

Serving the Communities of the Almanor Basin

# 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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| Sick & Homebound Ministry - Fr. Joshua                              | (530) 259-3932 |

## 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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## 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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May 25, 2025

### Good News

### dear Padre

### OLS News

***Sixth Sunday of Easter (C) Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 / Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23 / John 14:23-29***

There is a difference between common sense and wisdom. The former can be taught and is usually passed on by our culture. It includes such practical tips as wash your hands before you eat, don't drink and drive, and save some money for a rainy day. Wisdom, on the other hand, tends to be the fruit of reflection upon one's life experiences. It tends to be insightful, containing greater depth and richness.

While we presume everyone will eventually arrive at some level of common sense, not everyone becomes wise with time. Wisdom tends to see what others may not. Jesus taught his followers, "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name—he will teach you everything and remind you of all that [I] told you" (John 14: 26). It is God's Spirit that brings us to wisdom.

I invite you to list five pieces of wisdom you have drawn from your life experiences—five truths for life by which you try to live. You may not live them out as perfectly as you might hope, but they are the five foundation stones upon which you have chosen to build your life. For example, from my own life, I've concluded that patience works. Everything has its own rhythm, and things generally work out, given enough time.

Another foundation for me is to live by what I need, rather than by what I want. I readily admit that I don't live that out perfectly, but, when I do, life is much less stressful.

—Father Joseph Juknialis

***I know Catholics with spouses who cheat and abuse them. What should they do?***

If someone is in an abusive marriage, the Church wants you to help that person reach safety. The Church doesn't tolerate anyone staying in a place where physical or mental abuse occurs.

Separation is often a first and necessary step. However, there is always hope for reconciliation. If a husband is abusive, and his wife leaves, but he then seeks treatment and changes his ways, the Church hopes that the marriage could be saved.

The same is true for an adulterous spouse. If he or she is repentant and takes steps to change and make amends, the Church hopes for and encourages reconciliation. But if a spouse refuses treatment or continues the adulterous behavior, the next step would be a civil divorce.

It is only after separation and a civil divorce that the annulment process can begin. However, even after a civil divorce, there is still hope of reconciliation. It's important to remember that when a couple gets married, they marry for better and for worse. This means there is a call and an expectation to work things out, to forgive, to repair the hurt, and to not rush to divorce. But, to be sure, if you are dealing with addiction, abuse, or infidelity in your relationship, the Church supports your need to be secure.

—Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSSR

**Our blessed mother Mary always wants to walk with us, be close to us, she always wants to help us with her intercession and her love. So let us pray together for this mission, and for all of the Church, and for peace in the world. —Pope Leo XIV**

#### 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.

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**Thank you, Father Anson Anthony, for being with us while Father Josh is away! God bless you!**

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**Next week! Pancake Breakfast in our Social Hall: Sunday, June 1st after the 9:30 am Mass, sponsored by Our Lady of the Snows Men's Group. Suggested donation \$20, children under 12 eat for free. Hope you can join us for a delicious and enjoyable event! This fundraiser helps us with our many projects for the parish.**

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**Coming soon! Sacred Heart Pilgrimage, June 26th-27th, hosted by Sacred Heart Church in Susanville. This will be an important Jubilee Year event in our area! Flyers and information available in the Social Hall and also online at [sacredheartpilgrimage.net](http://sacredheartpilgrimage.net). The event includes an afternoon of Recollection at Sacred Heart Church in Susanville on Friday, June 27th (Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus), followed by Mass celebrated by Auxiliary Bishop Rey, and a dinner. Please make plans to attend!**

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**Altar Society thanks all who are helping with or helped with the Bake Sale on Sat. May 24th. God Bless you! Next Altar Society Meeting: Tues. June 3, 2025 at 11 am in the Social Hall. Hope you can join us!**

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



## Father Josh's Liturgical Tidbits

### Receiving the Eucharist

Now let us focus on a more specific part of the Mass: receiving the Eucharist during *communion time*. This is the time when Christ Himself offers his Body and Blood to us so that we can share in His divine life.

As Catholics, one of the greatest mysteries we believe is that the substance of the bread and wine truly does change into His Body and Blood. And so as we receive our Lord into our own bodies, it is very important that we treat Him with utmost respect.

As a great sign of respect, we should try to avoid assuming a "taking" position, rather we should be in a "receiving" position as we partake of this one Body. The Church suggests that we receive our Lord either from the tongue or with our palms being offered (left over right hand or vice versa).

I hope that we can keep in mind that we do not "take" from our Lord, but rather "receive" a great gift from Him.

### Weekly Offerings

See next week's bulletin

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

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

#### Eucharistic Ministers

#### Lector

Sat. 5 pm

Barbara L, Toni P, Volunteer Nita Jimenez

Sunday 9:30 am

Ray P, Julie C, Kitty D Jeffrey Janus

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From May until the beginning of October, a second collection for Maintenance will be taken up at weekend Masses. Exceptions: the monthly 2nd collection for Helping Hands and Westwood Resource Center (2nd weekend of the month) and an occasional Diocesan Special Collection. Many thanks!

## Pray for our Sick and Deceased Loved Ones

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

† indicates deceased

## Weekly Mass Intentions

|        |           |         |                        |
|--------|-----------|---------|------------------------|
| May 24 | Saturday  | 5:00 pm | Keith Sinclair †       |
| May 25 | Sunday    | 9:30 am | Father Josh            |
| May 26 | Monday    | ————    | <b>NO MASS</b>         |
| May 27 | Tuesday   | 8:30 am | Ruby Vocke †           |
| May 28 | Wednesday | 8:30 am | Janet Saitone †        |
| May 29 | Thursday  | 8:30 am | Andy Willhoit †        |
| May 30 | Friday    | 8:30 am | Estelle & Al Cartlidge |

### OLS NEWS (continued)--

Thank you to our Men's Group for all of your work on our church grounds during the recent Clean-Up Day! God Bless you! Next Men's Group Meeting: Tuesday, June 10, 2025, 5 pm in the Social Hall. Join us!

Commemorative Bricks can be ordered for \$100. Forms are available in the Social Hall. Contact Steve DeWitt at 530-258-4222 for more information, or email him at [cranmorti@gmail.com](mailto:cranmorti@gmail.com).

Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers: New Guidelines from Father Josh have been emailed to you, and there are copies in the Social Hall. Thank you for all that you do! Schedules for May through August have also been emailed to you (copies available in the Social Hall).

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.