

Our Lady of Tahoe Catholic Church

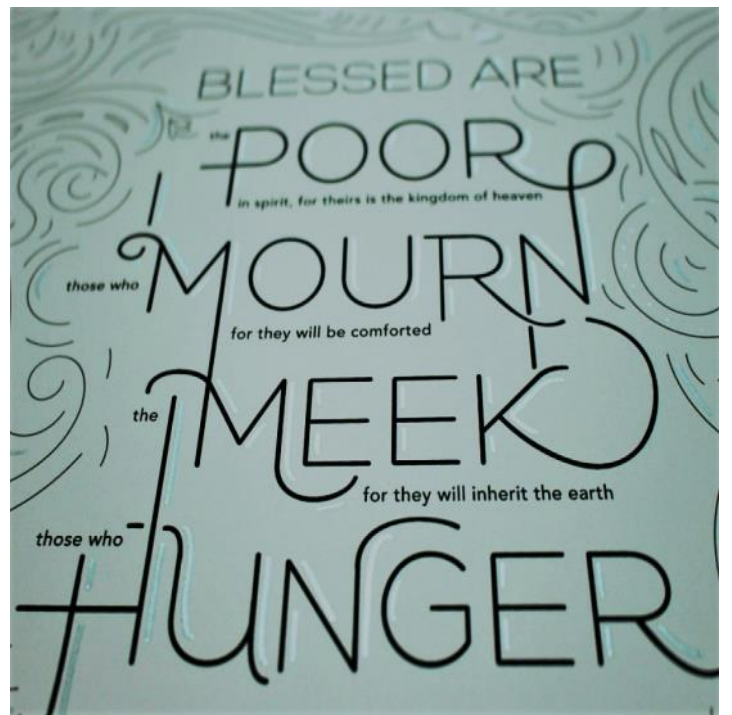
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



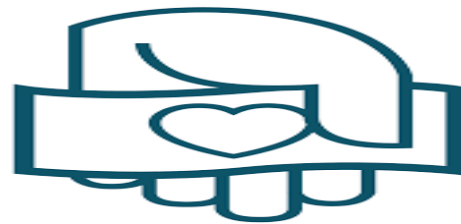
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There is one more sacred day that should not be lost in avalanche of the “winter holidays.” February 2 – the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord – deserves more attention than just being the absolute final day for the Christmas decorations. We celebrate the blessing of the candles for the year – Candlemas – on February 2. After celebrating the Nativity of our Lord, with its splendor in both the Church and the popular culture, it would be easy for one’s mind to drift and overlook the significance of the fortieth day after the Lord’s birth. But we should look beyond our hustling to banish the decorations to the attic, the obsession over the days remaining in this strenuous winter, and endless chatter about Super Bowl Sunday. Because the events set in motion with the Annunciation and Nativity continue with the significant presentation of our Lord in the Temple. Joseph and Mary’s presentation of the baby was no pro forma event. The words of the prophet Malachi are fulfilled in the poor parents presenting their firstborn son along with their humble sacrifice of two turtledoves. The mother of God – the Theotokos, in no need of ritual purification – and her husband did not set themselves above the Law. In their conformation to the Law is God’s entrance into his Temple. Simeon and Anna, pious and elderly, having spent their lives in prayer and waiting in the Temple for the Messiah, have their moment. There is the glorious Nunc Dimittis of Simeon. With Candlemas we celebrate the coming of the Light of the World. But a shadow also passes; a shadow foretelling the suffering that will precede the victory of the Light over darkness. Simeon not only proclaimed that he had seen his salvation, but also told the Mother of our Lord that her share would include a sorrow pierced heart. In *Redemptoris Mater*, Pope John Paul II wrote that Mary heard in Simeon’s words something akin to a second Annunciation, “for they tell her of the actual historical situation in which the Son is to accomplish his mission, namely, in misunderstanding and sorrow. While this announcement on the one hand confirms her faith in the accomplishment of the divine promises of salvation, on the other hand it also reveals to her that she will have to live her obedience of faith in suffering, at the side of the suffering Savior, and that her motherhood will be mysterious and sorrowful.” This is where it starts to get ‘real’, i.e. moving past the holly, tinsel, and jolly carols. The tiny child snuggled in the crèche a few weeks ago is now revealed to be a sign of contradiction. His gentle obedient mother faces a future of sorrow. Simeon asked to depart in peace. What shall we ask of the Lord as we celebrate his Presentation?



My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Priest’s Relief Collection is taken up each year in order to provide funds for this specific purpose. This collection will be taken up next weekend on February 4 & 5. As Bishop of the Diocese of Reno, I have a special concern for the priests who share with me the ministry and care for the faithful of this diocese. These priests have dedicated their lives to the ministry and service to the people of Northern Nevada. One of my responsibilities is to ensure that we are prepared to assist them, when necessary, with retirement and health needs that are extraordinary. Despite our best efforts to plan, there may be times when a priest may find it necessary to ask for additional financial assistance because insurance covers only a portion of health expenses or there is some other unforeseen crisis. I know you share with me a sense of gratitude for the ministry of our priests. Your financial support will enable me to be prepared to assist them in times of special need. Thank you for your generosity.

With every best wish and an assurance of prayers, I remain,

Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Daniel H. Mueggenborg

Bishop of Reno



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.

Mass Intentions

Saturday	28	5pm	† Ann Smith	The Marschner Family
Sunday	29	8am	Intentions of OLT Parishioners	Pro Populo
Sunday	29	11:30am	Suzi VanCamp	Chris Thomas
Wednesday	1	11:30am	† Dale Ahern	The Ahern Family
Thursday	2	11:30am		
Friday	3	11:30am		

Last weekend's collection came to \$2,972.00. 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!



Offertory Rites #2–The Collection

“And they who are well to do, and willing, give what each thinks fit; and... in a word takes care of all who are in need.” St. Justin Martyr describing the collection at the Mass in the second century, First Apology chapter 67

As stated last week, the primary symbol of the offertory is the presentation of the gifts of bread and wine. In these, we symbolically offer everything we have and are to the Lord. However, it is also customary to take up a collection at this time. The reason for this, is that we are concretizing what is symbolic. In this gift, we are giving to the Lord the hours of work it took to earn the money we are offering, all the difficulties involved with it, all that we could have bought with it, and all that we still have as stewards of God's gifts. The money makes tangible what is symbolic in the bread and wine. How is your offering an extension of Christian communion?

For those who use boxed envelope sets, GOOD news...they are here, on the tables, in the back of the church. If you don't have a set, but would like one, please contact the office. Blessings in Christ!

I see it approaching
The much-awaited, deeply desired
LONG WEEKEND!!



Susan will be out of the office on Fridays during February and March. Please contact her Monday through Thursday if you need assistance. Thanks!

If your New Year's resolution is getting your house, or maybe just a closet, organized, consider donating your pre-loved items to Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada (CCNN). CCNN is in need of gently-used items to sell in its St. Vincent's Thrift Stores. Donations of shoes and clothing for men, women and children, cold-weather items (scarves, gloves, coats and sweaters), household items, children's toys, outdoor equipment, furniture and more supports Catholic Charities programs. Catholic Charities operates two thrift stores in the Reno-Sparks community. The St. Vincent's Thrift Shop is located at 500 East Fourth Street in Reno. St. Vincent's Super Thrift is located at 190 E. Glendale Avenue in Sparks. Donations for either site can be made Monday through Sunday 8am to 1pm. The Thrift Shop (Reno) is open Monday-Saturday: 9am. - 5:30pm and Sunday: 10am - 5:30pm. Super Thrift (Sparks) is open Monday through Saturday: 9am. - 7pm and Sunday: 10:am- 6pm.

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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