

# *Our Lady of Tahoe Catholic Church*

## *Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*



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**Saturday: 5pm | Sunday: 8am & 11:30am**  
**Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday: 11:30am**  
**Confession: Wednesday at 11am or by appointment**  
**Baptisms and Marriages: Contact the parish during business hours, M-F, 9am - 3pm or visit our website: [www.ourladyoftahoe.org](http://www.ourladyoftahoe.org)**  
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In both the Parable of the Hidden Treasure and the Parable of the Pearl, Jesus wants us to understand the real value of prioritizing this kingdom above all else. In both parables, the protagonists recognize the treasure they have found and are willing to trade everything they own to possess it. But since we don't pay money to follow Jesus, what is the application? We have to remember that there is a cost associated with following Jesus. For us to truly be under Jesus' rule, we will constantly make sacrifices. Every day we're faced with opportunities for obedience. Sometimes that means being willing to surrender perfectly good things out of love for the Lord. The kingdom of heaven might cost us relationships, jobs, security, and maybe even our lives. In these two parables, Jesus wants to encourage us that there isn't anything that we can give up that is more valuable than His kingdom. Every single sacrifice we make that empowers us to better submit to the lordship of Christ is absolutely worth it. We just need to pray for faith to receive this truth, and the discipline to live it out.

**Saint Alphonsus Liguori's Story** - Moral theology, Vatican II said, should be more thoroughly nourished by Scripture, and show the nobility of the Christian vocation of the faithful and their obligation to bring forth fruit in charity for the life of the world. Alphonsus, declared patron of moral theologians by Pius XII in 1950, would rejoice in that statement. In his day, Alphonsus fought for the liberation of moral theology from the rigidity of Jansenism. His moral theology, which went through 60 editions in the century following him, concentrated on the practical and concrete problems of pastors and confessors. If a certain legalism and minimalism crept into moral theology, it should not be attributed to this model of moderation and gentleness. At the University of Naples, Alphonsus received a doctorate in both canon and civil law by acclamation, at the age of 16, but he soon gave up the practice of law for apostolic activity. He was ordained a priest, and concentrated his pastoral efforts on popular parish missions, hearing confessions, and forming Christian groups. He founded the Redemptorist congregation in 1732. It was an association of priests and brothers living a common life, dedicated to the imitation of Christ, and working mainly in popular missions for peasants in rural areas. Almost as an omen of what was to come later, he found himself deserted after a while by all his original companions except one lay brother. But the congregation managed to survive and was formally approved 17 years later, though its troubles were not over. Alphonsus' great pastoral reforms were in the pulpit and confessional—replacing the pompous oratory of the time with simplicity, and the rigorism of Jansenism with kindness. His great fame as a writer has somewhat eclipsed the fact that for 26 years he traveled up and down the Kingdom of Naples preaching popular missions. He was made bishop at age 66 after trying to reject the honor, and at once instituted a thorough reform of his diocese. His greatest sorrow came toward the end of his life. The Redemptorists, precariously continuing after the suppression of the Jesuits in 1773, had difficulty in getting their Rule approved by the Kingdom of Naples. Alphonsus acceded to the condition that they possess no property in common, but with the connivance of a high Redemptorist official, a royal official changed the Rule substantially. Alphonsus, old, crippled and with very bad sight, signed the document, unaware that he had been betrayed. The Redemptorists in the Papal States then put themselves under the pope, who withdrew those in Naples from the jurisdiction of Alphonsus. It was only after his death that the branches were united. At 71, Alphonsus was afflicted with rheumatic pains which left incurable bending of his neck. Until it was straightened a little, the pressure of his chin caused a raw wound on his chest. He suffered a final 18 months of "dark night" scruples, fears, temptations against every article of faith and every virtue, interspersed with intervals of light and relief, when ecstasies were frequent. Alphonsus is best known for his moral theology, but he also wrote well in the field of spiritual and dogmatic theology. His *Glories of Mary* is one of the great works on that subject, and his book *Visits to the Blessed Sacrament* went through 40 editions in his lifetime, greatly influencing the practice of this devotion in the Church. *Reflection* - Saint Alphonsus was known above all as a practical man who dealt in the concrete rather than the abstract. His life is indeed a practical model for the everyday Christian who has difficulty recognizing the dignity of Christian life amid the swirl of problems, pain, misunderstanding and failure. Alphonsus suffered all these things. He is a saint because he was able to maintain an intimate sense of the presence of the suffering Christ through it all.

The special second collection taken up next weekend assists the African American, Native American, and Alaskan Native Catholic communities through the Commission for Catholic Missions. Everyone is encouraged to support the Catholic missions in the United States and to consider a donation to the Commission's efforts to serve minority communities. Your support affects the daily pastoral work of our bishops, consecrated religious women and men, and lay leadership who labor throughout the United States as disciples of Jesus and witnesses to our common faith. Financial donations to the Commission for Catholic Missions provides funding for resources and personnel training to carry out the mission entrusted to the Church in places that would otherwise not experience excellent ministry. A school in our own Diocese, Bishop Manogue Catholic High School, receives a grant from the Commission for Catholic Missions, which serves as tuition assistance for Native American and African American students who would otherwise be unable to afford Catholic education in our Diocese. Please consider a donation to assist Catholic racial minorities and their needs.

With every best wish and an assurance of prayers, I remain,

Yours in Christ,  
Most Reverend Daniel H. Mueggenborg  
Bishop of Reno

### Upcoming Training Sessions for Safe Environment/PGC (Protecting God's Children)

All volunteers and ministry leaders! Volunteers are also ushers, readers, lectors, music, outreach, women's guild, men's fellowship, gift shop, parking lot, religious ed teachers, parish staff, etc.

Every volunteer and ministry leader must complete a "Diocese of Reno Volunteer Application" (hardcopy) to be kept on file in our church office. (Copies are obtained in the back of church, from Jan or from Susan in the office). Everyone (ministers, volunteers) needs to register online at [Virtus.org](http://Virtus.org) and sign up for one of the sessions listed below. The training sessions will be held in our parish hall. If you have any questions, please contact Jan Roman-Gonzales 530.307.0148 or Tracey Collamer 775.326.9445. **Please note, attending a parish function, like a dinner, going to coffee and donuts after Mass, going to an educational program like bible study, attending to your barrel outside, going to Mass, DOES NOT require you to register and do the PGC background check and process, UNLESS you are a volunteer or minister in an official ministry of the parish. Thank you everyone for your cooperation!**

August 4, 2023  
Time: 5pm-8pm  
Our Lady of Tahoe Catholic Church

August 5, 2023  
Time: 9am- noon  
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August 15, 2023  
Time: 10am-1pm  
Our Lady of Tahoe Catholic Parish



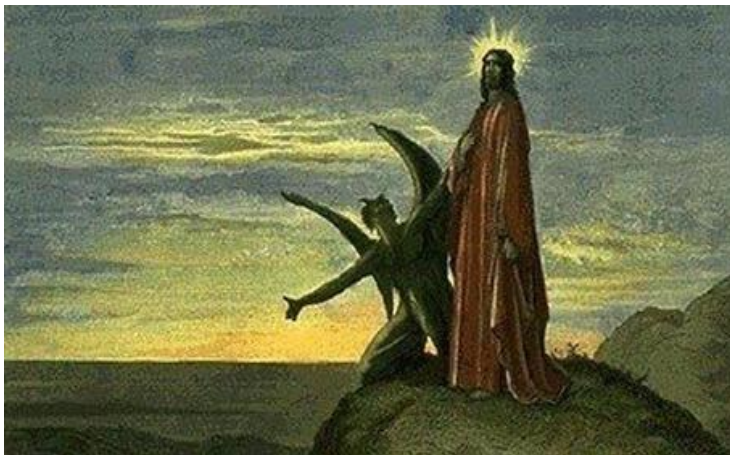
## Mass Intentions

Saturday	29	5pm	† Suzi VanCamp	The VanCamp Family
Sunday	30	8am	Intentions of OLT Parishioners	Pro Populo
Sunday	30	11:30am	Healing for Charlotte Juniper Nibouar	David and Stephanie Scott
Wednesday	2	11:30am		
Thursday	3	11:30am		
Friday	4	11:30am		

Last weekend's collection was \$5,309.00. Our heartfelt gratitude goes out to everybody for your cheerful giving and steadfast support of Our Lady of Tahoe!



The office will close early at 12:30 pm on Monday, July 31st. Also, we are painting the hall and office entryway next week starting Tuesday.



### The Lord's Prayer #8 - Lead Us Not Into Temptation

**"Let no enemy from without be feared: conquer thine own self, and the whole world is conquered."  
St. Augustine, On the Lord's Prayer**

In the Eucharist we are about to receive, we will have union with Christ and a foretaste of Heaven. And yet we also recognize that we live in a fallen world, and so we ask the Lord to aid us, lest when we leave the building of the Church, we turn aside from Christ and return our hearts to the world along with our bodies. Is there any besetting sin you have found yourself struggling with? How are you planning on overcoming it with the Lord's help?

### Outreach Fundraiser:

David Brock invites you to an organ [Soiree Musicale Fundraiser](#) "Hot August Pipes" on August 9th, 5:00-7:00PM to benefit our OUTREACH PROGRAM and Toccata. This is a one-of-a-kind concert performance that David hosts at his home in Lower Kingsbury. Wine and appetizers will be served. Please join us for this fundraiser. \$125 per person. Checks can be sent to Francie Alling, PO Box 1005, Zephyr Cove, NV 89448. Call Francie at 775-588-4797 for additional information. Thank you for your steadfast support of our Outreach Program that continues to feed over 400 people every month with food boxes.

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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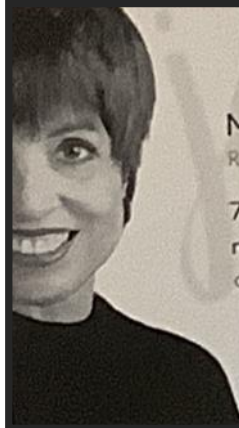
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