or considered out of the ordinary. Doubt can help a person grow in faith and belief. Even though doubt is challenging, it is often a necessary experience in order to be strengthened and to persevere.

Doubt is not something that should cause us to quiver in fear, but rather to rejoice in hope, in the confidence that what we believe is worth living and has something to teach us.

—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.

**\*NO 8:30 am Mass on Tues. April 29th and Wed. April 30th. Daily Mass resumes on Thursday morning May 1st.**

**Holy Hour** with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place the **First Friday of each month**, after our 8:30 am Mass. **Our next Holy Hour: Friday May 2nd, 9 am.** Hope you can join us.

**The 2nd Collection** this weekend, April 26th-27th, is a special collection for Catholic Home Missions (shared with Black/Indian Missions).

**Looking for Rosary leaders:** We plan 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. Or email Father Josh at [olslakealmanor@gmail.com](mailto:olslakealmanor@gmail.com).

The Prayer for the Jubilee Year is printed in this bulletin—in place of “Father Josh’s Tidbits” column this week. We will soon be reciting this prayer at the end of Mass. Copies will be available in the pews also.

**Altar Society** will meet on **Tues. May 6th at 11 am** in the Social Hall. Pack a lunch so that we can eat together and enjoy each other’s company after the meeting. If you are interested in joining Altar Society or simply interested in what we do, we welcome 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.

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

### Weekly Mass Intentions

April 26	Saturday	5:00 pm	Justin David Bergmann †
April 27	Sunday	9:30 am	Arlynn Swanson †
April 28	Monday	—	NO MASS
April 29	Tuesday	—	NO MASS
April 30	Wednesday	8:30 am	NO MASS
May 1	Thursday	8:30 am	Osmar Rodante †
May 2	Friday	8:30 am	Those Named On our Bricks

### Weekly Offerings

Sunday April 13th:	\$ 1,349.00
Maintenance	\$ 425.00
Helping Hands/Westwood Resource Center	\$ 752.00

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

Distribution of the Cup at Communion is reinstated now -  
We need 3 Eucharistic Ministers.

	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Lector</u>
Sat. 5 pm	Toni Pleau and volunteers	Pat Didier
Sunday 9:30 am	Kitty DeWitt and volunteers	Steve Dewitt

Email us at: [olslakealmanor@gmail.com](mailto:olslakealmanor@gmail.com)

Sunday Mass is live on Facebook: <https://fb.me/ourladyofthesnowslakealmanor>.

Our website: [ourladyofsnosparish.org](http://ourladyofsnosparish.org).

To receive our bulletin by email, contact Steve DeWitt: [cranmorti@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:cranmorti@gmail.com) for information.

### OLS NEWS (continued)--

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Holy Father's Prayer Intention for May—For working conditions: "Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized." [May 1st is the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker]

Mass Intentions: You may fill out a Mass Intention envelope (in Social Hall) and drop in any collection. Or email [willaharv09@gmail.com](mailto:willaharv09@gmail.com). Usual donation (stipend) is \$10.

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.