

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

I came into this world
for judgment, so that those who do
not see might see, and those who
do see might become blind.

John 9:39

Our Lady of Tahoe



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*No matter
how long
the winter,
spring is
sure to
follow...*

Saint Joseph's Story - The Bible pays Joseph the highest compliment: he was a "just" man. The quality meant a lot more than faithfulness in paying debts. When the Bible speaks of God "justifying" someone, it means that God, the all-holy or "righteous" one, so transforms a person that the individual shares somehow in God's own holiness, and hence it is really "right" for God to love him or her. In other words, God is not playing games, acting as if we were lovable when we are not. By saying Joseph was "just," the Bible means that he was one who was completely open to all that God wanted to do for him. He became holy by opening himself totally to God. The rest we can easily surmise. Think of the kind of love with which he wooed and won Mary, and the depth of the love they shared during their marriage. It is no contradiction of Joseph's manly holiness that he decided to divorce Mary when she was found to be with child. The important words of the Bible are that he planned to do this "quietly" because he was "a righteous man yet unwilling to expose her to shame" (Matthew 1:19). The just man was simply, joyfully, wholeheartedly obedient to God—in marrying Mary, in naming Jesus, in shepherding the precious pair to Egypt, in bringing them to Nazareth, in the undetermined number of years of quiet faith and courage. **Reflection** - The Bible tells us nothing of Joseph in the years after the return to Nazareth except the incident of finding Jesus in the Temple (Luke 2:41-51). Perhaps this can be taken to mean that God wants us to realize that the holiest family was like every other family—that the circumstances of life for the holiest family were like those of every family, so that when Jesus' mysterious nature began to appear, people couldn't believe that he came from such humble beginnings: "Is he not the carpenter's son? Is not his mother named Mary...?" (Matthew 13:55a). It was almost as indignant as "Can anything good come from Nazareth?" (John 1:46b).



Bible Study News!

This next week we will finish our deep dive into the Gospel of Matthew. It has been a deeply meaningful 24 week exploration of the Gospel where we discussed the perspective of Matthew (a disciple of Jewish background writing to Jews at the time of Jesus). There are many subtleties of this Gospel that jump out when you take the time to look at the context and what the Jews at the time would have understood. Did you know that every Jewish child attended school from the ages of 5-9 years old where they had to memorize the first five books of the Bible (The Pentateuch)? If that was completed successfully, the boys would continue on to memorize the balance of the Tanakh (basically most of the balance of the books of the Old Testament). *(I don't know about you.. but I remember how hard it was for each of my kids to memorize the Declaration of Independence in Middle School.)* Imagine how powerful the connections in the text of the Old Testament become if you have memorized the entire text. We stand completely in awe of this learning and dedication on the part of God's chosen people. In our next chapter of Bible Study, we will embark on a deeply meaningful journey with: "What we believe: The Beauty of the Catholic Faith" We invite everyone to join us on this journey. Please contact Janine

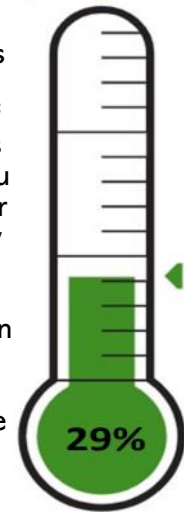
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Laus Deo Semper!

2023 Catholic Services Appeal

\$47,179

Please remember, stewardship begins with each one of us, but the work of the church belongs to all of us. Will you prayerfully consider making a monetary gift to CSA? Brochures and pledge cards are on the tables in the back of the church. Thanks to everyone who has already donated!



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\$13,940

St. Patrick's Day Party

Join us this Sunday (3/19) for dinner in the Parish Hall. Offerings include corned beef and cabbage, boiled potatoes, bread, and dessert. Price is \$10 per person at the door. Dinner is at 5pm with a suggested 4:30 arrival time.

Mass Intentions

Saturday	18	5pm	† Charles and Vera Barbara	The DePasquale Family
Sunday	19	8am	Intentions of OLT Parishioners	Pro Populo
Sunday	19	11:30am	Suzi VanCamp	Chris Thomas
Wednesday	22	11:30am		
Thursday	23	11:30am		
Friday	24	11:30am		

Last weekend's collection came to \$9,449.00. We are beyond grateful for your faithful giving to Our Lady of Tahoe and we pray God's blessings over you. Thank you so much!



Thursday March 30th, 2023 at Saint Rose of Lima, Bishop Daniel Mueggenborg will celebrate the annual Chrism Mass. The Chrism Mass centers around the blessing of the three Holy Oils that will be used in Baptism, Confirmation, Anointing of the Sick, and Holy Orders (Ordination) for the following year. After the blessing of the Holy Oils, they will be distributed to each Catholic Parish in the Diocese. Additionally at this Mass the Priests of the Diocese- in the presence of the Bishop- renew their promise of priestly ministry. This is a unique Mass in the Church's liturgical calendar and is a great way to prepare for Holy Week. Please join us for 5:30PM Chrism Mass at Saint Rose of Lima on March 30th. This event is on the Diocese of Reno calendar at <https://www.highdesertcatholic.org/event/diocese-of-reno-chrism-mass/>

We have Stations of the Cross this year at 12 noon, following the 11:30am mass on the Fridays of Lent. Please contact the office should you have further questions.



Eucharistic Prayer #2 – Preface

“...when you hear ‘Lift up the heart’ from the high priest, you answer, ‘We have lifted it up to the Lord.’ Try very hard to make your answer a true one, because you are making it in the course of the activity of God; let it be just as you say; don’t let the tongue declare it, while the conscience denies it.”
St. Augustine Sermon 229A

The Preface is in a sense the gate to the heavenly mysteries, because through the Preface we enter the company of the Blessed. The introductory dialogue of the Preface is very ancient, preceding even St. Augustine in the 4th Century, and it summarizes our hope in heaven. In English, when we respond to the priest's invitation “Lift up your hearts” we say poetically “we lift them up to the Lord.” However, the original Latin is much more direct—we don't lift them to the Lord as though it were an action we are doing right now. Rather it says, “habemos ad Dominum”— we have, to the Lord. It is a subtle point, but an important one; our hearts are already with the Lord, because our whole lives have already been directed to Him – we now simply approach where our hearts have proceeded us. What is most important in your life right now? How can you consecrate that to God?

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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