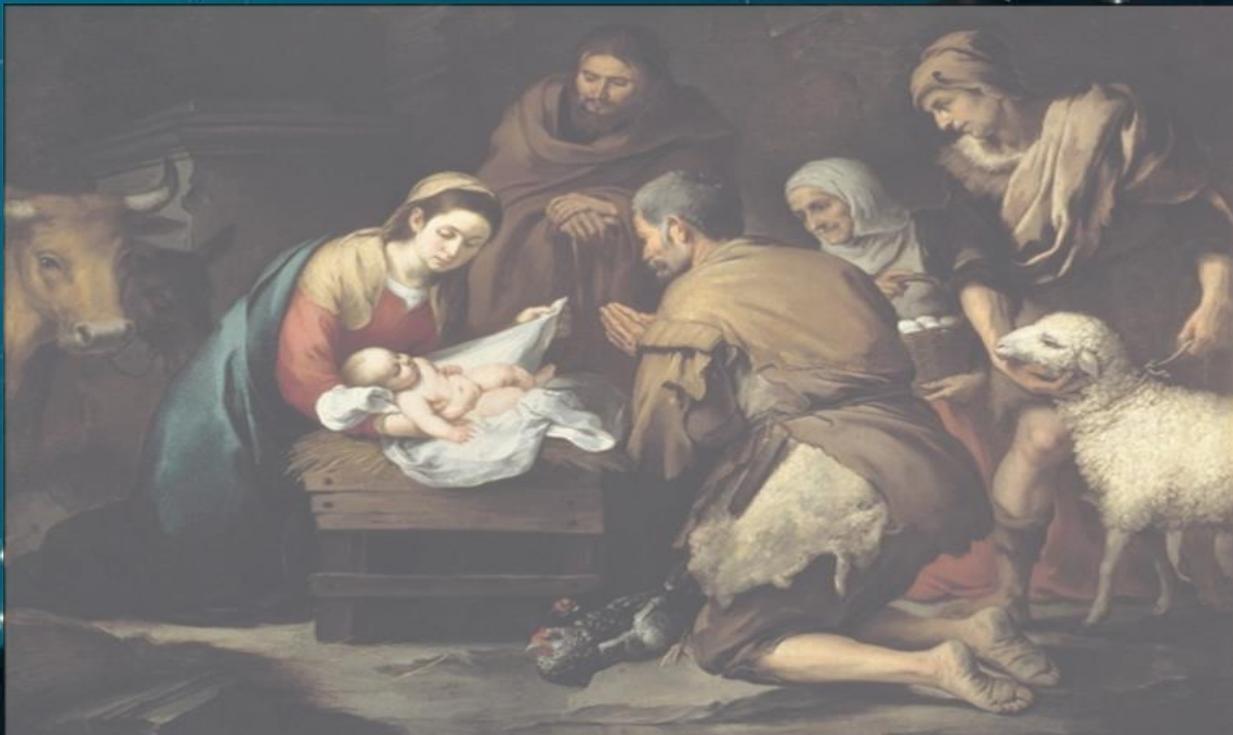


CHRISTMAS *Blessings*

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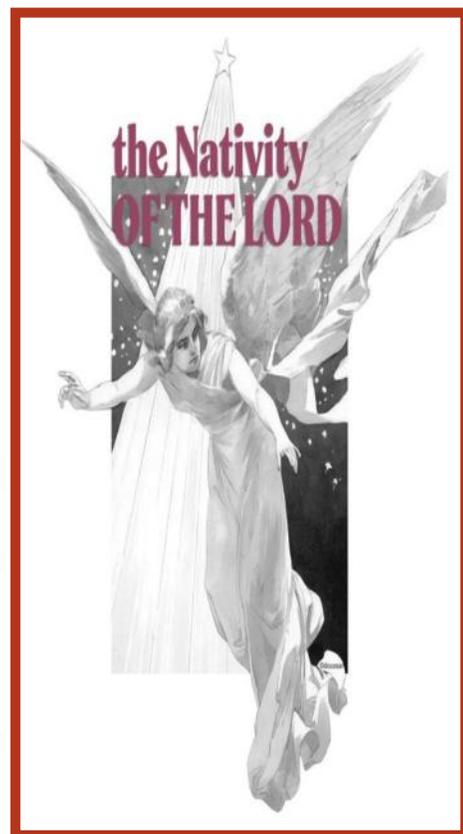
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St. John the Apostle, the son of Zebedee and Salome, was one of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus. John was called to be an Apostle by our Lord in the first year of His public ministry. He is considered the same person as John the Evangelist, John of Patmos and the Beloved Disciple. John's older brother was St. James the Great, another one of Jesus' Twelve Apostles. Jesus referred to the brothers as "Boanerges," meaning "sons of thunder." John is believed to be the longest living apostle and the only not to die a martyr's death. John, along with Peter and James, were the only witnesses of the raising of Daughter of Jairus, and the closest witnesses to the Agony in Gethsemane. John was the one who reported to Jesus they had "'forbidden' a non-disciple from casting out demons in Jesus' name." This prompted Jesus to state, "he who is not against us is on our side." John and Peter were the only two apostles sent by Jesus to make preparations for the final Passover meal, the Last Supper. During the meal, St. John sat next to Jesus, leaning on him rather than lying along the couches. John was the only one of the Twelve Apostles who did not forsake the Savior in the hour of His Passion. He stood faithfully at the cross when the Savior made him the guardian of His Mother. In the Gospel of John, the phrase "the disciple whom Jesus loved," or "the Beloved Disciple" is used five times but is not used in any other New Testament accounts of Jesus. St. John is called the Apostle of Charity, a virtue he had learned from his Divine Master, and which he constantly inculcated by word and example. The "beloved disciple" died in Ephesus after AD 98, where a stately church was erected over his tomb. St. John is the patron saint of love, loyalty, friendships, and authors. He is often depicted in art as the author of the Gospel with an eagle, symbolizing "the height he rose to in his gospel." St. John, Apostle and Evangelist's feast day is celebrated on December 27.



Before the Paling of the Stars

By Christina Georgina Rossetti

Before the paling of the stars,
 Before the winter morn,
 Before the earliest cock crow,
 Jesus Christ was born:
 Born in a stable,
 Cradled in a manger,
 In the world his hands had made
 Born a stranger.

Priest and king lay fast asleep
 In Jerusalem;
 Young and old lay fast asleep
 In crowded Bethlehem;
 Saint and angel, ox and ass,
 Kept a watch together
 Before the Christmas daybreak
 In the winter weather.

Jesus on his mother's breast
 In the stable cold,
 Spotless lamb of God was he,
 Shepherd of the fold:
 Let us kneel with Mary maid,
 With Joseph bent and hoary,
 With saint and angel, ox and ass,
 To hail the King of Glory.



Liturgy of the Word #7 – The Homily

“Philip ran up and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. ‘Do you understand what you are reading?’ Philip asked. ‘How can I,’ he said, ‘unless someone explains it to me?’” Acts 8:30-31 NIV

At its core, the homily is nothing more than a reflection on what has already been proclaimed, in order to aid us in incorporating the sacred mysteries into our own lives. In a sense, we have already heard everything that will be said in the readings before the homily ever begins. However, even going back to the story of the Road to Emmaus (c.f. Luke 24:27), at times we need things explained to us again. Further we need to be reminded of where we fit into this story. And so, in the homily, we join those disciples on the road and listen as the scriptures are once again opened to us. Was there ever anything in the Bible you didn't understand when you were younger, but now understand? What is a question you still wrestle with?

Mass Intentions

Saturday	24	5pm	Family and Children	
Saturday	24	9pm	Intentions of OLT Parishioners	Pro Populo
Sunday	25	8am	Intention of the Priest	
Sunday	25	11:30am	Intention of the Priest	
Wednesday	28	11:30am	No Mass	
Thursday	29	11:30am	No Mass	
Friday	30	11:30am	Church and Office Closed in Observance of New Year's Eve	

Today, the greeting "Merry Christmas" is on our lips and in our hearts. What does this simple greeting mean? We know, of course, that for many people, things are not merry today, and that for all of us, there are certain things that cause us anxiety and sadness. There is evil in the world and in our lives. But "Merry Christmas" does not mean that we always feel happy, nor does it mean that everything is going our way. What it means instead is that even if everything else is falling apart, we always have access to God. Christ has come to lead us to the Father and bring us a new relationship with God and each other in the life that never ends. "Merry Christmas" means that even in the midst of sadness, we can never lose this gift. We simply need to take hold of it and be faithful. He is with us always, and that brings a peace and joy that the world can neither give nor take away. Merry Christmas!



The 2023 calendars will be available next weekend after mass. Our continued gratitude to the Women's Guild for their steadfast support!

Last weekend's collection came to \$2,616.00.
Thank you for your generosity!

OLT Bible Study Update...

We've just finished Matthew 15! We are taking a break for Advent & will resume with Matthew 16 on January 11, 2023! Please join us Wednesdays 10am-11:15 in the Parish Hall. For more information, please contact Janine Nyre at 775-339-1961 or janinenyre@comcast.net.

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.

Catechism in a Year...

Beginning January 1, 2023, there will be a Podcast series *Catechism in a Year* hosted by Fr. Mike Schmitz & Jeff Cavins. This will be an individual study featuring daily podcasts (20 minutes). Anyone interested in joining in a monthly discussion to share insights & explore what we are learning, please contact Janine Nyre at 775-339-1961 or email janinenyre@comcast.net.



Registration Now Open! The 40th Annual Diocesan Conference "The Eucharis: Source and Summit of Life" is being held January 6 & 7, 2023 at the Nugget Casino Resort in Sparks. We are all in person this year with a variety of workshops to choose from. Including keynote presentations by Sherry Weddell, Dr. Hosffman Ospino, and Fr. Tony Ricard. Concerts by John Angotti and Pedro Rubalcava. As a result of our late start with registration information we are waving the \$10 late fee for all pre-registrations. You can sign up online now at reno-diocesan-conference.org.



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