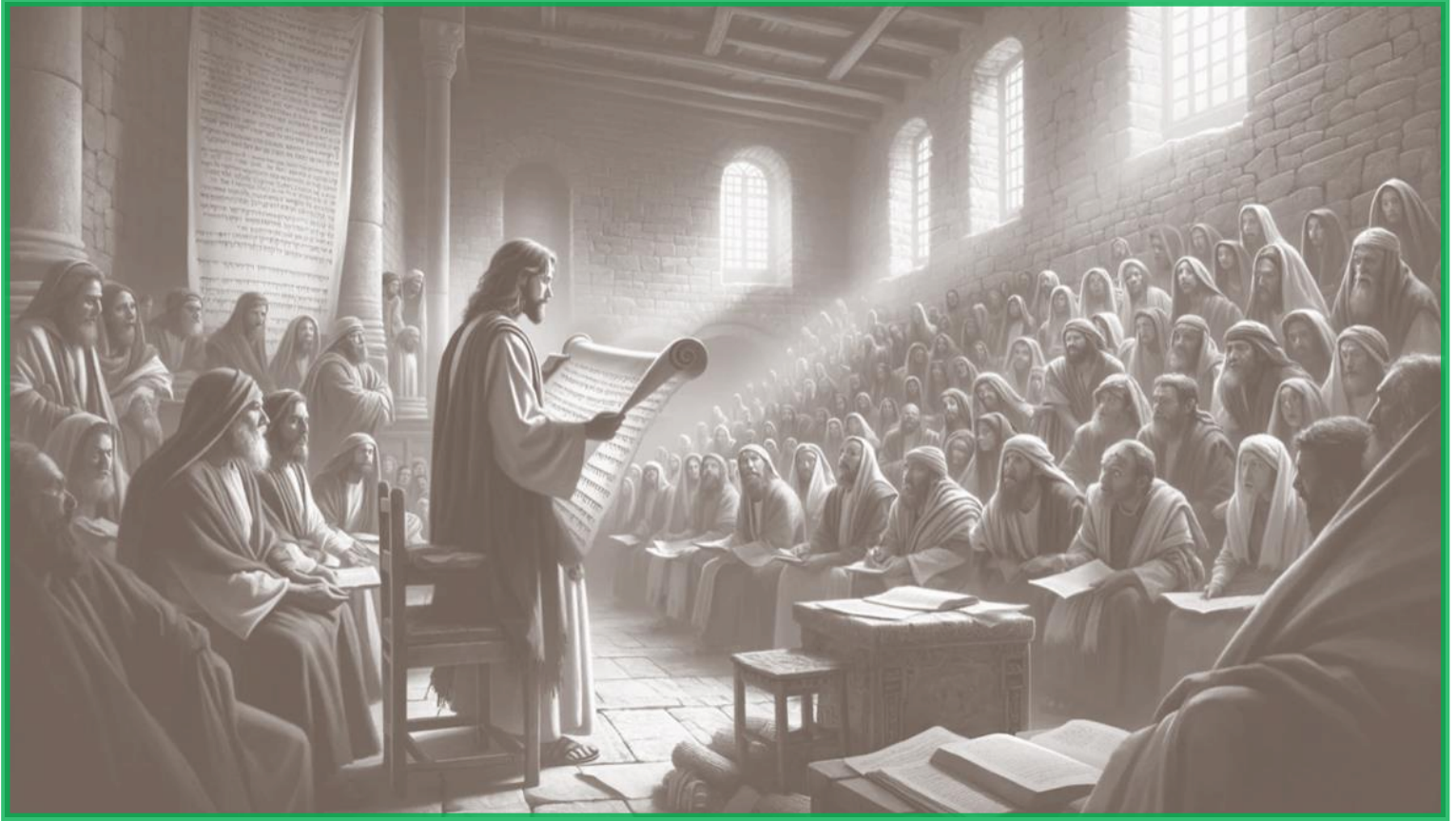


Our Lady of Tahoe

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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)

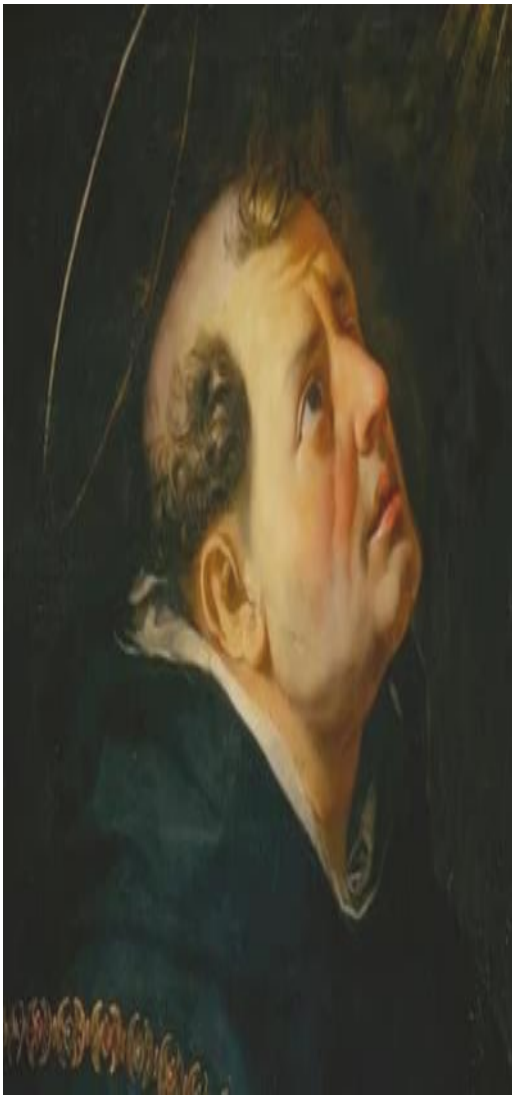
Baptisms and Marriages: Contact the parish during business hours: M-F,
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That fateful day in the synagogue in Nazareth, Jesus could have read from the scroll of Leviticus or Numbers or Deuteronomy – any of the books dealing with religious laws designed to distinguish the Hebrews from other tribes and nations. Instead, he selected the scroll of the prophet Isaiah – a prophet who proclaimed justice. Jesus says that at least this much of scripture has been made true: bringing good news to the poor, releasing the captives, giving sight to the blind, freeing the oppressed, and proclaiming God's unrelenting love and favor for all people. Jesus gives a message of liberation and freedom for the world. It is important for us to realize that Jesus came to make us truly free. So many Christians abandon their church in order to be 'free'. They find being Christian a stifling experience. Yet, we must insist both by the way we present the message of the Gospel and by the way we live it that, as Christians, we enjoy a particularly high level of freedom. True freedom does not consist in doing just what we feel like doing—that can be very destructive both to ourselves and others. True freedom is the ability to make the good choice—good for oneself and good for others.



Given Saint Thomas Aquinas' impact on the development of Church doctrine and our understanding of the faith, he is regarded as the greatest intellectual in Church history. He is a Doctor of the Church and holds the titles Angelic Doctor, Common Doctor, and Universal Doctor. Thomas was born in a grand castle in central Italy near the town of Aquino. He began his studies at the age of five at the famous Benedictine Monastery, Monte Cassino, where his uncle was abbot. At age fourteen, he moved to the University of Naples where he came into contact with members of the Dominican order. Five years later, he would greatly disappoint his family by choosing the Dominicans over the Benedictines, who held a place of honor within Europe's feudal system. The Dominicans sent Thomas to Paris where he became a student under intellectual giant Brother Albert, now known as Saint Albert the Great. Brother Thomas was especially drawn to Aristotle's philosophy, which would become the foundation of much of his future writings. As Thomas continued his studies under Brother Albert, he became more reserved in class as he grew in the virtue of humility, rarely speaking up, debating, or revealing his keen intellect. His quiet nature led his fellow students to give him the nickname "Dumb Ox." One day, Brother Albert gave Thomas a difficult question to answer and asked him to present his answer to the class the next day. After Thomas did so, his fellow students were in awe and Brother Albert said of him, "You call him the Dumb Ox, but in his teaching he will one day produce such a bellowing that it will be heard throughout the world." In 1252, at the age of twenty-six, Brother Thomas received the title *Master in Theology* from the pope. For the next twenty-two years, he wrote books, sermons, commentaries on Scripture, and even composed some of our Church's most beautiful hymns, including *Pange Lingua*. He continued as a teacher, preacher, and papal theologian in Paris, Naples, Orvieto, and Rome. Among his many works, Saint Thomas is best known for the *Summa Theologica*, or "Summary of Theology," which he never completed. After experiencing a vision while celebrating Mass one day, he told his scribe, Brother Reginald, that he could no longer write. When Brother Reginald asked him why, he responded, "Reginald, I cannot, because all that I have written seems like straw to me." Brother Thomas died the next year after a series of illnesses. Despite his brilliance, Saint Thomas was also humble and sincere. A story told by one early biographer relates that as Brother Thomas was praying one morning before the crucifix, he anxiously implored the Lord as to whether or not his writings were correct. Jesus spoke to him saying, "You have written well of Me, Thomas, what shall be your reward?" Thomas replied, "Nothing but You, Lord."

Happy Birthday (1/29) Fr. Rodel!

May His light shine upon you and guide you every step of the way. We have been blessed through your caring and devoted ministry. Thanking God for you and wishing you a birthday that is special in every way. May God's love and peace be with you now and always!

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	25	5pm	Intentions of OLT Parishioners	Pro Populo
Sunday	26	8:30am	Rev. Father Rodel Tabanao	Minerva Maranon
Sunday	26	10:30am	Marc Paulo Maranon	Minerva Maranon
Tuesday	28	5pm	† Antoinette Smith	The Marschner Family
Wednesday	29	8:30am	Healing for Rosalie Holcomb	David and Stephanie Scott
Thursday	30	8:30am	† Welsey Hersom	Rosemarie Gurgui
Friday	31	8:30am	Ariel Rose Holcomb	David and Stephanie Scott
Saturday	01	8:30am	† Josaphine Nagengast	David and Stephanie Scott

Last weekend's collection came to \$3,277. 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: In our journey through the Letter of James, we will cover Wisdom and the Law of Love this week. Please join us on Wednesday at 9:30 in the parish hall. *My brethren, show no partiality as you hold the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. James 2:1*

Special Second Collection This Weekend

We are all painfully aware that many people have been devastated by the fires in Los Angeles. While we are thankful that the human toll was low, we must not forget the many people who lost everything they own. For this reason, I am asking those who can, to give a special offering this weekend that will be used to help the victims of this disaster. Please note we will be sending the money given through this effort to Catholic Charities USA as they are already on the ground and providing necessary emergency relief services. I can't imagine what it would be like to lose everything: family photographs, wedding albums, the kid's first drawings...it would be such a time of trial. To suffer such a loss and to also have to deal with not having the most basic of necessities, such as food, shelter, and clothing would be so difficult. While some items certainly can't be replaced, I'd like for Our Lady of Tahoe to do what we can. We often hear the phrase "do unto others" quoted, and this is a perfect situation to take that attitude to heart. I look forward to the opportunity to bless the lives of those most affected by these fires, and I hope that you will do what you can to bring blessings to those who have lost so much. Giving generously to help those in need provides them with physical shelter, and modeling God's love helps bring the unsaved into the spiritual shelter of the Most High. It is also a wonderful way to practically show what the love of God looks like here on earth. Please search your heart and give what you can afford. Thank you in advance for being prayerful about giving to this worthy cause.

Blessings in Christ,
Fr. Rodel

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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