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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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TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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August 17, 2025

Good News

dear Padre

OLS News

**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
(C) Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10 / Hebrews 12:1-4 / Luke 12:49-53**

One day, as I was walking in a local nature preserve, I came across what someone had written in the sand: "It's time to take a stand." Though the person never suggested what we should take a stand on, all of us take stands in life. In many ways, those stands define our lives: Republican or Democrat, pro-life or pro-choice, NRA and guns, save the whales, vax or anti-vax, ecology.

As we all know so well, where we stand on any given issue can become divisive among friends and even family. The Scriptures this weekend tell of the prophet Jeremiah, who took a stand of faith against the king who trusted in military arms rather than in God. The Letter to the Hebrews mentions an Old Testament "cloud of witnesses" who placed faith in God without knowing where that would take them. And, Jesus himself recognizes that those who place their faith in Him and the vision of life He proclaimed would find themselves in conflict with others.

For every person who professes faith in Jesus Christ, the question becomes how this faith affects all the other stands we take. To "keep our eyes fixed on Jesus" influences the lifestyle we choose, how we spend our time and our money, who our friends are, and even who we vote for. At some point, faith insists we take a stand. —Father Joseph Juknialis

"Dear Young People, Jesus is our hope. . . . Aspire to great things, to holiness, wherever you are. Do not settle for less. You will then see the light of the Gospel growing every day in you and around you."

—Pope Leo XIV

Is "co-redemptrix" a title for the Blessed Virgin Mary?

The Church does not officially regard Mary as a co-redemptrix with Christ. Her "'unique holiness'... 'from the first instant of her conception' comes wholly from Christ: she is 'redeemed, in a more exalted fashion, by reason of the merits of her Son'" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 492).

According to Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, the title "co-redemptrix" would "obscure" the origin that "everything comes through Christ," as written in Ephesians and Colossians. "Mary, too, is everything she is through Him," stated the future Pope Benedict XVI, adding that "co-redemptrix" is a departure "from the language of Scripture and of the Fathers, and therefore gives rise to misunderstandings."

Likewise, in 2019, Pope Francis quoted St. Bernard, who said that no praise is sufficient to talk about Mary, but, ultimately, her title as a humble "disciple" best represents Mary's faithfulness to "her Son, the only Redeemer." "She never wanted for herself something that was of her Son," explained the pontiff. "She never introduced herself as co-redemptrix. No. Disciple." Pope Francis reiterated the Church's position on this matter in 2021, saying that Jesus entrusted the universal Church and all the faithful to Mary, "Not as a goddess. Not as a co-redemptrix. As a mother." Incidentally, "Mother of God" (Greek: Theotokos, "God-bearer") is Mary's oldest title, established in 431 by the Council of Ephesus.

--Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR

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

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 16th and 17th, will be a Special Diocesan Collection for the Church in Latin America. Envelopes are available in the Social Hall.

Join us for a delicious Tri-tip barbeque dinner this weekend! 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.

Men's Group Breakfast coming soon—Join us after the 9:30 am Mass on Sunday, August 24th, for a delicious breakfast! You won't want to miss it!

Thank you to all who made our Parish Picnic and Silent Auction such a wonderful event. Thanks to all the cooks, attendees, and helpers, as well as the donors and participants in the Silent Auction. A special thanks to Father Josh, for sharing his time and talents by auctioning several home-cooked dinners!

The 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. 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!

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 August 3rd	\$ 1,604.00
Maintenance	\$ 2,682.00
Mass Stipends	\$ 80.00
Donations "In Memory of"	\$ 200.00

--- 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, Pat D, volunteer	Pat Didier
Sunday 9:30 am		
	Ray P, Julie C, volunteer	Jeffrey Janus

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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
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

Aug 16	Saturday	5:00 pm	John Willhoit
Aug 17	Sunday	9:30 am	Reuben Chavez †
Aug 18	Monday	—	NO MASS
Aug 19	Tuesday	8:30 am	Mary Deveny †
Aug 20	Wednesday	8:30 am	Justin David Bergmann †
Aug 21	Thursday	8:30 am	Fran Moale †
Aug 22	Friday	8:30 am	Arlynnne Swanson †

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Prayer Box: Do you know someone who needs our prayers? There is a prayer box in the Social Hall. There are forms provided to name the person and the intention. Father Josh collects these prayer requests. You can also add names to the prayer book on the back table in church. That book is placed on the altar at the Offertory, and those named are remembered in our Masses that week.

Coming in September: The 2nd Collection the weekend of **Sept. 6th-7th** is a Special Diocesan Collection for Priests' Retirement. Envelopes will be available in the Social Hall. Thanks in advance for your generosity!

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.