

# Our Lady of Tahoe Catholic Church

## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



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**Saturday: 5pm | Sunday: 10am**

**Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday: 11:30am**

**Confession: Wednesday at 11am or by appointment**

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John the Baptist, who had an immense following in Jerusalem, does something remarkable here. He points his followers towards Jesus, the Lamb of God. They walk away from John and follow Jesus, with John's blessing. John was not the light but came to bear witness to the light. He is happy to see his followers leave him, and his influence wane, because he is witnessing to Jesus. If we bring our ego to people, we bring death. If we bring Jesus, we bring life. When people really 'see' Jesus - life is never again the same. Simon would have a change of name, the Magi went back by another route, and millions throughout the ages have found the same, some even giving their lives for this man. To 'see' Jesus is to have some sort of glimpse of who he really is - the compassionate healer, the one who loves to the end, the Son of God. Who is he for you? What is your favorite name for him, as they liked the name 'Rabbi/Teacher'? Prayer asks for this knowledge like in St Ignatius' prayer: 'Lord, teach me to know you more, to love you more and serve you more faithfully in my life.' In a loving look, you know that you are loved. Jesus looked hard at them - looked right into them - and called them. They were affirmed and loved in that look. Prayer can start with you looking at God looking at you. Take in the look, allow the look to warm you and invite you. The look of Jesus says in its own way, 'Come and see'.



The life of Anthony will remind many people of Saint Francis of Assisi. At 20, Anthony was so moved by the Gospel message, "Go, sell what you have, and give to [the] poor" (Mark 10:21b), that he actually did just that with his large inheritance. He is different from Francis in that most of Anthony's life was spent in solitude. He saw the world completely covered with snares and gave the Church and the world the witness of solitary asceticism, great personal mortification and prayer. But no saint is antisocial, and Anthony drew many people to himself for spiritual healing and guidance. At 54, he responded to many requests and founded a sort of monastery of scattered cells. Again, like Francis, he had great fear of "stately buildings and well-laden tables." At 60, he hoped to be a martyr in the renewed Roman persecution of 311, fearlessly exposing himself to danger while giving moral and material support to those in prison. At 88, he was fighting the Arian heresy, that massive trauma from which it took the Church centuries to recover. "The mule kicking over the altar" denied the divinity of Christ. Anthony died in solitude at age 105. Reflection - In an age that smiles at the notion of devils and angels, a person known for having power over evil spirits must at least make us pause. And in a day when people speak of life as a "rat race," one who devotes a whole life to solitude and prayer points to an essential of the Christian life in all ages. Anthony's hermit life reminds us of the absoluteness of our break with sin and the totality of our commitment to Christ. Even in God's good world, there is another world whose false values constantly tempt us.



During the month of January, we celebrate the feast of the Mother of God and ask for her intercession to open the hearts and minds of all mothers who have had abortions. May they reach out for help to begin the healing process. 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](mailto:KarenM@Catholicreno.org) to take advantage of valuable resources.



"The confidence that God is mindful of the individual is of tremendous value in dealing with the disease of fear, for it gives us a sense of worth, of belonging, and of at homeness in the universe."

-Martin Luther King, Jr

A reminder that the church and office are closed on Monday, January 15th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.



## Mass Intentions

Saturday	13	5pm	Intentions of OLT Parishioners	Pro Populo
Sunday	14	10am	† Dennis Nelson	Peggy Ellena
Wednesday	17	11:30am	Health and Wellness John Timothy Ahern	The Ahern Family
Thursday	18	11:30am	† Berniece Morrison	
Friday	19	11:30am		

2024 welcomes new officers to the Women's Guild here at Our Lady of Tahoe. All ladies of the parish are welcome to join us. Here is a list of recently elected and appointed members:

President: Kristie Grisafe

V/P: Liz Cordero

Treasurer: Mary Eaton

Secretary: Grace Connell

Publicity: Open

Spiritual Leader: Emily (Lee) De Pasquale

Scholarship/Foundation Liaison: Janis Brand

Altar Care/Linens: Liz Cordero

Gift Shop: Janis Brand

Pinecone Crosses: Lee De Pasquale

Ladies of the parish, please join us in the parish hall next Tuesday, January 16th at 6pm. Kindly bring a small dish to share. Any questions, email [kmgrisafe@att.net](mailto:kmgrisafe@att.net) & hope to see you there!



We are still in awe of the generosity shown to OLT during #iGiveCatholic on Giving Tuesday. Because of everyone who donated, we were able to raise \$22,475.45 (\$2K plus over our goal) toward the purchase of our brand new generator that will power the entire property (church, hall, and rectory). Again, thank you for your gracious giving to Our Lady of Tahoe!

Last weekend's collection came to \$1,949.00. Donations are the financial lifeblood of the church. We ask that you continue this spirit of giving in not only your spiritual life but your personal and public lives as well, representing the enduring gifts of Jesus Christ. Thank you!



**Bible Study:** We are continuing our journey through Acts. Our next session will be January 17, 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](mailto: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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