

Our Lady of Tahoe Catholic Church

First Sunday of Advent

Stay Awake

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

Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday: 11:30am

Confession: Wednesday at 11am or by appointment

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Jesus is like a householder who has gone abroad. He has left his servants - that is, you and me - in charge of his affairs, each one with their own task. What is my task, my role in this world? "Stay awake because you do not know when the master will come back - "stay awake." How do we do that? Very simply. We keep in touch with those around us by each day doing our best to live lives of love, of compassion, of forgiveness, of honesty and integrity. We keep in touch with our God through lives of prayer. And the simplest and deepest prayer is to be aware of the active presence of God permeating every single moment of every single day. "O Lord, help to recognize you and respond to you in love through every person and every experience of this day."

In Luke 1:28 the angel Gabriel, speaking on God's behalf, addresses Mary as "full of grace" or "highly favored". In that context, this phrase means that Mary is receiving all the special divine help necessary for the task ahead. However, the Church grows in understanding with the help of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit led the Church, especially non-theologians, to the insight that Mary had to be the most perfect work of God next to the Incarnation. Or rather, Mary's intimate association with the Incarnation called for the special involvement of God in Mary's whole life. The logic of piety helped God's people to believe that Mary was full of grace and free of sin from the first moment of her existence. Moreover, this great privilege of Mary is the highlight of all that God has done in Jesus. Rightly understood, the incomparable holiness of Mary shows forth the incomparable goodness of God.

Special Second Collection: Next Weekend

Across the United States, hundreds of religious communities— Priests, Brothers, Sisters, and Nuns— lack financial resources to meet the retirement and healthcare needs of aging members. Many elderly religious spent their youth working for small stipends, with little for retirement savings. Simultaneously, the decrease in religious vocations means that few religious are able to serve in compensated ministry. Today, retired religious outnumber wage-earners by three to one. The Retirement Fund for Religious (RFR) attempts to provide for those religious who gave their lives to the church. Most donations to the RFR are distributed as Direct Care Assistance, going to individual religious for immediate eldercare needs or saved for long-term expenses. Nearly 25,000 elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests benefit annually from this fund. Roughly 95 percent of the RFR budget aides senior religious. The remainder is used for administration of the funds and promotion of the nationwide RFR appeal. Donating to this fund is a great way to help the growing number of elderly religious who due their service to God were unable to save for their retirement.

Most Reverend Daniel H. Mueggenborg
Bishop of Reno

We are in awe of the generosity during iGiveCatholic on Giving Tuesday. Right now, we are at almost \$14,000 of our \$20,000 goal. We appreciate your support, and look forward to providing updates on the final installation of our new generator, thanks to your faithful stewardship!



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Last weekend's collection was \$2,695.00. Our heartfelt gratitude goes out to everybody for your cheerful giving and steadfast support of Our Lady of Tahoe!

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.

Please consider supporting St. Peter Canisius, 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.



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 this 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	2	5pm	For the End of Abortion	David and Stephanie Scott
Sunday	3	8am	Intentions of OLT Parishioners	Pro Populo
Sunday	3	11:30am		
Wednesday	6	11:30am		
Thursday	7	11:30am		
Friday	8	9am	Intention of the Priest	
Friday	8	5:30pm	Intentions of OLT Parishioners	Pro Populo



Sending Rite #4 - The Procession Into the World

"In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

John 16:33 NIV

When the celebrant processes out of the church, it isn't just a way of getting everyone to leave the building. Rather, the procession has a profound spiritual significance. Just as at the beginning of the Mass we stood to acknowledge the reality of Christ present among us in the person of the priest, so too do we acknowledge that reality again. However, this time, we see in the celebrant a symbol of Jesus leading us out into the world. It isn't that we go out into the world on our own—Christ goes before us. Where is Jesus leading you?



Bible Study: 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.



Please join us for a **Christmas Dinner Party** on Sunday, December 17, hosted by the Men's Fellowship and Women's Guild. Social hour starts at 3:30 with dinner at 4:30. Price is \$25 for singles, and \$40 for couples. Tickets will be on sale after masses. Please note, the latest to purchase tickets is December 10. We have to do this to have an idea of the count so that we purchase enough food and have little waste. \$30 for each at the door. If you wish to participate in the gift exchange, each should 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.

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.

"The Immaculate Conception shines like a *beacon of light for humanity in all the ages*. At the beginning of the third millennium, it guides us to believe and hope in God, in his salvation and in eternal life."

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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