

# Our Lady of Tahoe Catholic Church Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

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

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

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Indeed, just as Jesus calmed this storm by His word alone, Jesus Himself is the Word of God through whom the Father both created the world and is working its recreation. He alone has placated the storm of the God's justly deserved wrath by giving His life in exchange for our own. He is not only greater than sickness, greater than demons, and greater than the wind and sea; He is greater than our sin, more powerful than any work of evil. We should, therefore, all the more take warning that His perilous holiness will either put to death entirely our sin or put us to death alongside our sin. Let us cast our faith, trembling and frail though it may be, upon Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell, yet by His own blood has ransomed us from that eternal judgment.



At the time of Saint John the Baptist's birth, it was commonly thought that a woman's inability to conceive was a sign of God's disfavor and a punishment for sin. Although we know that's not the case, it's important to understand that God often brought forth great leaders from those who had long begged God for a child. Today's solemnity celebrates one of the greatest births in history. Recall that Jesus himself would later say, "Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist" (Matthew 11:11). When Elizabeth conceived John the Baptist, she and her husband, Zechariah, "were advanced in years" (Luke 1:7). The announcement of the child's birth came to Zechariah when he was chosen by lot from his priestly clan to enter the Temple sanctuary to burn incense to the Lord. This was among the highest honors of the Old Testament priests. While in the sanctuary, the Archangel Gabriel, who stands before God, appeared to him to announce the good news. Zechariah was told that his wife would not only conceive and bear a son, but that his son "will be great in the sight of the Lord...be filled with the Holy Spirit even from his mother's womb...turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord...will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah...turn the hearts of fathers toward children...to prepare a people fit for the Lord" (Luke 1:15-17). This announcement of the birth of Saint John the Baptist was not only a joyous announcement—it was almost beyond belief. Zechariah certainly would have been sorrowful throughout his marriage that he had no children, and now an Archangel was telling him that his soon-to-be-conceived child would be great beyond belief. Of course, we know that Zechariah did, at first, disbelieve and was struck mute until John was born. The next glorious chapter in the story of Saint John the Baptist came when that same Archangel, Gabriel, appeared to Mary, the Immaculate Conception, and announced that she would conceive the Savior of the World by the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit. After that announcement, Gabriel said to her, "And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God" (Luke 1:36-37). This reveals the fact that, in the Father's plan of salvation, John's mission was intimately connected to that of Jesus. This is further confirmed when Mary travels in haste to her cousin Elizabeth to help her in the final months of her pregnancy. At the sound of Mary's greeting, the unborn infant, John, leaped for joy in Elizabeth's womb. Of this event, Saint Thomas Aquinas teaches that John was sanctified in the womb at that moment, meaning he was freed from sin and prepared for his sacred mission of preparing the way for Jesus' ministry. Saint Thomas even goes so far as to speculate about that moment of sanctification as follows: "Perhaps also in this child the use of reason and will was so far accelerated that while in his mother's womb he was able to acknowledge, believe, and consent, whereas in other children we have to wait for these things till they grow older: this again I count as a miraculous result of the divine power" (*Summa Theologica* 3.27.6). John's birth, which we celebrate today, was surrounded by mystery, amazement, awe, and intrigue. The reaction to John's birth is recorded this way by Saint Luke: "Then fear came upon all their neighbors, and all these matters were discussed throughout the hill country of Judea. All who heard these things took them to heart, saying, 'What, then, will this child be?' For surely the hand of the Lord was with him" (Luke 1:65-66). Other than the Solemnity of the Birth of Christ (Christmas), Saint John the Baptist is the only person whom the Church honors with a solemnity to celebrate his birth. Our Blessed Mother's birth is celebrated with a feast, although her Immaculate Conception is commemorated with the greater honor of a solemnity. It is a great honor, indeed, to honor this unique man's birth with the highest rank of celebration within our Church. As we mark the birth of Saint John the Baptist, ponder this birthday from two perspectives. First, look at it from a Heavenly and eternal perspective. The angels and saints will forever glorify God for this great event and for the significant role that John played in the history of salvation. Second, look at it from a purely human perspective. Try to ponder the wonder and awe that would have enfolded Elizabeth and Zechariah. Consider their humanity. They were real people who became real parents and were told great things about their child. Despite that, John was still their child, just as Jesus was Mary's Child. The proper perspective of every event we celebrate in salvation history is to unite the human and divine perspectives, the transcendent and the imminent, the personal and the supernatural, to more fully understand, participate in, and believe these glorious and historical events that have opened the gates of Heaven to all who have faith.



### Fr. Rodel's Installation Mass - Saturday, July 6, 5pm

We are very excited to share that Fr. Rodel Tabanao will be installed as our new pastor here at Our Lady of Tahoe on Saturday, July 6 at the 5pm vigil mass. The service will be followed by a celebration meal (courtesy of The Men's Fellowship and The Women's Guild), so this is another reason we need to know of your intention if you are coming for the occasion. We ask that you please RSVP before July 1st by sending an e-mail to [kmgrisafe@att.net](mailto:kmgrisafe@att.net) or by texting 775-339-1287. This is a wonderful occasion for us as a church, however, we also believe it is a great time for our community to come together to welcome Pastor Rodel who will be ministering here for years to come. And now, a brief background....

47 years ago, my parents welcomed me as the last member to the family of 12 on the 29th of January in 1977. I have nine sisters and two brothers. Both of my parents are now deceased. After completing my high school in 1994, I joined the Missionaries of the Poor in the Philippines, my home country. A year later, I continued my religious formation in Kingston, Jamaica. This process culminated in my final profession of vows in 2001. After eleven years of missionary religious formation, studies, work and discernment in the Philippines, Jamaica, Canada and USA I was ordained to the Order of Presbyterate on the 12th of October 2012 at the Basilica of Our Lady of Peñafrancia in the Philippines. My first official mission assignment as a priest was in Cap-Haitien and Port-au-Prince in Haiti. Those were to be my six fruitful and formative missionary years of blessings in the midst of joys and challenges. I returned to Jamaica in 2018 and served my religious family as Secretary General and Interim Vicar General of the Institute. After three years, I applied to the Diocese of Reno for pastoral and sacramental ministry with the intention of joining the same. Bishop Calvo accepted my application and I was welcomed to the Diocese by Bishop Daniel in 2021. I served as parochial vicar at St. Joseph's Church in Elko for a year and St. Rose of Lima for a year and a half. As I look forward to joining you all this coming July, I thank you in advance for the warmth of your hospitality. God bless!

## Mass Intentions

Saturday	22	5pm	Intentions of OLT Parishioners
Sunday	23	8am	Happy Birthday Sarah Nagengast
Sunday	23	11:30am	Happy Birthday Luke McNicoll
Wednesday	26	11:30am	No Mass
Thursday	27	11:30am	No Mass
Friday	28	11:30am	No Mass

Pro Populo  
David and Stephanie Scott  
Your Family

Bible study will resume next Wednesday, June 26. Please join us! Wednesday 10-11:15 in the Parish Hall. Please contact Janine Nyre, ([janinenyre@comcast.net](mailto:janinenyre@comcast.net), 775-339-1961).



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!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our participation in the Peter's Pence Collection on June 29th and 30th is an important way in which we support the Body of Christ universal. This collection benefits the operational and charitable work of Pope Francis and the Holy See. These charitable works are particularly important as he reaches out to our brothers and sisters who are marginalized or suffering throughout the world. By supporting this collection, you assist our Holy Father in his apostolic ministry and in bringing the mercy of God the Father to the world. Pope Francis calls all of the faithful to be part of the Church's effort to provide for the needs of the poor, continuing the tradition of the early Christians. Your support strengthens the charitable power of the Church to help victims of war, natural disasters, and mission efforts in impoverished dioceses and places. Your contribution of justice and love unites our charity under the Pope as pastor of the whole Church, attentive to the needs of the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can best support the Peter's Pence collection this year. Your donation is an indispensable work of evangelization, humanitarian assistance, and social promotion, continuing St. Peter's ministry for God's people. For more information about the collection, please visit [www.usccb.org/peters-pence](http://www.usccb.org/peters-pence). With every best wish and an assurance of prayers, I remain,

Yours in Christ,

*Bishop Daniel Mueggenborg*

Most Reverend Daniel H. Mueggenborg  
Bishop of Reno

Garden Guardians. Spring Clean-up is Here! Time to start working in the garden! Reservations are open for this year's barrels. Please contact Janine Nyre ([janinenyre@comcast.net](mailto:janinenyre@comcast.net), 775-339-1961).

We are looking for helpers to stay a little bit after Fr. Larry's retirement party this Sunday to assist with cleaning and other tasks. We can finish the job quicker and easier if more people pitch in—many hands make light work! Thank you for your consideration!

Last weekend's collection came to \$4,237.00. 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 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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