Our Lady of Tahoe Catholic Church Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

MATTHEW 25:31-46 THE BIG DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SHEEP & GOATS

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The goats were living a selfish life. They saw lots of people in need but did nothing for them. They were not like the sheep, who had been given a brand new way of seeing other people when they trusted Jesus. The goats had not accepted the love of Christ, so they didn't have His love to give to other people. Sadly, when the King comes back to sort the sheep and the goats, the goats will not get to be with Him forever. When you know how much Jesus loves you and how much He did for you on the cross, you are literally overflowing with His love. You can't help but love other people like He loves you. And when you serve them, you are also serving Jesus. But if you ignore and reject the love that Jesus offers, you will never see other people the way He sees them. You will never be able to serve them unselfishly and completely. And in the parable of The Sheep and The Goats, Jesus tells us that the kingdom belongs only to those who love Him and love others.



St. Andrew also known as Andrew the Apostle, was a Christian Apostle and the older brother to St. Peter. According to the New Testament, Andrew was born in the village of Bethsaida on the Sea of Galilee during the early first century. Much like his younger brother, Simon Peter, Andrew was also a fisherman. Andrew's very name means strong and he was known for having good social skills. In the Gospel of Matthew, it is said Jesus was walking along the shore of the Sea of Galilee and saw Andrew and Simon Peter fishing. It is then he asked the two to become disciples and "fishers of men." In the Gospel of Luke, Andrew is not initially named. It describes Jesus using a boat, believed to be solely Simon's, to preach to the multitudes and catch a large number of fish on a night that originally was dry. Later, in Luke 5.7, it mentions Simon was not the only fisherman on the boat, but it is not until Luke 6:14 that there is talk of Andrew being Simon Peter's brother. However, the Gospel of John tells a separate story, stating Andrew was a disciple of John the Baptist. When Jesus walked by one day, John the Baptist stated, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" It is then that Andrew and another made the decision to follow Jesus. Little else is said about Andrew in the Gospels, but it is believed Andrew was one of the closer disciples to Jesus. It was he who told Jesus about the boy with the loaves and fishes, according to John 6:8. When Philip wanted to speak to Jesus about Greeks seeking him, he spoke to Andrew first. Andrew was also present at the last supper. Per Christian tradition, Andrew went on to preach the Good News around the shores of the Black Sea and throughout what is now Greece and Turkey. Andrew was martyred by crucifixion in Patras. He was bound, rather than nailed, to a cross, as is described in the Acts of Andrew. He was crucified on a cross form known as "crux decussata," which is an X-shaped cross or a "saltire." Today this is commonly referred to as "St. Andrew's Cross." It is believed Andrew requested to be crucified this way, because he deemed himself "unworthy to be crucified on the same type of cross as Jesus." Andrew's remains were originally preserved at Patras. However, some believe St. Regulus, who was a monk at Patras, received a vision telling him to hide some of Andrew's bones. Shortly after Regulus' dream, many of Andrew's relics were transferred to Constantinople by order of Roman emperor Constantius II around 357. Regulus later received orders in a second dream telling him to take the bones "to the ends of the earth." He was to build a shrine for them wherever he shipwrecked. He landed on the coast of Fife, Scotland. In September 1964, Pope Paul VI had all of St. Andrew's relics that ended up in Vatican City sent back to Patras. Now, many of Andrew's relics and the cross on which he was martyred are kept in the Church of St. Andrew in Patras. St. Andrew is venerated in Georgia as the first preacher of Christianity in that territory and in Cyprus for having struck the rocks creating a gush of healing waters upon landing on the shore. His saltire cross is featured on the flag of Scotland and is represented in much of his iconography. He is commonly portrayed as an old man with long white hair and a beard, often holding the Gospel book or a scroll. St. Andrew is the patron saint of fishermen and singers. He is also the patron saint to several countries and cities including Scotland, Romania, Russia, Ukraine and Patras and his feast day is celebrated on November 30.



Friday, December 8 is The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses are at 9am and 5:30pm.

Last weekend's collection was \$2,607.00 and the special second collection benefitting the Catholic Campaign for Human Development was \$738.00. Our heartfelt gratitude goes out to everybody for your cheerful giving and steadfast support of Our Lady of Tahoe!

Our Lady of Tahoe OUTREACH Christmas Tree for the children is back. Again, this year we will be giving out each of our Outreach children a \$20 gift card. We have 130 children. If you wish to participate and bring JOY in the Christmas Spirit to one or more of the children, please take an envelope from the tree and place your check or cash in it and put it in the collection basket or send it to Our Lady of Tahoe/Outreach | PO Box 115 | Zephyr Cove NV 89448. All donations must be in by the December 2nd and 3rd weekend so that we can buy the gift cards and give them to the children on December 9th. Thanking you in advance for your generosity.

Mass Intentions

| Saturday | 25 | 5pm |
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| Sunday | 26 | 8am |
| Sunday | 26 | 11:30am |
| Wednesday | 29 | 11:30am |
| Thursday | 30 | 11:30am |
| Friday | 1 | 11:30am |
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† Mildred Bauman Intentions of OLT Parishioners David and Stephanie Scott Pro Populo



Sending Rite #3 - The Mass is Ended

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." Matthew 28:19-20 NIV

The final words the celebrant says at the end of the Mass are some form of dismissal, to which the people respond "Thanks be to God!" However, this isn't thanking God that Mass is finally over. The Latin phrase "Ite, Missa est" (from which we get the word "Mass") literally translates to "All of you go, she has been sent." This refers to the mission the Church has received from God to go out to all nations. So when we say, "Thanks be to God," we are giving thanks to God for allowing us to be part of His mission of redemption in the world. What are you most thankful for in your life?



<u>Bible Study</u>: We are continuing our journey through Acts. Our next session will be December 6 at 10am in the parish hall. All are welcome! Please join us even if you can only attend one session. For more information, please contact Janine Nyre at janinenyre@comcast.net or call 775-339-1961. **#iGiveCatholic** is happening <u>this Tuesday</u>, <u>November 28</u>. As of now, we've received \$7,305.00 of our \$20,000 goal and are excited to announce that an anonymous donor has agreed to match dollar for dollar up to \$3,000. Any gift between now and Tuesday (11:59pm) will have double the impact for us reaching our desired result. We wholeheartedly thank everyone who has already contributed and hope others will prayerfully consider doing so. Please click on the #iGiveCatholic link above to learn more about our campaign and join our efforts to make this the most inspiring and joyfilled day of giving our Catholic community has ever seen! Thank you for your support!



#iGiveCatholic Prayer

O Lord, giver of life, we know that all we are, and all we have are gifts from You.

We live in a world that celebrates consumption. But You call us to be good stewards of all You have entrusted to us.

May this #GivingTuesday prompt us to gratitude and generosity, that brings nourishment to the hungry and hope to the hopeless.

We pray that #iGiveCatholic may be a miracle of loaves and fishes, where every gift shared lovingly from a grateful heart becomes bread for the multitudes, and the ordinary becomes extraordinary.

> In this giving and receiving, may our hearts rejoice in You alone, who are Lord for ever and ever.

> > Amen

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