



Advent
FIRST WEEK

Our Lady of Tahoe Catholic Church



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NEW Mass Schedule Effective December 1, 2024:

Saturday - 5pm, and Sunday - 8:30am and 10:30am

Holy Days - 8:30am and 5pm

Weekdays - 5pm (Tuesday) & 8:30am (Wednesday - Saturday)

Adoration 9am - 10am (after Friday morning mass)

Reconciliation - 9am - 10am (Friday) & 4pm - 4:45pm (Saturday)

Baptisms and Marriages: Contact the parish during business

hours: M-F, 9am - 3pm, or visit our website:

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Jesus repeatedly warned his disciples during the latter part of his ministry to keep alert and be ready for his return. But what does being ready mean? Does it mean knowing the exact time of his return — the day or the hour? No, we can't know when he will return. So what does it mean? It means to live with faithful vigilance, expectation, and hope for Jesus' return. He stands near and can return at any time. Holy and righteous Father, the eternal God and Creator of the universe, work in me your righteous will to make me ready for your Son's glorious return. In his name, I pray. Amen.

St. John Damascene was born in Damascus, Syria, and his father was a government official under both the Byzantine emperor and the Muslim rulers of Damascus. Receiving an excellent classical education, and fluent in Arabic as well as Greek, St. John Damascene worked in the Muslim court until the hostility of the caliph toward Christianity caused him to resign his position, about the year 700. He migrated to Jerusalem and became a monk at Mar Sabas monastery near Jerusalem. He taught in the monastery, preached many of his luminous sermons in Jerusalem, and began to compose his theological treatises. It was about this time that the iconoclast controversy shook the Churches of the East, when the Byzantine emperor ordered the destruction of images in Christian churches. John fought the heresy, bringing down upon himself the wrath of the emperor and the hatred of the iconoclast party. He has left a rich legacy of writings, including his principal dogmatic work, <The Source of Knowledge>, which was a <summa theologica>, a refutation of heresy, an exposition of the Orthodox faith, and a study of contemporary religious issues. His writings on Mary constitute a true theology of the Mother of God, and his sermons of the saints, the liturgical feasts, and the Gospels show not only vast learning but also give us information about local customs and contemporary happenings. Since he lived in the midst of political and theological turmoil, John wrote much to clarify true doctrine and to do his part in spreading the Gospel. The fact that he lived and worked in Jerusalem itself gives his sermons, delivered at many of the holy places, a special appeal. He died at a very old age, some say one hundred four, in the midst of his labors, beloved by his fellow monks and revered by the people. He was buried at the monastery of Mar Sabas and was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1890.

Please join the Rosary Rally. Our nation is in great need of public prayer, repentance, and conversion. We ask God to save America and defend His Church through the merits of the Rosary of His Most Holy Mother. The theme for the month of December with America Needs Fatima americaneedsfatima.org is to Keep Christ in Christmas, so the Holy Rosary will be focused on this intention for imploring grace & mercy from the Almighty to spare us from secularism. The local public square Rosary Rally will take place at the ReTRAC Plaza near the Reno Arch at Noon on December 21st (301 N. Virginia Street, Reno, NV 89501). Please contact Brenden Sheehan (858-269-7045) for more information.

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 another Protecting God's Children in-person training happening on Tuesday, December 3rd in the parish hall from 5pm-8pm. Please contact Jan Roman-Gonzales if you have any questions.

Please join our [iGiveCatholic](http://iGiveCatholic.com) fundraiser to help us bring in \$20,000! This year, we'll be dedicating our campaign toward replacing OLT's front entryway. Many thanks to those of you who have donated early. ***Update* - As of November 27,** We've raised **\$8,300 (41%) so far!** Also we are very excited to announce that anyone who donates will be entered into a drawing for a set of wildlife prints. Parishioner and local photographer Michael Petrich has graciously donated two framed prints to go to one lucky winner. Please support our 5th year raising funds and please also support Mike by visiting his website - michael-petrich.artistwebistes.com. [Online Giving](http://iGiveCatholic.com) began Monday, November 18th and ends at 11:59PM on December 3, so please make sure to get your gift in on time! If you prefer to make your gift by check or cash, no problem! We'll be happy to accept it by mail or in person. We will add it to our #iGiveCatholic totals manually so your gift still counts towards our goal! Thank you so much for being a faithful steward! We are humbled by your generosity!



Mass Intentions

Saturday	30	5pm	† Mildred Bauman
Sunday	1	8:30am	Intentions of OLT Parishioners
Sunday	1	10:30am	† Joshua Velasco
Tuesday	3	5pm	No Mass
Wednesday	4	8:30am	No Mass
Thursday	5	8:30am	† Welsey Hersom
Friday	6	8:30am	† Mary Jozwiak
Saturday	7	8:30am	OLT Donors

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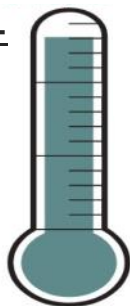
Bible Study - Please join us on 12/11, We'll be looking at the book of Malachi (the last book in the Old Testament). This book beautifully illustrates the love of God for his people even when they backslide. 10 am in the Parish Hall! Please call Janine Nyre 775-339-1961 or janinenyre@comcast.net if you have any questions.

Safeway is raising funds in their stores to help feed our neighbors in need. Stop by our local Round Hill Safeway and donate \$10 at the checkout stand. **ALL THESE DONATIONS** come back to our Outreach Program as gift cards to give to our local 80 families. Thank you for supporting Safeway and Outreach!

Wow! Last weekend's collection came to \$13,925. 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. Thank you for your faithful stewardship!

Catholic Services Appeal

Pledges-
\$42,720
94%



Our Lady of Tahoe **Christmas Party** will be on Sunday, December 15. Chef Sal will cater it! Social hour is at 4 pm and dinner is at 5 pm. Appetizers and desserts will be provided. The menu includes mixed salad with a selection of dressings, fruit plate, and a pasta salad. Roasted turkey with gravy and cranberry sauce. Roasted ham in a glaze sauce and mashed potatoes. String beans and cauliflower. There will be a breadboard. There will also be a silent auction. **TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE END OF EACH MASS STARTING** November 16 and ending on December 8th. Tickets are \$30 each with a signup sheet. We hope you can join us!

Our Lady of Tahoe Outreach Christmas Tree for the Children

Again this year, we are giving each of our Outreach children a \$20 gift card. We have 123 children. If you wish to participate and bring JOY into the Christmas Spirit to one or more of the children, please take an envelope from the Giving Tree, place your check or cash in it, and put it in the collection basket or mail it to Our Lady of Tahoe | PO Box 115 | Zephyr Cove NV 89448. Please write "Outreach" on the check memo. All donations must be in by the December 7th & 8th weekend in order to purchase the gift cards and give them to the children on December 14th. Thank you for your amazing generosity!

We are launching a Children's Liturgy of the Word pilot program during Advent/Christmas this year. Please contact Janine Nyre at 775-339-1961 or janinenyre@comcast.net if you would like to volunteer to help out!

Please stop by the gift shop for a free advent calendar for your little ones!

CSA Update -

We are at 94% of our CSA pledges with \$2,438 left to raise. A generous donor has offered to match dollar for dollar the remaining balance so that we can reach our assessment. Please contact the office with any questions.

From See's holiday gifts to classics like Lollypops and peanut brittle, every purchase supports Our Lady of Tahoe Women's Guild Christmas Fundraiser. Let's make the season sweeter together! Our virtual candy store is now open! You can order a wide variety of See's candy and have it delivered directly to you. Please ask a member of the Women's Guild for more information.
https://www.yumraising.com/secure/ourlot_our_lady_of_tahoe_womens_guild_christmas100/EliCor5351/candy

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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