

Our Lady of Tahoe Catholic Church

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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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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Jesus is the source of both, life and love. For us to be able to do what Jesus commands, to be able to love one another, we need to abide in Christ the vine. Abide in his love. So this is how Jesus can command us to love one other: because we are connected to him, and so we receive love from him. Love commanded, love connected. What Jesus commands he also supplies. Therefore, it is not impossible for us to love one another. We have the life and the love of Jesus flowing through us. We know what love is because we ourselves have received love from Christ.

The man who would become St. Damien of Molokai, was born in rural Belgium, on January 3, 1840. His name was Jozef De Veuster, and he was the youngest of seven children. Growing up on the farm, Jozef was prepared to take over for his family, but he did not want the responsibility. Instead, he wanted to follow his older brother and two sisters who took religious vows. Jozef attended school until the age of 13 when his help was needed on the family farm full-time. He aided his family until he was old enough to enter the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary. He took the name Damien, after a sixth century martyr. In 1864, Damien's brother who was also in the same order of religious, was ordered to Hawaii. But his brother became ill, so Br. Damien offered to go in his place. The brothers worried that Br. Damien was too uneducated to become a priest, although he was not considered unintelligent. Br. Damien demonstrated his ability by quickly learning Latin from his brother. He was also devoted in prayer. Br. Damien prayed each day before an icon of Saint Francis Xavier to be sent on a mission. Eventually, his religious brothers agreed to send him and have him ordained. Br. Damien arrived in Hawaii in March 1864, and was ordained as a priest on the island of Hawaii two months later. For nine years, he worked on the island as a priest, leading an important, yet undistinguished life. In 1866, Hawaii established a leper colony on the Kalaupapa Peninsula. It was still mistakenly believed that leprosy was highly contagious. This belief resulted in the forced quarantine of leprosy patients. These people still needed spiritual and medical care, so Fr. Damien discerned his call to serve them. In 1873, Fr. Damien made the trip to be with these people in their colony. Upon arrival, he found the colony was poorly maintained. Anarchy reigned among the people living there. Many patients required treatment but had nobody to care for them. Other patients took to drinking and became severe alcoholics. Every kind of immorality and misbehavior was on display in the lawless colony. There was no law or order. Fr. Damien realized the people needed leadership, so he provided it. He asked people to come together to build houses and schools and eventually the parish church, St. Philomena. The church still stands today. The sick were cared for and the dead buried. Order and routine made the colony livable. Fr. Damien personally provided much of the care the people needed. He was supposed to only work in the colony for a time then he would be replaced by one of three other volunteers for the work. But the leper colony was to become his permanent home. After working with the people for a time Fr. Damien grew attached to the people and his work. He asked permission to stay at the colony to serve. His request was granted. Leprosy is not as contagious as most people of the period assumed; however five percent of the human population is susceptible. The disease can also take several years to show symptoms. Fr. Damien became one of those people. He contracted leprosy in 1885, after several years of work. He realized he had the disease when he placed his foot into scalding water by accident but felt no pain. This was a common way by which people discovered they were infected. Leprosy attacks nerve endings and a victim may hurt themselves but not feel any pain. Fr. Damien continued his work, despite his illness, which slowly took over his body. He derived strength from prayer and devotion. He often went to the cemetery to pray the Rosary or spent time in the presence of the Eucharist. "It is at the foot of the altar that we find the strength we need in our isolation," he wrote. By all accounts, Fr. Damien was courageous, headstrong and resilient. His personal toughness served to inspire others. He was also reportedly very happy, a common phenomenon for those who pray and work hard to serve others and the Lord. After sixteen years in the colony, Fr. Damien succumbed to leprosy on April 15, 1889. He was first buried nearby, then his remains were transferred to Belgium in 1936. His right hand was returned to Hawaii in 1995 to be reburied in his original grave at Molokai. He was beatified by Pope John Paul II in Brussels, Belgium on June 4, 1995. His sainthood was confirmed on October 11, 2009 by Pope Benedict XVI. His feast day is May 10. The day of his passing, April 15, is a minor statewide holiday in Hawaii. Saint Damien is the patron saint of people suffering from leprosy.

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!***



Learn more on this and other initiatives at:
www.NevadaCatholic.org
or scan the QR code

Mass Intentions

Saturday	4	5pm	Happy Birthday Nicholas Stephen Nagengast!	David & Stephanie Scott
Sunday	5	8am	Intentions of OLT Parishioners	Pro Populo
Sunday	5	11:30am	Healing for Robert Smith	Pat Miller
Wednesday	8	11:30am		
Thursday	9	11:30am		
Friday	10	11:30am		

This weekend, our Diocese will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal as the Special Second Collection in May and I ask that you consider donating to this program. As one of the USCCB Subcommittees, the Catholic Home Missions Appeal Program offers financial support to the Catholic Church in the United States, its territories, and former territories by offering grants to dioceses that would not be able to function without assistance. This annual fundraising campaign brings awareness to American Catholics about the needs of these dioceses and invites them to assist fellow Catholics in the practice of the faith. The Catholic Home Missions Appeal principally focuses on 4 key pastoral services: evangelization activities, religious education, ministry training for priests, deacons, religious sisters and brothers, and laypeople, and finally, support of poor parishes within those dioceses across the country. These and other pastoral services assist parishes like your own which would otherwise be lacking fundamental elements of parish life. Your generosity will "hit home," so to speak, for many Catholics, as your assistance directly supports the pastoral services provided by the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. I ask you to prayerfully consider how you can support the appeal program this year.

With every best wish and an assurance of prayers, I remain,

Yours in Christ,

Bishop Daniel H. Mueggenborg

Most Reverend Daniel H. Mueggenborg
Bishop of Reno

Last weekend's collection came to \$2,430.00. 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!

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!

Bible Study: The Book of Revelation

Next Wednesday, (5/8) we finish the Book of Revelation with chapters 21 & 22. The votes have been tabulated for our next study. We will get to dive a little deeper across the bible timeline. The Story of Salvation. Exploring the Bible from Beginning to End in 24 Sessions. Please join us on 5/8 at 10 am. Contact Janine Nyre with any questions 775-339-1961.

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.



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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