



**Advent**  
THIRD WEEK

# Our Lady of Tahoe Catholic Church



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### **NEW Mass Schedule**

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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For all the austerity of his life, John spoke to people in words they could grasp. It was his austerity that drew people's respect and trust. Here was a man who cared nothing for comfort, money or fame, who could not be bought, and who could speak the truth without fear. Preparing the way for the Messiah is not simply a matter of belonging to the Jewish nation, John insists, but comes about through repentance, through changing the way one thinks and changing one's lifestyle. John gives some practical examples. People should share clothing and food with those who have none as basic expressions of faith. To tax collectors he says, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also ask him, "And we, what should we do?" John replies, "Do not extort money from anyone with threats or false accusations and be satisfied with your wages." What does my lifestyle say about my faith in Christ? Do I hoard or share what I have with others, especially those who are poor and on the margins of society?

Can you believe it is already the third week of Advent? With Christmas approaching, we can often get caught up in the business and stress that comes with the holiday season. With so much going on around us, it is important that we remain focused on the real meaning of Christmas. The third week in Advent is traditionally called *Gaudete Sunday*, which is Latin for "rejoice." This is a familiar word for Christians, but are we familiar with the true meaning? To rejoice in something is more than just to have a happy disposition. It is a supernatural joy, one that is given to us in the spirit. As Paul says, *Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. God does not just want us to be of good cheer this Christmas season but wants us to rejoice in the gift he has given us. He encourages us not be afraid, but take refuge in his promise, just as the baby John the Baptist: *For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy*. Let us follow in John's footsteps as he prepares the way of the Lord!*

### [One Church Annual Christmas Collection 2024: Our Lady of Wisdom at the Newman Center](#)

The future of the Church in Northern Nevada depends upon the critical ministry of young adult evangelization offered at Our Lady of Wisdom Newman Center. In the last two years, a \$3,200,000 renovation of the entire facility, turning the center into a state-of-the-art platform for Catholic Campus Ministry. Thankfully, the renovation costs were fully covered by generous benefactors. With facility renovations complete, a Campus Ministry Fund supports the long-term success of Catholic Campus Ministry. This fund will serve as an endowment that provides annual distributions to support ministries at the Newman Center. Your donation this year to the One Church collection will benefit the Campus Ministry Fund. Please learn more about OLWNC with the story [here](#) and help support the growth of our diocese.



You are invited to attend the Annual Diocesan Conference which is being held January 10 & 11, 2025 at the Nugget Casino Resort in Sparks. Registration is available on the diocese website, High Desert Catholic. <https://www.highdesertcatholic.org/renodiocesanconference/>. On the website you will find a complete list of speakers, their biographies, session details, weekend schedule, and the registration link via Flock Note. If you prefer a hard copy to review, you may download the information from the website or please see your parish office for a brochure.



## Mass Intentions

Saturday	14	5pm	† Manuel Banares	Minerva Maranon
Sunday	15	8:30am	† Welsey Hersom	Rosemarie Gurgui
Sunday	15	10:30am	Intentions of OLT Parishioners	Pro Populo
Tuesday	17	5pm	† Welsey Hersom	Rosemarie Gurgui
Wednesday	18	8:30am	† John and Frances Ahern	The Ahern Family
Thursday	19	8:30am	† Dale Ahern	The Ahern Family
Friday	20	8:30am		
Saturday	21	8:30am	† Jolanta Kotlarz	Krystyna Kuczaty

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](mailto:janinenyre@comcast.net) if you would like to volunteer to help out!

Last weekend's collection came to \$2,773. 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!

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 80 local families. Thank you for supporting Safeway and Outreach!

With Advent Season upon us and Christmas fast-approaching, what a wonderful way to share your faith and gifts than by singing in our quaint mountain church! We'd love for you to join us for choir practice prior to singing with us. If you are a large group or choir, you too are welcome! Practice times for each mass are 3:45-4:30pm (Saturday, 5pm mass), 7:30-8am (Sunday, 8:30am mass), and 9:30-10am (Sunday, 10:30am 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. Or email [janromangonzales@sbcglobal.net](mailto:janromangonzales@sbcglobal.net) to make arrangements.

Join us for an evening of musical delight! A Christmas Caroling get-together at Our Lady of Tahoe is happening on December 24<sup>th</sup> from 8pm-8:45pm. We need both readers and choir. Please contact [Jan Roman-Gonzales](mailto:Jan Roman-Gonzales) if you (and/or your friends) would like to sign up. All carols are in our missal except for the closing song for which you will receive a printout. The Festival of Lessons and Carols is a service of Scripture and song that dates to the late 19th century. In this service, we listen to nine Scripture lessons which recount the Fall, the promise of a Messiah, the Incarnation, and the Great Commission to preach the Good News. Each lesson is followed by a carol or another song that reflects the lesson's message and a brief prayer.



### Christmas Schedule

December 24<sup>th</sup> - 5pm and 9pm  
 Nativity of the Lord (12/25)-10:30am  
 December 31<sup>st</sup> - 5pm  
 January 1<sup>st</sup> - 10:30am

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6-7

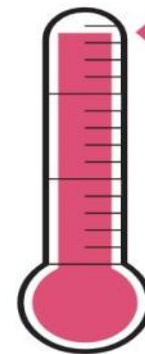
*Please consider a donation to the flower fund this Christmas. There are envelopes in the pews.*

### Catholic Services Appeal 2024

Goal-  
\$45,158

Pledges-  
\$43,610

Progress-  
96%



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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