

Our Lady of Tahoe Catholic Church

Fifth 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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God does not want us to be sick. And one day, God promises us that sickness itself will die. But what about now? We still get sick. Why? The first thing to remember is that even when we are sick, God still cares for us. In fact, more than ever. God cares for us as a parent cares for their child. Then why does God allow us to be sick? When you stop and think about it, a better question might be, why does God allow healing? Why does God's Son heal anyone who is sick? Why do any of us enjoy the health that we have? And the answer is of course that God loves us. And so, even though we as humans brought sin into the world, God sent his Son to take care of that sin by dying on the cross. Sickness and death do not have the last word in our life. God does. And that last word will not be sickness or death but will be life in Jesus's name. Believe the good news that God cares for us all and has a plan to bring an end to all sickness and death in our world.



St. Agatha is one of the most highly venerated virgin martyrs of the Catholic Church. Her feast day is February 5. Born around 231 in Sicily to a rich and noble family, Agatha was quite beautiful. She became a consecrated virgin at an early age, but that did not stop men from desiring her and making unwanted advances. One such man was a high ranking diplomatic official, who believed he could make Agatha turn away from her vow and marry him. Instead, she scorned his persistent proposals so, knowing she was a Christian, he had her arrested and brought before the judge. He was the judge. When Agatha repeatedly refused to break her vows, even when threatened with torture and possible death, she was sent to a brothel. The official, hearing of her calm strength during months of assaults in the brothel, had her brought before him again. Not only did Agatha refuse him, but told him that to be a servant of Jesus Christ was her true freedom. She was then sent to prison instead of returned to the brothel. Agatha continued to proclaim Jesus as her Savior, and for that she was stretched on a rack, torn with iron hooks, burned by torches, and whipped. Noticing that she endured all of this with a sense of cheer, the official ordered that her breasts be cut off and Agatha returned to prison without food or medical attention. During this imprisonment, Agatha had a vision of St. Peter, the Apostle, who comforted her and healed her wounds through his prayers. After four days the official, who ignored the miraculous healing of her wounds, had her rolled naked over hot coals mixed with sharp shreds. When she was returned to prison she prayed, "Lord, my Creator, You have ever protected me from the cradle. You have taken me from the love of the world, and given me patience to suffer. Receive now my soul." Agatha is believed to have passed into Heaven in 251, at the age of 20. She is the Patron Saint of Sicily, breast cancer patients, rape victims, and wet nurses. She is also considered a powerful intercessor for victims of fire. In some parts of Italy, her intercession is invoked against volcanic eruptions. St. Agatha was canonized pre-congregation (pre-11th century, before the institution of investigations) by tradition, confirmed by Pope Gregory 1.



The Priest's Relief Collection is taken up each year to provide funds for this specific purpose. This collection will be taken up on February 3 & 4. As Bishop of the Diocese of Reno, I have a special concern for the priests who share with me the ministry and care for the faithful of this diocese. These priests have dedicated their lives to the ministry and service to the people of Northern Nevada. One of my responsibilities is to ensure that we are prepared to assist them, when necessary, with retirement and health needs that are extraordinary. Despite our best efforts to plan, there may be times when a priest may find it necessary to ask for additional financial assistance because insurance covers only a portion of health expenses or there is some other unforeseen crisis. I know you share with me a sense of gratitude for the ministry of our priests. Your financial support will enable me to be prepared to assist them in times of special need. Thank you for your generosity.

Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Daniel H. Mueggenborg

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Bishop of Reno

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

...for he knows how we are formed, he
remembers that we are dust " Psalm 103:14

Mass Intentions

Saturday	3	5pm	Intentions of OLT Parishioners	Pro Populo
Sunday	4	10am	† Patrick Bible	David and Stephanie Scott
Wednesday	7	11:30am		
Thursday	8	11:30am		
Friday	9	11:30am		

Last weekend's collection came to \$3,779.00. 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!



Prayer for All the Suffering

Jesus said, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness." I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. (2 Corinthians 12:9-10) The sick, the elderly, the handicapped, and the dying teach us that weakness is a creative part of human living, and that suffering can be embraced with no loss of dignity. Without the presence of these people in your midst, you might be tempted to think of health, strength and power as the only important values to be pursued in life. But the wisdom of Christ and the power of Christ are to be seen in the weakness of those who share His sufferings. Let us keep the sick and handicapped at the center of our lives. Let us treasure them and recognize with gratitude the debt we owe them. We begin by imagining that we are giving to them; we end by realizing that they have enriched us. May God bless and comfort all who suffer. And may Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world and healer of the sick, make His light shine through human weakness as a beacon for us and for all people. Amen

Bible Study Update - Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come

We are embarking on the study of the Book of Revelation. The introduction will be on Wednesday, February 7, followed by Revelation 1 on 2/14. Everyone is welcome to join, Wednesday at 10am in the parish hall. Any questions, please call Janine Nyre at 775-339-1961 or email her at janinenyre@comcast.net.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is offering a great weekend experience for couples and religious. Our next weekend is at Immaculate Conception Church in Reno, Nevada April 13th and 14th. This is a non-residential experience which means the couples will either go home or get a local hotel on Saturday evening and come back on Sunday. This is a time to Restore, Rekindle and Renew your relationship with your spouse. We say, "that not everyone needs a weekend, they DESERVE a weekend". To register go to www.sacramentowwme.org or <https://wwme.org/>

if you would like more information or contact Jim and Mary Carr at 775-742-1123 or 775-742 1533.

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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