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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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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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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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June 1, 2025

Good News

dear Padre

OLS News

The Ascension of the Lord (C) Acts 1:1-11 / Ephesians 1:17-23 or Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23 / Luke 24:46-53

It is said that we never grow up until both parents have died, when we can no longer go home. Yet, for each of us, there may also be a symbolic moment that moves us from childhood into adulthood. It may be achieving financial independence, graduating from school, or moving out on our own. Whatever it may be, we say to ourselves, "I am now grown up." Whenever such moments occur, we feel empowered to shape our lives and our future.

The feast of the Ascension is that sort of marker: God has empowered us to shape the world in the image of Jesus. Just as our parents empower us into an adulthood that contributes to life, it is now God who empowers us with the very same power by which He raised Jesus from the dead. It is a power and a presence by which God makes the world new through us.

There are those who say they no longer believe in God, because if there is a good God, then he would not allow violence, the death of children before their time, and all sorts of evil that mars human life. Perhaps the greater question is not "Why doesn't God do something?" but rather "Why do we not do something?" To pass on the responsibility to God is to abdicate our own responsibility and deny the fact that God continues to empower us as adults and expects us to utilize that power and presence to make all things new.

—Father Joseph Juknialis

What does the Catholic Church teach about miracles?

Miracles are extraordinary occurrences without natural explanation that manifest the presence and power of God. We believe in miracles "because of the authority of God Himself who reveals them, who can neither deceive nor be deceived" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 156).

Christ's multiplication of the loaves is the only miracle recorded by all four evangelists. He performed many other natural miracles—calming the storm, walking on water—and numerous healings as well—curing the deaf and mute, the woman with a hemorrhage. These signs attest that the Father sent Jesus and "they invite belief in Him" (CCC, 548). Moreover, Jesus' miracles "also confirm that the kingdom has already arrived on earth..." ("Dogmatic Constitution on the Church," 5).

Today, God still manifests His presence in the Church through miracles. For example, potential medical healings are rigorously investigated by the Vatican for sainthood causes. Other supernatural occurrences—such as apparitions and eucharistic phenomena—are likewise thoroughly and prudently investigated with caution to maintain the Church's credibility and prevent confusion among the faithful.

To that end, in May 2024, the Vatican updated its guidelines for assessing apparitions, visions, and alleged revelations, and reaffirmed that a bishop cannot rule on the validity of a particular case before the Pope formally deems it to be "supernatural" for pastoral value. (Search "Norms for Proceeding in the Discernment of Alleged Supernatural Phenomena" at Vatican.va.)

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR

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 week of June 1st, Father Josh will be on a Diocesan Priest's Retreat. There will be NO 8:30 am Mass on June 3rd, June 4th, June 5th, and June 6th. In addition, there will be NO First Friday Holy Hour on June 6th.

2nd Collection this weekend is a special Diocesan collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign. 50% will remain in our Diocese to help support local communications efforts. Envelopes are available in the Social Hall.

This Sunday! 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.

Altar Society meets the first Tuesday of every month. Our next meeting is Tuesday, June 3rd in the Social Hall at 11 am. Please bring your lunch so that we can enjoy eating together after the meeting. Are you interested in Altar Society? We welcome you to attend our meeting!

Men's Group meets the second Tuesday of each month. Next meeting is Tuesday, June 11th at 5 pm in the Social Hall. Dinner will be served. We hope that you can join us!

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

Sunday May 11th and May 18th	\$ 3,085.00
Maintenance	\$ 1,564.00
Helping Hands/Westwood Resource Center	\$ 597.00
Easter	\$ 200.00
Brick Donations	\$ 200.00

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

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

	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Lector</u>
Sat. 5 pm	Lani H, Cynthia R, Volunteer	Nita Jimenez
Sunday 9:30 am	Kitty D, Julie C, Ruthie H	Steve DeWitt

Email us at: olslakealmanor@gmail.com

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

Our website: ourladyofsnosparish.org.

To receive our bulletin by email, contact Steve DeWitt: cranmorti@gmail.com or call him at 530-258-4222.

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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

Genny Amante †	Ronald Longacre †	Kerry Phillips †
Joe Beuchat	Lou Ann Martin †	Linda & Dennis Porter
Kim Burgess	Pat Martin	Janet Saitone †
Vernon Burgess	Priscilla McEfee †	Lori Sinclair
Claudia Caramella †	Jack & Mary Meissner ††	Keith Sinclair †
Lucia Carillo †	Diane & Larry Miller † †	Frances Smith †
Marcela Cayabyab	Fran Moale †	Rikki Taddei
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Dan Higgins	Scott Oswald †	Andy Willhoit †
Aubrey Hawkins †	Francis Ouellette	John Willhoit
Jane † & Reed Hilliard	Cindee & Mitchell Padula ††	Mike Willhoit
Matthew Hunt †	Diana Pallari †	Carole Zimmerman †
Nancy Janus †	Miguel Pena †	
Erin Kelly		
Karen Klemek †		
Alma Kopernik		

† indicates deceased

Weekly Mass Intentions

May 31	Saturday	5:00 pm	Justin David Bergmann †
June 1	Sunday	9:30 am	Dan Higgins
June 2	Monday	————	NO MASS
June 3	Tuesday	————	NO MASS
June 4	Wednesday	————	NO MASS
June 5	Thursday	————	NO MASS
June 6	Friday	————	NO MASS

OLS NEWS (continued)--

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. 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! Reminder: On the "Jubilee Year Information" table in the back of the Social Hall, there are stickers to record your pilgrimages. Please help yourself to these and to other information about the Jubilee Year.

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.

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.