

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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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

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June 15, 2025

Good News

dear Padre

OLS News

The Most Holy Trinity (C) Proverbs 8:22-31 / Romans 5:1-5 / John 16:12-15

Calvin and Hobbes comic strip finds Calvin filling water balloons. Immediately, we know there's trouble ahead. Calvin's plan is to drench Susie Derkins unless, as he says, the universe can give him some sign that there is a moral law against it. Calvin gives the universe thirty seconds. When there is no sign, Calvin concludes he is allowed to soak Susie. He finds her and pummels her with water balloons. Susie takes off after Calvin as he runs, screaming, "Help! Help!" The final frame shows Calvin, dazed and beaten, wondering why the universe always gives the sign after you do something.

It does seem that we learn more about the ways of life from our mistakes and upheavals than we do from the times when life unfolds smoothly. It is how we come to wisdom—the wisdom that is the very aura of God present in our lives. In fact, John's Gospel points out that God is always the one who brings us to that wisdom; a God woven into the very ups and downs of what we are about. "When he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth" (John 16:13).

It is St. Paul who notices how the troubles of life are always the source of new wisdom. He writes of how our afflictions lead us to endurance, and how endurance brings about character, and how it is our character (our inner values) that brings us to hope and trust in God's wisdom rather than in our own. In so many ways, it is the power and presence of the Holy Trinity making us new.

—Father Joseph Juknialis

What does the Church teach about respect for the body after death? Is burial the most respectful? It's certainly the most expensive. What about donating your body to science? Or cremation? If someone is cremated, can the ashes be kept respectfully by a family member, or do they have to be buried?

Your question serves as a summation of current practice and exposes the real-life dilemma and choices facing loved ones: "How can I be respectful and at the same time practical?"

Catholics believe that the body of the deceased must be respected and not simply disposed of without care or concern. Current practice allows for burial, cremation, and the donation of the body to science, and choices depend in large part on tradition, culture, and economic circumstances. If someone chooses to donate to medical science, it is with the understanding that the body will be cremated or properly buried. If cremation is the chosen option, proper burial of the cremains in a sacred place is required.

All of this assumes an uneventful passing of the deceased person. It does not account for war, disease, or disaster. When faced with ordinary, rather than extraordinary, circumstances, loved ones have a real opportunity to be grateful and thankful for the chance to mourn, grieve, and show respect for the person. Unfortunately, that is not always the case in today's world.

—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.

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 Father's Day to all fathers! This weekend's altar flowers are courtesy of Mac and Ruthie Hinman, in honor of their fathers, and all fathers.

2nd Collection this weekend is for our Maintenance Fund. During the summer months, a second collection for Maintenance will be taken up each weekend except for the second weekend of the month, which is our collection for the poor. Thank you for your generosity!

Sacred Heart Pilgrimage, June 26th-27th, hosted by Sacred Heart Church in Susanville. This will be an important Jubilee Year event in our area! There are 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!

Taco Lunch July 6th at Our Lady of the Snows! The Men's Group is sponsoring a delicious Taco Lunch on our church patio after the 9:30 am Mass July 6th, hosted by the Sandoval family! Please join us for good food, fun and fellowship. Your donations for the lunch are appreciated and help us with our projects at Our Lady of the Snows.

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

Father Josh's Liturgical Tidbits

The Recessional

After the Final Blessing and with the priest's closing words: "Go forth, the Mass is ended!" The priest reverences one final time the altar and then follows the processional cross as they recess to where they entered.

The Recessional is an important action at the end of the Mass, as it signifies something very important—As we entered the Eucharistic celebration processing in *from* the world, the Recessional is an outward action wherein we go back *to* the world as we continue to bear the fruits of the Mass outside of the Church's visible confines.

The processional cross leads the way out as it is a symbol for all of Christ's disciples to follow the Cross into the world. We carry the Cross of the Lord with us as it was "by this Holy Cross, You have redeemed the world," and so we continue His salvific work as we "process" out, back into the world.

Weekly Offerings

Sunday June 1st	\$ 1,881.00
Maintenance	\$ 3,671.00
Diocesan Collection for Catholic Communications	\$ 388.00
Online donations for May 2025	\$ 2,175.00

--- 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

Lani H, Cynthia R, Volunteer Nita Jimenez

Sunday 9:30 am

Julie C, Kitty D, Volunteer 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.

ONLINE GIVING is so easy! Simply click the "Donate Now" link on our website ourladyofsnosparish.org. There are also information cards in the Social Hall (for the app).

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 cranmorti@gmail.com.

Pope Leo XIV is on Instagram! His first official post was made on May 13, 2025. The account, [@pontifex](https://www.instagram.com/pontifex), is the official Instagram account of the Pope.

Pray for our Sick and Deceased Loved Ones

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

† indicates deceased

Weekly Mass Intentions

June 14	Saturday	5:00 pm	Father Anson Anthony
June 15	Sunday	9:30 am	Ed Doyle † and Thornton Hinman †
June 16	Monday	—	NO MASS
June 17	Tuesday	8:30 am	Andy Willhoit †
June 18	Wednesday	8:30 am	Mike Klimek †
June 19	Thursday	8:30 am	Vernon Burgess
June 20	Friday	8:30 am	John Willhoit

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Ways to have your loved ones included in our prayers:

- There is a Prayer Box in our Social Hall. Slips of paper are provided to write names and intentions.
- There is a Mass Intentions Book on the table in the back of the church. It is brought to the altar during the Offertory. Write names of those you would like remembered in the Masses that week.
- If you want a Mass offered for someone, there are "Mass Intention" envelopes on the table in the Social Hall. The usual offering/stipend is \$10. Fill out the information on the envelope and drop the envelope in any collection or place it in the slot on the office door (in the Social Hall). You can also email your Mass request to Sally Harvey willaharv09@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.