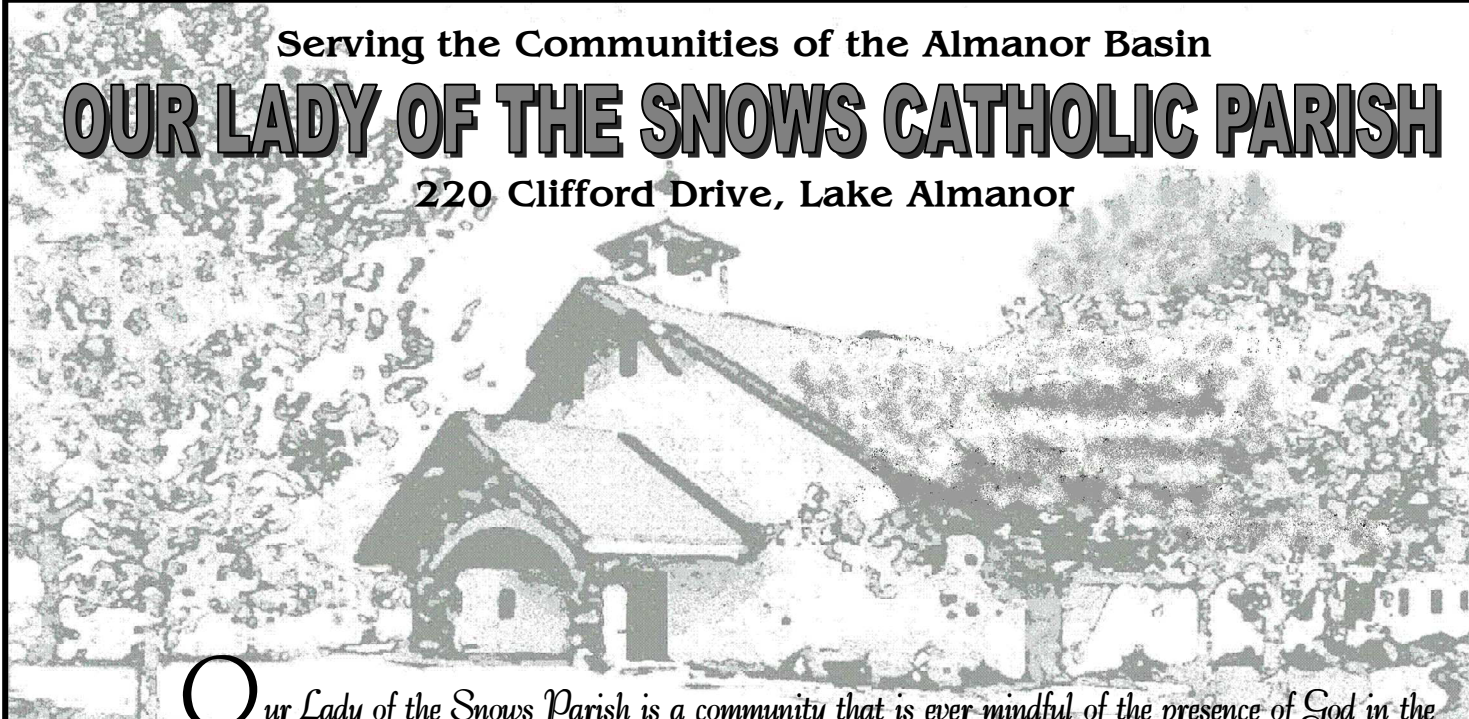


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Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday - 8:30 a.m.

Saturday - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday - 9:30 a.m.

Confessions: Saturday 4:00 - 4:30 p.m.

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Good News dear Padre

OLS News

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) Isaiah 66:18–21 / Hebrews 12:5–7, 11–13 / Luke 13:22–30

Some people find love in their lives; others complain of loneliness. Some find peace, while others seem to be perpetually angry. Some live comfortably amid human diversity, yet others insist that the rest of the world be like them. There are those who are able to forgive and compromise and offer compassion and those who cannot.

The difference seems to be the ability to forgo one's own desires for the sake of a greater good or the common good. Such may be the narrow gate through which some may not be strong enough to enter. Phrases like the kingdom of God or the kingdom of heaven are not just references to places to which we go but also ways of being or states of existence.

They all refer to God's presence, to life with God. You've heard people say they were so happy that they felt it was like heaven on earth. It wasn't a place they went but an experience of being filled with joy and peace.

It's pure gift. No one ever finds it by focusing on oneself. It is the narrow gate by which we find our way into such a life. It is the doorway of caring for others.

—Father Joseph Juknialis

"Faith does not spare us from the possibility of sin. But it always offers us a way out of it, which is the way of Mercy."

—Pope Leo XIV

My wife mentioned that neither the Book of Mormon nor the Catholic Bible mentions purgatory. Please comment.

A not-uncommon frustration is when a person searches the Bible for a particular word or phrasing. Frankly, it is expecting too much from the religious text to be able to faithfully record a particular word or phrase that originated hundreds of years after the ancient text was composed. Purgatory is one such example of this frustration. The concept of purgatory is referenced in the biblical text, particularly in 2 Corinthians 5:10 and 7:1, Hebrews 9:27 and 12:14, and 2 Maccabees 12:46, but the word is never used. This should come as no real surprise because it was not until the writings of St. Thomas Aquinas (1225–1274) that the concept was expanded and formed into a theological statement of belief that has become central to Roman Catholicism.

And what is that belief? The Catechism of the Catholic Church is clear: "All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven. The Church gives the name purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned" (CCC, 1030, 1031a). The Book of Mormon never references purgatory, but it does speak about the afterlife and the experience of "waiting" in the spirit world for the completion of earthly time.

—Fr. Thomas M. Santa, 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 23rd-24th, is for our Maintenance Fund. We appreciate your support!

Men's Group Breakfast this weekend!

—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 for supporting this fundraiser!

Thanks to all who made our Men's Group Tri-tip Barbeque a success!

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!

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a Catholic, there are printed materials about the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) in the Social Hall, as well as information about "Faith Formation." Please also contact Father Josh at 530-259-3932 or email him at ourladyofsnowsparish.org.

The 2nd Collection the weekend of **Sept. 6th-7th** is a Special Diocesan Collection for Priests' Retirement.

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 III)

The last line in the Our Father, the one that asks "lead us not into temptation" has often bewildered many. How and why would God lead us into temptation or why would he entice us to sin?

The problem with the English language is it often does not show the original meaning of the Greek that the Gospels were written in. The original Greek word that was used here is "peirasmos" (πειρασμός), which is the same word used for trials or temptations.

The petition in this prayer does not mean that God will entice us to sin, because God tempts no one. However, God does permit that we go through trials not so we can fall into sin, but to grow in strength. Like how a professor will give "trials" or "tests" to his students, not for them to fail, but to succeed.

Unfortunately, as is frequently the case, when we go through trials, temptations can arise. So the Greek here is ambiguous, but that ambiguity actually reveals a truth; it is in the midst of trials that we are tempted to fall away and commit a sin. So this petition, "lead us not into temptation," is not asking that we be enticed to sin, but rather that the Lord may send us his grace to help us not yield into temptation during times of trials.

Weekly Offerings

Sunday August 10th	\$ 2,118.00
Maintenance	\$ 145.00
Poor	\$ 947.00
Donations "In Memory of"	\$ 100.00
Brick Donations	\$ 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	Lani H, Pat D, volunteer	Nita Jimenez
Sunday 9:30 am	Julie C, and volunteers	Sonja Anderson

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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 23	Saturday	5:00 pm	Andy Willhoit †
Aug 24	Sunday	9:30 am	Jimmy Tierney †
Aug 25	Monday	—	NO MASS
Aug 26	Tuesday	8:30 am	AJ Rose
Aug 27	Wednesday	8:30 am	Pat Martin
Aug 28	Thursday	8:30 am	Cindee and Mitchell Padula ††
Aug 29	Friday	8:30 am	Justin David Bergmann †

OLS NEWS (continued)--

HOLY HOUR will take place on **Friday, September 5th**, after the 8:30 am Mass: From 9:00 to 10:00 am, there will be Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Please join us! "The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time that you will spend on earth. Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in Heaven, and will help bring about an everlasting peace on earth."

--St. Teresa of Calcutta

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.