

Our Lady of Tahoe

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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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John's Gospel speaks of Jesus' miracles as 'signs' because they always point to something deeper than the merely miraculous. They inform us about who Jesus is, and about the purpose of his mission. So in the Cana story, for example, Jesus replaces the water prescribed for Jewish purifications with more than one hundred and twenty gallons of wine! According to the Jewish Scriptures, when the Messiah comes there shall be an abundance of new wine, a symbol for God's abundant goodness towards his people. That Jesus turns so much water into the best of wines is a 'sign' that he is in fact the long awaited Messiah.

We remember today the tragic United States Supreme Court decision, *Roe v. Wade*, issued on January 22, 1973, that essentially legalized abortion in all fifty states for almost fifty years. By God's grace, that decision was finally overturned on June 24, 2022, by the Supreme Court case *Dobbs v. Jackson*. Though that latter decision gives us much to be grateful for, the battle for the sanctity of life must continue, since the *Dobbs v. Jackson* ruling simply deferred the decision on abortion to state legislatures. Thus, abortion remains legal in the majority of states in the United States and continues to be legal in many other countries around the world. Throughout the world, the World Health Organization (WHO) estimates that there are approximately 40–50 million abortions every year. That translates into about 125,000 abortions every day. Up until the *Dobbs v. Jackson* decision, the WHO further estimated that twenty-two percent of all pregnancies in the United States ended by abortion, over one million abortions every year. These numbers are conservative estimates, given that the WHO promotes abortion. Too often, abortion advocates premise their arguments on a woman's right to do what she wants with her own body. Yet a baby in the womb is a new life, distinct from the mother's, with as much dignity, beauty, and value as any other life, including the mother's. The psalmist puts it this way, "You formed my inmost being; you knit me in my mother's womb. I praise you, because I am wonderfully made; wonderful are your works!" (Psalm 139:13–14). Much rhetoric has unsuccessfully attempted to justify abortion. Yet while debate over abortion never ceases, eternal truths never change. "Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person—among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life." (*Catechism of the Catholic Church* #2270). Today, call to mind that the weakest, most vulnerable, and most at-risk human beings need you. Statistically speaking, the most dangerous place to live is within the womb. Also call to mind every mother who finds herself in an unplanned pregnancy. Both child and mother need your prayers—that every mother makes the choice for life, and that the right to life will be enshrined in every civil law throughout the world. Don't underestimate the power of your prayers.. Unite yourself to the Body of Christ and do your part to bring healing to the past and true hope for the future.

There is no mass on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Fr. Rodel is out of town completing his clergy education training.

Our Lady of Tahoe's Outreach Program would like to thank all of our parishioners and visitors who contributed to our coat drive in the fall and our Christmas gift cards in December. Through your generosity we are able to assist 80 local families in our monthly food program, and 130 children that receive a new winter jacket and a gift card for Christmas. Our program began in 1992 and has continued and grown all these years because of your prayers and contributions. Blessings to all of 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. The next SAFE ENVIRONMENT-PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN TRAINING is Wednesday, January 29, 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	18	5pm	Intentions of OLT Parishioners	Pro Populo
Sunday	19	8:30am		
Sunday	19	10:30am	† Welsey Hersom	Rosemarie Gurgui
Tuesday	21	5pm	No Mass	
Wednesday	22	8:30am	No Mass	
Thursday	23	8:30am	No Mass	
Friday	24	8:30am	No Mass	
Saturday	25	8:30am		

Last weekend's collection came to \$2,764. 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: Please join us Wed at 9:30 am in the Parish Hall as we continue our journey through the letter of St James. This week we will cover James 1:19-27. We move from the wisdom needed to face trials and temptations to the wisdom needed in the daily practice of the Faith. "Let every man be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger, for the anger of man does not work the righteousness of God." James 1:19-20

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.

"We need to pledge ourselves anew to the cause of Christ. We must capture the spirit of the early church. Wherever the early Christians went, they made a triumphant witness for Christ. Whether on the village streets or in the city jails, they daringly proclaimed the good news of the gospel." Martin Luther King, Jr.

The church and office are closed on Monday in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

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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