

Our Lady of Tahoe Catholic Church

Sixth 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

Baptisms and Marriages: Contact the parish during business hours, M-F, 9am - 3pm or visit our website:

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Desire is important in life as it gives direction and momentum. The leper knew what he wanted and believed that Jesus had the power to grant it. He came in humility, begging from a kneeling position. Jesus met him with a compassionate response. Lord, we come to you in our need, with our desire, and with total confidence in you to meet our needs and to heal our wounds. This is a story of healing and touching. Strictly speaking, Jesus should not have touched a leper. Neither should the leper have approached Jesus, as lepers had to isolate themselves and call out 'unclean, unclean' to anyone who approached. Lord, help us to see how we isolate ourselves and others and how to break down barriers of stigma, shame and fear, and reach out in love to others, just as you did.

Ash Wednesday is February 14. It is not a holy day of obligation but a very important day as we begin the season of Lent. Mass times are 11:30am & 5:30pm.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Among the beautiful, meaningful and solemn ceremonies of the Catholic Church is the gathering of the faithful on Ash Wednesday. This special day begins our Lenten journey. It is the start of 40 days of prayer, penance and almsgiving as we prepare ourselves to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday. The Church has long used ashes as an outward sign of grief, a mark of humility, mourning, penance and morality. The Old Testament is filled with stories describing the use of ashes in such a manner. In the Book of Job, Job repented before God: "Therefore, I disown what I have said, and repent in dust and ashes" (42:6). Daniel "turned to the Lord God, to seek help, in prayer and petition, with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes" (Daniel 9:3). Jonah preached conversion and repentance to the people of Nineveh: "When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, laid aside his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in the ashes" (Jon 3:6). And the Maccabees army prepared for battle: "That day they fasted and wore sackcloth; they sprinkled ashes on their heads and tore their garments" (1 Mc 3:47). Ashes were imposed on the early catechumens when they began their preparation time for baptism. Confessed sinners of that era were also marked with ashes as part of the public penitential process. Other baptized Christians began asking to receive ashes in a manner similar to catechumens and penitents. Christian men had ashes sprinkled on their heads while ashes were used to trace the cross on the forehead of women. Thus the use of ashes as the sign of penance, in readiness for Easter, was becoming a Churchwide practice. During the papacy of St. Gregory the Great, the practice was further expanded and is mentioned in the sixth-century Gregorian Sacramentary. Around the year 1000, Abbot Aelfric of the monastery of Eynsham, England, wrote: "We read in the books both in the Old Law and in the new that men who repented of their sins bestowed on themselves with ashes and clothed their bodies with sackcloth. Now let us do this little at the beginning of our Lent, that we strew ashes upon our heads, to signify that we ought to repent of our sins during the Lenten feast" ("Aelfric's Lives of Saints," 1881, p. 263). This same rite of distributing ashes on the Wednesday that begins Lent was recommended for universal use by Pope Urban II at the Synod of Benevento in 1091. So when we go to that early Mass on Ash Wednesday morning and receive the blessed ashes on our forehead, we are repeating a somber, pious act that Catholics have been undergoing for over 1,500 years. As "The Liturgical Year, Septuagesima," by Abbot Gueranger, O.S.B., written in the middle decades of the 1800s, puts it: "We are entering, today, upon a long campaign of the warfare spoke of by the apostles: forty days of battle, forty days of penance. We shall not turn cowards, if our souls can but be impressed with the conviction that the battle and the penance must be gone through. Let us listen to the eloquence of the solemn rite which opens our Lent. Let us go whither our mother leads us, that is, to the scene of the fall." Like all those before us, we unhesitatingly embrace this invitation to sanctity, this time to turn away from sin. We are part of that great cloud of witnesses who through all the ages have donned the ashes, publicly acknowledging that we are Christians, Christians who have sinned and seek to repent. We acknowledge that "we are dust and to dust we shall return."

Our diocese takes up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe on Ash Wednesday. This Collection supports essential unmet pastoral needs in Central and Eastern Europe and areas of Central Asia formerly under Soviet control. Our assistance is vital to the growth and strength of the Church in these regions. Throughout his pontificate, our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has often spoken of the need for Christians to evangelize others through accompaniment. Through listening patiently, building trust, and being mindful of others' dignity, we can help one another encounter Christ's merciful love, especially those who suffer from emotional wounds, loneliness, and doubt. For many in the Church in Central and, especially, Eastern Europe, the aftermath of 70 years of Soviet rule and state-sponsored atheism are still evident every day in the form of poverty and lack of access to pastoral care and buildings in which the faithful can worship and cultivate their faith. Your donations help strengthen the Church of this region through grants to Catholic organizations that help deliver pastoral care, form leaders, and build places where they can worship in the light of Christ. Please be generous in the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, where your gifts are restoring the Church and building the future. Thank you and God bless you.

Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Daniel H. Muegggenborg
Bishop of Reno

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Mass Intentions

Saturday	10	5pm	Healing for Jacob Guiducci	The DePasquale Family
Sunday	11	10am	Intentions of OLT Parishioners	Pro Populo
Wednesday	14	11:30am	For the Conversion of Sinners	
Wednesday	14	5:30pm	Intention of the Priest	
Thursday	15	11:30am	† Dale C. Smith	Melinda Guajardo
Friday	16	11:30am	Healing for Tom and Sue Martinez	Nancy Martinez

Last weekend's collection came to \$1,954.00. 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!



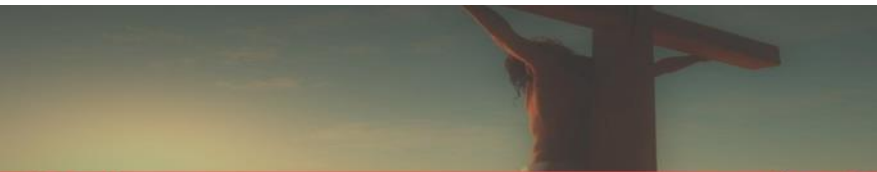
Ten Ways to Love

1. Listen without interrupting. (Proverbs 18)
2. Speak without accusing. (James 1:19)
3. Give without sparing. (Proverbs 21:26)
4. Pray without ceasing. (Colossians 1:9)
5. Answer without arguing. (Proverbs 17:1)
6. Share without pretending. (Ephesians 4:15)
7. Enjoy without complaint. (Philippians 2:14)
8. Trust without wavering. (1 Corinthians 13:7)
9. Forgive without punishing. (Colossians 3:13)
10. Promise without forgetting. (Proverbs 13:12)

Bible Study Update - Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come

Next week's bible study will be on Revelation Chapter 1. All are welcome! Wednesday 10-11:15am in the parish hall. Any questions, please call Janine Nyre at 775-339-1961 or email her at janinenyre@comcast.net.

Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near. – Revelation 1:3



For God so lo**V**ed the world
That He g**A**ve
His on**L**y
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That whoever
Believeth **I**n Him
Should **N**ot perish
But have **E**verlasting life.
John 3:16

St. Patrick's Day Party!

Please join us Sunday, March 17 for dinner at Our Lady of Tahoe in the parish hall! We open at 4pm, dinner is served at 5pm. There will be corn beef, cabbage, potatoes, cottage pie (beef). Pre-purchase tickets at mass for \$30 per couple, \$15 for singles, no charge for children under 8. If bought at the door, the cost per person is \$20.00. If you can bring an appetizer or dessert, that would be much appreciated!

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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