

Our Lady of Tahoe

The Baptism of the Lord, 1-12-2025



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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

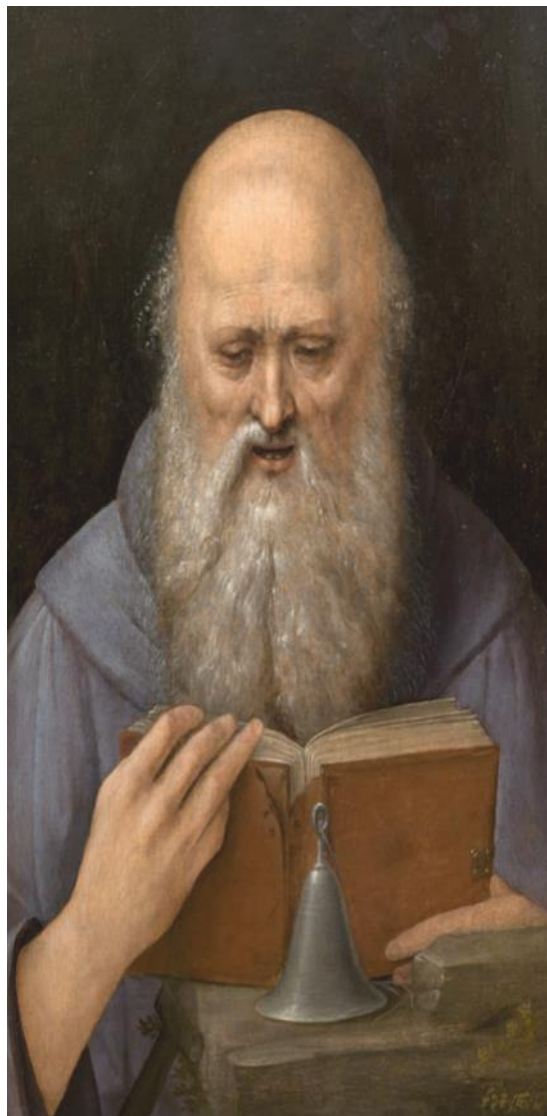
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As we prepare to begin Ordinary Time, reflect, today, upon these words of the Father at the Baptism of Jesus. Hear the Father speaking to You about the divinity of His Son. Turn your eyes to Jesus and prepare yourself to follow Him and to heed every word He speaks. He was sent into this world to draw us to the Father, allow Him to fulfill that mission in your own life. Lord, I believe that You are the Son of the Eternal Father and the Savior of the World. I believe that You have brought about a new era of grace and truth and that I am called to follow You wherever You lead. As we begin this liturgical season of Ordinary Time, may it be a time of extraordinary grace in which I daily heed Your voice. Jesus, I trust in You.

The life of Saint Anthony will remind many people of Saint Francis of Assisi. At 20, Anthony was so moved by the Gospel message, “Go, sell what you have, and give to [the] poor” (Mark 10:21b), that he actually did just that with his large inheritance. He is different from Francis in that most of Anthony’s life was spent in solitude. He saw the world completely covered with snares and gave the Church and the world the witness of solitary asceticism, great personal mortification, and prayer. But no saint is antisocial, and Anthony drew many people to himself for spiritual healing and guidance. At 54, he responded to many requests and founded a sort of monastery of scattered cells. Again, like Francis, he had great fear of “stately buildings and well-laden tables.” At 60, he hoped to be a martyr in the renewed Roman persecution of 311, fearlessly exposing himself to danger while giving moral and material support to those in prison. At 88, he was fighting the Arian heresy, that massive trauma from which it took the Church centuries to recover. “The mule kicking over the altar” denied the divinity of Christ. Anthony is associated in art with a T-shaped cross, a pig and a book. The pig and the cross are symbols of his valiant warfare with the devil—the cross his constant means of power over evil spirits, the pig a symbol of the devil himself. The book recalls his preference for “the book of nature” over the printed word. Anthony died in solitude at age 105. In an age that smiles at the notion of devils and angels, a person known for having power over evil spirits must at least make us pause. And in a day when people speak of life as a “rat race,” one who devotes a whole life to solitude and prayer points to an essential of the Christian life in all ages. Anthony’s hermit life reminds us of the absoluteness of our break with sin and the totality of our commitment to Christ. Even in God’s good world, there is another world whose false values constantly tempt us.



Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Colossians 3:12

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. The next SAFE ENVIRONMENT-PROTECTING GOD’S CHILDREN TRAINING is January 22, 2025 from 5-8PM in the parish hall. 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

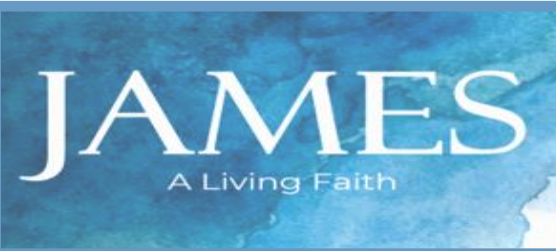
Saturday	11	5pm	Intentions of OLT Parishioners	Pro Populo
Sunday	12	8:30am	† Welsey Hersom	Rosemarie Gurgui
Sunday	12	10:30am	Intentions of OLT Donors	
Tuesday	14	5pm		
Wednesday	15	8:30am	† Welsey Hersom	Rosemarie Gurgui
Thursday	16	8:30am		
Friday	17	8:30am		
Saturday	18	8:30am		

Last weekend's collection came to \$2,642 and the second collection benefitting the Church in Latin America came to \$779. 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!

Blessings dear parishioners and visitors who call Our Lady of Tahoe their home away from home! 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 also are welcome! Practice time is Thursday 4-6pm and we meet before each mass at 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 you are interested, please contact Jan via text or call 530-307-0148. Or email janromangonzales@sbcglobal.net for more information.

Please help yourself to a complimentary 2025 calendar courtesy of OLT's Women's Guild. They are on the table in the back of the church. Also, for those of you who use offering envelopes, they are also on the tables in the back of the church. If you do not have an offering envelope set, but would like one, please contact Susan in the office. Thank you!

As we enter the month of January, we reflect on the grace and intercession of the Blessed Mother. We ask for her guidance and support, especially for mothers who have faced the difficult experience of abortion. May they find comfort in God's infinite love and mercy and may His healing grace touch their hearts. We invite you to learn more about our mission and the services we offer by visiting our website at High Desert Catholic. Navigate to "Our Works," scroll down, and select "Project Rachel" to discover how we are working to provide healing and support. Information about upcoming Healing After Abortion Retreats will be available on our website soon. For confidential and compassionate support, please contact our helpline at 775-324-4325 or email KarenM@Catholicreno.org. We are here to help you find peace and healing.



Bible Study Please join us for an exciting new bible study series on the Letter of James. This is a beautiful collection of Wisdom that we can apply to our everyday life and aid us on our journey for a closer relationship with God. This Wednesday is our first session covering James 1:1-18. Please join us Wednesday 9:30am in the Parish Hall. Thought for the week: "Count it all joy, my brethren, when you meet various trials, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness." James 12-3

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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