

Our Lady of Tahoe Catholic Church

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday: 11:30am

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Who is Jesus for me personally? We are called to answer the fundamental question of our faith: "who do you say I am?" By this Jesus calls us away from the public opinion to personal conviction about his identity. No matter what we like to think, Jesus reveals God as God is. So he is challenging us to go deep to the roots of our faith by making this faith truly personal. Jesus reveals to us that if we are to accept him as our Lord, we must accept his way of suffering, whenever it comes in our life. There is a link between the personalization of our own experience of Jesus and sharing in his suffering: when we accept Jesus as the Son of God we are also motivated to carry our own cross. Following him involves commitment and determination. True discipleship, as Jesus reminds Peter, proves itself in a generosity that has been learned in the presence of the Crucified Savior. Practical Christianity means faith in action. It means accepting to carry our cross humbly and patiently while relying on the same grace that helped Christ.



Saint Hildegard of Bingen's Story

Abbess, artist, author, composer, mystic, pharmacist, poet, preacher, theologian—where to begin in describing this remarkable woman? Born into a noble family, she was instructed for ten years by the holy woman Blessed Jutta. When Hildegard was 18, she became a Benedictine nun at the Monastery of Saint Disibodenberg. Ordered by her confessor to write down the visions that she had received since the age of three, Hildegard took ten years to write her *Scivias (Know the Ways)*. Pope Eugene III read it, and in 1147, encouraged her to continue writing. Her *Book of the Merits of Life* and *Book of Divine Works* followed. She wrote over 300 letters to people who sought her advice; she also composed short works on medicine and physiology and sought advice from contemporaries such as Saint Bernard of Clairvaux. Hildegard's visions caused her to see humans as "living sparks" of God's love, coming from God as daylight comes from the sun. Sin destroyed the original harmony of creation; Christ's redeeming death and resurrection opened up new possibilities. Virtuous living reduces the estrangement from God and others that sin causes. Like all mystics, Hildegard saw the harmony of God's creation and the place of women and men in that. This unity was not apparent to many of her contemporaries. Hildegard was no stranger to controversy. The monks near her original foundation protested vigorously when she moved her monastery to Bingen, overlooking the Rhine River. She confronted Emperor Frederick Barbarossa for supporting at least three antipopes. Hildegard challenged the Cathars, who rejected the Catholic Church claiming to follow a more pure Christianity. Between 1152 and 1162, Hildegard often preached in the Rhineland. Her monastery was placed under interdict because she had permitted the burial of a young man who had been excommunicated. She insisted that he had been reconciled with the Church and had received its sacraments before dying. Hildegard protested bitterly when the local bishop forbade the celebration of or reception of the Eucharist at the Bingen monastery, a sanction that was lifted only a few months before her death. In 2012, Hildegard was canonized and named a Doctor of the Church by Pope Benedict XVI. Her liturgical feast is celebrated on September 17. Reflection - Pope Benedict spoke about Hildegard of Bingen during two of his general audiences in September 2010. He praised the humility with which she received God's gifts, and the obedience she gave Church authorities. He praised too the "rich theological content" of her mystical visions that sum up the history of salvation from creation to the end of time. During his papacy, Pope Benedict XVI said, "Let us always invoke the Holy Spirit, so that he may inspire in the Church holy and courageous women like Saint Hildegard of Bingen who, developing the gifts they have received from God, make their own special and valuable contribution to the spiritual development of our communities and of the Church in our time."

The Holy Family Sisters of the Needy, Inc., Mission Appeal

September 28th & 29th is our annual Mission Appeal. This year, we warmly welcome The Holy Family Sisters of the Needy, a Religious Institute of Diocesan Right in Nigeria, West Africa. The Sisters pronounce the vows of obedience, chastity, and poverty according to the evangelical counsels. Many of their institute's houses, projects, apostolates, and missions are situated in very challenging areas, especially rural areas where individuals are desperately and solely dependent on assistance. Besides, already existing religious and economic crises, the kidnapping of priests, religious, and other individuals has added more suffering to the already difficult situation of the country. The stipends the sisters receive in their other missions and apostolates barely take care of the children's feeding. As a result many sisters face several challenges in their mission including a lack of housing, water, and electricity, all the while living in dilapidated orphanage homes and inadequate school buildings to mention a few. This mission appeal focuses on the two major challenges the sisters suffer in their missions including renovating the dilapidated orphanage homes and the inadequate buildings for the nursery and primary school. Urgent needs include but are not limited to constructing a new orphanage with a solid foundation, providing orphans with basic human amenities (water, electricity, shelter, food, and education), and constructing a fence to secure the compound. Please consider supporting THE HOLY FAMILY SISTERS OF THE NEEDY in this upcoming mission appeal. With your help, so many lives will greatly improve. Thank you for your generosity and support!

"I will most gladly spend and be spent for your souls."

2 Corinthians 12:15

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 visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gqpPzuHmdvs>.

Mass Intentions

Saturday	14	5pm	† Michael Peetz	David and Stephanie
Sunday	15	8am	First responders and those affected by the Davis fire	
Sunday	15	11:30am	Intentions of OLT Parishioners	Pro Populo
Wednesday	18	11:30am		
Thursday	19	11:30am	No Mass	
Friday	20	11:30am		



You are cordially invited to attend OLT's Annual Columbus Day dinner on Sunday, October 13. There is a 4pm meet and greet and dinner will be served at 5pm. The menu includes spaghetti and meatballs, lasagna, salad, bread, and a sheet cake. The cost is \$20 per person, children under 8 eat for free. If you can bring an appetizer or dessert, that would be greatly appreciated. Tickets are available for purchase after mass. Please join us as we also celebrate Fr. Rodel's 12th ordination anniversary (October 12, 2012).

Last weekend's collection came to \$3,294.00. 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.

We welcome visitors and groups to join our choir when visiting Lake Tahoe. What a wonderful way to share your faith and gifts by singing in our quaint mountain church located in Zephyr Cove. We ask that you join us for choir practice prior to singing with us. If you are a large group or choir, we can arrange for you to sing the gifts or communion song for mass. Practice times for each mass are 3:45-4:30pm (Saturday, 5pm mass), 7 - 7:15am (Sunday, 8am mass), and 10:15-11am (Sunday, 11:30am mass). Kindly note, 30 minutes prior to mass is devotion time and the church is quiet. If interested, please contact Jan via text or call 530-307-0148. Email janromangonzales@sbcglobal.net to make arrangements.

There is no daily mass on Thursday, September 19th. Priests in the diocese have their day of recollection in Fernley.

Last week we covered the exile of Judah (Southern Kingdom) and how different it was than the exile of Israel (Northern Kingdom). The prophets Jeremiah, Daniel, and Ezekiel all experienced very different circumstances yet continued to attempt to guide the people. One key theme during this period is forgiveness. One of the key elements of the law and Jewish identity was freedom from bondage (forgiveness of debt). Every 7th year, they were supposed to free their slaves and forgive certain debts. Although Zedekiah had people free their slaves initially, he allowed them to reclaim the slaves shortly thereafter. They did not forgive the debt and obey the law. This was the last straw for the southern kingdom and the exile began (587 BC). This week we will cover the return (70 years later). This is the time of Plato, Socrates, and Aristotle. The first Greek translation of the Old Testament (Septuagint) was made in Alexandria Egypt and the Great Wall of China was built. Please join us to walk through this exciting time in the Bible. Wednesday, 10am in the parish hall. Please contact Janine Nyre 775-339-1961 with any questions.

In the month of September, as we remember Our Lady of Sorrows, we lift in prayer all women who have experienced abortion and all those mourning the loss of an unborn child. We seek the tender intercession of Our Lady of Sorrows, praying that all who are hurting may experience the profound healing, boundless love, tender mercy, and compassionate embrace of God. If you or someone you know is in need of support, please visit our website at <https://www.highdesertcatholic.org/>. Click on "Our Works," scroll down, and select "Project Rachel." You can also contact our confidential, non-judgmental help line at 775-324-4325 or email KarenM@Catholicreno.org to access 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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