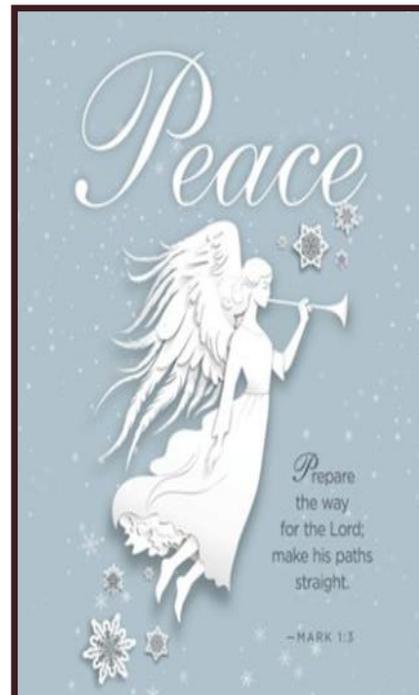


# Our Lady of Tahoe

## Second Sunday of Advent

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulder. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."



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

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Thursday, December 8  
Holy Day of Obligation



"The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Savior of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin." In 1854, Pope Pius IX's solemn declaration, "Ineffabilis Deus," clarified with finality the long-held belief of the Church that Mary was conceived free from original sin. Mary was granted this extraordinary privilege because of Her unique role in history as the Mother of God. That is, she received the gift of salvation in Christ from the very moment of her conception. Even though Mary is unique in all humanity for being born without sin, she is held up by the Church as a model for all humanity in Her holiness and Her purity in her willingness to accept the Plan of God for her. Every person is called to recognize and respond to God's call to their own vocation in order to carry out God's plan for their life and fulfill the mission prepared for them since before the beginning of time. Mary's "Let it be done to me according to Thy Word," in response of the Angel Gabriel's greeting, is the response required of all Christians to God's Plan. The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is a time to celebrate the great joy of God's gift to humanity in Mary, and to recognize with greater clarity, the truth that each and every human being has been created by God to fulfill a particular mission that he and only he can fulfill. "The word of the Lord came to me thus: "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you." (Jeremiah 1:5-6)

### A message from Bishop Mueggenborg:

Across the United States, hundreds of religious communities - Priests, Brothers, Sisters, and Nuns - lack financial resources to meet the retirement and healthcare needs of aging members. Many elder religious spent their youth working for small stipends, with little for retirement savings. Simultaneously the decrease in religious vocations means that few religious are able to serve in compensated ministry. Today, retired religious outnumber wage-earners by three to one. The Retirement Fund for Religious (RFR) attempts to provide for those religious who gave their lives to the church. Most donations to the RFR are distributed as Direct Care Assistance, going to individual religious for immediate eldercare needs or saved for long-term expenses. Nearly 25,000 elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests benefit annually from this fund. Roughly 95% of the RFR budget aides senior religious. The remainder is used for administration of the funds and promotion of the nationwide RFR appeal. Donating to this fund is a great way to help the growing number of elderly who, due to their service to God, were unable to save for their retirement.

### 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](mailto:janinenyre@comcast.net).



### 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](mailto:janinenyre@comcast.net).

### Liturgy of the Word #4 – Second Reading

"The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you." John 14:26 NIV

The Second Reading is always taken from the New Testament and is read in what is known as a "semi-continuous" manner. This is to say, over the course of a few Sundays, the Church will read through a single book of the New Testament, and when we get to the end of that book, we switch to another book of the New Testament. Because of this, the Second Reading usually will not have the same theme as the other readings at that particular Mass. Instead, it will focus on some important theological points. The Second Reading is, in a sense, a theological lesson on what living a life of faith entails. What is your favorite New Testament passage? In what ways do you see yourself resembling St. Paul?



## Mass Intentions

Saturday	3	5pm	For the End of Abortion	Save the Holy Innocents
Sunday	4	8am	Intentions of OLT Parishioners	Pro Populo
Sunday	4	11:30am	† Frank Napier	Mike and Anne Filce
Wednesday	7	11:30am	Suzi VanCamp	Chris Thomas
Thursday	8	9am	Intentions of the Priest	
Thursday	8	5:30pm	Intentions of the Priest	
Friday	9	11:30am		

### It's Time for Our Annual Parish Christmas Party!

Join us on December 11th at 4pm! Turkey, Ham, and Prime Rib dinner! Please pick up a potluck item when purchasing your tickets at the giftshop or after mass from a team member. The price is \$15 for individuals, \$25 for couples, children 12 and under are free. There will be a 50/50 drawing and a \$20 gift swap.

Hosted by the Men's Fellowship & Women's Guild

Last weekend's collection came to \$16,749.00 and we raised \$15,780 from #iGiveCatholic. We are in awe of your generosity and earnestly appreciate your support!

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.

Registration Now Open! The 40<sup>th</sup> 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](https://reno-diocesan-conference.org).

### OLT Outreach Christmas Tree for the Children:

We are again giving each of our Outreach Children a \$20 gift card. We have 133 children this year. If you wish to participate and bring JOY in the Christmas Spirit to one or more children, please take an envelope from the tree and place your check or cash in it, then put it in the collection basket. All donations must be in by the December 3rd & 4th weekend, so we can buy the gift cards and give them to the children on December 10th. Thanking you in advance for your wonderful generosity.

### Advent Reconciliation Services

St. Teresa of Avila on December 2<sup>nd</sup> (Friday) at 5.30pm  
St. Therese Little Flower on December 13<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday) at 7pm  
St. Francis of Assisi on December 15<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) at 5:30pm  
St. Paul's on December 15<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) at 6pm  
St. Joseph's Church in Elko on December 16<sup>th</sup> (Friday) at 6.30pm  
Immaculate Conception on December 16<sup>th</sup> (Friday) at 7pm  
St. Michael on December 20<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday) at 6pm  
St. John Bosco on December 21<sup>st</sup> (Wednesday) at 6pm  
St. Rose of Lima on December 21<sup>st</sup> (Wednesday) at 6:30pm  
St. Thomas Aquinas Cathedral on December 22<sup>nd</sup> (Thursday) at 6:30pm



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