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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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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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NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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August 10, 2025

Good News

dear Padre

OLS News

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
(C) *Wisdom 18:6-9 / Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12 / Luke 12:32-48 or 12:35-40 FR.*

When the British colonized India, they brought with them the game of golf. A worse hazard than sand traps turned out to be monkeys. Wherever the ball landed, a monkey would run onto the fairway, pick it up, and drop it somewhere else—from the fairway into the rough, out of a sand trap onto the green, from the green back onto the fairway. The Brits tried everything to keep the monkeys off the course—fences, sirens, booming noises. Nothing worked. In the end, they ended up changing the rule book: play the ball where the monkey drops it.

The scriptures today tell of people who lived with an openness to wherever it was that God would take them. They played the ball wherever the monkey dropped it. It is the story of the Hebrews enslaved in Egypt when they were about to be led out into a God-knew-where desert. It is the story of aged Abraham and Sarah, called to travel to an alien land and then into parenthood in their old age.

Faith is not trusting that God will always take us to where we want to be; it is trusting that wherever it is that God takes us will ultimately bring us into fuller life. So, watch and be ready to recognize the coming of God. It may be in times of darkness for you (as when the master comes late at night, says Luke's Gospel) or when you find yourself in an "alien land," a place in life you've never been before.

—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.

Where did the Virgin Mary spend her last days on earth? Ephesus or Jerusalem?

Shortly before Jesus died on the cross, He entrusted His widowed mother to the protective care of John the Evangelist. (See John 19:26-27.) Accordingly, when John lived his final years in Ephesus, it is believed that Mary also spent her last days nearby in a modest stone dwelling, before being assumed body and soul into heaven "to be preserved from the corruption of the tomb" (Pope Pius XII, *Munificentissimus Deus*, 1950).

Moreover, it is likely in Ephesus (present-day Turkey) where the tradition of Mary's Assumption started. Pope Benedict XIV (1740-1758) declared Ephesus was "where the Blessed Mother...proceeded from this life into heaven."

More recent popes, such as Paul VI in 1967 and John Paul II in 1979, prayed in this venerable home, known as Mother Mary's House. However, close to Gethsemane in Jerusalem is the Basilica of the Tomb of Mary from the fifth century. It is built around an ancient crypt where Mary's body was believed to have been laid before it was assumed into heaven.

While both Ephesus and Jerusalem claim to be the location where the Virgin Mary spent her last years on earth, experts contend the latter is the older tradition and the more credible place. Even if Mary temporarily left Jerusalem, it is probable she returned to the land of her birth and resided there at the end of her earthly life.

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR

"There is no evil to be faced that Christ does not face with us. There is no enemy that Christ has not already conquered. There is no cross to bear that Christ has not already borne for us, and does not now bear with us."
—St. John Paul II

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, August 9th and 10th, will be for those in need who live near us. Thank you for your continued generosity.

*There will be no 8:30 am Mass on Tuesday, Aug. 12th. Father will be out of town for an appointment.

Our Lady of the Snows Men's Group will meet on Tues. August 12th at 5pm in the Social Hall. Dinner will be served. We hope that you can join us.

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.

Sat. Aug. 16th! Join us for a delicious Tri-tip barbeque dinner! The Men's Group will hold this fundraiser dinner after the 5 pm Mass on Saturday, August 16th in our Social Hall and on our patio. Suggested donation, \$20.

The 2nd Collection for the weekend of Aug. 16-17 will be a Special Diocesan Collection for the Church in Latin America. Envelopes are available in the Social Hall. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Have you picked up your 2025 envelopes? There are still some labeled envelopes on the shelf by the front door to our church. Thank you!

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 II)

We continue now our reflection of the use of the Lord's Prayer in Mass. Thus far, the prayer is all about positive things: God's glory and His gifts to us. But there are also obstacles to His glory and His gifts. These are our sins and other people's sins against us. 4) We need God's forgiveness for our ungratefulness in sinning, especially when we are in the act of asking Him for good things. 5) We have to be willing to forgive others if we ourselves want to be forgiven. If we can forgive those who have hurt us, we will be acting like Him and pleasing Him — God loves a forgiving heart. 6) But there is also the struggle against sin when we are tempted. While God does not tempt anyone, He allows us to be tempted. He created us to have free will, and so He wishes for us to be His friends and not His puppets. When we are tempted, we are in complete need of help and grace and He will be faithful to us in times of trial.

7) The last negative: there is the devil, our spiritual enemy who constantly tries to remove us from God's glory, His holiness, His kingdom, His Eucharist, His pardon, and His help. Although the English and Latin versions of the Our Father pray simply for us to be delivered from "evil," the Greek original clearly prays for us to be delivered from the "Evil One." Thus, our most common prayer taught us by the Lord Himself contains a little exorcism against the devil. And this exorcism is a great way to purify ourselves as we prepare for our reception of the Eucharist.

Weekly Offerings

Sunday July 27th	\$ 1,840.00
Maintenance	\$ 835.00
Missionary Cooperative	\$ 1,063.00
Those in Need who live near us	\$ 50.00
Online giving for month of July	\$ 6,395.00

--- 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 plus 2 volunteers	Nita Jimenez
Sunday 9:30 am	Ruthie H, Kitty D, Julie C	Steve DeWitt

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

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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

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

† indicates deceased

Weekly Mass Intentions

Aug 9	Saturday	5:00 pm	Juan Aguilera Hernandez †
Aug 10	Sunday	9:30 am	Olga Golden †
Aug 11	Monday	————	NO MASS
Aug 12*	Tuesday	———	*NO MASS
Aug 13	Wednesday	8:30 am	Colin and Susan O'Brien † †
Aug 14	Thursday	8:30 am	Dante Najera †
Aug 15: Solemnity of the Assumption	Friday (2 masses)	9:30 am 5:30 pm	Andy Willhoit † Robert Riggins†

OLS NEWS (continued)--

Men's Group Breakfast coming soon—Join us after the 9:30 am Mass on Sunday, August 24th, for a delicious breakfast! Menu includes pancakes, eggs, bacon, fruit, juice, coffee!

Calling all bakers! Bake Sale August 30th! Our Lady of the Snows Altar Society will have a bake sale on Saturday, August 30th, from 9 am to 4 pm at Rec 1 in the Lake Almanor Country Club during the Lake Almanor Peninsula's Annual Arts and Crafts Faire. **WE NEED BAKERS! There is a sign-up sheet in the Social Hall if you would like to bake something. You do not have to belong to the Altar Society to bake for our bake sale! We appreciate all bakers! Thank you in advance!**

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.