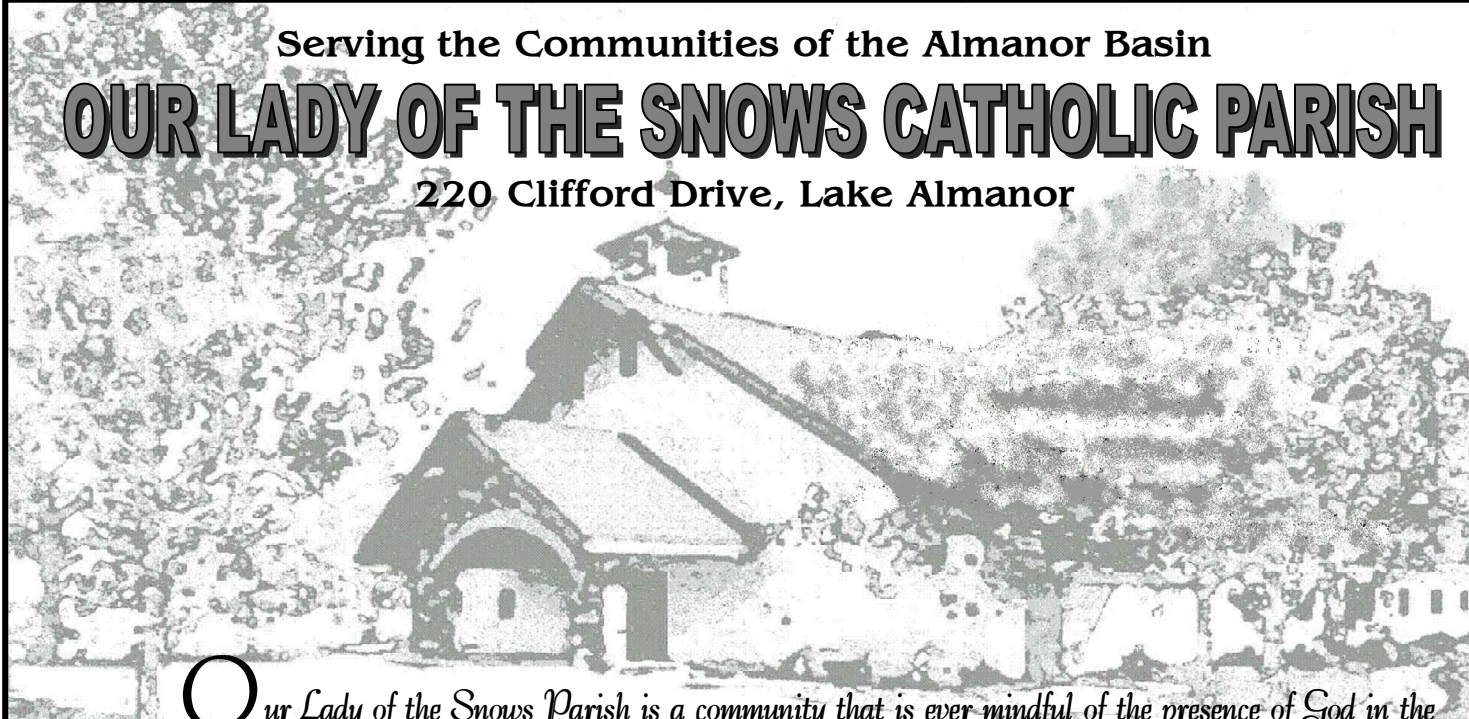


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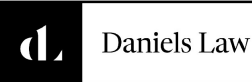
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# Good News

# dear Padre

# OLS News

**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
(C) Deuteronomy 30:10-14 / Colossians 1:15-20 / Luke 10:25-37

We tend to hear the parable of the Good Samaritan and place ourselves in the role of the Samaritan, thereby expected to be compassionate, as was the Samaritan.

Those who heard Jesus tell the parable, however, would never have identified with the Samaritan. To them, the Samaritans were religious heretics who worshipped not in Jerusalem but at their own temple. Thus, the people of Jesus' day would have seen themselves as the victim, the one on the side of the road.

Who, then, would be the Samaritan, the surprising caregiver, the compassionate one? Because parables are about God and how God works, it would be God who is and has always been the one who heals and feeds and nurtures us back to life.

The parable then surprises the hearer of Jesus' day—God as a compassionate Samaritan! It is God's compassion that we bring to those seeking forgiveness as well as to those who, for whatever reason, have not yet reached the point of asking for forgiveness. It is God's compassion that we bring to the unborn, the immigrant, the homeless, the sick in need of healing, the jobless who have lost hope. It is God's compassion that a nation brings to anyone who has lost his or her way, as it has been noted that the greatness of a nation is in how that nation deals with and cares for the weakest among them.

—Father Joseph Juknialis

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

*I have a question about the prayer the priest says after the Our Father. Someone told me it's called an "embolism." Why don't we just end with "Amen" like when we say it at home?*

You have correctly identified the "embolism" or "interpretation" that has been added to the Lord's Prayer during the sacred liturgy. It reads, "Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ."

This addition, ancient in its use during the eucharistic liturgy, is a further explanation of the content and the intercessory nature of the prayer. It develops the last petition of the Lord's Prayer and asks for deliverance from the power of evil for the whole community of the faithful. It is an appropriate insertion, reflecting the purpose of the eucharistic gathering as spiritual but also as a celebration of the Lord's words and directions to us. In private prayer, the embolism would be out of place.

The sacred liturgy is filled with intercessory prayers, acclamations, and bits and pieces of ancient eucharistic prayers and blessings. Everything has been carefully chosen and placed within the celebration of the sacred liturgy to assist the faithful who gather to lift their minds and hearts to the Heavenly Father, through his Son Jesus, by the power of the Holy Spirit.\*

--Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR

**\*For further information on this topic, see Father Josh's Liturgical Tidbits column on the next page.**

### 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.

**2nd Collection this weekend, July 12-13,** is for those in need who live in our community. Thank you for your generosity.

**The Our Lady of the Snows Men's Group extends a big THANK YOU** to the Sandoval family, our hosts, and to all who attended our Taco Lunch on July 6th! Thank you for your donations and God bless you!

**Join us for our Annual Parish Picnic on Sunday, Aug. 3rd, after the 9:30 Mass. The picnic is free, courtesy of the Altar Society. We will gather to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of the Snows. There is a sign-up sheet in the Social Hall for those who will attend (so that we can plan for enough food). This will be a delicious and fun event! We hope to see you there!**

**A SILENT AUCTION will take place during our Parish Picnic on Sunday August 3rd. Pick up an information sheet in the Social Hall! [And see guidelines on next page]. Questions? Call or text Eileen (530-321-0085) or Genie (530-513-2045).**

**Thank you** to Our Lady of the Snows Altar Society for the lovely new tablecloths for the Social Hall. Also thank you to the Men's Group for six new tables for our Social Hall. And thanks to all who support us! Your donations at our fundraisers help us so much!

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



### Father Josh's Liturgical Tidbits: The "Deliver us" Prayer

After the Our Father the priest says the following prayer: "Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ."

This prayer is very ancient. It can be found in Greek Eastern liturgies as well as Latin Western liturgies so it is very plausible that these have been part of the mass since the 600s. Given the time, the emphasis on peace in the prayer, "grant us peace in our day", reflects the state of Christianity during the decline of the Roman Empire when there were many wars and much unrest.

Secondly, it is a repeat and amplification of the last petition of the Our Father "deliver us from evil" which makes it a "gloss" -- an explanation, interpretation, or paraphrase. Like us, the early Christians wondered about the meaning of that phrase. What evil do we want to be delivered from? The explanation the prayer offers is thoroughly universal: we want delivery from every evil, especially from the evils of war. So as we prepare ourselves to receive the Eucharist, this is a very important point of reflection: what evil do you want to be delivered from?

### Weekly Offerings

Sunday June 29th	\$ 2,266.00
Maintenance	\$ 738.00
Peter's Pence Diocesan Collection	\$ 574.00
Online donations June 1st-30th	\$ 2,1350.00
Mass Stipends / Brick Donations	\$ 310 .00 / \$ 200.00

### --- 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

Toni P, Pat Didier, Volunteer Pat Didier

Sunday 9:30 am

Ruthie H, Kitty D, Julie C Sonja Anderson

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Justin Bergmann †	Pat Martin	AJ Rose
Joe Beuchat	Priscilla McEfee †	Janet Saitone †
Kim Burgess	Jack & Mary Meissner ††	Lori Sinclair
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Ron & Fran Dennis	Scott Oswold †	John Willhoit
Mary Deveny †	Francis Ouellette	Mike Willhoit
Aubrey Hawkins †	Cindee & Mitchell Padula ††	Carole Zimmerman †
Jane † & Reed Hilliard	Diana Pallari †	
Matthew Hunt †	Miguel Pena †	
Nancy Janus †	Kerry Phillips †	
Erin Kelly		
Alma Kopernik		
Ronald Longacre †		

† indicates deceased

### Weekly Mass Intentions

July 12	Saturday	5:00 pm	Andy Willhoit †
July 13	Sunday	9:30 am	Elizabeth Ahart Wood †
July 14	Monday	—	NO MASS
July 15	Tuesday	8:30	John Willhoit
July 16	Wednesday	8:30 am	Dan Higgins
July 17	Thursday	8:30 am	Rose Marie Hedley †
July 18	Friday	8:30 am	Olga Golden

### OLS NEWS (continued)--

#### GUIDELINES FOR SILENT AUCTION Aug 3rd:

(1) DO YOU HAVE NEW OR QUALITY USED ITEMS to donate? Bring them to our Social Hall before Mass on the 3 week-ends PRIOR TO the Aug. 3rd Picnic (starting July 13th). Please attach a note with your name, your phone number, and a suggested opening bid or the value that you put on the item. Pick up an auction guideline handout in our Social Hall.

(2) Or you can OFFER A SERVICE as an auction "item." Just make an interesting sign or poster describing the service that you are auctioning, for example: gardening, cooking a special meal or a fancy homemade dessert, creating something like a "custom" knitted blanket or a piece of woodwork, teaching a skill, etc. Give a "starting amount" for auctioning your services.

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.