

# Our Lady of Tahoe Catholic Church

## Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



### HUMBLE ENOUGH TO FORGIVE MATTHEW 18.21-35

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**Saturday: 5pm | Sunday: 8am & 11:30am**

**Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday: 11:30am**

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**We Cannot Repay Our Own Debt** -The servant in this story racked up an insurmountable debt. There was no way he could ever repay it on his own. And because of that debt he was destined for a life of misery. Similarly, each person has an insurmountable debt: sin. The consequence of this debt is eternal separation from God. We are incapable of repaying our debt and without the action from an outside source we have no hope. **BUT God... God Offers Us Undeserved Forgiveness** - God does for us what we are incapable of doing for ourselves. We shouldn't miss the significance of this. We do not deserve forgiveness. We are not worthy of saving. We deserve death, but God gives us life instead. God gives what we need, not what we deserve. God is good, even when we are not. **We Can Forgive Because We Are Forgiven** - Because of this forgiveness we are set free. Our debts are forgiven. But this isn't just a "get out of hell free card." We were forgiven so that we can forgive. Just as we received undeserved forgiveness, we are called to do the same. We don't forgive those who deserve, we forgive those who don't deserve. That's the nature of forgiveness. It goes to those who are in the wrong. Our world is full of unforgiveness and people seeking payback. The results are **EVERYWHERE**. Brokenness and pain at increasing levels. Forgiveness is the only way out. Listen, it's not fair. And it's not easy. But it's the only way out of the cycle of payback that continually requires more from each of us. **Our Love For God Is Shown In Our Treatment Of those Around Us** - We are able to forgive because we are forgiven. But this isn't just an ability, it's an expectation for followers of Jesus. Forgiveness should be one of the hallmarks of the community of believers. Sadly, Christians often hold onto grudges than extend forgiveness. And I get it. You were wronged. It hurt. And that person does indeed deserve payback. But Jesus took on their sin on the cross. Just as he did yours. Forgiveness is possible and freedom can be experienced. Your love for God is shown by how you forgive those around you.





Little is known about St. Matthew, except that he was the son of Alphaeus, and he was likely born in Galilee. He worked as a tax collector, which was a hated profession during the time of Christ. According to the Gospel, Matthew was working at a collection booth in Capernaum when Christ came to him and asked, "Follow me." With this simple call, Matthew became a disciple of Christ. From Matthew we know of the many doings of Christ and the message Christ spread of salvation for all people who come to God through Him. The Gospel account of Matthew tells the same story as that found in the other three Gospels, so scholars are certain of its authenticity. His book is the first of the four Gospels in the New Testament. Many years following the death of Christ, around 41 and 50 AD, Matthew wrote his gospel account. He wrote the book in Aramaic in the hope that his account would convince his fellow people that Jesus was the Messiah and that His kingdom had been fulfilled in a spiritual way. It was an important message at a time when almost everyone was expecting the return of a militant messiah brandishing a sword. It is thought he departed for other lands to escape persecution sometime after 42 AD. According to various legends he fled to Parthia and Persia, or Ethiopia. Nothing is recorded of Matthew's passing. We do not know how he died, if his death was natural, or if he was martyred. Saint Matthew is often depicted with one of the four living creatures of Revelation 4:7, which reads, "The first living creature was like a lion, the second like a bull, the third living creature had a human face, and the fourth living creature was like a flying eagle." Matthew was a tax collector and is therefore the patron saint of bankers. The Church established St. Matthew's feast day as September 21.

## Columbus Day Dinner Celebration

Sunday, October 15, doors open at 4pm.

### Menu Includes:

Appetizers  
Bread  
Salad  
Spaghetti and Meatballs  
Dessert

### Price:

Single - \$15  
Couple - \$25  
Children Under 3 - Free

Tickets will be sold after mass or at the door. If purchased at the door, the price per person is \$20.

**"No one should fear to undertake any task in the name of our Saviour, if it is just and if the intention is purely for His holy service."**

**Christopher Columbus**

Last weekend's collection was \$3,096.00. Our heartfelt gratitude goes out to everybody for your cheerful giving and steadfast support of Our Lady of Tahoe!

### #iGiveCatholic 2023 - November 28, 2023

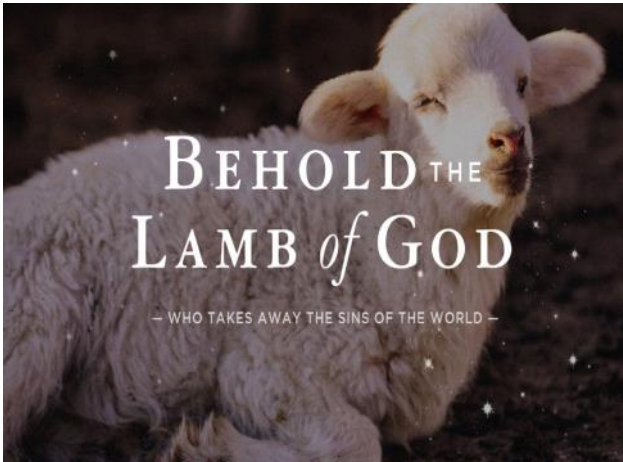
We are excited to announce our participation in #iGiveCatholic 2023! Last year was a huge success and we were able to paint our parish hall and install all new carpeting in the rectory. We have a long, overdue project for which we are aiming to raise funds and pray that you will consider contributing. More information will be shared in the upcoming weeks. We thank you in advance for your prayerful consideration and please reach out to us if you have any questions. God bless!

#IGIVECATHOLIC

The month of September we remember Our Lady of Sorrows. We pray for her intercession for all women who have had abortions and all those mourning the loss of an unborn child. May they open their hearts and minds to reach out for help to experience the healing, 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](mailto:KarenM@Catholicreno.org) to take advantage of valuable resources.

## Mass Intentions

Saturday	16	5pm	† Florence and Michael DePasquale	The DePasquale Family
Sunday	17	8am	Intentions of OLT Parishioners	Pro Populo
Sunday	17	11:30am	† Jim Brand	Phil and Melva Martin
Wednesday	20	11:30am	† Joyce Fowler	Steve and Grace Connell
Thursday	21	11:30am	† Colleen Willis	David and Stephanie Scott
Friday	22	11:30am	† Aleta Nawrot	The Nawrot Family



### Communion Rites #6 - Behold the Lamb of God

**“The next day he [John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.” John 1:29 NAB**

**Immediately before the distribution of Communion, the Priest will say two somewhat odd things—first He will reecho the words of John the Baptist who was the first to recognize the presence of Jesus and bid others to turn to Him as well: “Behold the Lamb of God.” But then the Priest will say “Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.” Without knowing the context, this can seem incredibly weird—why are we having dinner with livestock? This, however, is a reference to the book of Revelation 19:9, which speaks of the wedding celebration between Christ and the Church. It is in the Eucharist where even now we participate in that heavenly marriage between Jesus and the Church, between the soul and God. What do you do to prepare for the Supper of the Lamb before Mass? How do you prepare during Mass?**

## WHERE SPOUSES DISCOVER GOD’S PLAN FOR THEIR FAMILY

OCTOBER 14, 2023 | 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
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For more information, contact Conference Coordinator Ana Quijeza at [ana@forlifeandfamily.org](mailto:ana@forlifeandfamily.org) or 832-779-1070.

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**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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