

The Ascension of the Lord

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Human Life Exalted

Jesus prayed on the night before he died, "Father, give me the glory I had with you before the world began." How is the glory he has in the Ascension different from the glory he had "before the world began?" It differs only in that now, he has it in a human nature. Our humanity has been taken to the heights of heaven, fulfilling the destiny God intended for human life from the beginning. Revelation 3:21 declares, "To the one who gains the victory, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne." God's plan for us is not just that we will gather around the throne or fall down before the throne, but that we will sit with him on the throne! This hope extended to the human family by the Gospel is directly contradicted when the same human beings destined for the heights of heaven are attacked by violence, degraded in their dignity, or put to death by things like abortion. The human nature Jesus brings to glory in the Ascension is the same human nature you and I share, and the same human nature that the babies in the womb share. Celebrating the Ascension in daily life means treating each human life as one destined to sit with Christ on his throne.

Saint Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi's Story

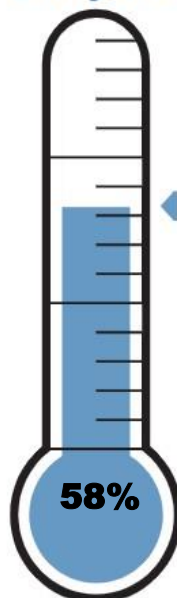
Mystical ecstasy is the elevation of the spirit to God in such a way that the person is aware of this union with God while both internal and external senses are detached from the sensible world. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi was so generously given this special gift of God that she is called the "ecstatic saint." Catherine de' Pazzi was born into a noble family in Florence in 1566. The normal course would have been for her to have married into wealth and enjoyed comfort, but Catherine chose to follow her own path. At 9, she learned to meditate from the family confessor. She made her first Communion at the then-early age of 10 and made a vow of virginity one month later. At 16, Catherine entered the Carmelite convent in Florence because she could receive Communion daily there. Catherine had taken the name Mary Magdalene and had been a novice for a year when she became critically ill. Death seemed near, so her superiors let her make her profession of vows in a private ceremony from a cot in the chapel. Immediately after, Mary Magdalene fell into an ecstasy that lasted about two hours. This was repeated after Communion on the following 40 mornings. These ecstasies were rich experiences of union with God and contained marvelous insights into divine truths. As a safeguard against deception and to preserve the revelations, her confessor asked Mary Magdalene to dictate her experiences to sister secretaries. Over the next six years, five large volumes were filled. The first three books record ecstasies from May of 1584 through Pentecost week the following year. This week was preparation for a severe five-year trial. The fourth book records that trial and the fifth is a collection of letters concerning reform and renewal. Another book, *Admonitions*, is a collection of her sayings arising from her experiences in the formation of women religious. The extraordinary was ordinary for this saint. She read the thoughts of others and predicted future events. During her lifetime, Mary Magdalene appeared to several persons in distant places and cured a number of sick people. It would be easy to dwell on the ecstasies and pretend that Mary Magdalene only had spiritual highs. This is far from true. It seems that God permitted her this special closeness to prepare her for the five years of desolation that followed when she experienced spiritual dryness. She was plunged into a state of darkness in which she saw nothing but what was horrible in herself and all around her. She had violent temptations and endured great physical suffering. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi died in 1607 at age 41 and was canonized in 1669. Her liturgical feast is celebrated on May 25. **Reflection:** Intimate union, God's gift to mystics, is a reminder to all of us of the eternal happiness of union he wishes to give us. The cause of mystical ecstasy in this life is the Holy Spirit, working through spiritual gifts. The ecstasy occurs because of the weakness of the body and its powers to withstand the divine illumination, but as the body is purified and strengthened, ecstasy no longer occurs. See Teresa of Avila's *Interior Castle*, and John of the Cross' *Dark Night of the Soul*, for more about various aspects of ecstasies.

Susan will be out of the office on Fridays starting May 26 through June 30th.

2023 CSA Update...



\$47,179



We are now at 58% of our pledges for CSA! Thank you to everyone who has donated so far. If you haven't yet, will you prayerfully consider doing so?

Raised
\$27,805
As of 5/18

That time of the year is just around the corner where fun and comradery are experienced and enjoyed by everyone volunteering to work the parking lot fundraiser. If you like meeting new people from everywhere, this is the place for you. Most importantly, you can feel the joy of being a disciple for your church. Volunteers are needed for the weekends starting from Memorial Day weekend (Saturday, May 27, 2023) through Labor Day weekend (Sunday, September 3, 2023). No Sundays/Mondays except on the holiday weekends. It will be a 3-hour shift. The hours for the holidays will be longer to accommodate the visitors. See Cora or call her at 661-917-7330. If you are not able to volunteer, donations are most welcome. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Mass Intentions

Saturday	20	5pm	Prayers for Lotte and Karl Backfisch	The Ahern Family
Sunday	21	8am	For the End of Abortion	Save the Holy Innocents
Sunday	21	11:30am	Intentions of OLT Parishioners	Pro Populo
Wednesday	24	11:30am	No Mass	
Thursday	25	11:30am	No Mass	
Friday	26	11:30am	No Mass	

If you haven't yet checked out our morning bible study, please consider doing so. It is a time of fellowship, fun and learning — growing through the sharing and understanding of God's word. In the present chapter, we 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 or 775-339-1961 or simply leave your contact information with Susan Marschner in the parish office.



Last weekend's collection was \$4,574.00. Our heartfelt gratitude goes out to everybody for your cheerful giving and steadfast support of Our Lady of Tahoe!




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Eucharistic Prayer #11 – ‘For Francis our Pope and Daniel our Bishop’

“Let all reverence the deacons as an appointment of Jesus Christ, and the bishop as Jesus Christ, who is the Son of the Father, and the priests as the Sanhedrin of God, and assembly of the apostles. Apart from these, there is no Church.” St. Ignatius of Antioch, Letter to the Trallians

When we speak of the Church, there is the danger of treating it like an abstract reality. However, the Church is and always has been composed of individual people. Within the Church there are those who have been given the difficult task of uniting and leading us. And so in a special way we pray for these visible signs of unity and authority in the Church—we pray for the bishop who is the primary pastor in the local church and we pray for the Pope who is the sign of unity within the Church as a whole. Have you ever met Bishop Mueggenborg, Bishop Calvo, or Bishop Strailing?

We're painting the hall! Thanks again to everyone who contributed to last year's [#iGiveCatholic](#) fundraiser! We are working with a local company and hope to begin sometime next month. (Fr. Larry is quite fond of these three colors.) In addition, we will contact a carpet/floor company and a window coverings company for the rectory. We hope and pray that you will consider supporting us this year by donating to and sharing [iGiveCatholic 2023!](#)



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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