Our Lady of Tahoe Catholic Church Eighteenth 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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Jesus is bluntly honest with the people he had fed the previous day. He knows they came looking for him because they had eaten their fill of bread. Why do I look for Jesus? Is it out of love or for what I can get? The truth can be uncomfortable and make us defensive and even cynical. Or it can make us stop, look, reflect and change. Lord, give me the humility to follow the truth always, because it alone 'will make me free' (John 8:32). Jesus is the bread that fulfills all our hunger and thirst. Jesus frees us to follow him not to achieve selfsatisfaction, not to get anything that is in it for us, not even to attain or maintain peace of mind. Jesus frees us to embrace God's redeeming will to restore the cosmos to what God created and humanity to what God intends. Such faith does not mean separating the spiritual out of the social. It means putting God rather than us at the center of both. When we do, we can and will expect more.

Both Roman and Eastern rite Catholics celebrate the Church's feast of the Transfiguration today, August 6, on its traditional date for both calendars. The feast commemorates one of the pinnacles of Jesus' earthly life, when he revealed his divinity to three of his closest disciples by means of a miraculous and supernatural light. Before his triumphal entry into Jerusalem, Christ climbed to a high point on Mount Tabor with his disciples Peter, James, and John. While Jesus prayed upon the mountain, his appearance was changed by a brilliant white light which shone from him and from his clothing. During this event, the Old Testament figures of Moses and the prophet Elijah also appeared and spoke of how Christ would suffer and die after entering Jerusalem, before his resurrection. Matthew, Mark, and Luke all record that the voice of God was heard, confirming Jesus as his son (Matthew 17:5, Mark 9:6, Luke 9:35). Peter and John make specific reference to the event in their writings, as confirming Jesus' divinity and his status as the Messiah (2 Peter 1:17, John 1:14). In his address before the Angelus on August 6, 2006, Pope Benedict XVI described how the events of the transfiguration display Christ as the "full manifestation of God's light." This light, which shines forth from Christ both at the transfiguration and after his resurrection, is ultimately triumphant over "the power of the darkness of evil." The Pope stressed that the feast of the Transfiguration is an important opportunity for believers to look to Christ as "the light of the world," and to experience the kind of conversion which the Bible frequently describes as an emergence from darkness to light. "In our time too," Pope Benedict said, "we urgently need to emerge from the darkness of evil, to experience the joy of the children of light!" For Eastern Catholics, the Feast of the Transfiguration is especially significant. It is among the 12 "great feasts" of Eastern Catholicism. Eastern Christianity emphasizes that Christ's transfiguration is the prototype of spiritual illumination, which is possible for the committed disciple of Jesus. This Christian form of "enlightenment" is facilitated by the ascetic disciplines of prayer, fasting, and charitable almsgiving. "Transfiguration," Archbishop Raya wrote, "is not simply an event out of the twothousand-year old past, or a future yet to come. It is rather a reality of the present, a way of life available to those who seek and accept Christ's nearness."



The special second collection taken up this weekend (8/3 & 8/4) assists the African American, Native American, and Alaskan Native Catholic communities through the Commission for Catholic Missions. I encourage everyone to support the Catholic missions in the United States and to consider a donation to the Commission's efforts to serve minority communities. Your support affects the daily pastoral work of our bishops, consecrated religious women and men, and lay leadership who labor throughout the United States so they can continue the work of the Gospel in all areas of the U.S., uninhibited by race or funds. Financial donations to the Commission for Catholic Missions provides funding for resources, personnel training, and scholarships in Catholic schools in places that would otherwise not experience excellent ministry. Our very own Bishop Manogue Catholic High School receives a grant from the Commission for Catholic Missions, which serves as tuition assistance for Native American and African American students who would otherwise be unable to afford Catholic education in our Diocese. Please consider donating to assist Catholic racial minorities and the Commission's work to help them meet their needs.

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

Most Reverend Daniel H. Mueggenborg

Bishop of Reno

Mass Intentions

Friday

Saturday 5pm Intentions of OLT Parishioners Sunday 8am Happy Anniversary Kevin and Emma! Mimi Jozwiak Sunday 11:30am Wednesday 7 11:30am Intention of the OLT benefactor Thursday 11:30am 8

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Pro Populo
David and Stephanie Scott
Janine and David Nyre

Last weekend's collection came to \$10,821. 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.

11:30am

Please join us for bible study next Wednesday from 10 – 11:15am in the parish hall. Please contact Janine Nyre (<u>ianinenyre@comcast.net</u>) with any questions.



David Brock, a renowned organ and piano musician, will be hosting *Hot August Pipes*, a concert to benefit our Outreach Food Program on Wednesday, August 7 from 5-7:30pm. Wine and appetizers will be served. Please consider attending this amazing event that will be in David's living room at his Kingsbury Grade home,118 Delissa Court, Stateline, NV 89449. The sounds of Bach, Joplin, and others that resonate from his organ will be incredible. The cost is \$125 per person, and your check can be given to Susan at the church office, or sent to Our Lady of Tahoe Church, PO Box 115, Zephyr Cove NV 89448. Thank you for considering to attend - you will thoroughly enjoy every minute of this concert. For questions, please email: alling603@gmail.com.





The Diocese of Tagbilaran presents SPOTified, the Singing Priests of Tagbilaran. This concert is at St. Theresa of Lisieux in South Lake Tahoe on August 12th at 6:30pm. Tickets are \$30 per person. Please contact St. Theresa's at 530-544-3533 for more information.

<u>Please visit St. Robert Bellarmine's 2024 Annual Rummage Sale</u>

Dates:

August 2nd, 8am - 6pm
August 3rd, 8am - 3pm
August 23rd - 8am - 6pm
August 24th - 8am - 3pm
Please contact the office with any questions at 775-575-4011.

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