Our Lady of Tahoe Catholic Church PENTECOST SUNDAY



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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

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We all have times when a bad experience shakes us so much, we don't know where to turn, and our confidence is shattered. Times when we can't think straight enough to work our way out of the mess; or when we know what we need to do, but we're so worn down we just can't summon the courage and energy to do it. The gifts of the Holy Spirit help us to cope at times like these, and Pentecost reminds us of the transformation that's possible when we let go and let the Spirit work in us. The gifts of wisdom, understanding, knowledge, guidance, and courage enlighten us, and help us to judge and act as true Christians. The gift of piety keeps us close to God, not by taking pride in our own holiness, but by accepting and returning God's love in living out our faith. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus is sending us all out, equipped to do what we need to do, and although there will always be times when we doubt we can cope, we can call on the Spirit, and open his way through our hearts.



Reflection: Little is said about the most glorious Mother of God in the Scriptures. In many ways, she lived a quiet and hidden life. Since her Assumption into Heaven, the Church has prayerfully pondered her life and role in the mystery of salvation. Little by little, saint after saint and pope after pope have shed greater light upon her singularly unique and glorious role in the Father's eternal plan. As the Church's understanding of the Blessed Mother has deepened, new titles and new dogmas have been proclaimed about Mary. In 2018, a new liturgical memorial honored her with the title "Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church." To understand the Blessed Virgin Mary's role as Mother of the Church, we need to begin with Scripture. As Jesus hung on the Cross, John's Gospel records that the mother of Jesus and two other women stood before Him, alongside John, the disciple whom Jesus loved. From the Cross, Jesus entrusted His mother to John's care. "When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, 'Woman, behold, your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Behold, your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his home" (John 19:26-27). This celebration will help us to remember that growth in the Christian life must be anchored to the Mystery of the Cross, to the oblation of Christ in the Eucharistic Banquet and to the Mother of the Redeemer and Mother of the Redeemed, the Virgin who makes her offering to God. It is significant that the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, was entrusted to the Church in the person of Saint John the Apostle at the foot of the Cross. From the Cross, the Church was conceived by the outpouring of grace that flowed from Jesus' Sacred Heart. At Pentecost, our Blessed Mother was present as the Church was born. Today, the Mother of the Church reigns in Heaven next to her Son; from there, she continues to nurture the Church as a loving mother. She not only intercedes for us but also mediates her Son's saving grace, making her the ongoing instrument of grace and mother of all. Because our understanding of the role of the Blessed Virgin Mary has continually unfolded over the centuries, it is fair to say that we do not yet fully understand her glorious role in the Father's plan of salvation. Some have proposed that she be given the dogmatic titles "Mediatrix of All Grace" and "Co-Redemptrix." Regardless of what comes next in our ever deepening understanding of the role of the Blessed Mother, we can be certain that those who one day gaze upon the essence of God Himself as he reveals all truth will immediately become aware of the most profound mysteries of Mary's hidden life. As we honor the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, know that she is your spiritual mother insofar as you are a member of Christ's Body, the

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.

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.
- <u>It removes parental notification, consent, and family involvement</u> from all reproductive decisions for their minor children, including abortion and the treatment of issues such as gender dysphoria.
- <u>It eliminates the 'licensed physician' requirement for abortion</u> 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

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Saturday	18	5pm
Sunday	19	8am
Sunday	19	11:30am
Wednesday	22	11:30am
Thursday	23	11:30am
Friday	24	11:30am

Healing for Jacob Guiducci Intentions of OLT Parishioners The DePasquale Family Pro Populo

please join us



A retirement and birthday luncheon for Father Larry is happening on June 23 in the Parish Hall following the 11:30 Mass. Your RSVP is needed as soon as possible for planning purposes. No reservations will be taken after June 16th. After each Mass, a representative from the Men's Fellowship will be available to take your reservation. The complimentary catered luncheon is provided, but if you so desire to bring a dessert to share, that would be most 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 <u>KarenM@Catholicreno.org</u> to take advantage of valuable resources.

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!

Last weekend's collection came to \$2,520.00. 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!

As disciples of Jesus Christ, and in the name of Mary, Our Lady of Tahoe Catholic community <u>welcomes and embraces all</u> 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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