

Our Lady of Tahoe Catholic Church

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



Be Humble

MATTHEW 23:1-12

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The Pharisees were great teachers of the law. There was one problem, however: many of the Pharisees did not practice what they preached. The Pharisees bound up the people with many laws and wanted their disciples and students to practice all of the laws, but they did not always follow the laws themselves. Many Pharisees also loved sitting in the places of honor as well as being called "Rabbi." Thus, when they went to the synagogue or to a banquet, they automatically took the best seats that were available. The Pharisees also relished the regard and respect that was given to them due to their religious position. Jesus saw all the outward signs of being religious that the Pharisees exhibited, yet Jesus questioned their motivation. Did they simply enjoy the awe, esteem, and perks that were given to them or were they sincerely and deeply spiritual? Jesus instructs his disciples that their role is to serve the people - not to be served. They are to follow the Jewish laws and customs as the Pharisees taught, but they were not to follow the Pharisees' example. Jesus hoped that his disciples would be humble in the best sense of the word. Service is a great gift to give to others. I suspect that most of the time our service consists of small daily tasks or actions. However in this process, perhaps the true gift is noticing another's need and then reaching out to serve in a loving way!

Saint Leo the Great's Story - With apparent strong conviction of the importance of the Bishop of Rome in the Church, and of the Church as the ongoing sign of Christ's presence in the world, Leo the Great displayed endless dedication as pope. Elected in 440, he worked tirelessly as "Peter's successor," guiding his fellow bishops as "equals in the episcopacy and infirmities." Leo is known as one of the best administrative popes of the ancient Church. His work branched into four main areas, indicative of his notion of the pope's total responsibility for the flock of Christ. He worked at length to control the heresies of Pelagianism—overemphasizing human freedom—Manichaeism—seeing everything material as evil—and others, placing demands on their followers so as to secure true Christian beliefs. A second major area of his concern was doctrinal controversy in the Church in the East, to which he responded with a classic letter setting down the Church's teaching on the two natures of Christ. With strong faith, he also led the defense of Rome against barbarian attack, taking the role of peacemaker. In these three areas, Leo's work has been highly regarded. His growth to sainthood has its basis in the spiritual depth with which he approached the pastoral care of his people, which was the fourth focus of his work. He is known for his spiritually profound sermons. An instrument of the call to holiness, well-versed in Scripture and ecclesiastical awareness, Leo had the ability to reach the everyday needs and interests of his people. One of his sermons is used in the Office of Readings on Christmas. It is said of Leo that his true significance rests in his doctrinal insistence on the mysteries of Christ and the Church and in the supernatural charisms of the spiritual life given to humanity in Christ and in his Body, the Church. Thus Leo held firmly that everything he did and said as pope for the administration of the Church represented Christ, the head of the Mystical Body, and Saint Peter, in whose place Leo acted.

Reflection - At a time when there is widespread criticism of Church structures, we also hear criticism that bishops and priests—indeed, all of us—are too preoccupied with administration of temporal matters. Pope Leo is an example of a great administrator who used his talents in areas where spirit and structure are inseparably combined: doctrine, peace, and pastoral care. He avoided an "angelism" that tries to live without the body, as well as the "practicality" that deals only in externals.



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. The collection will be taken this weekend, November 4-5.

Last weekend's collection was \$2,362.00. 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	4	5pm	Happy Birthday Emma Savory!	David and Stephanie Scott
Sunday	5	8am	Intentions of OLT Parishioners	Pro Populo
Sunday	5	11:30am	For the End of Abortion	Save the Holy Innocents
Wednesday	8	11:30am	Peace in the Middle East	
Thursday	9	11:30am		
Friday	10	11:30am	No Mass - Church and Office Are Closed for Veterans' Day	

Communion Rites #11 - Prayer after Communion

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer." Acts 2:42

The final act of the Communion Rite is the Prayer after Communion. Here, much like at the Collect, the celebrant unites all of our petitions into one prayer offered to the Father. Usually this prayer is one of thanksgiving, coupled with a petition for God's grace that we might be able to live the reality we have just received. Further, when we say 'amen' to this prayer, we again show our agreement and participation in all that has occurred during the Communion Rite. What particular grace of God do you need to be able to live the reality of 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.

CSA & #iGiveCatholic Fundraiser Updates: We are now at 94% of our pledges for CSA. We still need to bring in \$2,424.00 to reach our assessment. Anything that comes in over and above our assessment will come back to Our Lady of Tahoe as a refund. Please prayerfully consider donating if you haven't already. Secondly, we are off to a great start for #iGiveCatholic, having already brought in (offline) \$3,135.00 of our \$20,000.00 goal. Please be in prayer concerning this fundraiser and should you have any questions, please contact Susan (in the office) or Fr. Larry. We appreciate you all so much! Peace and Good.

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.

The month of November we remember the Holy Souls in purgatory, pray for all aborted babies, and the mothers who are deceased as a result of an abortion procedure. We also pray for all those impacted by abortion in any way. We are filled with gratitude to God who is all-loving, merciful, forgiving, and waiting to heal those who reach out for help. 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 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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