



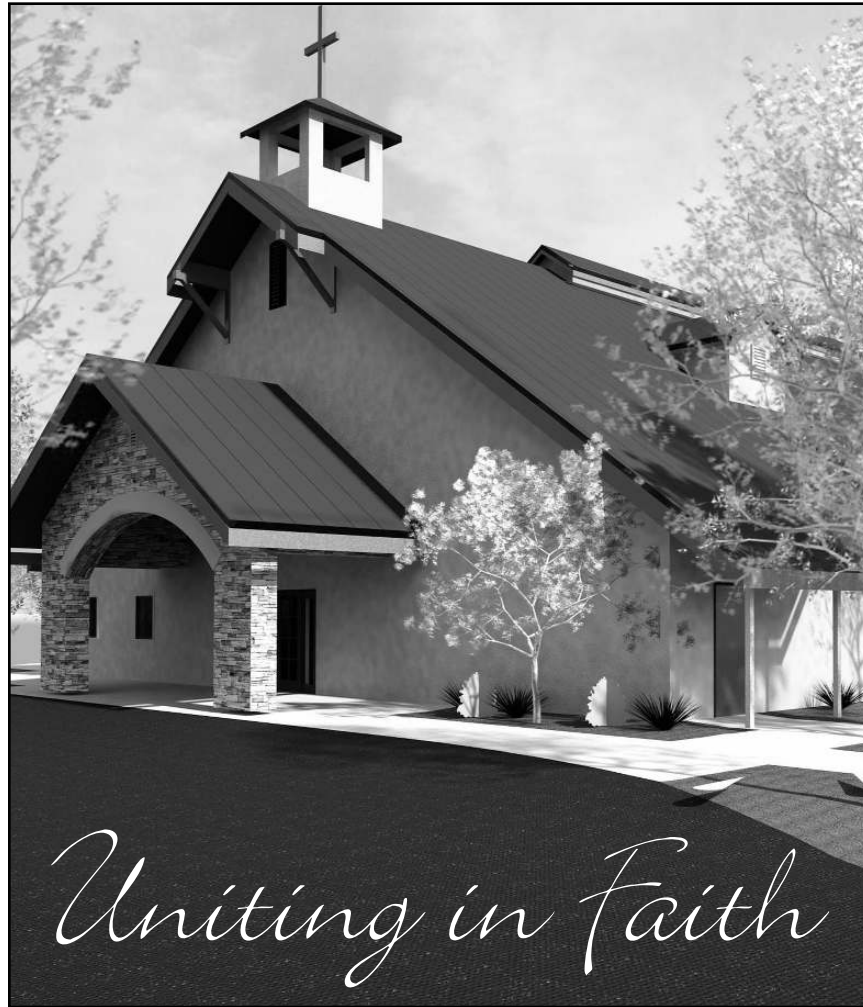
# Uniting in Faith

***You are fellow citizens with the holy ones and  
members of the household of God,  
built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets,  
with Christ Jesus himself as the capstone.***

*Ephesians 2:19*



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OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS CATHOLIC CHURCH  
LAKE ALMANOR, CALIFORNIA

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*The assembly gathers in the social hall. The ringing of the church bell will soon call us to silence and then prayer with Bishop Soto. After his greeting and a brief address, we will process together into the church for the first time.*

**1. INTRODUCTORY RITES**

**Greeting**

*Bishop Soto*

**Brief Address**

*At the interior, main doors of the church, Dennis and Priscilla McEfee (building committee representatives) greet the bishop, address the assembly and formally hand over the building to the bishop, presenting him with both legal and symbolic items.*

*This signifies the transfer of possession and the transformation from a construction site to a church, the house of God.*

### **Opening of the Doors and Solemn Entrance**

*As we enter the church, please join in singing the processional song. Until the formal Lighting of the Altar and the Church, following the Liturgy of the Word, there are no lights in the church.*

### **Gathering Hymn: All Creatures of Our God and King**

All creatures of our God and King  
Lift up your voices let us sing,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Bright burning sun with golden beams,  
Soft silver moon that gently gleams!

***Refrain: O praise Him! O praise Him!***  
***Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***



Great rushing winds who are so strong  
You clouds above that sail along,  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Fair rising morn with praise rejoice,  
Stars nightly shining find a voice! *(to refrain)*



Swift flowing water, pure and clear,  
Make music for your Lord to hear,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Fire so intense and fiercely bright,  
Who gives to us both warmth and light. *(to refrain)*

Dear mother earth, who day by day  
Unfold your blessings on our way,  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
All flow'rs and fruits that in you grow,  
Let them His glory also show. *(to refrain)*

All you with mercy in your heart,  
Forgiving others, take your part,

O sing now! Alleluia!  
All you that pain and sorrow bear,  
Praise God and cast on him your care! *(to refrain)*

And even you most gentle death,  
Waiting to hush our final breath,  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
You lead back home the child of God,  
For Christ our Lord that way has trod. *(to refrain)*

**Refrain: O praise Him! O praise Him!**  
**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Let all things their Creator bless,  
And worship Him in humbleness,  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Praise, God the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, Three in One! *(to refrain)*



*(Remain standing)*



**Blessing and Sprinkling of Water** *Bishop Soto*  
*Water has been taken from the North Fork of the Feather River which collects the rain water and snow melt from our parish and its tributaries throughout the Lake Almanor Basin. After Bishop Soto blesses the water, then the assembly, the church building and all its furnishings are blessed with it.*

May God, the Father of mercies, dwell in this house of prayer.  
May the grace of the Holy Spirit cleanse us,  
for we are temples of his presence.  
**All respond:** Amen.

**Gloria**

**Opening Prayer** *Bishop Soto*  
**All respond:** Amen.

## II. LITURGY OF THE WORD

### **Presentation of the Lectionary**

*The first reader, accompanied by the second reader and psalmist, presents the lectionary to the bishop. The bishop shows it to the people and says:*

May the word of God always be heard in this place,  
as it unfolds the mystery of Christ before you  
and achieves your salvation within the Church.

**All respond: Amen.**

**First Reading: Nehemiah 8:1-4a,5-6,8-10**     *Brian Johnson*

**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 19**

**Response: Your words, O Lord, are life. Your words, Lord,  
are Spirit and life.**

**Second Reading: Ephesians 2:19-22**     *Priscilla McEfee*



Gospel Verse and Acclamation



**Gospel Proclamation: John 2: 13-22**

**Homily**     *Bishop Soto*

**Profession of Faith**

## III. PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND ANOINTING

Bishop: Let us ask the saints to support our prayers to God the Father almighty, who has made the hearts of his people faithful temples of his Spirit.

*(Remain standing)*

**Litany of Saints**

**Following the cantor's lead, the assembly replies with the following responses:**

Lord, have mercy  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy ... *(repeated)*

Pray for us ... *(repeated)*

Lord, save your people ... *(repeated)*

Lord, hear our prayer.  
Lord, hear our prayer.  
Christ, hear us.  
Lord Jesus, hear our prayer.

### **Prayer of Dedication**

*Bishop Soto*

#### **Anointing of the Walls of the Church**

*The oil used in this rite is Sacred Chrism, olive oil mixed with fragrant perfume and blessed each year by the Bishop at the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral. The same oil is used for the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Orders. The walls of the church are anointed to signify that it is given over entirely to Christian worship. This is done in four places and designated by the dedication crosses and candles mounted on the walls of the church.*



#### **Anointing Song: The Church's One Foundation**

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
She is his new creation by water and the word:  
From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;  
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,  
Her charter of salvation, "One Lord, one faith, one birth!"  
One holy Name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses with every grace endued.

'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,  
She waits the consummation of peace forever more,  
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God, the Three-in-One,  
And with the saints, communion with those whose rest is won.  
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we.  
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee.

### **Incensation of the Church**

*As incense rises up so our prayers of dedication rise up to the heavens reaching the throne of God. The people are incensed and then the nave of the church, indicating it is now made a house of prayer.*

Bishop: Lord, may our prayer ascend as incense in your sight.  
As this building is filled with fragrance so may your Church fill the world with the fragrance of Christ.

### **Incensation Song: Holy God We Praise Thy Name**

Holy God, we praise thy Name  
Lord of all we bow before Thee!  
All on earth thy scepter claim,  
All in heav'n above adore thee;  
Infinite, thy vast domain,  
Everlasting is thy reign.  
Infinite, thy vast domain,  
Everlasting is thy reign.

Hark the loud celestial hymn  
Angel choirs above are raising;  
Cherubim and seraphim,  
In unceasing chorus praising;  
Fill the heavens with sweet accord:  
“Holy, holy, holy Lord!”  
Fill the heavens with sweet accord:  
“Holy, holy, holy Lord!”

Holy Father, Holy Son,  
Holy Spirit, Three we name thee;  
While in essence only One,  
Undivided God we claim thee,  
And adoring, bend the knee,  
While we own the mystery,

And adoring, bend the knee,  
While we own the mystery.

### **Lighting of the Altar and the Church**

*The altar is now prepared for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. The altar cloth is placed by parishioners. Flowers are brought forward, meanwhile the altar, dedication and Advent wreath candles are lighted.*

Bishop: Light of Christ, shine forth in the Church  
And bring all nations to the fullness of truth.

### **Illumination Song: Christ, Be Our Light**

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

**Refrain: Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church, gathered today.**



Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has pow'r to save us. Make us your living voice.  
*(to refrain)*



Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed.  
*(to refrain)*

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone.  
*(to refrain)*

Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come  
*(to refrain)*

## IV. LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### Preparation of the Gifts Song: Table of Plenty

**Refrain:** Come to the feast of heaven and earth!  
Come to the table of plenty!  
God will provide for all that we need,  
here at the table of plenty.

O come and sit at my table  
where saints and sinners are friends,  
I wait to welcome the lost and lonely  
to share the cup of my love. *(to refrain)*

O come and eat without money;  
Come to drink without price.  
My feast of gladness will feed your spirit  
with faith and fullness of life. *(to refrain)*

My bread will ever sustain you  
through days of sorrow and woe.  
My wine will flow like a sea of gladness  
to flood the depths of your soul. *(to refrain)*

Your fields will flower in fullness;  
your homes will flourish in peace.  
For I, the giver of home and harvest,  
will send my rain on the soil. *(to refrain)*

### Prayer over the Gifts

### Eucharistic Prayer

#### Preface

#### Holy

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, God of might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.  
*(Kneel)*

**Memorial Acclamation**

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.  
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

**Amen**

Amen, amen, amen.  
Amen, amen, amen.  
*(Stand)*

**Communion Rite**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Sign of Peace**



**Breaking of the Bread: Lamb of God**



*(Kneel)*

**Communion**

Bishop: This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.  
Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**Response:** Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word and I shall be healed.

**Communion Song: Gift of Finest Wheat**

***Refrain: You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat,  
Come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.***

As when the shepherd calls his sheep,  
they know and heed his voice;

So when you call your family, Lord,  
we follow and rejoice. *(to refrain)*

With joyful lips we sing to you  
Our praise and gratitude,  
That you shall count us worthy, Lord  
to share this heavn'ly food. *(to refrain)*

Is not the cup we bless and share  
The blood of Christ outpoured?  
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare  
our oneness in the Lord? *(to refrain)*

The myst'ry of your presence, Lord,  
No mortal tongue can tell:  
Whom all the world cannot contain  
comes in our hearts to dwell. *(to refrain)*



You give yourself to us, O Lord;  
then selfless let us be,  
To serve each other in your name  
in truth and charity. *(to refrain)*



**Prayer after Communion**

*Bishop Soto*

## V. CONCLUDING RITE

**Remarks from the Parochial Administrator**

**Solemn Blessing and Dismissal**

**All respond:** Thanks be to God.

**Recessional Song: Hail, Holy Queen**

*To honor our Blessed Mother, patroness of our parish since 1929, and  
to seek her prayerful intercession, we sing:*

Hail, holy Queen enthroned above, O Maria!  
Hail, mother of mercy and of love, O Maria!

**Refrain:**

**Triumph, all ye cherubim; Sing with us ye seraphim!  
Heaven and earth resound the hymn:  
Salve, salve, salve, Regina!**

Our life, our sweetness here below, O Maria!  
Our hope in sorrow and in woe, O Maria! *(to refrain)*

And when our life-breath leaves us, O Maria!  
Show us thy Son, Christ Jesus, O Maria! *(to refrain)*

***Please join us in the social hall for refreshments and  
fellowship, courtesy of Christ the King Altar Society.  
Thank you for sharing this special day with us. May  
God bless you always.***



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**Luncheon Special Presentation:** Comstock Johnson Architects  
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***In Gratitude for Those Who Helped Prepare and Serve  
the Dedication Mass***

**Readers:** Priscilla McEfee, Brian Johnson

**Extraordinary Ministers of Communion:** Vern Burgess, Julie Chavez,  
Marci Johnson, Patty Parker, Linda Porter, Dennis Porter

**Gift bearers:** Leonel and Elizabeth Flores and family

**Servers:** Moises McCulloch, Aron McCulloch, Kelsey Wilkinson,  
Quinton Wilkinson

**Music Ministry:** Dwite Brown *(cantor)*, Jim Norman\* *(accompanist)*,  
Judy Baalman\*, Luci Burgess, Vicky Griffith\*, Joan Herndon\*, Carol  
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**Sacristan:** Pat Martin

**Presenters of the Church to the Bishop:** Dennis and Priscilla McEfee

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*We thank the many parishioners who periodically participated in the Building Committee during the last six years. We especially give thanks to God for the following parishioners who most actively served, past and present, on the committee:*

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#### **Parish Unification Committee**

*We thank the many parishioners who periodically participated in the Unification Committee since it was formed in May. We especially give thanks to God for the following parishioners who most actively served on the committee:*

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*A Brief History of Our Lady of the Snows Parish  
1929-2010*

While miners searched for gold in northeastern California, the real “gold” was timber. More than half a century later, Westwood was home to the Red River Lumber Company, the largest mill west of the Mississippi River. Westwood was a “company town” complete with heated sidewalks to keep pedestrian traffic flowing to the mill during the long seasons of snow.

Fr. Patrick O’Reilly, pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Susanville, celebrated the first Mass in Westwood in April of 1914. In 1922, with land and lumber donated by the mill, Our Lady of the Snows Church was built and became a parish seven years later with Fr. Michael O’Connell appointed the first pastor.



An archival photo of Our Lady of the Snows Church captures the early days.

Meanwhile, the Chester community grew in number with the opening of the Collins Pine mill in the 1940s and as Lake Almanor developed into a tourist destination. In 1950, Masses began being celebrated in the Chester Legion Hall and, after years of grassroots fund-raising, Christ the King Mission Church was erected in 1955.

Economic disaster struck Westwood one year later when Fruit Growers Supply Company--successor to Red River Mills--closed the Westwood

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mill, leaving the town with no employment base. Many families were forced to leave their beloved community. However, when Fruit Growers decided to sell their homes on auction, some dedicated and courageous families chose to stay and would faithfully sustain the parish for decades to come.

Today, though lumber is no longer king, retirement and recreation has taken its place. The number attending our churches often more than doubles during the summer months.

Faced with aging churches and the need to unite the Catholic faithful of the Almanor Basin at a central site, Fr. Thomas Carrigan first explored options back in the late 1980s. Finally, the donation of a seven-acre parcel in Lake Almanor by Roger Shaheen in 2003 provided a providential door for the future.



Construction nears completion of the Christ the King Church in Chester in 1955.

A three-year capital campaign entitled, “Uniting in Faith, Building One Family” ensued in the summer of 2008. Given the worst economic decline in many decades, generous parishioners--both year-round and seasonal--championed the effort and pledged more than \$660,000. Bishop William K. Weigand graciously matched it with \$250,000 from diocesan funds.

As Bishop Soto dedicates our new church and hall today, December 5, 2010, we begin a new era of our parish’s proud history, one founded on perseverance and a fervent love for our Lord and his church. May God bless all those who have contributed to this new beginning. May we continue to pray our journey ahead will be aided through the intercession of our Blessed Mother, Our Lady of the Snows, and, most of all, guided by our Lord Jesus, Christ the King.

## HISTORY OF OUR NEW CHURCH BELL

The bell, which called us to worship today for the first Mass at Our Lady of the Snows Church, Lake Almanor, is a gift of the parishioners of St. John's Parish, Quincy.

The historic bell was a gift to St. John's from the Western Pacific Railroad on June 5, 1952. In the same year, St. John's erected a bell tower on top of their church, which was originally constructed in 1938. The bell was replaced in the late 1950s by another donated bell and, since then, has remained unused in storage until the groundbreaking of our new church on Sept. 20, 2009.



As the bell tower is lifted into place on to the roof of St. John's Church, Quincy in 1952, the bell rests on the grass below the church steps, center.

The bell is from one of the steam locomotives that first traveled the Feather River

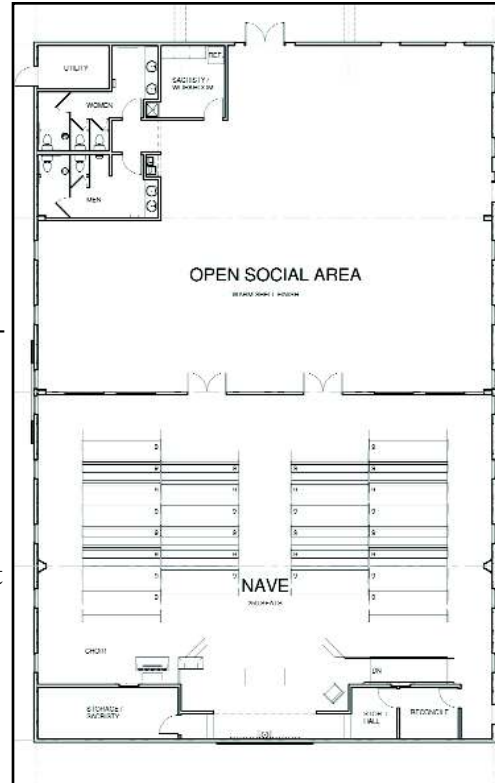
Route and later, in 1937, was put to use on the High Line Route extending from Keddie, Calif. (north of Quincy) northward through the Almanor Basin and on to its terminus at Bieber, Calif. It was mounted on low-speed, heavy hauling locomotives, such as those transporting timber to and from the mills. About 1300 of these locomotives were built and many of them lasted well into the modern diesel era.

May the blessing prayer offered by Bishop Soto at the September 2009 groundbreaking now become a reality: "Dear, Lord, may your people hasten to your church when they hear the call of this bell."

## Looking to the Future

While today we give thanks to God for all we have accomplished, there is still much to achieve in the years to come. Future fund-raising efforts and the ongoing generosity of parishioners and the community will help us to succeed in providing the following improvements:

- Completion of the social hall, which will include meeting rooms for our children's faith formation classes, adult education and parish committees.
- A modest kitchen providing greater opportunities for social gatherings, celebrations and fellowship.
- A weekday Mass and prayer chapel, which will allow us to offer daily Mass and a sacred place for private prayer, without having to heat the entire church.
- Adequate office space apart from the one office at the current Westwood rectory, providing suitable space for bulletin and parish mailing preparation, record keeping, storage, and secretarial support.
- An on-site, single-story rectory which will serve as the priest's residence, thereby helping him to be more available for church functions and liturgies and, at the same time, reside in a more centrally located area of the parish. Providing an energy-efficient, modest rectory is a high priority.



## ***It's Not Too Late to Help Secure Our Church's Future!***

With just ten months to completion, if you have not yet had the opportunity to pledge financial support to Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Parish's building campaign, please take a moment and do so today! Special pledge and contribution envelopes are available near the front doors of the social hall.

### **Please remember:**

- Your gift is important: not the amount, but your commitment and faith it represents. Please take your part in the last ten months of the "Uniting in Faith; Building One Family" capital campaign. With full parish participation, we will ease our debt and experience greater joy knowing we have all had a part in the future of our parish.
- Our new church allows us to hand down our faith to our parish youth and future generations so they may grow and thrive spiritually.
- Our new church unites all Catholics living in the Almanor Basin so we may deepen our sacramental life and realize the gifts of God's grace.
- This church is now our new spiritual home. As we grow closer to each other, we will grow closer to God.
- After many years of hard work and as we reach this historic milestone today, consider the milestones in our future that we will share together: Baptisms, First Communion, First Penance and Reconciliation, Confirmation, Matrimony, and Funeral Masses for our deceased loved ones.



May God bless you for your generosity to this vital project.

Fr. Larry Beck  
Fr. Mario Valmorida

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