

# Our Lady of Tahoe Catholic Church

## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday: 11:30am

Confession: Wednesday at 11am or by appointment

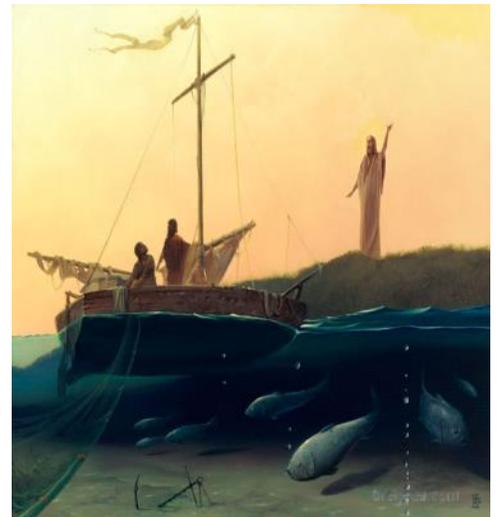
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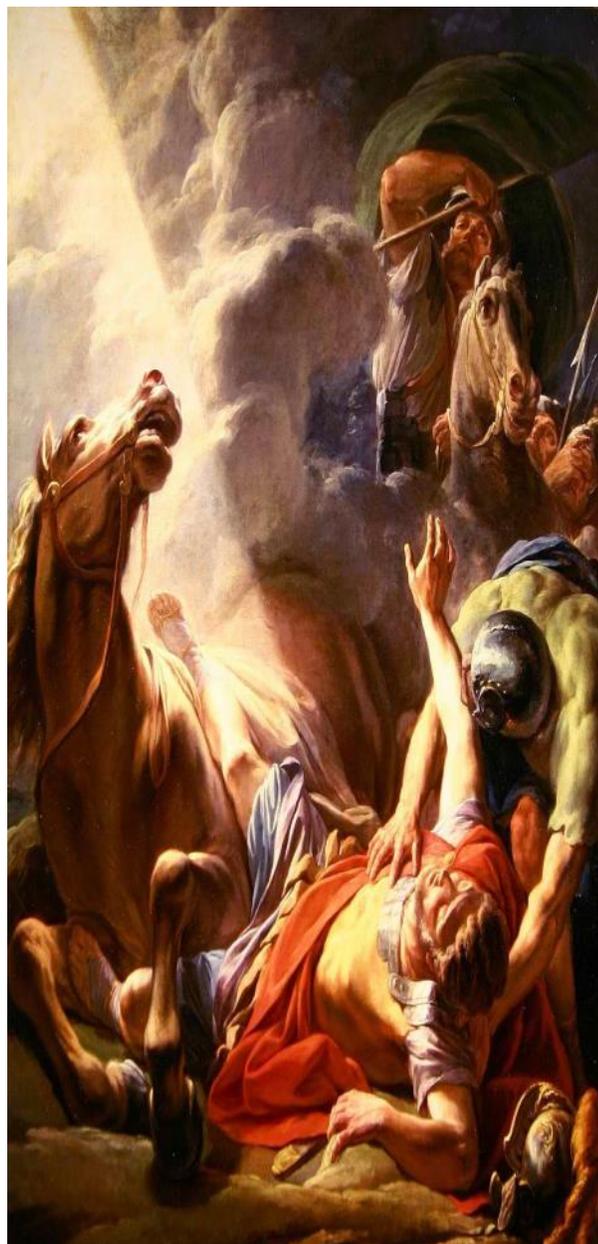
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"Come after me, and I will  
make you fishers of men."

## The Story of the Conversion of Saint Paul

Saint Paul's entire life can be explained in terms of one experience—his meeting with Jesus on the road to Damascus. In an instant, he saw that all the zeal of his dynamic personality was being wasted, like the strength of a boxer swinging wildly. Perhaps he had never seen Jesus, who was only a few years older. But he had acquired a zealot's hatred of all Jesus stood for, as he began to harass the Church: "...entering house after house and dragging out men and women, he handed them over for imprisonment" (Acts 8:3b). Now he himself was "entered," possessed, all his energy harnessed to one goal—being a slave of Christ in the ministry of reconciliation, an instrument to help others experience the one Savior. One sentence determined his theology: "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting" (Acts 9:5b). Jesus was mysteriously identified with people—the loving group of people Saul had been running down like criminals. Jesus, he saw, was the mysterious fulfillment of all he had been blindly pursuing. From then on, his only work was to "present everyone perfect in Christ. For this I labor and struggle, in accord with the exercise of his power working within me" (Colossians 1:28b-29). "For our gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and [with] much conviction" (1 Thessalonians 1:5a). Paul's life became a tireless proclaiming and living out of the message of the cross: Christians die baptismally to sin and are buried with Christ; they are dead to all that is sinful and unredeemed in the world. They are made into a new creation, already sharing Christ's victory and someday to rise from the dead like him. Through this risen Christ the Father pours out the Spirit on them, making them completely new. So Paul's great message to the world was: You are saved entirely by God, not by anything you can do. Saving faith is the gift of total, free, personal and loving commitment to Christ, a commitment that then bears fruit in more "works" than the Law could ever contemplate. **Reflection** - Paul is undoubtedly hard to understand. His style often reflects the rabbinical style of argument of his day, and often his thought skips on mountaintops while we plod below. But perhaps our problems are accentuated by the fact that so many beautiful jewels have become part of the everyday coin in our Christian language.



### Catechism in a Year

Many of us were well past our teenage years when St John Paul II authorized the first universal catechism of the Church in over 400 years. He appointed Cardinal Ratzinger (Pope Benedict XVI) to lead this incredible effort which was released to the Church family in 1992. "This Catechism presents us with an organic and systematic summary of the essential doctrines of the Catholic Church. It conveys the truth, beauty, goodness and fullness of our faith in a way that is ever ancient, ever new." *Adapted from the Introduction of the Catechism of the Catholic Church*

The Catechism in a Year is a podcast, launching January 1st, will take us through the entire Catechism of the Catholic Church. Fr. Mike will offer encouragement and insight on the readings as we go to help us clearly understand Church teaching and allow those truths to shape our lives, day by day. Maybe you've only ever read parts of the Catechism, or maybe you aren't familiar with this book at all. Regardless of your current knowledge of the Catechism or our faith, this podcast will help you learn more and grow closer to God. The Catechism discusses and explains the teachings of the Catholic Church, a Church founded by Jesus Christ over 2,000 years ago. It's rooted in Scripture and because we'll be reading it in podcast form, it is easy and accessible. Each of the daily episodes will be about 15-20 minutes long, making it easy to listen to while driving into work, going on your daily walk, or drinking your morning coffee. The podcast is completely free and available on all major podcast apps and YouTube.

If you need help finding the podcast or reading plan, please contact Janine Nyre. Additionally, we will have a monthly discussion group to get together to explore our learning and support each other. Let me know if you are interested. Janine Nyre 775-339-1961 or [janinenyre@comcast.net](mailto:janinenyre@comcast.net).

## Mass Intentions

Saturday	21	5pm
Sunday	22	8am
Sunday	22	11:30am
Wednesday	25	11:30am
Thursday	26	11:30am
Friday	27	11:30am

Intentions of OLT Parishioners  
Suzi VanCamp

Pro Populo  
Chris Thomas

Last weekend's collection came to \$1,694.00. The work of the church could not go on without the consistent, generous gifts of God's people through Tithes and Offerings. One of the greatest indications of our love for the Lord and His church is both our desire to give, as well as the action of giving. Thank you for being a blessing with your giving!



January 19 Envelope Update - We have changed companies for our offering envelope boxed sets. The new company is working on getting our order ASAP, and hopefully we should have them very soon. For now, there are general offering envelopes on the tables in the back of the church which you can use temporarily or if you prefer to donate online, please visit: <https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/ourladyoftahoe>. We apologize for any inconvenience this has caused. Please contact the office should you have any questions or concerns.

## Offertory Rites #1 –The Offertory

The primary action of the Offertory Rites is the giving of the bread and the wine. In this gift, the community presents to the Lord all that it is and has. The bread and the wine are symbols of our lives and of our hopes, of our sacrifices and sorrows. And we give them to the Lord. And this bread and the wine, symbols of our lives, will become the most sacred body and blood of Jesus. And when Christ gives us His Sacred Body and Blood at communion, we too are changed and become the mystical body of Christ. But Christ can only change that which we give to Him. How do you consecrate your life to the Lord? Is there anything you are holding back from the Lord?



During the month of January, we pray for all mothers who are seeking abortions and those who support the decision. May they have a change of heart, decide to choose life, and reach out to the crisis pregnancy resources available. Our God is all loving, merciful, and willing to walk with them through this challenging time. The Project Rachel ministry can refer mothers to these resources, in addition to post-abortion resources. Please find out more about us at <https://www.highdesertcatholic.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](mailto:KarenM@Catholicreno.org) to take advantage of valuable resources.

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.



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