

Our Lady of Tahoe

The Presentation of the Lord



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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)

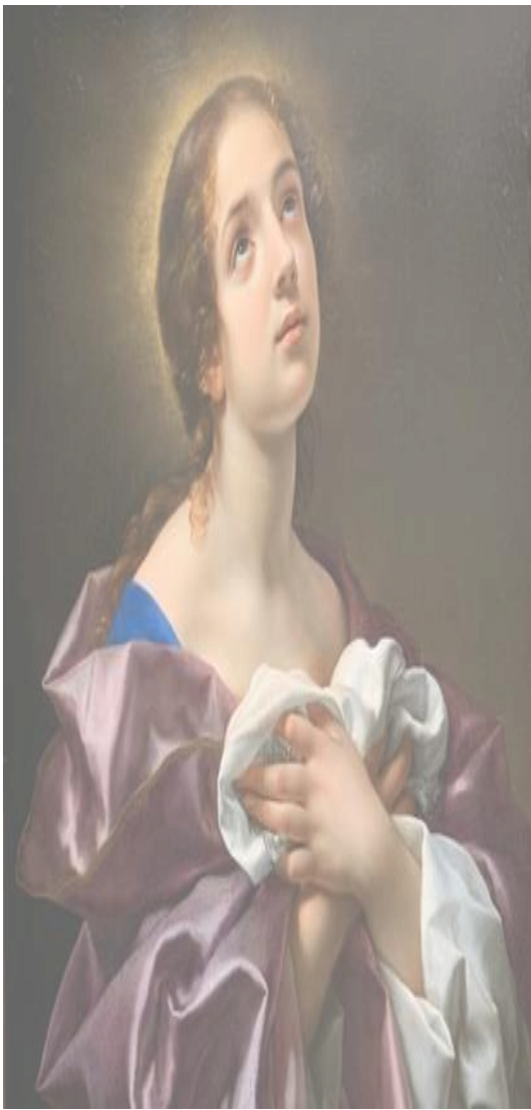
Baptisms and Marriages: Contact the parish during business hours: M-F,
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Simeon didn't seem to tire of his prayer life. Sometimes we feel in prayer as if we've said it all to God - our problems, sins, failings seem the same today as last year. We may feel God is tired of it all, tired of us. But Simeon didn't tire of praising and thanking. Maybe that's part of the prayer of old age and perhaps there are times when that is all God wants of us. A lot of prayer is letting the past go, whether it is only yesterday, a generation ago or almost a lifetime ago. The older years can bring us into the wider expanse of God's love and care over the years. Like Simeon we praise God's glory, like Anna we just look at Jesus and praise God. Maybe we can do that in prayer today, no matter what our age. The Holy Spirit 'rested on' Simeon. Is my heart at peace and open, or am I so full of problems and requests that I have no resting space for the Spirit? Simeon 'praised God'. Praise is a particularly joyful form of prayer. There are so many things for which I can praise God, not least the wonder of my own being.



Saint Agatha was born in either Palermo or Catania, Sicily around the year 231 and died a martyr's death in Catania around the year 251 during the persecution of Christians ordered by the Roman emperor Decius. Early devotion to her is attested to by the fact that she is one of the seven virgin martyrs listed in the Roman Canon (Eucharistic Prayer I in today's Missal). Much of what is written about her life emerged centuries later, leaving its historical accuracy in question. According to those later traditions, Agatha was born into a wealthy noble family. At the age of fifteen, she made a vow of virginity, choosing to devote herself and her wealth solely to Christ, her divine Spouse. The local Roman Prefect Quintianus's unholy desire to possess Agatha's beauty and wealth led him to propose marriage, but Agatha consistently refused him. Capitalizing on the Emperor Decius' decree in 250 that all citizens must offer sacrifice to the Roman gods, Quintianus had Agatha arrested and threatened her with torture and death, hoping she would renounce her Catholic faith and accept his offer of marriage. Instead, she deepened her devotion to Christ and once again refused him. Quintianus next imprisoned Agatha in the local brothel, thinking she would lose her virginity and then change her mind. Agatha, however, remained steadfast in her purity and faith. Deeply angered, Quintianus had Agatha stretched on a rack, her flesh torn with iron hoods, burned with torches, and whipped. He then ordered that Agatha's breasts be twisted and torn and then be cut off. After being sent back to prison in this mutilated state, Agatha saw Saint Peter appear to her and miraculously heal her wounds. When Agatha appeared before Quintianus four days later, healed of her wounds, the prefect was shocked but his heart remained obstinate. This time he stripped Agatha of her clothing and made her roll over burning coals and sharp stones. An earthquake occurred, killing two of Quintianus' companions. The people of the town were outraged at what Quintianus had done and blamed him for the earthquake. Again, Quintianus did not budge. After being sent back to prison, Agatha prayed and surrendered her spirit to the Lord, Who received her into her heavenly home.

Catholic Services Appeal 2025, If we love God, and love our Church, we will want to support our Catholic family. If genuine love motivates our giving, we will give our best. The Catholic Services Appeal continues to provide vital annual support for the many programs, services, and ministries that our crucial to our parishes. Our parish assessment for 2025 is \$48,193 (up 6.7% from 2024). Every dollar supports over 20 Diocesan programs, services, and ministries. Please be on the lookout for more information in the upcoming weeks. God bless you!

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](https://www.virtus.org) website. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact Jan Roman Gonzales at 530.307.0148. Thank you for applying to volunteer at Our Lady of Tahoe Catholic Parish! Some of you have already completed your Diocese of Reno adult volunteer application form, and your pre-registration documents. If you have not pre-registered and completed all the documents on [VIRTUS.ORG](https://www.virtus.org), please do so prior to attending the next training. PRE-REGISTRATION is required through [VIRTUS.ORG](https://www.virtus.org) If you need the Diocese of Reno adult volunteer application form, they will be available at the training. Thank you and God bless!

Mass Intentions

Saturday	1	5pm	Bruce Steger	The DePasquale Family
Sunday	2	8:30am	Intentions of OLT Parishioners	Pro Populo
Sunday	2	10:30am	† Welsey Hersom	Rosemarie Gurgui
Tuesday	4	5pm	† Teodoro L. Hersom	Rosemarie Gurgui
Wednesday	5	8:30am		
Thursday	6	8:30am		
Friday	7	8:30am		
Saturday	8	8:30am		

Last weekend's collection came to \$1,909. 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. When we love, we demonstrate that love through sacrifice, and so often, sacrifice involves doing things that may not be comfortable on our own, but when it is done, many lives will be blessed as a result. Your giving is very much appreciated, and yes, we believe lives are being changed for the glory of God! Thank you for your sustained faithful stewardship!



THE BOOK *of* JAMES

Bible Study: This week we will study James 2:14-26, Faith Works with Wisdom. "For as the body apart from the spirit is dead so faith apart from work is dead." James 2:26 Join us! Wednesday 9:30 am in the parish hall.

Special Second Collection This Weekend: Priest's Relief

As we approach the annual Priest's Relief Collection this weekend (Feb 1 & 2), I want to share the importance of this initiative with you. These funds are crucial in supporting our dedicated priests who have selflessly served the people of Northern Nevada.

As your bishop, I am profoundly grateful for the ministry and devotion of these priests. They have committed their lives to guiding and caring for our community. It is my duty to ensure we are prepared to assist them with extraordinary health and retirement needs when necessary. There are times when insurance or our best plans fall short, and additional financial support becomes essential. Your generosity in this collection allows us to be there for our priests in times of unforeseen crises. I am confident that, together, we can provide the assistance they need.

Thank you for your continued support and kindness.

With every best wish and assurance of prayers, I remain,

Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Daniel H. Mueggenborg

Bishop of Reno

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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