

Our Lady of Tahoe Catholic Church

Twenty-First 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,

M-F, 9am - 3pm or visit our website: www.ourladyoftahoe.org

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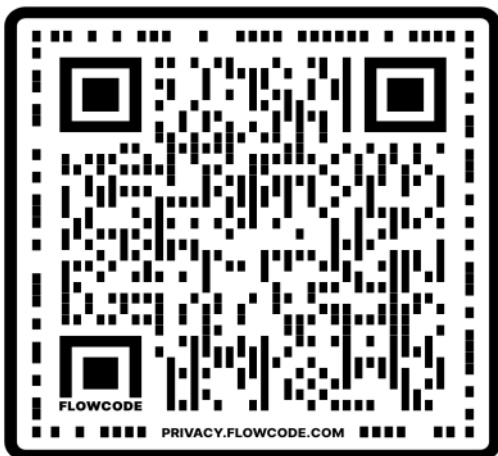
Lord, to whom can we go? In our faint-hearted moments we hear both Jesus's gentle voice, giving us the freedom to choose, and the strength of Peter's reply: You have the words of eternal life. The gift of Jesus is the life that underpins our human life. He has become one of us so that we become like him. His words lead us into a quality of life which gives meaning, hope and love in all we do. Nobody else can give what Jesus gives - a full meaning of life, seen in the example of his life. Love welcomes us to the companionship of Jesus. In the enjoyment and the challenge of such love, would we want to go elsewhere? Some did, and the evidence is that their departure from Jesus did not bring happiness. What Jesus offers reaches deep into all our human desires, joys, tears, laughter and love.

The Story of the Martyrdom of Saint John the Baptist

The drunken oath of a king with a shallow sense of honor, a seductive dance and the hateful heart of a queen combined to bring about the martyrdom of John the Baptist. The greatest of prophets suffered the fate of so many Old Testament prophets before him: rejection and martyrdom. The “voice crying in the desert” did not hesitate to accuse the guilty, did not hesitate to speak the truth. But why? What possesses a man that he would give up his very life? This great religious reformer was sent by God to prepare the people for the Messiah. His vocation was one of selfless giving. The only power that he claimed was the Spirit of Yahweh. “I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire” (Matthew 3:11). Scripture tells us that many people followed John looking to him for hope, perhaps in anticipation of some great messianic power. John never allowed himself the false honor of receiving these people for his own glory. He knew his calling was one of preparation. When the time came, he led his disciples to Jesus: “The next day John was there again with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, ‘Behold, the Lamb of God.’ The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus” (John 1:35-37). It is John the Baptist who has pointed the way to Christ. John’s life and death were a giving over of self for God and other people. His simple style of life was one of complete detachment from earthly possessions. His heart was centered on God and the call that he heard from the Spirit of God speaking to his heart. Confident of God’s grace, he had the courage to speak words of condemnation, repentance, and salvation. Reflection: Each of us has a calling to which we must listen. No one will ever repeat the mission of John, and yet all of us are called to that very mission. It is the role of the Christian to witness to Jesus. Whatever our position in this world, we are called to be disciples of Christ. By our words and deeds, others should realize that we live in the joy of knowing that Jesus is Lord. We do not have to depend upon our own limited resources but can draw strength from the vastness of Christ’s saving grace.



VOTE "NO" IN NOVEMBER



VIEW VIDEOS

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=gqpPzuHmdvs>.

Mass Intentions

Saturday	24	5pm	† John	Susan Heffernan
Sunday	25	8am	Intentions of OLT Parishioners	Pro Populo
Sunday	25	11:30am	† Melissa Rillon	Marilyn & Flor Mangosing
Wednesday	28	11:30am	† Dale Ahern	The Ahern Family
Thursday	29	11:30am	† Jose A. Maranon	Minerva Maranon
Friday	30	11:30am	† Tyler Barry	Eva Buijten

Last weekend's online collection came to \$987.00. 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.

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. This conference is presented by the St. John Paul II Foundation and the Diocese of Reno. For more info, visit togetherinholiness.org or email jessie@forlifeandfamily.org.

Last week we covered the reigns of David and Solomon as kings of Israel. We compared and contrasted their approaches and, most importantly, their relationships with God. At the end of this section we saw the ruin of King Solomon. When Solomon was asked by God what he wished, his answer was wisdom. What we witnessed through his reign was a significant accumulation of seven hundred wives, three hundred concubines and 666 talents of gold. In Deuteronomy 17, Moses specifically warns against rulers not multiplying gold, chariots and wives. This is because those require foreign alliances. In the end, King Solomon bent to the wishes of his foreign wives and actually build shrines for their foreign gods. This demonstrates that even the wisest man on earth can fall if he does not put his wisdom into practice. This resulted in God dividing the kingdom into the northern tribes (Israel) and the southern tribes (Judah). This week we will follow the unfolding story of the two kingdoms, their challenges, and their Prophets. Please join us in the Parish Hall, Wednesday 10am. For any questions, please call Janine Nyre 775-339-1961.



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The month of August we remember the Assumption of Our Lady into heaven. We pray for her intercession for all women who unexpectedly become pregnant and are advised that abortion is the “logical” choice. May they open their hearts and minds to reach out for help to experience the love, healing, and compassion of God. Please find out more about us at <https://www.highdesertcatholic.org/>. Click on Our Works, scroll down, click on Project Rachel. Contact our confidential, non-judgmental help line 775-324-4325 or email KarenM@Catholicreno.org to take advantage of valuable resources.

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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