

Our Lady of Tahoe Catholic Church Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The
HEART *of the*
MATTER

THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT

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

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Jesus was someone who had mastered the art of going to the heart of the matter, as is clear from his response to the question put to him by one of the Pharisees in today's gospel reading: 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' Jesus could have given a long answer and a whole theological exposé, but he kept it simple and went to the heart of things. His answer declared that what God wants from us above all else is to love. Our love is due first to God, but there is no genuine love of God unless it finds expression in love of our neighbor. Jesus teaches that loving God with our whole being is inseparable from loving our neighbor as ourselves. But God is invisible and our neighbor is visible. So how do we love an invisible God? Is it not easier just to look after our neighbor and do some charity work? Both are needed. Coming together to celebrate the Eucharist is one of the most important ways where God and neighbor meet, and where each of us can celebrate our love of God and neighbor.

Saint Martin de Porres' Story - "Father unknown" is the cold legal phrase sometimes used on baptismal records. "Half-breed" or "war souvenir" is the cruel name inflicted by those of "pure" blood. Like many others, Martin might have grown to be a bitter man, but he did not. It was said that even as a child he gave his heart and his goods to the poor and despised. He was the son of a freed woman of Panama, probably black but also possibly of indigenous stock, and a Spanish grandee of Lima, Peru. His parents never married each other. Martin inherited the features and dark complexion of his mother. That irked his father, who finally acknowledged his son after eight years. After the birth of a sister, the father abandoned the family. Martin was reared in poverty, locked into a low level of Lima's society. When he was 12, his mother apprenticed him to a barber-surgeon. Martin learned how to cut hair and also how to draw blood—a standard medical treatment then—care for wounds and prepare and administer medicines. After a few years in this medical apostolate, Martin applied to the Dominicans to be a "lay helper," not feeling himself worthy to be a religious brother. After nine years, the example of his prayer and penance, charity and humility, led the community to request him to make full religious profession. Many of his nights were spent in prayer and penitential practices; his days were filled with nursing the sick and caring for the poor. It was particularly impressive that he treated all people regardless of their color, race, or status. He was instrumental in founding an orphanage, took care of slaves brought from Africa, and managed the daily alms of the priory with practicality, as well as generosity. He became the procurator for both priory and city, whether it was a matter of "blankets, shirts, candles, candy, miracles or prayers!" When his priory was in debt, he said, "I am only a poor mulatto. Sell me. I am the property of the order. Sell me." Side by side with his daily work in the kitchen, laundry, and infirmary, Martin's life reflected God's extraordinary gifts: ecstasies that lifted him into the air, light filling the room where he prayed, bi-location, miraculous knowledge, instantaneous cures, and a remarkable rapport with animals. His charity extended to beasts of the field and even to the vermin of the kitchen. He would excuse the raids of mice and rats on the grounds that they were underfed; he kept stray cats and dogs at his sister's house. Martin became a formidable fundraiser, obtaining thousands of dollars for dowries for poor girls so that they could marry or enter a convent. Many of his fellow religious took Martin as their spiritual director, but he continued to call himself a "poor slave." He was a good friend of another Dominican saint of Peru, Rose of Lima. Reflection: Racism is a sin almost nobody confesses. Like pollution, it is a "sin of the world" that is everybody's responsibility but apparently nobody's fault. One could hardly imagine a more fitting patron of Christian forgiveness—on the part of those discriminated against—and Christian justice—on the part of reformed racists—than Martin de Porres.



I write to you today to ask that you consider a generous gift to the upcoming second collection in support of The Catholic University of America located in the heart of our nation's capital. Founded by a pontifical charter in 1887 as the research university of the Church in the United States, the university has long served the church and nation. Under the guidance of President Peter K. Kilpatrick, Ph.D., through its 12 schools, 32 research facilities, and more than 250 academic programs, the University community works tirelessly on behalf of its more than 5,000 undergraduate and graduate students to help educate them to serve the Church and nation as the Catholic leaders of tomorrow. Your gift to the second collection, the only national collection taken for higher education in our county, will not only go to support students in this critical time but also helps the University better serve dioceses and parishes through innovative research initiatives and training programs, such as -The Catholic Project - an initiative that brings together clergy and laity to address the challenges that the Catholic Church faces in the U.S. contributing education, formation, research, events, and media, a Master's program in Ecclesial Administration and Management, and a credentialing program that prepares recent graduates to serve as campus ministers. Our contributions are critical to both a successful academic year and to all the important work the University does on behalf of the church and its Faithful in our country. I urge you to please make a contribution to the mission of the Catholic University, either directly at your parish or online through their dedicate site on the #igivecatholictogether platform. If you are in a position to do so, please be generous in supporting this important collection. This collection will be taken next weekend, November 4-5.

Last weekend's collection was 3,765.00. Our heartfelt gratitude goes out to everybody for your cheerful giving and steadfast support of Our Lady of Tahoe!

JACKETS, JACKETS, JACKETS!!! It's that time of year again with winter approaching. This year, as in the past, our OUTREACH PROGRAM has given each Outreach child a new jacket. 130 children would be very excited if you would be so generous to give a monetary donation towards our Outreach Program purchasing these jackets. Your contribution can be placed into the Sunday collection basket, in an envelope marked "Outreach jackets" or on your check "OLT Outreach Program/jackets" marked in the memo area. Thank you for your continued generosity from the Outreach Volunteers!

"As we pray urgently for peace, we recall especially all the families and individuals suffering from these events."

– Pope Francis

Mass Intentions

Saturday	28	5pm	Intentions of OLT Parishioners	Pro Populo
Sunday	29	8am	† Victoria Stanley	Joey, Ahlloie, and Family
Sunday	29	11:30am	Peace in the Middle East	
Wednesday	1	9am	Intention of the Priest	
Wednesday	1	5:30pm		
Thursday	2	11:30am	All the Faithful Departed	
Friday	3	11:30am		

Communion Rites #10 - Silence

"Be still, and know that I am God" Psalm 46:10 NIV

After the distribution of Communion, the General Instruction suggests that a period of silence be kept where each of the faithful may offer up their personal prayers of thanksgiving (GIRM 88). While not strictly necessary, it is a moment in which one might enter more deeply into union with God made present in and through Jesus. However, silence is not just an external reality, but an internal one as well, as we leave behind our cares and concerns for a moment to simply be present to our savior who is present to us. Are you able to enter into the external and internal silence necessary to be with Jesus in the Eucharist?



Diocesan Conference

Registration Now Open! The 41st Annual Diocesan Conference: *The Eucharist: Our Source of Mission* is on January 5 & 6, 2024 at the Nugget Casino Resort in Sparks. Please go to <https://www.highdesertcatholic.org/renodiocesanconference/> for speaker biographies, session details, weekend schedule, and registration. For questions, please contact the Faith Formation office at 775-326-9439 or email faithformation@catholicreno.org.

We're counting down the days to November 28 and #iGiveCatholic but need your support! Please join our campaign and help us reach our goal of \$20,000! As many of you know, due to the severity of last winter and experiencing power outages (even during the summer), we are raising funds for a brand new generator that will power the entire church, the parish hall and offices, as well as the rectory. Please be in prayer concerning this special campaign as to what the Lord would have you to do. The bottom line is that the church leadership cannot accomplish anything without the faithful and loving support of you! Ways to help include sharing this fundraiser with family and friends, posting it on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram, or even just telling someone you know in person. Please note, the **ADVANCED GIVING PHASE** (for online donations) starts on November 13 and continues through the actual giving day on #GivingTuesday, NOVEMBER 28. You can scan the QR code below or visit <https://reno.igivecatholic.org/organizations/our-lady-of-tahoe-catholic-church>. If you prefer to donate offline, use the #iGiveCatholic envelope included in this mailing and place your donation in the collection plate or mail to Our Lady of Tahoe | PO Box 115 | Zephyr Cove NV 89448. Please feel free to contact Susan with any questions and we look forward to providing you with updates on this project.

All Saints

All Saints' Day is a Holy Day of obligation. Mass is Wednesday, 11/1 at 9am & 5:30pm.

"I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."
John 11:25

Mass for All Souls' is Thursday, 11/2 at 11:30am.

All Souls

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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