

Our Lady of Tahoe Catholic Church

Third Sunday of Advent



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

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What does it mean to testify to the light? Do we imagine ourselves as witnesses to the light as the first expression of God's presence in the world? Do we think of ourselves as witnesses to the light which shines in the darkness? Into the bleakness of winter will soon come the light of the world. In this time of anticipation, perhaps we can imagine that our welcome for the Word made flesh might be where and how we can shine the light of God's presence into the shadows of our human brokenness, bringing good news to the oppressed, binding up the brokenhearted, proclaiming liberty to the captives, and releasing those imprisoned to freedom. John the Witness reminds us of the importance of pointing to even the tiniest light and saying "Look, behold, the Lamb of God!" In this season of Advent that is typically described as one of preparation, what does it mean to prepare? Maybe preparation means simply adjusting our eyes to see light when there seems to be none. God calls us to be witnesses like John who point to Jesus and say "Look!" so that all might know God's pastures of peace. Perhaps pointing and saying, "Look!" can be our preparing the way.



Saint Peter Canisius' Story - The energetic life of Peter Canisius should demolish any stereotypes we may have of the life of a saint as dull or routine. Peter lived his 76 years at a pace which must be considered heroic, even in our time of rapid change. A man blessed with many talents; Peter is an excellent example of the scriptural man who develops his talents for the sake of the Lord's work. Peter was one of the most important figures in the Catholic Reformation in Germany. He played such a key role that he has often been called the "second apostle of Germany," in that his life parallels the earlier work of Boniface. Although Peter once accused himself of idleness in his youth, he could not have been idle that long, for at the age of 19 he received a master's degree from the university at Cologne. Soon afterwards he met Peter Faber, the first disciple of Ignatius of Loyola, who influenced Peter so much that he joined the recently formed Society of Jesus. At this early age Peter had already taken up a practice he continued throughout his life—a process of study, reflection, prayer, and writing. After his ordination in 1546, he became widely known for his editions of the writings of St. Cyril of Alexandria and St. Leo the Great. Besides this reflective literary bent, Peter had a zeal for the apostolate. He could often be found visiting the sick or imprisoned, even when his assigned duties in other areas were more than enough to keep most people fully occupied. In 1547, Peter attended several sessions of the Council of Trent, whose decrees he was later assigned to implement. After a brief teaching assignment at the Jesuit college at Messina, Peter was entrusted with the mission to Germany—from that point on his life's work. He taught in several universities and was instrumental in establishing many colleges and seminaries. He wrote a catechism that explained the Catholic faith in a way that common people could understand—a great need of that age. Renowned as a popular preacher, Peter packed churches with those eager to hear his eloquent proclamation of the gospel. He had great diplomatic ability, often serving as a reconciler between disputing factions. In his letters—filling eight volumes—one finds words of wisdom and counsel to people in all walks of life. At times he wrote unprecedented letters of criticism to leaders of the Church—yet always in the context of a loving, sympathetic concern. At 70, Peter suffered a paralytic seizure, but he continued to preach and write with the aid of a secretary, until his death in his hometown of Nijmegen, Netherlands, on December 21, 1597. Reflection - Peter's untiring efforts are an apt example for those involved in the renewal of the Church or the growth of moral consciousness in business or government. He is regarded as one of the creators of the Catholic press and can easily be a model for the Christian author or journalist. Teachers can see in his life a passion for the transmission of truth. Whether we have much to give, as Peter Canisius did, or whether we have only a little to give, as did the poor widow in the Gospel of Luke (see Luke 21:1-4), the important thing is to give our all. It is in this way that Peter is so exemplary for Christians in an age of rapid change when we are called to be in the world but not of the world. Saint Peter Canisius is a Patron Saint of: Germany

Christmas Schedule

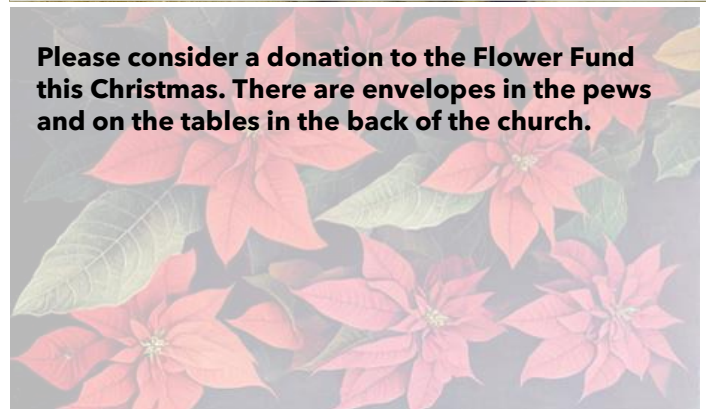
Saturday, 12/23, 5pm , Advent IV
Sunday, 12/24, (morning) 10am (Advent IV),
THEN...Sunday (evening), Christmas Eve Vigil, 5pm and
late night, 9pm.

Christmas Day, Monday, 12/25 at 10am ONLY
New Year's Day Mass, Monday, 1/1/24 at 11:30am

The new Sunday morning mass begins on Sunday,
December 24 with the new 10am mass and will end
on Palm Sunday, 3/24/24.



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this Christmas. There are envelopes in the pews
and on the tables in the back of the church.



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a parish in need in our diocese, this advent
and Christmas season through our first annual
One Church collection. More information can
be found on the back tables inside the church.
Please pray for this project and we thank you
in advance for your thoughtful reflection.



Mass Intentions

Saturday	16	5pm	† Donald Beimesche	The Freiheit Family
Sunday	17	8am	Intentions of OLT Parishioners	Pro Populo
Sunday	17	11:30am	† Chet Manley	Curt and Jerry Emrie
Wednesday	20	11:30am	† Deborah Moser	Curt and Jerry Emrie
Thursday	21	11:30am		
Friday	22	11:30am		



After Mass #2 - Adoration

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

Matthew 11:28 NIV

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is an amazing devotion wherein we encounter Jesus in Eucharist. However, this devotion is not separated from the Mass. Rather, it is pausing the moment of elevation of the Eucharist. And so when we pray in adoration, we are saying to Jesus everything that we were unable to say in that brief moment in the Mass. In a sense, we become like St. John the Evangelist, reclining at the side of Jesus at the Last Supper, listening to what He says to us and pondering anew the mystery of our salvation. Have you ever been to Eucharistic adoration?

Please join us for a Christmas Dinner Party this Sunday, December 17, hosted by the Men's Fellowship and Women's Guild. Social hour starts at 3:30 with dinner at 4:30. The price is \$30 for each individual at the door. If you wish to participate in the gift exchange, please bring a \$25 to \$30 gift. We will serve turkey, beef, and ham. When you purchase your ticket, please indicate whether you will bring an appetizer, side, or dessert.



The 2024 Calendar will be available after New Year's complimentary of OLT's Women's Guild.

Bible Study: We are continuing our journey through Acts. Our next session will be December 20 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.

Last weekend's collection was \$2,256.00. Our heartfelt gratitude goes out to everybody for your cheerful giving and steadfast support of Our Lady of Tahoe!

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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