

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Saturday: 5:00 pm | Sunday: 8:00 am & 11:30 am

Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday: 11:30 am

Confession: Wednesday at eleven am or by appointment

Baptisms and Marriages: Contact the parish office during business hours,

M-F, 9:00am 3:00pm or visit our website: www.ourladyoftahoe.org

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Can you imagine seven prominent men of Boston or Denver banding together, leaving their homes and professions, and going into solitude for a life directly given to God? That is what happened in the cultured and prosperous city of Florence in the middle of the 13th century. The city was torn with political strife as well as the heresy of the Cathari, who believed that physical reality was inherently evil. Morals were low and religion seemed meaningless. In 1240, seven noblemen of Florence mutually decided to withdraw from the city to a solitary place for prayer and direct service of God. Their initial difficulty was providing for their dependents, since two were still married and two were widowers. Their aim was to lead a life of penance and prayer, but they soon found themselves disturbed by constant visitors from Florence. They next withdrew to the deserted slopes of Monte Senario. In 1244, under the direction of Saint Peter of Verona, O.P., this small group adopted a religious habit similar to the Dominican habit, choosing to live under the Rule of St. Augustine and adopting the name of the Servants of Mary. The new Order took a form more like that of the mendicant friars than that of the older monastic Orders. Members of the community came to the United States from Austria in 1852 and settled in New York and later in Philadelphia. The two American provinces developed from the foundation made by Father Austin Morini in 1870 in Wisconsin. Community members combined monastic life and active ministry. In the monastery, they led a life of prayer, work, and silence while in the active apostolate they engaged in parochial work, teaching, preaching, and other ministerial activities. **Reflection:** The time in which the seven Servite founders lived is very easily comparable to the situation in which we find ourselves today. It is “the best of times and the worst of times,” as Dickens once wrote. Some, perhaps many, feel called to a countercultural life, even in religion. All of us are faced in a new and urgent way with the challenge to make our lives decisively centered in Christ.

As disciples of Jesus Christ, and in the name of Mary, Our Lady of Tahoe Catholic community welcomes and embraces all those who come to us. With guidance of the Holy Spirit, through worship, the sacraments, and loving service, we provide for one another’s spiritual and material needs. In being so nourished, we reach out in faith to serve the larger community.

During the month of February, we pray for all marriages which have been negatively impacted by the scars of an abortion. May these couples reach out for help so they can experience the willingness of God to walk with them through this challenging time, His immeasurable love, and His mercy. Please find out more about us at www.renodiocese.org. Click on Our Works, scroll down, click on Project Rachel. Contact our confidential, non-judgmental help line 775-324-4325 or email KarenM@Catholicreno.org to take advantage of valuable resources.

Welcome to the **2022 Catholic Services Appeal!** As disciples, we have the awesome privilege of walking with Jesus every day and inviting others to join us in this journey of faith. The Lord is always eager to meet us wherever we may be and to draw us closer to Himself and others. The parishes, schools, and other ministries of the Catholic Church are the many ways in which we help everyone take the next step in their discipleship. These ministries would not be possible without the collective support of everyone. By working together, we can live out the commandment to love God and our neighbor. Through the Catholic Services Appeal, you can help others take the next step in their faith lives as well. When you contribute to the Diocese of Reno, your donation is used to support the growth of our Diocese, with heavy focus on ministry, education, and vocations. And anything over our CSA target for the year is refunded back to OLT! We pray that you will be generous and are grateful for your support! **(We are off to a fantastic start, with already 11% of our goal!)**



Last weekend’s collection came to \$1,720.00. Thank You! The special 2nd collection for the Priests’ Relief Fund came to \$1,002.00. Thank you for your generosity!

Mass Intentions

Saturday	12	5:00pm	Intentions of OLT Parishioners	Pro Populo
Sunday	13	8:00am		
Sunday	13	11:30am		
Wednesday	16	11:30am		
Thursday	17	11:30am		
Friday	18	11:30am		

The Listening Sessions for our parish participation is the Church's gathering of input for the Synod 2023 in Rome. We are ready to roll here at OLOT! It is important that everyone attends and has a chance to offer their experiences and input. These experiences are recorded at the "listening sessions" by one of the facilitators and sent to the diocese for compilation with the other communities in our diocese and sent to Rome eventually. The following are some points of great importance for your participation in the "listening session" you choose to attend:

1. All parishioners of OLOT, your non-Catholic friends, interested persons, are invited to participate.
2. You need to come to only ONE of the three options that will be scheduled for your convenience.
3. The sessions are two hours long, beginning with a Holy Hour in the church, led by Father Larry, leading into the listening session.
4. You must be present for the entire two hour experience. No late arrivals and no early departures please.
5. Non-Catholics will not be required to attend the Holy Hour but must do a prayer time before attending.
6. The Facilitator will keep the sharing and listening on track referring to the two questions that you will be asked to share about. You may have already read the two questions in previous emails or bulletins from the parish. These questions will be presented to you again along with other helpful handouts at the sessions.
7. The Facilitator will help keep the sharing positive referring to the question we are asked to share about. These are not attack sessions about what's wrong, what's bad, blaming people, mistakes, etc., but what's is good, positive, right, inspiring, helpful, blessed, concerning the question we are dealing with in the sessions.
8. A person who speaks will not speak again until everyone else has had a chance to share.
9. We are scheduling THREE (3) sessions for OLOT parish for your convenience: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH FROM 10AM – 12 NOON. TUESDAY, MARCH 22ND FROM 2PM – 4PM. TUESDAY, APRIL 5TH FROM 7PM – 9PM.
10. Please arrange your schedule ahead of time to attend. We ask that you call Susan (Office Manager) to confirm your date of attendance in order to have a good idea of how many to expect at each session.

The three facilitators (Francie Alling, Matt Grisafe, & Thomas Stradtner) and I are excited to participate with you in these sessions! We hope you will consider taking time to participate in this opportunity to share for the good of the direction of our Church in the future.



Ash Wednesday services are on March 2nd at 9am and 5:30pm. The collection taken benefits the Church in Central and Eastern Europe.



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THAT HE GAVE
HIS ONLY
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THAT WHOSOEVER
BELIEVETH IN HIM
SHOULD NOT PERISH
BUT HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE





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