

# Our Lady of Tahoe Catholic Church

## Twentieth 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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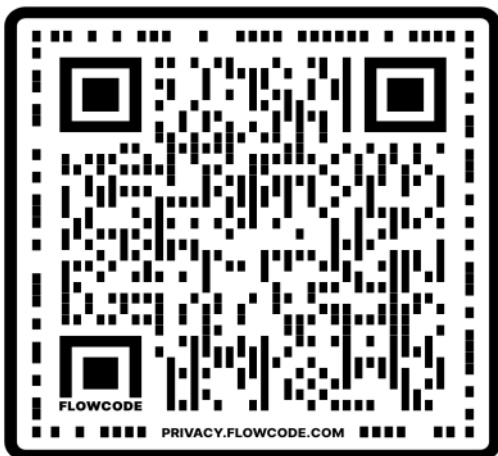
What we receive in the small piece of bread or the sip of wine at the Eucharist is the gift of life from Jesus. This is a sharing in the life of God; in the fragility of the bread and wine is strong food, and joyful drink - fruit of God's creation and work of human hands. It is the gift of God who has become one of us. It is the gift of love with sacrifice. If we have put self out for others in big or small ways or have cried for another's woes or laughed for another's joy or held a hand in sympathy or just listened when there were no answers, we know the quality of this gift. In the Eucharist God is close in his creation, In Jesus we can recognize God near at hand. Pope Benedict writes - 'we have to rediscover God, not just any God, but the God that has a human face, because when we see Jesus Christ, we see God'.

## Saint Rose of Lima: Feast August 23

Born Isabel Flores y de Oliva in Lima, the capital city of Peru, her nickname, "Rose," came from a childhood incident in which a household servant attested to having seen the child's face turn into a mystical rose. She took the name formally as her own, at her confirmation in 1597 by the saintly Archbishop of Lima, Turibio de Mogrovejo. Remarkable, even as a child, for her great reverence and love for all that related to God, she developed an intense devotion to the Infant Jesus and His Holy Mother and gave herself up to a life of prayer and mortification. Industrious and adept, she became very proficient in the arts of sewing, embroidery and lace-making, and used her needle to help support her home and family, and as a means to assist the many poor who came to depend on her generous alms. In imitation of St. Catherine, whom she took as a saintly role model, she fasted three times a week, wore rough clothing, and roughened her face and hands to combat the temptations to vanity. She spent hours on her knees before the Blessed Sacrament and contrary to the usual practice of the time, was a daily communicant. Assailed by tremendous temptations against the Faith and the virtue of purity, which caused her excruciating agony of mind and desolation of soul, she multiplied her mortifications and prayers, and with her confessor's approval, took a vow of virginity. In this last resolve, Rose had to combat the opposition of her parents, who wished her to marry. The battle of wills continued for ten years until, won over by her patience and prayer, they gave their consent to her decision. At the age of twenty, Rose received the habit of St. Dominic as a tertiary Dominican. From that moment onwards, the severity and variety of her mortifications redoubled. With her brother's help, she built herself a little cell from sun-dried bricks in the garden behind their home. Here she would retire at night for solitude and prayer and take whatever rest she permitted her body on a bed of broken glass and pottery, rough stones and thorns. She took to wearing an iron chain around her waist and a metal-spiked crown concealed about her head. Entire days without food would be followed by sleepless nights spent in prayer. During her suffering, Our Lord fortified her with the knowledge of His presence and consoled her with His love, frequently revealing Himself to her and drawing her soul into ecstasies that lasted for hours. During these sublime embraces with God, she offered Him all her penances and mortifications in reparation for the offences against His Divine Majesty, for the sins of idolatry, for the conversion of sinners, and for the souls in Purgatory. During her last illness, her constant prayer was "Lord, increase my sufferings, and with them increase Your love in my heart." Rose died in 1617 at the age of thirty-one years. She was beatified by Clement IX in 1667 and canonized in 1671 by Clement X, thus becoming the first American-born saint.



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**From Bishop Mueggenborg:** There is a very dangerous Abortion amendment that will be on the November ballot. This amendment will cause the following harm: 1). It removes all parental notification requirements which benefits child traffickers among other bad actors. 2). It permits non-doctors to perform abortions which will damage women. 3). It permits abortion at all stages even until the actual moment of birth. As Christians who value human life, we cannot permit the pro-abortion forces to succeed. They will use misinformation and fear to trick people into thinking that they will lose all access to abortion if they do not pass this amendment. That is simply not true. Abortion (sadly) is already enshrined in Nevada State Law and is protected. We do not need or want this terrible amendment. Please scan the QR code to learn more about why this amendment is bad news for everyone and why Nevadans should vote NO on the November ballot or visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ggpPzuHmdvs>.

## Mass Intentions

Saturday	17	5pm	Happy Birthday Maggie Nagengast!	David and Stephanie Scott
Sunday	18	8am	Intentions of OLT Parishioners	Pro Populo
Sunday	18	11:30am	† Sean James O'Keefe	Georgia Ann Johnson
Wednesday	21	11:30am	No Mass	
Thursday	22	11:30am	No Mass	
Friday	23	11:30am	No Mass	

Last weekend's collection came to \$4,941.12. 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.



Together in Holiness Marriage Conference – Married and engaged couples are invited to the fourth annual Together in Holiness marriage conference on Saturday, October 5, 2024 from 9:45 am – 5:00 pm at St. Albert the Great Catholic Church in Reno, NV. This one-day conference will help you strengthen your relationship with your spouse and discover God's plan for your family. Registration: \$64/couple and \$5/child for on-site childcare. An Early Bird discount is available through Monday, August 19, 2024 as well as scholarships upon request. This conference is presented by the St. John Paul II Foundation and the Diocese of Reno. For more info, visit [togetherinholiness.org](https://togetherinholiness.org) or email [jessie@forlifeandfamily.org](mailto:jessie@forlifeandfamily.org).

Our Bible study last week covered the prophet Samuel and the cry of the Hebrews to have a king "like everyone else". After the anointing of Saul, it becomes clear that he is a weak ruler and disobeys God's commands. We read about the selection of David as the next king and his defeat of Goliath. This week, we will cover the conflict between Saul and David, their faults and differences in their relationships with God. Additionally, we will continue the story through Solomon's reign. Please join us for another insight packed lesson this Wednesday at 10am in the Parish Hall.

Mass is cancelled Wednesday August 21st through Friday August 23rd. Fr. Rodel is away from Monday, August 19th through Friday, August 23rd for educational training.

## Is America's secularization good for American democracy? Time Will Tell

From Bishop Daniel Mueggenborg

There is no "Catholic" position on this question, so my response is a personal reflection only. The United States was founded as a secular country by people who came from a Judeo-Christian background. As such, there was a certain foundation in faith upon which the fundamental American vision was formed and government functioned. While American democracy may continue well into the future, the loss of a unified faith perspective will affect how our political process takes place. I am of the opinion that our current political and cultural polarization, with corresponding loss of respectful civil discourse, are byproducts of increasing secularization and decreasing faith values. American democracy can survive in an increasingly secularized and polarized environment but it will probably become a less pleasant experience. The values of tolerance and compromise could very well give way to imposition and domination of majority will rather than accommodation of minority views.

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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