

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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## 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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## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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July 27, 2025

# Good News

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# OLS News

**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) Genesis 18:20-32 / Colossians 2:12-14 / Luke 11:1-13**

Consider how there are five levels of communication, each level taking us deeper into a relationship and what it means to be human. One, the greetings we offer as we pass: Good morning! How's it going?

Two, a sharing of activities: what we did, what someone said. Three, an expression of ideas, as in what we think about raising children or our political opinions or why we believe there may be conflicts in the world.

Four, revealing our feelings both positive and negative: feelings of love or gratitude or contentment as well as of being hurt or rejected or disappointed. Five, a sense of intense closeness and being with, perhaps even without speaking or using any words.

Each level, then, takes us deeper into a shared relationship. Consider, then, how ever-deepening prayer may follow that same pattern. One, memorized or rote prayer. Two, telling God what is on our mind, even though it is a one-sided conversation. Three, commonly called *meditation* but, more simply, thinking about God and life and our faith response, as in the musing that may follow spiritual reading.

Four, often referred to as "praying our feelings," such as reflecting on our human emotions and what they might say about us, our faith, and how the journey of our faith life is unfolding. Five, a sense of simply being with God, even without words, and simply resting in that Holy Presence. Each level of prayer, then, leads us ever more into a shared relationship with our God.

—Father Joseph Juknialis

***Who wrote the Lord's Prayer? I know the Lord's Prayer comes from Scripture, but who composed it as we say it today?***

When the disciples asked the Lord to teach them to pray, He taught them the prayer we know as the Our Father. Two versions of that prayer appear in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. The version used in the Church's liturgies is derived from Matthew 6:9-13. In fact, citing St. Thomas Aquinas' Summa Theologiae, the Catechism of the Catholic Church calls the Lord's Prayer the "most perfect of prayers" (2774), teaching us not only what things to pray for in our prayer but also in what order, or priority, we should desire them. It is at the heart of every individual and communal prayer.

We pray the Our Father, bearing in mind and heart the intimate relationship we have with our God as sons and daughters by adoption through our baptism. The specific wording of our prayers is a work in progress. What we think of as the final wording is that which the Church has approved and makes the most sense for prayer as a community.

What is most important is that the substance of the prayer reflects the same matter the Lord used in the prayer.

--Fr. Scott Katzenberger, CSsR / [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org)

**For more information on The Lord's Prayer, see Father Josh's Tidbits, next page.**

**"In order to live eternally, we do not need to cheat death, but to serve life, by caring for others in this, our time together."**

—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.

Second Collection this 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!

First Friday Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place on Friday, August 1st after the 8:30 Mass. Please join us—starts at 9:00 am.

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!

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).

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



**Father Josh's Liturgical Tidbits:**  
**The Lord's Prayer (Part I)**

The Lord's Prayer is the prayer that our Lord Himself has taught us and in many ways sums up the most perfect prayer to model our spiritual life and how we ought to pray. Many of the Church Fathers have deemed it appropriate that we incorporate this most perfect prayer as part of our most perfect worship. It is a very fitting that we say the prayer our Lord taught us as we prepare for Communion.

Here is a very short breakdown of the petitions that we say in the Lord's Prayer: 1) We should desire the glory and honor of God as the first intention of our prayer, no matter what we may be praying for. Thus, we pray that God's name be honored and held holy. 2) Then we pray that his will be done as perfectly among us on earth as His angels accomplish it in His heavenly kingdom. There would be no point in praying unless we wanted God's will to be done. Nothing would be ultimately helpful to us if it were against His will, even if it is what we wanted.

3) After these universal intentions—for God's glory and for His will—we pray for the things we need in order to glorify him and be united to him. "Our daily bread" means all that we need to serve him here and now: first, his supernatural gift of his Body in the Holy Eucharist, and then the necessities of life we need each day.  
 (To Be Continued)

**Weekly Offerings**

Sunday July 13th	\$ .2,27600
Maintenance	\$ 720.00
Brick Donations	\$ 100.00
Those in Need who live near us	\$ 1,019.00
Mass Stipends	\$ 50. 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	Cynthia R, Toni P, Volunteer	Pat Didier
Sunday 9:30 am	Julie C, Kitty D, Carolyn W	Steve DeWitt

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

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**Pray for our Sick and Deceased Loved Ones**

Genny Amante †	Alma Kopernik	Miguel Pena †
Justin Bergmann †	Ronald Longacre †	Kerry Phillips †
Joe Beuchat	Lou Ann Martin †	Linda & Dennis
Kim Burgess	Pat Martin	Porter
Vernon Burgess	Priscilla McEfee †	AJ Rose
Claudia Caramella †	Jack & Mary	Janet Saitone †
Lucia Carillo †	Meissner ††	Lori Sinclair
Marcela Cayabyab	Diane & Larry	Keith Sinclair †
Reuben Chavez †	Miller † †	Frances Smith †
Ron & Fran Dennis	Fran Moale †	Marcella Unalles †
Mary Deveny †	Dante Najera †	Ruby Vocke †
Olga Golden †	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

**Weekly Mass Intentions**

July 26	Saturday	5:00 pm	<b>Andy Willhoit †</b>
July 27	Sunday	9:30 am	<b>Dan Higgins</b>
July 28	Monday	—	<b>NO MASS</b>
July 29	Tuesday	8:30	<b>Victoria McGowan †</b>
July 30	Wednesday	8:30 am	<b>Pat Martin</b>
July 31	Thursday	8:30 am	<b>Justin David Bergmann †</b>
Aug 1	Friday	8:30 am	<b>Robert Riggins †</b>

**OLS NEWS (continued)--**

**Friday August 15th 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.

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!

**Holy Father's Prayer Intention for the month of August:** "For mutual coexistence: Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons."

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.