

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

This illness is not  
to end in death,  
but is for the glory of God,  
that the Son of God may  
be glorified through it.

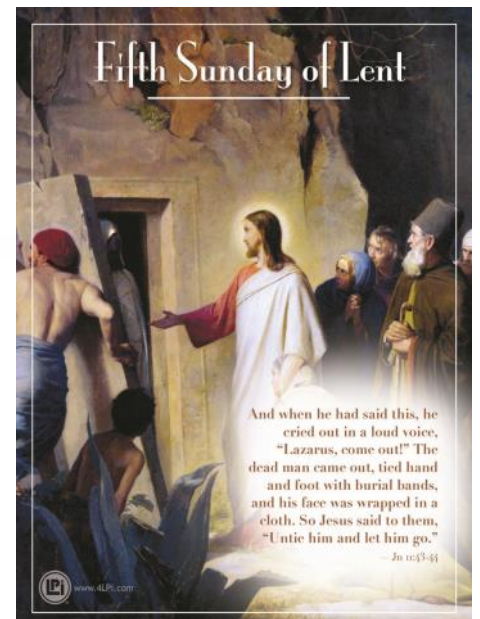
John 11:4



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Saturday: 5pm | Sunday: 8am & 11:30am  
Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday: 11:30am  
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Holy week is the week before Easter Sunday, beginning seven days before with Palm Sunday. It ends with Holy Saturday. Easter is not part of Holy Week, but rather the beginning of the Easter season of the Liturgical year. Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday. On this day, we celebrate the triumphant entry of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, into Jerusalem, riding a donkey. On that day, the people laid palms before Him, a gesture reserved for triumphant leaders. We celebrate this at Mass by distributing palms to the faithful. The palms are blessed at Mass. The faithful sometimes craft portions of palm fronds into crosses. Eventually, these palms are returned to the Church where they are burned. Traditionally, their ashes are saved and distributed at next year's Ash Wednesday services. Later, when Jesus entered the Temple, he angrily drove out the money changers who had turned the Temple court into a place of business instead of devotion. Once the court was cleared, Jesus began teaching the masses. Meanwhile, His enemies drew plans to kill Him. The next major event in Holy Week is Holy Thursday. On this day, Jesus celebrated the Passover feast with the disciples. We know this feast as the Last Supper. This is the night He was betrayed by Judas and arrested. The Last Supper is celebrated at every Mass, and especially on Holy Thursday. After supper, Jesus went to the Mount of Olives and prayed. Jesus was arrested on the night of Holy Thursday. The next day is Good Friday, and on this day, we commemorate the trial, punishment, and crucifixion of Our Lord. On that morning, Jesus was brought before Annas, a powerful Jewish cleric who condemned Jesus for blasphemy. From there, Jesus was presented to Pilate for trial. Although Pilate found no guilt in Jesus, he agreed to have him crucified to appease the crowd of people and prevent a riot. Christ was stripped, flogged, and crowned with thorns. He was then forced to carry His Cross to the place of His execution. There, He was nailed to the Cross between two thieves who were likewise crucified. Late that afternoon, seeking to ensure Christ's death, a Roman guard stabbed him in his side with a spear. When Jesus died, an earthquake is said to have occurred as well as a great darkness which covered the land. Suddenly, many people knew Jesus was the Son of God. Jesus was taken and laid quickly in a borrowed tomb, in accord with Jewish law, which required the dead be buried by sundown before the Sabbath. On Holy Saturday, we remember that Jesus was descended into hell where He preached the Gospel to those who died before and opened the way to heaven for all those who were worthy. The following day is Easter Sunday, the day on which it was discovered the Tomb was empty, and our Lord was resurrected, triumphing over death once and for all time.



Holy Week Schedule:

Palm Sunday – Saturday at 5pm/ Sunday at 8am and 11:30am. (Palms will be blessed and distributed). The Passion of the Lord is read at the Gospel time.

Wednesday of Holy Week – Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) at 11am followed by mass at 11:30am.

Thursday – Holy Thursday – Celebration of the Lord's Supper – Mass is at 7pm only! A time of adoration of the Lord in the Tabernacle after mass is permitted.

Friday – Good Friday – Stations of the Cross in Church at 12 Noon. Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3pm. – Liturgy of the Word, Adoration of the Cross, Holy Communion. (Not a Mass).

Saturday – Easter Vigil Mass – begins at 7:45pm in the HALL where we gather and prepare our candles for the Blessing of the Paschal Fire (outside in the walkway), Procession to the church, Exultet, Readings, Blessing of the Easter Water, Renewal of our Baptismal Vows, Blessing with the Easter Water, Mass continues as usual. (NO 5pm Mass this day).

Easter Sunday – MASS AT 10AM ONLY!!!! PLEASE come to the Easter Vigil on Saturday! It is the Church's highest and most important liturgy of the entire year! Please come to Easter Sunday even if you came to the Vigil! I want to see a fully packed church that morning!



**Bible Study News!**

We finished 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 the 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 Nyre: [janinenyre@comcast.net](mailto:janinenyre@comcast.net) or 775-339-1961 or simply leave your contact information with Susan Marschner in the parish office.

Laus Deo Semper!

**2023 Catholic Services Appeal**



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! We are already off to a fantastic start!

## Mass Intentions

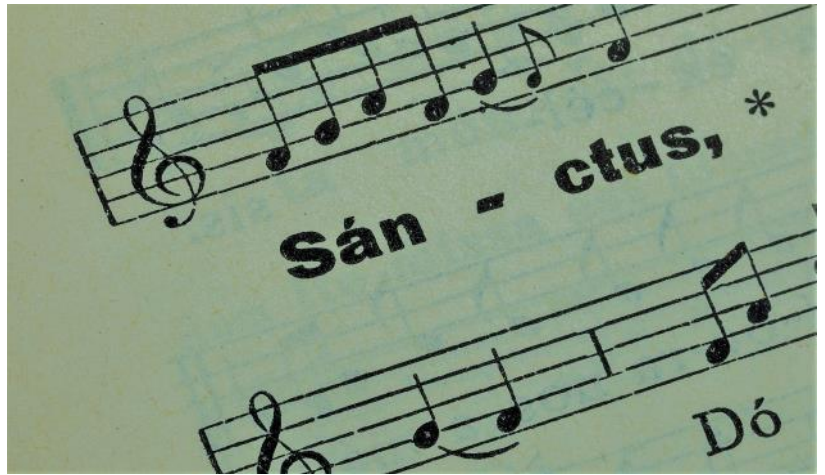
Saturday	25	5pm	Happy Birthday Kevin Savory!	David and Stephanie Scott
Sunday	26	8am	Intentions of OLT Parishioners	Pro Populo
Sunday	26	11:30am	Suzi VanCamp	Chris Thomas
Wednesday	29	11:30am	Healing for Mary Morrisett	Nancy and Jack Martinez
Thursday	30	11:30am	<u>No Mass</u>	
Friday	31	11:30am		

Last weekend's collection came to \$3,193.00. 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!



This Thursday 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 #3 – Sanctus

“And they [the seraphim] were calling to one another: ‘Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.’ At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.” Isaiah 6:2-4

The 'Sanctus' is a profound moment in the Mass, in which we come to recognize that we are entering into Heaven. As such, we quote two very important passages of the Bible. The first is the acclamation of the angels praising God before the throne of grace. As such, we become cognizant that we are entering into something transcendent, joining our voices to those of angels. The second is the proclamation of blessing to him “who comes in the name of the Lord” (c.f. Psalm 118:26) which was said by the crowds as Christ entered into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. This is the same crowd who five days later would call out to have Christ crucified. And this is something powerful to meditate on—that though we sing with the angels, we cannot ignore the ever present temptation to abandon the Lord when the crowds turn against Him. What preparations do you make to enter into the presence of the Lord? The Sanctus is often sung. Do you have a favorite version of the Sanctus?

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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