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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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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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July 20, 2025

Good News

dear Padre

OLS News

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
(C) *Genesis 18:1–10a / Colossians 1:24–28 / Luke 10:38–42*

These days, when people come to confession, they seldom list their sins by name and number. Quite often, it seems, they simply talk about their lives, about the chaos in which they seem to be living, about the relationships that are less than what they would hope, about the values they've let slide sometimes into the muck, about how they've turned in upon themselves, and about how caring for others has faded from their lives.

After they've told their stories, I will usually ask if they take any time in the day to be quiet and if they pray in whatever way they find helpful and with some regularity. Invariably, they will say that they've let such prayer time slip away; that they have not been praying the way they once did. In such cases, I often suggest that as penance, they take some time—even just a little time—in the next day or two to simply quiet themselves in the presence of God.

Life will always tend to be chaotic. These days, there is too much going on for life not to be. But, quiet and reflective prayer seems to bring a balance, a refocusing upon what is important and what is trivial. Without that, we can become overwhelmed and lose our way. It is what the Martha/Mary story is about.

It's not that our own Martha-service is not worthwhile. It's crucially important in order to make life hum along in an orderly fashion. But without Mary's reflective part, our lives can become muddled drudgery.

—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.

“Lead us not into temptation...”
God does not lead us into temptation, so what is this saying?

You are of the same mind as the pope! In 2019, Pope Francis approved changing the Lord's Prayer, that is, changing the phrase “lead us not into temptation” to “do not let us fall into temptation.” Pope Francis said that the original appeared to suggest that God caused the temptation.

However, most Scripture scholars agree that “lead us not into temptation” is the best translation from the Greek. It's a subjunctive verb. It's used in the second person, addressed directly to God. And it really does say “do not lead us into temptation.”

What did the Pope hope to accomplish? Those who are most familiar with the Pope say that what he was trying to clarify was not anchored in the intricacies of translation but rather anchored in pastoral life. He wanted to focus the attention of God's people on their action, “falling into temptation,” and not on a misunderstanding of what Jesus was teaching.

It was a point of focus and clarification to help us in our spiritual journey and our understanding of our relationship with God. Understood in this sense, the new translation would accomplish this pastoral purpose.

--Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSSR

Join Pope Leo XIV in praying the Pope's Prayer Intention for July:

“For formation in discernment. Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.”

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 19-20, is for our Maintenance Fund. Thank you for your generosity.

Welcome to Father Brian Hayes, who will be with us from July 18th-July 23rd. We are happy to have you at Our Lady of the Snows!

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.** If you want to donate an item or a service, **please pick up an information sheet in the Social Hall and follow our guidelines.** Questions? Call or text Eileen Bird (530-321-0085) or Genie Currin (530-513-2045).

Coming soon! **Tri-tip barbeque dinner!** The Men's Group will hold a barbeque fundraiser dinner after the 5 pm Mass on **Saturday, August 16th** in our Social Hall and on our patio. Save the date!

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 July 6th	\$ 2,263.00
Maintenance	\$ 3,154.00
Brick Donations	\$ 400.00
Mass Stipends	\$ 75.00

--- 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		
	Toni P, Cynthia R, Volunteer	Nita Jimenez
Sunday 9:30 am		
	Carolyn W, Ray P, Julie C	Mike Willhoit

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

Our website: ourladyofsnowsparish.org.

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

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Pray for our Sick and Deceased Loved Ones

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Justin Bergmann †	Lou Ann Martin †	Linda & Dennis
Joe Beuchat	Pat Martin	Porter
Kim Burgess	Priscilla McEfee †	AJ Rose
Vernon Burgess	Jack & Mary	Janet Saitone †
Claudia Caramella †	Meissner ††	Lori Sinclair
Lucia Carillo †	Diane & Larry	Keith Sinclair †
Marcela Cayabyab	Miller † †	Frances Smith †
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Mary Deveny †	Colin & Susan	Andy Willhoit †
Aubrey Hawkins †	O'Brien ††	John Willhoit
Jane † & Reed	Lawrence Oliver †	Mike Willhoit
Hilliard	Scott Oswald †	Carole Zimmerman †
Matthew Hunt †	Francis Ouellette	
Nancy Janus †	Cindee & Mitchell	
Erin Kelly	Padula ††	
William Koehnen †	Diana Pallari †	† indicates deceased
Alma Kopernik	Miguel Pena †	

Weekly Mass Intentions

July 19	Saturday	5:00 pm	William Koehnen †
July 20	Sunday	9:30 am	Betty Frandrup †
July 21	Monday	—	NO MASS
July 22	Tuesday	8:30	Special Intention
July 23	Wednesday	8:30 am	Joyce Marquardt †
July 24	Thursday	8:30 am	Julie Chavez
July 25	Friday	8:30 am	John Willhoit

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Second Collection next weekend, **July 26th-27th**, will be for the **Missionary Cooperative Appeal**. We will welcome the Dominican Sisters of St. Joseph. For almost 40 years, their organization has been taking care of orphans and neglected and abandoned children in the remote towns of Diocese of Malolos in the Philippines. Please be generous to their cause as it supports the very poor and marginalized in our society. Pick up a white Missionary Cooperative Appeal envelope in the Social Hall. Thank you in advance!

Mark your calendar! **August 15th (a Friday) is a Holy Day of Obligation**: The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Masses will be at 9:30 am and 5:30 pm.

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.