

Our Lady of Tahoe Catholic Church

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**He knows when a sparrow
falls to the ground -**

**How much more does He
watch over me?**

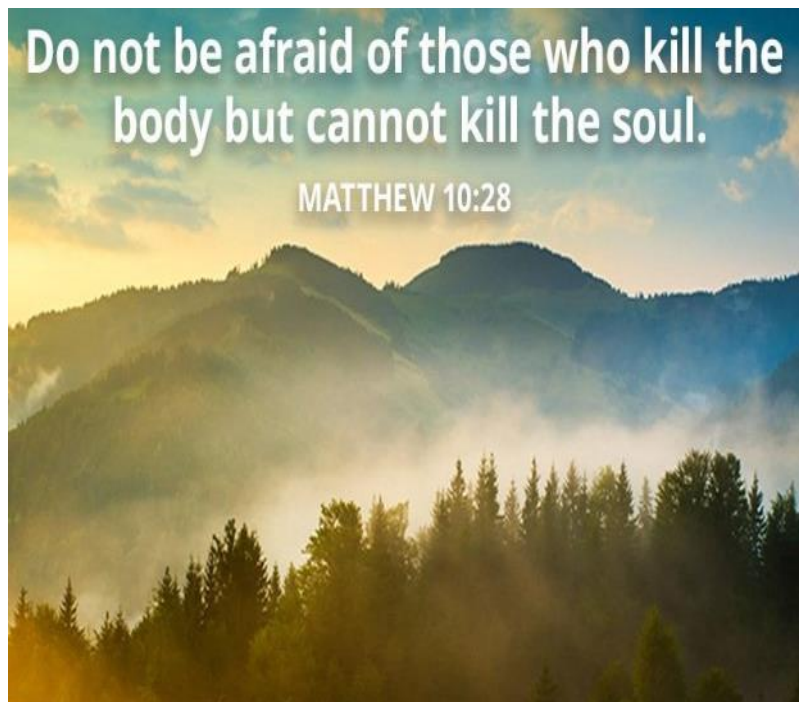
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**Do not be afraid of those who kill the
body but cannot kill the soul.**

MATTHEW 10:28



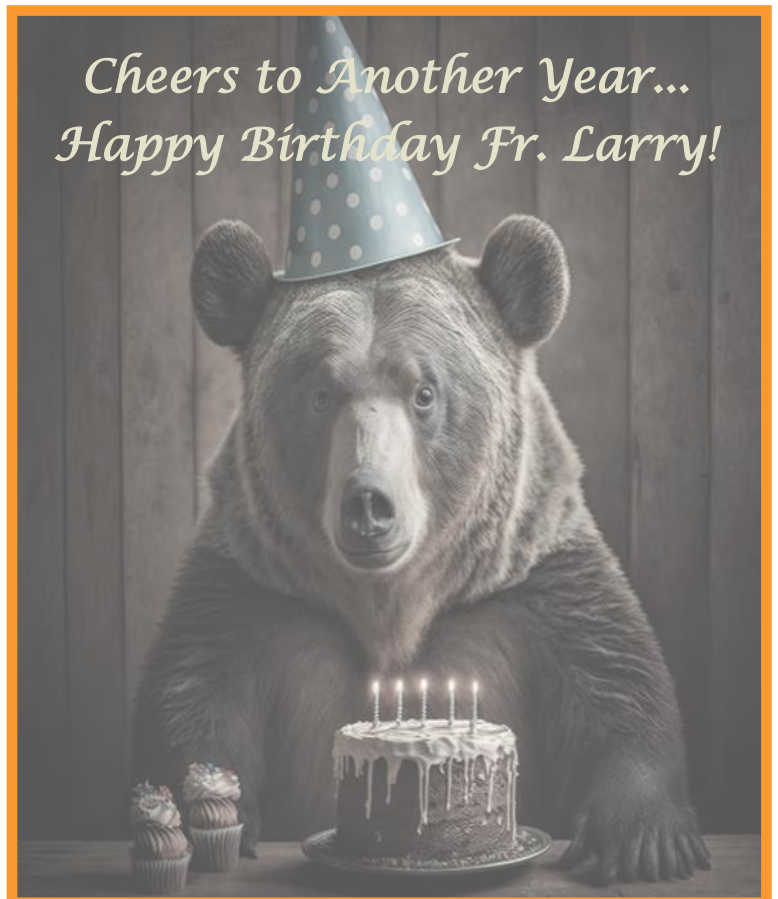
Saints Peter and Paul's Story

Peter (d. 64?) Saint Mark ends the first half of his Gospel with a triumphant climax. He has recorded doubt, misunderstanding, and the opposition of many to Jesus. Now Peter makes his great confession of faith: "You are the Messiah" (Mark 8:29b). It was one of the many glorious moments in Peter's life, beginning with the day he was called from his nets along the Sea of Galilee to become a fisher of men for Jesus. The New Testament clearly shows Peter as the leader of the apostles, chosen by Jesus to have a special relationship with him. With James and John he was privileged to witness the Transfiguration, the raising of a dead child to life, and the agony in Gethsemane. His mother-in-law was cured by Jesus. He was sent with John to prepare for the last Passover before Jesus' death. His name is first on every list of apostles. And to Peter only did Jesus say, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven" (Matthew 16:17b-19). But the Gospels prove their own trustworthiness by the unflattering details they include about Peter. He clearly had no public relations person. It is a great comfort for ordinary mortals to know that Peter also has his human weakness, even in the presence of Jesus. He generously gave up all things, yet he can ask in childish self-regard, "What are we going to get for all this?" (see Matthew 19:27). He receives the full force of Christ's anger when he objects to the idea of a suffering Messiah: "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do" (Matthew 16:23b). Peter is willing to accept Jesus' doctrine of forgiveness but suggests a limit of seven times. He walks on the water in faith but sinks in doubt. He refuses to let Jesus wash his feet, then wants his whole body cleansed. He swears at the Last Supper that he will never deny Jesus, and then swears to a servant maid that he has never known the man. He loyally resists the first attempt to arrest Jesus by cutting off Malchus' ear, but in the end he runs away with the others. In the depth of his sorrow, Jesus looks on him and forgives him, and he goes out and sheds bitter tears. The Risen Jesus told Peter to feed his lambs and his sheep (John 21:15-17). **Paul (d. 64?)** If the most well-known preacher today suddenly began preaching that the United States should adopt Marxism and not rely on the Constitution, the angry reaction would help us understand Paul's life when he started preaching that Christ alone can save us. He had been the most pharisaic of Pharisees, the most legalistic of Mosaic lawyers. Now he suddenly appears to other Jews as a heretical welcomer of Gentiles, a traitor and apostate. Paul's central conviction was simple and absolute: Only God can save humanity. No human effort—even the most scrupulous observance of law—can create a human good which we can bring to God as reparation for sin and payment for grace. To be saved from itself, from sin, from the devil, and from death, humanity must open itself completely to the saving power of Jesus. Paul never lost his love for his Jewish family, though he carried on a lifelong debate with them about the uselessness of the Law without Christ. He reminded the Gentiles that they were grafted on the parent stock of the Jews, who were still God's chosen people, the children of the promise. **Reflection:** We would probably go to confession to Peter sooner than to any of the other apostles. He is perhaps a more striking example of the simple fact of holiness. Jesus says to us as he said, in effect, to Peter: "It is not you who have chosen me, but I who have chosen you. Peter, it is not human wisdom that makes it possible for you to believe, but my Father's revelation. I, not you, build my Church." Paul's experience of the risen Jesus on the road to Damascus was the driving force that made him one of the most zealous, dynamic, and courageous ambassadors of Christ the Church has ever had. But persecution, humiliation, and weakness became his day-by-day carrying of the cross, material for further transformation. The dying Christ was in him; the living Christ was his life.

2023 OLT Garden Guardians Fundraiser

OLT Garden Guardians is initiating a 2023 fundraiser for the purpose of buying plants for additional church/rectory landscaping. We have 9 wine barrel planters that can be "adopted" for the 2023 season. The donation will be \$200 per barrel. If you adopt a barrel, you will purchase the plants you would like to be featured in the barrel. You are welcome to plant them yourself or request that the Garden Guardians do it for you. Each barrel will have a sign identifying the sponsor for 2023. The OLT Garden Guardians will lovingly take care of each barrel to ensure its care and watering for the 2023 growing season. This will provide a beautiful showcase for flowers/plants as we enter the Church. At the end of the season, the OLT Garden Guardians will make sure the plants are overwintered appropriately and placed in the Church gardens for the 2024 season. Through this process, we will rebuild our beautiful gardens that will draw many for prayerful contemplation. Please call Janine Nyre at 775-339-1961 or Susan Marschner in the parish office if you are interested in this donation. Also, if you are interested in volunteering with the OLT Garden Guardians, please join our 2023 kickoff. We will meet on 6/19 from 4-5pm for a wine/hors d'oeuvres reception and planning meeting in the parish hall. During this meeting, we will discuss volunteer opportunities and priorities for garden/grounds improvement. Please let me know if you are interested in attending so that I can solidify a headcount!
Janine Nyre

*Cheers to Another Year...
Happy Birthday Fr. Larry!*



Mass Intentions

Saturday	24	5pm	Happy Birthday Sarah Nagengast!	David and Stephanie Scott
Sunday	25	8am	† Jay Conroy	Ron and Francie Alling
Sunday	25	11:30am	Intentions of OLT Parishioners	Pro Populo
Wednesday	28	11:30am	† Suzi VanCamp	The VanCamp Family
Thursday	29	11:30am	Gerald Zimmer	David and Stephanie Scott
Friday	30	11:30am		

Last weekend's collection was \$4,487.00. Our heartfelt gratitude goes out to everybody for your cheerful giving and steadfast support of Our Lady of Tahoe!



DID YOU KNOW?

Ongoing child sexual abuse prevention training Article 12 of the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People calls for all dioceses to maintain "safe environment programs." Through the VIRTUS® program Protecting God's Children, the Diocese continues to fulfill this commitment. Since 2003, the Diocese of Reno has trained 10,120 adults to proactively protect children and young people from child sexual abuse, and has empowered children and young people to protect themselves from child sexual abuse. For more information, visit <https://www.highdesertcatholic.org/safeenvironment/>

Safe Environment Office Contact Information

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 Report Abuse Victim's Assistant Coordinator 844-669-8911

The Lord's Prayer #3 – Hallowed be Thy name

"Hallowed be Thy name." This we also ask of Him that His name may be hallowed in us; for holy is it always. And how is His name hallowed in us except while it makes us holy?" St. Augustine, On the Lord's Prayer

In the Lord's Prayer, the first petition we pray is "Hallowed be thy name." At first, this might seem odd, as though God's name isn't holy or that God needs us to pray for His own sanctification. However, the prayer is asking that the Lord's name be held holy in our own heart—that we ourselves might venerate and honor the Lord. The way that we do this is by following the commandments and loving God above all things. Those around us should be able to see that we are children of a loving Father who honor the Lord's name and presence in our lives always. What in your life do you hold to be most important?

We are now at 82% 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?



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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