

# Our Lady of Tahoe Catholic Church

## The Ascension of the Lord



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**Saturday: 5pm | Sunday: 8am and 11:30am**

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

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

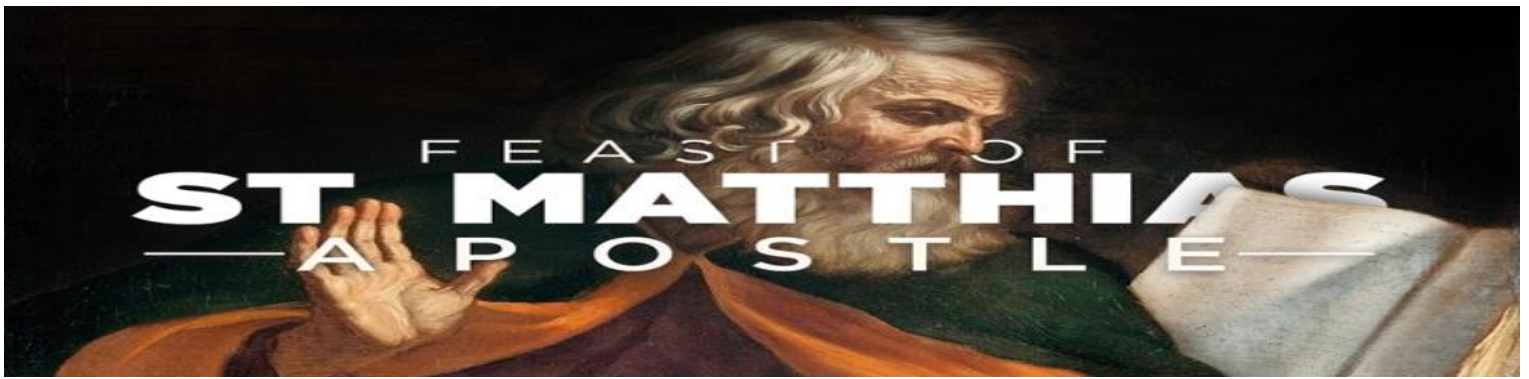
**Baptisms and Marriages: Contact the parish during business hours,  
M-F, 9am - 3pm or visit our website: [www.ourladyoftahoe.org](http://www.ourladyoftahoe.org)**

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Each of us is called into the ministry of Jesus in some way. We are called to be 'other Christs', to be people who wish to make known and spread the love of God and his care for his people in the world. We may never know how much we have done this; it is sufficient that we do what we can. God has some work to do that can be done only through each person. In a time of prayer we ask that we use our gifts and talents as best we can in God's service. The final departure of Jesus and the coming of the Holy Spirit gave new strength and energy to the group of disciples. The new message seems to transcend boundaries like language among people and illness within people, and that evil does not conquer. From heaven, the Lord continues his work on earth through his followers.



## How does one qualify to be an apostle?

The first act of the apostles after the Ascension of Jesus was to find a replacement for Judas. With all the questions, doubts, and dangers facing them, they chose to focus their attention on finding a twelfth apostle. Why was this important? Twelve was a very important number to the Chosen People: twelve was the number of the twelve tribes of Israel. If the new Israel was to come from the disciples of Jesus, a twelfth apostle was needed. But Jesus had chosen the original twelve. How could they know whom he would choose? One hundred and twenty people were gathered for prayer and reflection in the upper room, when Peter stood up to propose the way to make the choice. Peter had one criterion, that, like Andrew, James, John, and himself, the new apostle be someone who had been a disciple from the very beginning, from his baptism by John until the Ascension. The reason for this was simple, the new apostle would become a witness to Jesus' resurrection. He must have followed Jesus before anyone knew him, stayed with him when he made enemies, and believed in him when he spoke of the cross and of eating his body -- teachings that had made others melt away. Two men fit this description -- Matthias and Joseph called Barsabbas. They knew that both these men had been with them and with Jesus through his whole ministry. But which one had the heart to become a witness to his resurrection. The apostles knew that only the Lord could know what was in the heart of each. They cast lots in order to discover God's will and Matthias was chosen. He was the twelfth apostle and the group was whole again as they waited for the coming of the Holy Spirit. That's the first we hear of Matthias in Scripture, and the last. Legends like the Acts of Andrew and Matthias testify to Matthias' enthusiastic embrace of all that being an apostle meant including evangelization, persecution, and death in the service of the Lord. Clement of Alexandria says that Matthias, like all the other apostles, was not chosen by Jesus for what he already was, but for what Jesus foresaw he would become. He was elected not because he was worthy but because he would become worthy. Jesus chooses all of us in the same way. What does Jesus want you to become? In His Footsteps: Have you ever felt like an afterthought, a latecomer? Or have you ever resented someone new who was added to your group? Try to see your community as not complete without the newcomer, whether you or someone else. Welcome any newcomers to your parish, work, or family community this week as someone chosen by God. Prayer: Saint Matthias, pray that we may become worthy witnesses to the resurrection of Jesus in the way we live the eternal life we have right now.

## **A NEVADA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE ADVISORY**

### **DECLINE TO SIGN!**

In preparation for Nevada's November 2024 general election, there are two abortion related ballot initiatives for which signatures either have been or are currently being collected, that propose to enshrine abortion into our Nevada Constitution.

The Nevada Catholic Conference opposes these constitutional amendments, and the efforts seeking to permanently place the right to abortion in our state constitution, because:

- **It dangerously expands abortion rights.** Abortion, already legal in Nevada up to 24 weeks of pregnancy, would now be permitted to the 9th month of pregnancy, to full term.
- **It removes parental notification, consent, and family involvement** from all reproductive decisions for their minor children, including abortion and the treatment of issues such as gender dysphoria.
- **It eliminates the 'licensed physician' requirement for abortion** and substitutes 'health care practitioner' that could include nurses, physical therapists, dieticians, and athletic trainers (NRS 629.031) which would be dangerous to women in Nevada.

For these and many other reasons, the Nevada Catholic Conference urges all - ***Decline to Sign!***



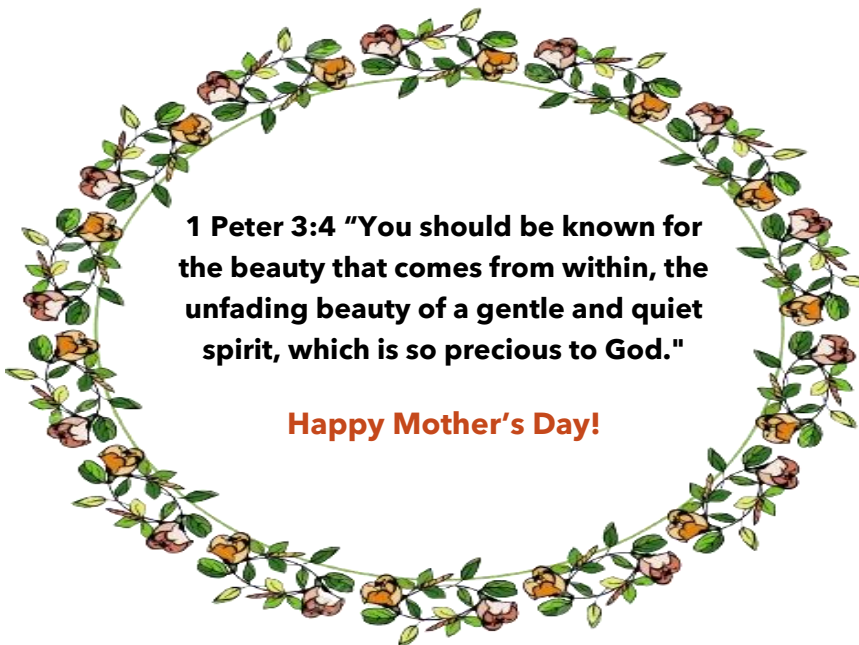
## Mass Intentions

Saturday	11	5pm	† Robert Simonds
Sunday	12	8am	Intentions of OLT Parishioners
Sunday	12	11:30am	† Christine Goodman
Wednesday	15	11:30am	Prayers for Fr. John Corona
Thursday	16	11:30am	
Friday	17	11:30am	

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Last weekend's collection came to \$2,872.00. The Catholic Home Missions collection brought in \$960.00. 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 so much for your generosity!

The parish may need the services of an architect. If anyone can provide this service or recommend someone who can, please contact Susan in the office.



**Wanted! Calling all disciples of Jesus Christ!** Volunteers are needed to help work the parking lot fundraiser and experience the fun and camaraderie with your fellow church goers! **Qualifications:** Please be current with your Protecting God's Children training. Those unqualified may take the training online. That time of the year is here again and if you like meeting new people, then this is the place for you. Every volunteer has made a great impact for Our Lady of Tahoe in the last 5 years. Volunteers are needed for the weekends starting from the Memorial Day weekend (Saturday, May 25) through Labor Day weekend (Sunday, September 1). No Sundays/Mondays except on holiday weekends. Although it is a 3-hour shift, I am accepting less hours. The hours for the holidays will be longer in order to accommodate the visitors. See Cora or call her at 661-917-7330. If you are not able to volunteer, donations are always welcome. Your support is greatly appreciated!



May is traditionally the Month of Mary Our Mother. "All graces given by God pass through the Blessed Mother" (St. Padre Pio). We pray for all women who suffer the pain of Post-Abortion Syndrome. May they receive the grace from God through Mary to reach out for healing. Please find out more about us at <https://www.highdesertcatholic.org/>. Click on Our Works, scroll down, click on Project Rachel. New to the website is a list of upcoming Healing After Abortion Retreats. 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.

## Bible Study

We just finished the Book of Revelation! It was very enlightening. For our next module, we will go back to the beginning of the Old Testament and journey through the entire Bible for 24 weeks. This module will start on May 22, 10am-11:15 in the parish hall. Please join us! If you have any questions, please contact Janine Nyre at 775-339-1961.

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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