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### Saint Catherine of Alexandria's Story

According to the Legend of St. Catherine, this young woman converted to Christianity after receiving a vision. At the age of 18, she debated 50 pagan philosophers. Amazed at her wisdom and debating skills, they became Christians—as did about 200 soldiers and members of the emperor's family. All of them were martyred. Sentenced to be executed on a spiked wheel, Catherine touched the wheel and it shattered. She was beheaded. Centuries later, angels are said to have carried the body of Saint Catherine to a monastery at the foot of Mt. Sinai. Devotion to her spread as a result of the Crusades. She was invoked as the patroness of students, teachers, librarians and lawyers. Catherine is one of the 14 Holy Helpers, venerated especially in Germany and Hungary. Reflection - The pursuit of God's wisdom may not lead to riches or earthly honors. In Catherine's case, this pursuit contributed to her martyrdom. She was not, however, foolish in preferring to die for Jesus rather than live only by denying him. All the rewards that her tormentors offered her would rust, lose their beauty, or in some other way become a poor exchange for Catherine's honesty and integrity in following Jesus Christ. Saint Catherine of Alexandria is a Patron Saint of:

Lawyers

Librarians

Philosophers

**Students** 

**Teachers** 

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 <u>Protecting God's</u>

<u>Children</u> in-person training
happening on Tuesday, December

3<sup>rd</sup> in the parish hall from 5pm8pm. Please contact Jan RomanGonzales if you have any
questions.

Please join our iGiveCatholic 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 - We've raised \$5,750 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 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

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	Sunday	24	8am	† Nell Pursell	M
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	Wednesday	27	11:30am	CAN HER	
	Thursday	28	10:30am	For All Our Benefactors	
	Friday	29	11:30am	Church and Office are Closed	
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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 <a href="mailto:janinenvre@comcast.net">janinenvre@comcast.net</a> 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!

Last weekend's collection came to \$3,736.00. 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.

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#### CSA Update -

We are at 93% of our CSA pledges with \$3,138 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.

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 <a href="mailto:janinenyre@comcast.net">janinenyre@comcast.net</a> if you would like to volunteer to help out!

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

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.

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As disciples of Jesus Christ, and in the name of Mary, Our Lady of Tahoe Catholic community <u>welcomes and embraces 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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Charitable Bequest: Leave a portion of your estate such as cash or stock to Our Lady of Tahoe in your will.

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IRA QCD: If you are 70 1/2 or older, ask your professional advisor if giving directly from your IRA is a tax-wise way for you to give.