Our Lady of Tahoe Catholic Church Twenty-First 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:

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You and I must believe in our hearts and confess with our mouths (Romans 10:9-10) that Jesus Christ is the resurrected and living Lord. Jesus Christ is the Son of the living God. Jesus our Lord is God in the flesh. He died for our sins. He lived the life we could never live and He died the death that should have been ours. "Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again." Jesus said to tell no-one for it was not yet the time. But today is the day. Now is the time. He is alive forever more. He took a stand for you when He came to earth, when He was born in a feed trough, when He had no place to lay His precious head, when He suffered at His passion and when He died on the cross for your sins. Jesus stood for you. But will you stand for Him? His identity is secure. Is vours?

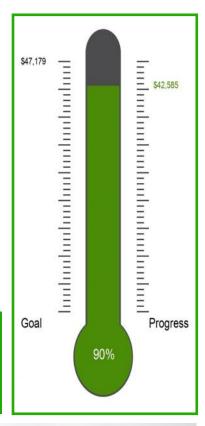


The Story of the Martyrdom of Saint John the Baptist

The drunken oath of a king with a shallow sense of honor, a seductive dance and the hateful heart of a queen combined to bring about the martyrdom of John the Baptist. The greatest of prophets suffered the fate of so many Old Testament prophets before him: rejection and martyrdom. The "voice crying in the desert" did not hesitate to accuse the guilty, did not hesitate to speak the truth. But why? What possesses a man that he would give up his very life? This great religious reformer was sent by God to prepare the people for the Messiah. His vocation was one of selfless giving. The only power that he claimed was the Spirit of Yahweh. "I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire" (Matthew 3:11). Scripture tells us that many people followed John looking to him for hope, perhaps in anticipation of some great messianic power. John never allowed himself the false honor of receiving these people for his own glory. He knew his calling was one of preparation. When the time came, he led his disciples to Jesus: "The next day John was there again with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God.' The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus" (John 1:35-37). It is John the Baptist who has pointed the way to Christ. John's life and death were a giving over of self for God and other people. His simple style of life was one of complete detachment from earthly possessions. His heart was centered on God and the call that he heard from the Spirit of God speaking to his heart. Confident of God's grace, he had the courage to speak words of condemnation, repentance, and salvation. Reflection: Each of us has a calling to which we must listen. No one will ever repeat the mission of John, and yet all of us are called to that very mission. It is the role of the Christian to witness to Jesus. Whatever our position in this world, we are called to be disciples of Christ. By our words and deeds, others should realize that we live in the joy of knowing that Jesus is Lord. We do not have to depend upon our own limited resources but can draw strength from the vastness of Christ's saving grace.

We are now at 90% of our pledges for CSA! 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!





Last weekend's collection was \$3,653.00. Our heartfelt gratitude goes out to everybody for your cheerful giving and steadfast support of Our Lady of Tahoe!

<u>Training Session for Safe Environment/PGC (Protecting God's Children)</u>

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 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!

Next Training - <u>Saturday, September 16</u>
Time - <u>9am-12pm</u>
OLOT Catholic Church

Mass Intentions

Saturday	26	5pm	† Michael Peetz	David and Stephanie Scott
Sunday	27	8am	Intentions of OLT Parishioners	Pro Populo
Sunday	27	11:30am	† Kim Kramer	David and Stephanie Scott
Wednesday	30	11:30am	† David Painter	Cindy Tinetti
Thursday	31	11:30am	Healing for Jacob Tinetti	Cindy Tinetti
Friday	1	11:30am	Healing for Yana Morgan	David and Stephanie Scott



Communion Rites #3 - Lamb of God

"He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth." Isaiah 53:7

When we think of Christ as a 'Lamb,' we can be tempted to think this is describing Jesus's meekness and gentleness, like a small, defenseless lamb we can hug like a teddy bear. However, that is not what the term means-the lamb of God had a very specific connotation in the Old Testament, referring to the lamb of sacrifice. In other words, calling Jesus the "Lamb of God" is a reminder to us that He is the one who reestablishes the right relationship between us and the Father through His passion, death, and resurrection. Hence, after invoking Christ under this title, we implore the effects of that sacrifice: "...have mercy on us...have mercy on us...grant us peace." How do you participate in the sacrifice of Christ to the Father?



Mission Appeal Weekend

When- This Weekend: Saturday, August 26th & Sunday, August 27th.

Father Chrisly Ereno,
Chancellor of the Diocese of
Sorsogon (in the
Philippines) will be the
Celebrant and speaker at
the 5pm (Saturday) and 8am
(Sunday) masses. A priest
missionary will talk at all the
masses. Please join us in
welcoming the Diocese of
Sorsogon this weekend,
August 26th and 27th.

Quote of the Week:

Let NO corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to use in edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

Ephesians 4:29

The month of August we remember the Assumption of Our Lady into heaven. We pray for her intercession for all women who unexpectedly become pregnant and are advised that abortion is the "logical" choice. May they open their hearts and minds to reach out for help to experience the love, mercy, and compassion of God. 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.

As disciples of Jesus Christ, and in the name of Mary, Our Lady of Tahoe Catholic community <u>welcomes and embraces all</u> 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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