## Our Lady of Tahoe Catholic Church Sixteenth 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

Baptisms and Marriages: Contact the parish during business hours,

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Prayer is a time of answering the invitation in the gospel 'Come away to a deserted place'. We need rest and time to recharge the energy and love of the heart; but at times the needs of others will take over. The place of our mind can be very crowded with the cares and concerns of life. We need time to give these over to God in prayer and then time just to be still. Stillness is of the essence of prayer. But whether we are still or busy in the mind, the essence of prayer is also to share all we are with Jesus; and to go from prayer ready to work with him in our world. There is a phrase to ponder: He had compassion on the crowd because they were like sheep without a shepherd. Jesus, son of the eternal father, sees the crowd as his sisters and brothers. His gaze spans the millennia of humankind, sees our need for direction, for compassion, and for seeking some meaning in existence. May all you who are weary come to Jesus, and find rest for your souls. And may all you who are rested, go out into the world to continue his mission on this earth. All to the glory of God. Amen.



St. Mary Magdalene is one of the greatest saints of the Bible and a legendary example of God's mercy and grace. The precise dates of her birth and death are unknown, but we do know she was present with Christ during his public ministry, death and resurrection. She is mentioned at least a dozen times in the Gospels. Mary Magdalene has long been regarded as a prostitute or sexually immoral in western Christianity, but this is not supported in the scriptures. It is believed she was a Jewish woman who lived among Gentiles, living as they did. The Gospels agree that Mary was originally a great sinner. Jesus cast seven demons out of her when he met her. After this, she told several women she associated with and these women also became followers. There is also debate over if Mary Magdalene is the same unnamed women, a sinner, who weeps and washes Jesus' feet with her hair in the Gospel of John. Scholars are skeptical that this is the same person. Despite the scholarly dispute over her background, what she did in her subsequent life, after meeting Jesus, is much more significant. She was certainly a sinner whom Jesus saved, giving us an example of how no person is beyond the saving grace of God. During Jesus' ministry, it is believed that Mary Magdalene followed him, part of a semi-permanent entourage who served Jesus and his Disciples. Mary likely watched the crucifixion from a distance along with the other women who followed Christ during His ministry. Mary was present when Christ rose from the dead, visiting his tomb to anoint his body only to find the stone rolled away and Christ, very much alive, sitting at the place they laid Him. She was the first witness to His resurrection. After the death of Christ, a legend states that she remained among the early Christians. After fourteen years, she was allegedly put into a boat by Jews, along with several other saints of the early Church, and set adrift without sails or oars. The boat landed in southern France, where she spent the remaining years of her life living in solitude, in a cave. St. Mary Magdalene's feast day is July 22. She is the patroness of converts, repentant sinners, sexual temptation, pharmacists, tanners and women, and many other places and causes.





Funding from the Catholic Services Appeal broadly supports the mission of the Church in Northern Nevada, a mission that Jesus entrusted to each of us. What we do collectively as one family of faith makes a significant difference in the lives of so many throughout the diocese. A gift to the appeal is a wonderful way to share our blessings with others and to demonstrate gratitude to God for all He has given us while sharing our benefits with others. The appeal provides Catholics opportunities to support a wide range of ministries and programs that benefit more than 80,000 people each year. Your gift reflects your commitment to furthering God's work, enabling us to train future leaders of the Church, support religious education for young people, strengthen parish ministries, and support the clergy and seminarian education. Heartfelt thank you to everyone who has donated. We've secured 66% of our \$45,158 assessment. Please prayerfully consider a donation if you haven't already done so. Peace and good to you all!

## Mass Intentions

Saturday 20 5pm Sunday 21 8am Sunday 21 11:30am Wednesday 24 11:30am **Thursday** 25 11:30am 26 11:30am **Friday** 

Happy Birthday David Scott!
Intentions of OLT Parishioners
Happy 60th Anniversary Donald & Joan Dolgas!

Stephanie Scott Pro Populo

Last weekend's collection came to \$5,057.12.

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!

Next bible study is Wednesday, July 24. Join us from 10-11:15 in the parish hall. Please contact Janine Nyre, (<u>ianinenyre@comcast.net</u>, 775-339-1961) with any questions.



Safeway stores, now through July 23, are collecting donations in their stores to support local food banks. If you donate \$10 at checkout, you will be helping nourish our neighbors. If you donate at Round Hill Safeway, all the donations come to our Outreach Program @ Our Lady of Tahoe Church! Blessings and thanks in advance for your donations.



David Brock, a renowned organ and piano musician, will be hosting "Hot August Pipes", a concert to benefit our Outreach Program on August 7, Wed, 5-7:30pm. The cost is \$125 per person. Please consider attending this amazing event that will be held in his Kingsbury Grade home, right in his own living room! The sounds that resonate from his organ are incredible! Thank you for considering to attend—you will thoroughly enjoy every minute of the concert.

Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada is seeking compassionate volunteers to assist with the lunch shift from 10:30am -1:30pm and the dinner shift from 3:30pm - 6:30pm. You will help to provide nourishing meals to those in need, and offer a warm, welcoming presence to guests. You will also build connections with others in our interfaith community, while putting your faith into action through meaningful service. To volunteer, please visit <a href="ccsnn.org">ccsnn.org</a> and fill out the volunteer application.

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