




**Advent**  
SECOND WEEK

**Our Lady of Tahoe  
Catholic Church**

A photograph of a woman in profile, wearing a white garment, looking towards a golden candle holder with lit candles. The background is dark.

# SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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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: [www.ourladyoftahoe.org](http://www.ourladyoftahoe.org)

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Like Moses, like the prophetic voice in Isaiah 40, John challenges God's people to see the wilderness as a place not of desolation, but of hope. God is calling them, like the Babylonian exiles, to leave their captors behind and head home through the wilderness. God is calling them, like the people of Israel in Egypt, to join an exodus out of slavery into God's promised fresh start. John preaches that the first step on this journey toward freedom is a baptism of repentance.

In Luke 1:28 the angel Gabriel, speaking on God's behalf, addresses Mary as "full of grace" or "highly favored". In that context, this phrase means that Mary is receiving all the special divine help necessary for the task ahead. However, the Church grows in understanding with the help of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit led the Church, especially non-theologians, to the insight that Mary had to be the most perfect work of God next to the Incarnation. Or rather, Mary's intimate association with the Incarnation called for the special involvement of God in Mary's whole life. The logic of piety helped God's people to believe that Mary was full of grace and free of sin from the first moment of her existence. Moreover, this great privilege of Mary is the highlight of all that God has done in Jesus. Rightly understood, the incomparable holiness of Mary shows forth the incomparable goodness of God. Masses for the Immaculate Conception are Monday at 8:30am and 5pm.

This weekend, our parishes will take up the annual collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. This campaign is crucial, benefiting more than 24,000 elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who have devoted their lives to service within the Church. As I reflect on their ministry, I am grateful for the profound impact these women and men religious have had on our faith journeys. Their dedicated service has greatly influenced our (arch) diocese, inspiring and guiding us as we grow in faith. Most senior religious worked for many years with little pay, leaving their communities with a shortage of retirement savings. Rising healthcare costs and decreased income compound the challenge of meeting day-to-day needs for medications, nursing assistance, and other necessities. Your contributions to the Retirement Fund for Religious play a vital role in providing necessary financial support. This support enables religious communities to care for their aging members while ensuring that the younger generation can carry forward the invaluable work of their elders. Please consider contributing when asked and giving what you are able. Above all, I ask for your prayers for God's continued blessings on all our women and men religious, who keep you in their prayers as well. Together, let us support the many religious women and men who have made enormous contributions to our Church and to the world. With every best wish and assurance of prayers, I remain, Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Daniel H. Mueggenborg  
Bishop of Reno

### 2024 One Church Christmas Special 2nd Collection

The special second collection during our Christmas masses will benefit Our Lady of Wisdom Newman Center. Our Lady of Wisdom Newman Center provides campus ministry to students and young adults in the Reno metro area. It is the Catholic Center on the University of Nevada campus for Students. Its primary mission is to evangelize and deepen the Catholic faith of young adults. As a student-based community, this ministry is not sustained by regular donations! Please help fund the most critical ministry for the future of the Church! More information to come as we get closer to the dates.



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	7	5pm	Intentions of OLT Parishioners	Pro Populo
Sunday	8	8:30am	† Adora Fontimayor	Minerva Maranon
Sunday	8	10:30am	† Catalina Castro Aguilar	OLT Outreach
Monday	9	8:30am	Our Lady of Tahoe Donors	
Monday	9	5pm	Our Lady of Tahoe Donors	
Tuesday	10	5pm	† Welsey Hersom	Rosemarie Gurgui
Wednesday	11	8:30am		
Thursday	12	8:30am	† Jolanta Kotlarz	Krystyna Kuczaty
Friday	13	8:30am		
Saturday	14	8:30am	† Rolando T. Navarro	Marilyn and Flor Mangosing

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!

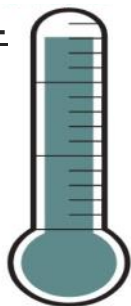
**Bible Study** - Please join us next Wednesday, 12/11, We'll be looking at the book of Malachi (the last book in the Old Testament). This book beautifully illustrates the love of God for his people even when they backslide. 10 am in the Parish Hall! Please call Janine Nyre 775-339-1961 or [janinenyre@comcast.net](mailto:janinenyre@comcast.net)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

Wow! Last weekend's collection came to \$3,140. 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!

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.

### Catholic Services Appeal

**Pledges-**  
\$42,720  
94%



**Goal-**  
\$45,158

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!

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

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!

We are still in awe of the generosity shown to us during iGiveCatholic on GivingTuesday. Because of your donations, we were able to raise \$9,950, which is fifty percent of our goal. Each gift that was made will enable us to renovate our front entryway slated to be worked on sometime next spring. We are accepting offline donations until December 10th and again, we thank you! God bless!

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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