

Our Lady of Tahoe Catholic Church

The Epiphany of the Lord (1/7/24)



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Saturday: 5pm | Sunday: 10am

Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday: 11:30am

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The gospel speaks of those earnestly seeking the newborn king. Those searching are from outside the nation of Israel, the Gentiles. The magi represent the nations of the world seeking the light and are guided by a star. Interestingly, there were those who had already been chosen and called by God and they felt that they had no need to search for this Messiah. King Herod feared for his throne, though his fear was unwarranted, given that Jesus was to be a different kind of king. There seems to be a truth about human nature and it is that we can easily become locked in our own way of thinking and not allow the least bit of new light to enter into our lives. God is ever seeking to allow new light to seep into our lives in order to see God more clearly. The truth is we must make ourselves available to the light and seek unity among others from various nations, races and creeds. This is God's will: unity.

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is a liturgical bridge that connects the Christmas season to Ordinary Time. During the Christmas season we pondered the Incarnation, Nativity, Presentation in the Temple, and Epiphany. Today, we see Jesus manifesting Himself to the world as He began His three years of public ministry. John the Baptist had been preaching in the desert and offering a baptism of repentance, a sign of one's willingness to turn away from sin and turn toward God. Jesus, of course, was sinless in every way, but he chose to receive the baptism of repentance to unite Himself with fallen humanity. Out of love for us, he took upon Himself our own sins and would suffer their consequences. By bowing His sacred head to receive the baptism of repentance, Jesus united Himself and His divinity to everyone who had already chosen to repent. And He gave power to every forthcoming act of repentance others would make, even until today. When we repent today, we meet Jesus in that same water of repentance. It was not only the Eternal Son Who was present at that baptism of repentance, but the Father and the Holy Spirit as well. The Spirit descended upon Jesus in the form of a dove, and the Father's Voice spoke to acknowledge His oneness with His Son. Therefore, every time we make a humble act of repentance, such as when we combine the crucifixion, the Trinity, and holy water upon entering a church and blessing ourselves, we not only meet our Lord but also receive the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and share more fully in our adoption as sons and daughters of the Father in Heaven. As we commemorate Jesus' baptism, we celebrate the fact that our Christian baptism was the beginning of a new unity with the Holy Trinity. We also celebrate our oneness with God, which is renewed every time we make an interior act of repentance for our sins. Every time we acknowledge and repent of our sin, we meet Christ anew, receive a greater outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and affirm and deepen our adoption by the Father in Heaven.

TIMELESS TREASURES

A Winter's portrait, so bountiful,
Nature's gift indeed...
Though lurking are the lifeless flowers
Returned to earth as seed.
All sacred gifts sent unto us
Are made by God's own hands -
And always, they are precious ones
To love just as He plans!
While lilies in the valley rest,
And clad are crystal trees...
A lifeless day revives the soul
Through snowflakes on a breeze.
These heavenly troves to come our way,
So beautiful, big or small...
Will touch our lives through each new day -
God's gifts... they're best of all!

Dianne Cogar

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 this weekend (January 6-7, 2024).

Yours in Christ,

Bishop Daniel Mueggenborg

Bishop of Reno



Mass Intentions

Saturday	6	5pm	† Dale Ahern	The Ahern Family
Sunday	7	10am	Intentions of OLT Parishioners	Pro Populo
Wednesday	10	11:30am	No Mass - Clergy Education Week	
Thursday	11	11:30am	No Mass - Clergy Education Week	
Friday	12	11:30am	No Mass - Clergy Education Week	



"Everyone recognizes that we live in an increasingly polarized culture and that faith communities are affected by it. People tend to identify themselves by social causes, political stances, or broad categories such as "liberal" or "conservative." Such an ideological identity is shallow and fragile. For Christians, the issue should not be a person's position but whether or not they are with Jesus. He alone is the source of our communion which is able to overcome every other cause of division. All doctrines and moral principles flow from him as Truth incarnate."



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 \$5,889.00. 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 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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