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This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family.

Though he was conceived of a virgin, Jesus nevertheless lived as a son in a human family -- a family which points the way for the rest of us. The family is the sanctuary of life. There can be no life without family, and there can be no family without life.

The family, above all, is where life is to be welcomed, no matter how fragile or inconvenient it may be. One of the many reasons why abortion is the pre-eminent issue is because, as St. John Paul II pointed out in "The Gospel of Life," these crimes are committed by one family member upon another. May the Holy Family lead us to a Culture of Life!

HAPPY
NEW
YEAR



Way back in 431, there was a bitter controversy among theologians over the role of Mary in the Catholic Church. They debated the question: Who is Mary in God's plan? In the end, the bishops declared that Mary is really the mother of Jesus and Jesus is really God. So it must be said that Mary is the Mother of God. The oldest Christian greeting of Mary was proclaimed when Mary's relative Elizabeth called her "Mother of my Lord." When Elizabeth welcomed Mary, she recognized both the great privilege God had given Mary and Mary's great faith in accepting it. For centuries, Mary has been praised because she believed. She is Mother of God because of her faith in God. The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, celebrates Mary's faith and trust in God alone. The Church wants us to imitate her faith.

A gentle reminder that the new Sunday morning mass time is at 10am. This change is for the winter only and will end on Palm Sunday, March 24th. New Year's Day Mass is Monday, January 1 at 11:30am. The church and office are closed Friday, December 29th and Monday, January 1st.

Our diocese will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. For more than 50 years, this collection has given Catholics in the United States an opportunity to share faith in unity with our brothers and sisters in Christ throughout Latin America and the Caribbean islands. The work of evangelization is carried out by Christians who meet people where they are—not only in a geographical sense but also in the context of culture. Though the Gospel is unchanging, we have many ways to make it relevant to people of all cultural, ethnic, and linguistic backgrounds. The countries of South America have diverse populations from Indigenous, African, European, and Asian ancestries, all with different cultural experiences. By welcoming and understanding people from so many backgrounds, the Church grows and continues its mission of making disciples of all peoples. In Brazil, the Brazilian Bishops' Conference organized visits and meetings to engage Afro-Brazilian Catholic leaders in discussing a variety of themes, including social pastoral ministry and the vision of Pope Francis. In Peru, missionaries working in the Peruvian Amazon bring the Gospel to the Ashaninka and Matsigenka communities of about 60,000 people. Such encounters and engagement with the peoples of South America are made possible when Catholics in our diocese are generous to the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Your participation in the collection truly becomes a way to share your faith and support evangelization efforts among all peoples. For more information on the Church in Latin America and the many projects funded by the collection, please visit www.usccb.org/latin-america. This collection will be taken up next weekend (January 6-7, 2024).

Last weekend's collection was \$18,440.12. For Christmas, we received \$47,980.12. To say we are appreciative is an understatement. Also, to everyone who donated to #iGiveCatholic, thank you! Because of your generosity, we made (and surpassed) our goal and brought in \$22,475.45. And as an added bonus, today (12/27) we had our brand new generator installed. We did make our 2023 assessment for CSA, but do not have the exact numbers just yet. God has blessed this church with generous people in the area of stewardship, and their prayers and talents. The work we do here at OLT could not happen without the consistent and bountiful gifts and again, thank you for being a blessing with your giving! May God reward you for your kindness!

Yours in Christ,

Bishop Daniel Mueggenborg

Bishop of Reno

Mass Intentions

Saturday	30	5pm	Intentions of OLT Parishioners	Pro Populo
Sunday	31	10am	† Jerome Moretto	Deborah Moretto
Monday	1	11:30am	Intention of the Priest	
Wednesday	3	11:30am	† John and Frances Ahern	The Ahern Family
Thursday	4	11:30am	† Allan Pratt	David and Stephanie Scott
Friday	5	11:30am		



After Mass #4 - Evangelization

"For when I preach the gospel, I cannot boast, since I am compelled to preach. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel!" 1 Corinthians 9:16 NIV

After the Mass, we also have an obligation to proclaim the Gospel to all peoples. However, we do not have to go far off lands to do this—many people in our communities may have had a tangential encounter with the Gospel, such that they might have heard the name of the Savior, but do not understand its significance. Evangelization in this situation becomes very difficult, because people will have a distorted or superficial concept of what it means to be Catholic and that can be a barrier to conversion. And so now more than ever there is the need to proclaim the Gospel clearly with both our words and our actions. Is there someone in your life who has not yet had an encounter with Jesus? How might you bring the Gospel to those in your life?

THANK YOU, THANK YOU from Our Lady of Tahoe Outreach Program for all the contributions you have bestowed upon our program this past year. This marks our 31st year of helping our local families in California and Nevada. Because of your generosity, we have been able to increase our number of families to 80, which is over 420 adults and children. Our winter coat drive went exceptionally well with each 125 children receiving a new jacket, and our Christmas "Giving Tree" was able to give each child a \$20 gift certificate at our December food distribution. Through a very generous donor we have been able to increase our food amounts each month and give out a Safeway grocery gift card in December to each family. We sincerely thank you for your generosity AND prayers for the success of our Outreach Program.



Bible Study: We are continuing our journey through Acts. Our next session will be January 10, 2024 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 help yourself to a complimentary 2024 calendar courtesy of OLT's Women's Guild. They are on the tables in the back of the church. Also, for those of you who use offering envelopes, they are also on the tables in the back of the church.

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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