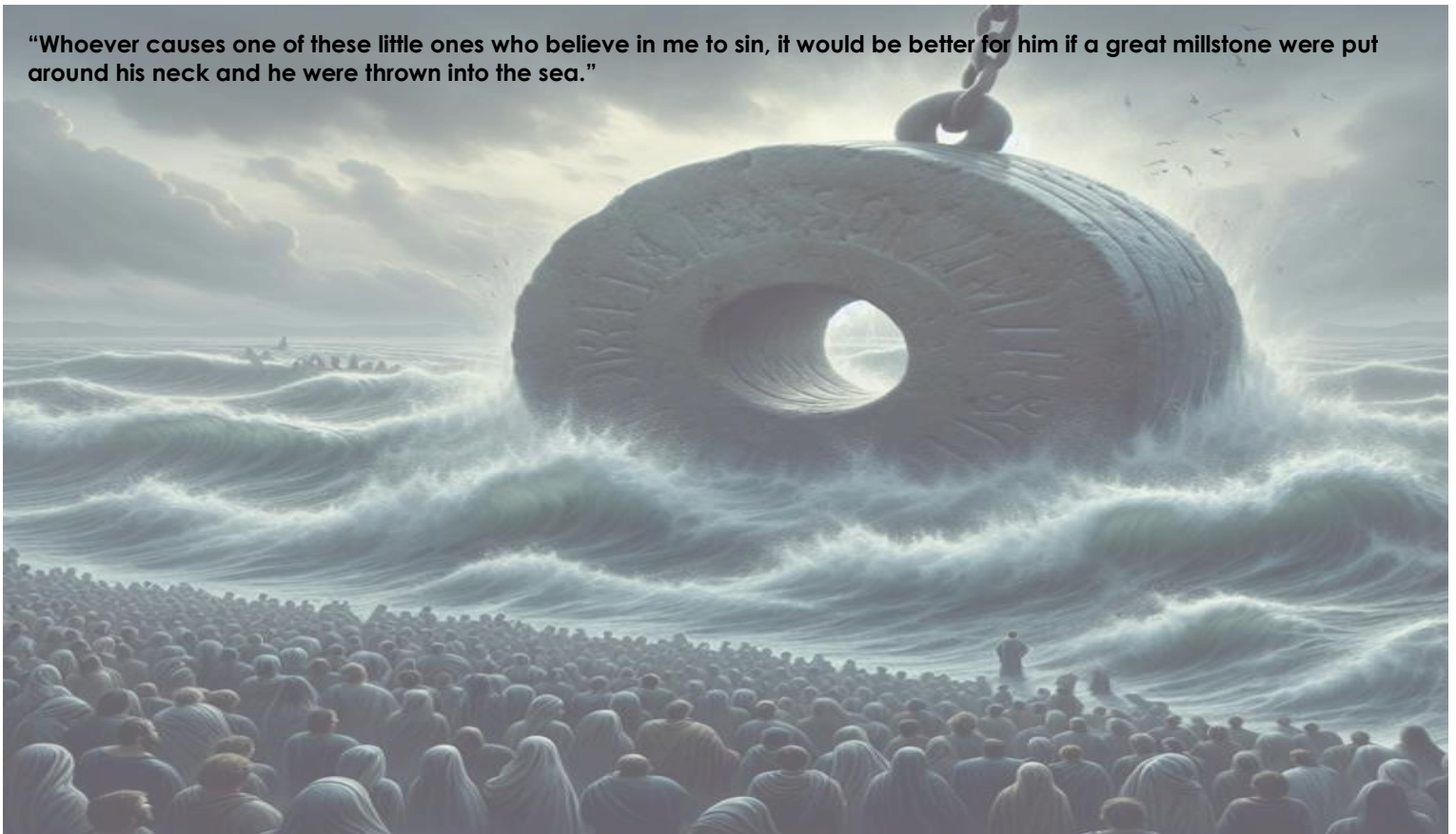


# Our Lady of Tahoe Catholic Church

## Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea.”



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It is ironic that the one who ended up mutilated for sin was Jesus himself. He who said cut off your hand and foot was hanged hand and foot from the cross. He who advised plucking out your eye shut both his eyes unto death. Perhaps Jesus has earned the right to discuss with us the gravity of our sin, having forgiven us our sin in such mutilating agony. Perhaps his forgiveness of us might evoke in us, if only for a moment, a willingness to wonder about the pride we take in our modernity, our self-sufficiency, our self-justification. Perhaps we do stand in need of grace. Could it be that if Jesus' cross is any indication, the only real grace is costly, hard-earned grace? Maybe we, even we, need as a mercy to hear of the awe-ful judgment of God for a time. And thereby to be brought to our senses about the significance of our lives and deaths.



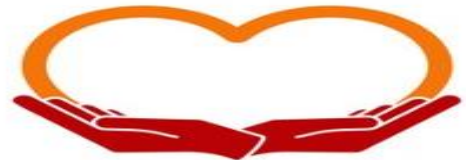
On Oct. 4, Roman Catholics celebrate the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the Italian deacon who brought renewal to the Church through his decision to follow Jesus' words as literally as possible. In a January 2010 general audience, Pope Benedict XVI recalled this "giant of holiness" as a "great saint and a joyful man," who taught the Church that "the secret of true happiness" is "to become saints, close to God." The future Saint Francis was born on an uncertain date in the early 1180s, one of the several children born to the wealthy merchant Pietro Bernardone and his wife Pica. He originally received the name Giovanni (or John) but became known as Francesco (or Francis) by his father's choice. Unlike many medieval saints, St. Francis was neither studious nor pious in his youth. His father's wealth gave him access to a lively social life among the upper classes, where he was known for his flashy clothes and his readiness to burst into song. Later a patron of peacemakers, he aspired to great military feats in his youth and fought in a war with a rival Italian city-state. A period of imprisonment during that conflict turned his mind toward more serious thoughts, as did a recurring dream that suggested his true "army" was not of this world. He returned to Assisi due to illness in 1205, and there began considering a life of voluntary poverty. Three major incidents confirmed Francis in this path. In Assisi, he overcame his fear of disease to kiss the hand of a leper. Afterward, he made a pilgrimage to Rome, where he deposited his money at Saint Peter's tomb and exchanged clothes with a beggar. Soon after he returned home, Francis heard Christ tell him in a vision: "Go, Francis, and repair my house, which as you see is falling into ruin." Francis began to use his father's wealth to restore churches. This led to a public quarrel in which the cloth-merchant's son removed his clothing and declared that he had no father except God. He regarded himself as the husband of "Lady Poverty," and resolved to serve Christ as "a herald of the Great King". During the year 1208, the "herald" received the inspiration that would give rise to the Franciscan movement. At Mass one morning, he heard the Gospel reading in which Christ instructed the apostles to go forth without money, shoes, or extra clothing. This way of life soon became a papally-approved rule, which would attract huge number of followers within Francis' own lifetime. Through his imitation of Christ, Francis also shared in the Lord's sufferings. He miraculously received Christ's wounds, the stigmata, in his own flesh during September of 1224. His health collapsed over the next two years, a "living sacrifice" made during two decades of missionary preaching and penance. St. Francis of Assisi died on Oct. 3, 1226. Pope Gregory IX, his friend and devotee, canonized him in 1228. He is the patron saint of animals, ecologists, families, lacemakers, merchants, needleworkers, peace, and zoos.

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

This weekend 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 NEEDED 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**

Fr. Oliver Update...



Father Oliver is in his third week of five for radiation treatments on the Melanoma on his scalp. His doctors are very optimistic about the efficacy of this process. There are a dozen friends taking turns driving him to and from the Renown cancer center in Reno for the treatments. Father is cheerful, with a positive attitude, although a bit shaky and weak. He is still not taking phone calls as it is very difficult for him to hear on the phone, but our prayers are welcome, and notes of encouragement may be sent to him at The Chateau, 1565 Virginia Ranch Road, Gardnerville, CA 89410.

## Mass Intentions

Saturday	28	5pm	Intentions of OLT Parishioners	Pro Populo
Sunday	29	8am	For the Souls in Purgatory	
Sunday	29	11:30am	† Jose A. Maranon	Minerva Maranon
Wednesday	2	11:30am	Ron and Val Rillon - For Healing and Comfort	Marilyn and Flor Mangosing
Thursday	3	11:30am		
Friday	4	11:30am	Gratitude for PJ's Healing	Melva Martin

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 12<sup>th</sup> ordination anniversary (October 12, 2012).

Last weekend's collection came to \$3,714.00. 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.

**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>.

This Wednesday, we start a three week journey through the Gospel of Luke (Messianic Fulfillment). This study is timely as we enter our new liturgical year on December 1<sup>st</sup> which will be centered on recounting the story of salvation through the lens of the Gospel of Luke. This is an awesome opportunity to study the Gospel while remembering the key lessons of the Old Testament. Join us! Wednesday, 10am in the Parish Hall. Please contact Janine Nyre (775-339-1961 or [janinenyre@comcast.net](mailto:janinenyre@comcast.net)) with any questions.

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.

## Lend Us a Helping Hand VOLUNTEER

Are you ready to serve God? We are looking for committed volunteers in the following ministries: outreach, lectors, cantors and musicians, women's guild, men's fellowship, garden guardians (spring and summer), parking lot (summer), environment, bible study, ushers, snow removal of sidewalks prior to mass, event setup/cleanup. Please fill out the Diocese of Reno Adult Volunteer application. Pick up the VIRTUS brochure (located on the tables in the back of the church) and turn it into the office or place in the offertory basket. Next, please register on the [VIRTUS.org](http://VIRTUS.org) website. There you will join others in the VIRTUS.org Safe Environment training. If you have any questions or need assistance, reach out to the OLT office and/or Jan Roman Gonzales (OLT's music director).

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](mailto:janromangonzales@sbcglobal.net) to make arrangements.

JACKETS, JACKETS, JACKETS FOR OUTREACH. It's that time of year again when Outreach is giving our 120 children (ages 1-17) a NEW winter jacket. We have already purchased them according to the size of each child. If you would like to consider making a donation towards our jacket expenses, please make your check out to Our Lady of Tahoe AND in the memo, please write - Outreach, Winter Jackets and give it to Susan in the parish office or drop it in the weekend collection basket at all masses. Blessings from our Outreach Program!

*Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.*



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