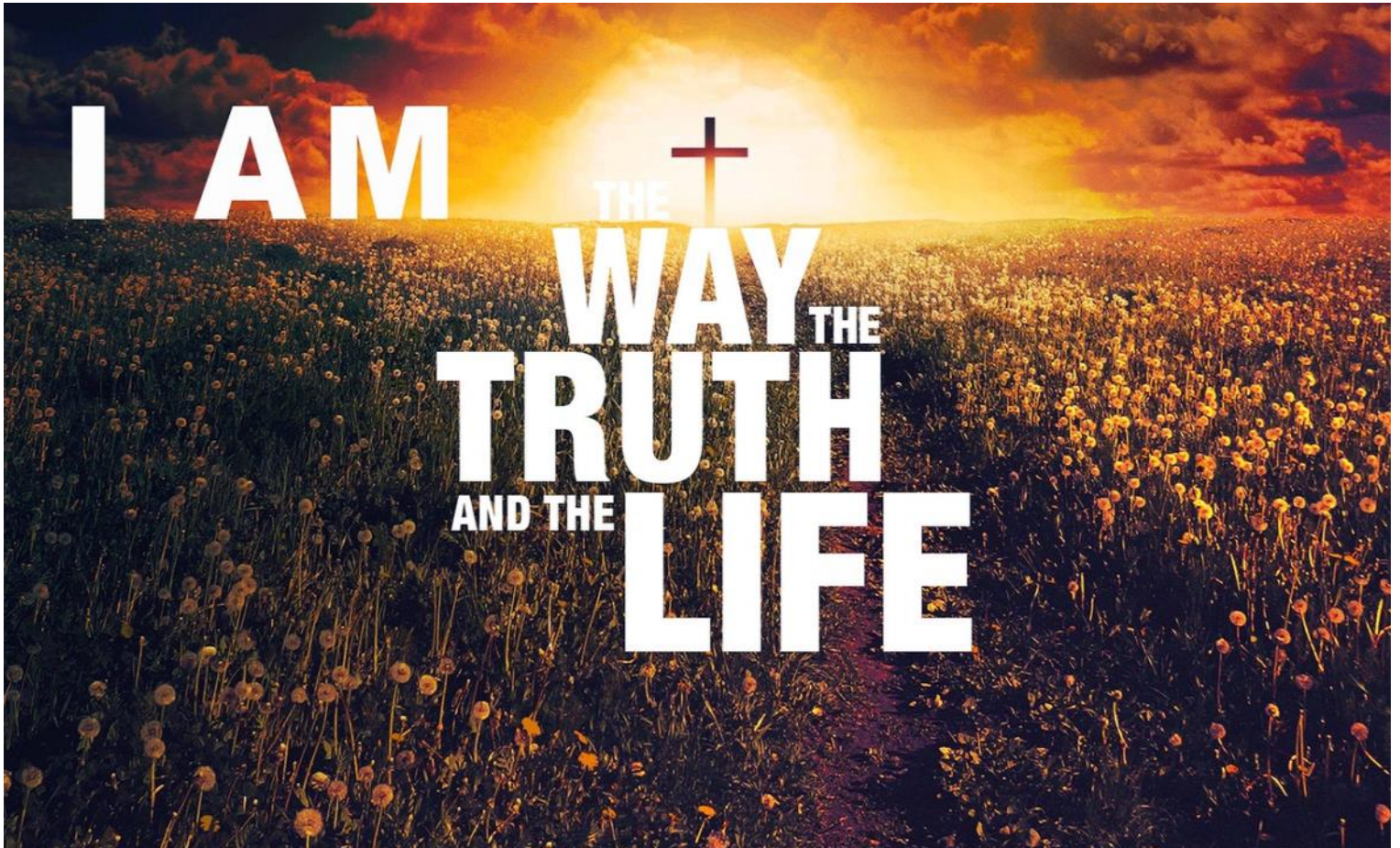


Fifth Sunday of Easter
Our Lady of Tahoe Catholic Church

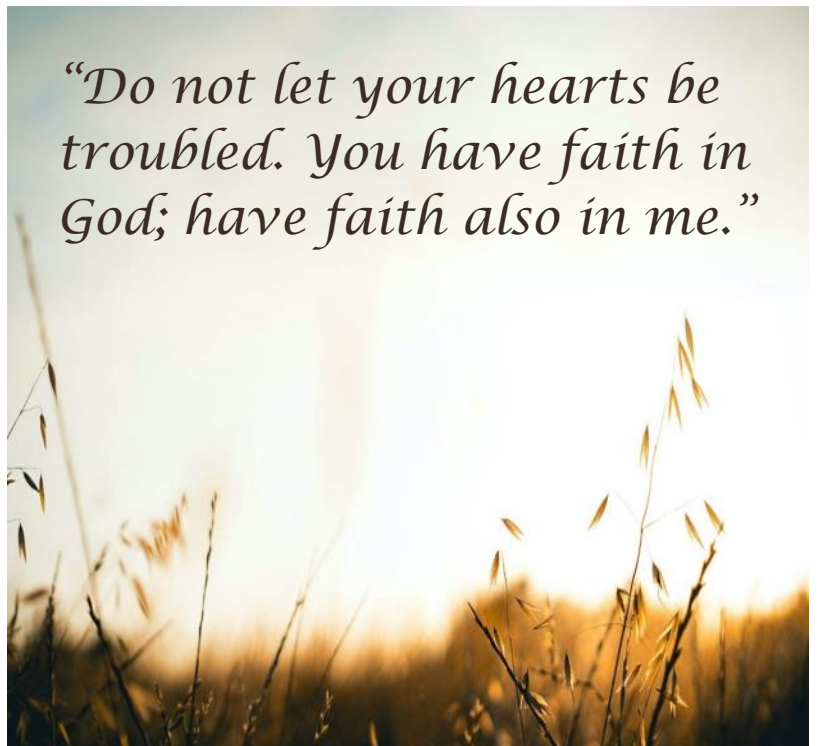


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*“Do not let your hearts be
troubled. You have faith in
God; have faith also in me.”*



When Saint Pancras was born toward the end of the third-century, Diocletian was the emperor of the Roman Empire, sharing ruling authority with three others. In the years prior to Diocletian's reign, Christianity began to be tolerated within the empire. Emperor Diocletian slowly reversed that trend, beginning the final wide-reaching persecution of Christians before Emperor Constantine the Great legalized Christianity. One tradition states that around the year 299, Emperor Diocletian and one of his co-rulers, Galerius, took part in a pagan divinization ceremony. The ceremony to predict the future was judged a failure, and the growing number of Christians in the empire was blamed. In order to appease the Roman gods, the cult of Christianity needed to be purged. The purge began by requiring members of the royal court and army to offer sacrifice to the Roman gods. In 303, after Diocletian and Galerius consulted an oracle, they published an edict that began a great persecution of Christians. Churches were destroyed, Scriptures were burned, and Christians who failed to offer sacrifice to the Roman gods were killed. A fourteen-year-old boy named Pancras was among them. Pancras was born in Phrygia, Asia Minor, in modern-day Turkey. His mother is believed to have died while giving birth, and his father is believed to have died when Pancras was around the age of eight. Orphaned, Pancras was entrusted to the care of Denis, his uncle, who took him to live in Rome. In Rome, Pancras and Denis converted to Christianity and lived their faith with deep devotion. In 304, Pancras was among the Christians who were routinely being brought before the authorities to renounce their faith and offer sacrifice to the gods. Though it is uncertain that Diocletian was ever in Rome during that year, tradition states that Pancras was brought before Diocletian and refused to offer sacrifice to the gods. Diocletian was impressed with the fourteen year old's courage. The emperor tried to persuade Pancras, offering him wealth and honor if he only burned incense to the gods. One thirteenth-century legend places these words on the lips of Pancras in response to the emperor: "Though I am a child in body, my heart is old, and by the virtue of my Lord Jesus Christ, your threats and menaces move me no more than does the painting that I see upon the wall. These gods that you want me to worship are but deceivers of creatures..." The emperor was outraged and ordered that he and his uncle, now Saint Denis, be beheaded on May 12 on the Via Aurelia outside of Rome. Though Pancras' death could be seen as a tragedy, God used it for good. After his death, devotion to him began to grow. In the sixth century, Pope Symmachus built a basilica over his tomb. At the end of the sixth century, Pope Gregory the Great sent a Roman monk to England to convert King Æthelberht and to become England's first bishop. After successfully converting the king and his kingdom, the monk-bishop, now known as Saint Augustine of Canterbury, built the first Church in England and named it after Saint Pancras. Pope Gregory even sent relics of the saint to inspire the people. Devotion to Saint Pancras spread widely throughout England from the very beginning of the kingdom's Christianization. Eventually, miracles were attributed to Saint Pancras' intercession by those who prayed at his tomb. It is also said that at the end of the sixth century, the Archbishop of Tours, France, made the claim that anyone who told a lie at the tomb of Saint Pancras would be attacked by demons or even die. As a result, the saint's relics continued to be distributed to other churches. Oaths made before his relics were thought to be so binding that they were held up in some courts of law. Little did this fourteen-year-old boy know that his heroic death would inspire kings and popes, laymen and clergy, throughout the ages. As we honor this child martyr, reflect upon his courage at such a young age. Though young in years, he was wise in spirit. Pray for the same wisdom and courage that this saint had so that you will be able to give proper honor and glory to Christ.

Saint Pancras, though young in age, you were old in faith and courage. You chose to die rather than to worship false gods. Please pray for me, that I will imitate your faith and courage in my life, holding nothing back from my wholehearted service of the true King of all Kings. Saint Pancras, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You.



This weekend, our Diocese will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal as the Second Collection in May and I ask that you consider donating to this program. As one of the USCCB Subcommittees, the Catholic Home Missions Appeal Program offers financial support to the Catholic Church in the United States, its territories, and former territories by offering grants to dioceses that would not be able to function without assistance. This annual fundraising campaign brings awareness to American Catholics about the needs of these dioceses and invites them to assist fellow Catholics in the practice of the faith. The Catholic Home Missions Appeal principally focuses on 4 key pastoral services: evangelization activities, religious education, ministry training for priests, deacons, religious sisters and brothers, and laypeople, and finally, support of poor parishes within those dioceses across the country. These and other pastoral services assist parishes like your own which would otherwise be lacking fundamental elements of parish life. Your generosity will "hit home," so to speak, for many Catholics, as your assistance directly supports the pastoral services provided by the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. I ask you to prayerfully consider how you can support the appeal program this year. To learn more about the appeal and those who benefit from it, visit www.usccb.org/home-missions.



May is traditionally the Month of Mary Our Mother. "All graces given by God pass through the Blessed Mother." (St. Padre Pio) We pray for all women who suffer the pain of Post-Abortion Syndrome. May they receive the grace from God through Mary to reach out for healing. 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 to take advantage of valuable resources.

Mass Intentions

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| Saturday | 6 | 5pm | Happy Birthday Nicholas Stephen Nagengast! | David and Stephanie |
| Sunday | 7 | 8am | Intentions of OLT Parishioners | Pro Populo |
| Sunday | 7 | 11:30am | Suzi VanCamp | Chris Thomas |
| Wednesday | 10 | 11:30am | † Darrel Getzford | David and Stephanie |
| Thursday | 11 | 11:30am | Healing for Kim Kramer | David and Stephanie |
| Friday | 12 | 11:30am | Healing for Honorah Curran | Patrick and Deborah |



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.

Eucharistic Prayer #9 – The Epiclesis

“Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Thy faithful and kindle in them the fire of Thy love.” Excerpt of the Prayer Veni Sancte Spiritus

The Epiclesis is the term for the invocation of the Holy Spirit to sanctify that which is offered to God. The First Epiclesis over the bread and wine is accompanied by the priest extending his hands over them. This is meant to be a symbol of the Holy Spirit's descent upon the gifts we have brought to the altar, that they may be changed into the body of Christ. However, after the Consecration, there is another Epiclesis as the priest invokes the Holy Spirit to sanctify those who are gathered together around the Altar, so that we who receive the Body of Christ may become the body of Christ. Where do you see the Holy Spirit working in your life? How might you listen more attentively to the promptings of the Spirit?



SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications are now being accepted for the Women's Guild's \$2,500 annual college scholarship and the \$5,000 per semester foundation scholarship. The deadline for submission is Monday, May 15th, at 5pm. Applicants must have a minimum 3.0 GPA and be a member of the OLOT Parish. Those interested can contact Susan in the parish office Monday through Friday from 9am to 3pm.

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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