

Epiphany of the Lord



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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.ourladyoffahoe.org

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Can we share some of the joy of the wise men when they found the place they had been looking for? Remember a time in life when you were overcome with joy. Perhaps you can recall when joy filled your heart at a time like a commitment in marriage, falling in love, a great success, at the birth of a child, in deep prayer. Joy is a gift from God and a share in the nature of God for God is joy. Allow this joy to be part of your life now, and part of your prayer. Allow even the tough times of life to find their place there.



Saint André Bessette's Story - Brother André expressed a saint's faith by a lifelong devotion to Saint Joseph. Sickness and weakness dogged André from birth. He was the eighth of 12 children born to a French Canadian couple near Montreal. Adopted at 12, when both parents had died, he became a farmhand. Various trades followed: shoemaker, baker, blacksmith—all failures. He was a factory worker in the United States during the boom times of the Civil War. At 25, André applied for entrance into the Congregation of Holy Cross. After a year's novitiate, he was not admitted because of his weak health. But with an extension and the urging of Bishop Bourget, he was finally received. He was given the humble job of doorkeeper at Notre Dame College in Montreal, with additional duties as sacristan, laundry worker and messenger. "When I joined this community, the superiors showed me the door, and I remained 40 years," he said. In his little room near the door, he spent much of the night on his knees. On his windowsill, facing Mount Royal, was a small statue of Saint Joseph, to whom he had been devoted since childhood. When asked about it he said, "Someday, Saint Joseph is going to be honored in a very special way on Mount Royal!" When he heard someone was ill, he visited to bring cheer and to pray with the sick person. He would rub the sick person lightly with oil taken from a lamp burning in the college chapel. Word of healing powers began to spread. When an epidemic broke out at a nearby college, André volunteered to nurse. Not one person died. The trickle of sick people to his door became a flood. His superiors were uneasy; diocesan authorities were suspicious; doctors called him a quack. "I do not cure," he said again and again. "Saint Joseph cures." In the end he needed four secretaries to handle the 80,000 letters he received each year. For many years the Holy Cross authorities had tried to buy land on Mount Royal. Brother André and others climbed the steep hill and planted medals of Saint Joseph. Suddenly, the owners yielded. André collected \$200 to build a small chapel and began receiving visitors there—smiling through long hours of listening, applying Saint Joseph's oil. Some were cured, some not. The pile of crutches, canes and braces grew. The chapel also grew. By 1931, there were gleaming walls, but money ran out. "Put a statue of Saint Joseph in the middle. If he wants a roof over his head, he'll get it." The magnificent Oratory on Mount Royal took 50 years to build. The sickly boy who could not hold a job died at 92. He is buried at the Oratory. He was beatified in 1982 and canonized in 2010. At his canonization in October 2010, Pope Benedict XVI said that Saint Andre "lived the beatitude of the pure of heart." Reflection - Rubbing ailing limbs with oil or a medal? Planting a medal to buy land? Isn't this superstition? Aren't we long past that superstitious people rely only on the "magic" of a word or action. Brother André's oil and medals were authentic sacramentals of a simple, total faith in the Father who lets his saints help him bless his children.

"Do not seek to have these trials lifted from you. Instead, ask for the grace to bear them well."

Share YOUR Faith



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Our diocese will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America on January 4th and 5th. For more than 50 years, this collection has given Catholics in the United States an opportunity to share faith in unity with our brothers and sisters in Christ throughout Latin America and the Caribbean islands. Through the Collection for the Church in Latin America, Catholics in the United States can express a closer unity with and love for their brothers and sisters in Central and South America and the Caribbean islands. This unity was fully expressed in autumn 2024, when Catholics from around the world gathered for an International Eucharistic Congress in Quito, Ecuador, to celebrate the country's 150th anniversary of its consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Using funds received from the Collection for the Church in Latin America, the Archdiocese of Quito welcomed thousands from around the world—including a delegation of Catholics from the United States led by Bishop Andrew Cozzens—to pray together, encounter the love of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, and share their faith. When you participate in the collection at your parish, you support special events such as the Eucharistic Congress as well as the ongoing work of forming catechists, supporting vocations to priesthood and religious life, and implementing family ministries throughout Latin America. Our diocese takes up this collection on the weekend of January, 4th and 5th 2025. Please be generous toward this collection. Consider giving at Mass or through your parish's online giving platform. Your support truly makes a difference. Thank you and God bless you. For more information on the Church in Latin America and the many projects funded by the collection, please visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

Mass Intentions

Saturday	4	5pm	† Aminta Quinones	Her Family
Sunday	5	8:30am	† Welsey Hersom	Rosemarie Gurgui
Sunday	5	10:30am	Intentions of OLT Parishioners	Pro Populo
Tuesday	7	5pm	Intentions of OLT Donors	
Wednesday	8	8:30am	† Welsey Hersom	Rosemarie Gurgui
Thursday	9	8:30am		
Friday	10	8:30am		
Saturday	11	8:30am	Mass is CANCELLED	

Last weekend's collection came to \$4,205 and the ONE CHURCH collection came to \$1,435. 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!

Click [here](#) for more information.



Annual Diocesan Conference Conferencia Diocesana Anual

January 10-11, 2025

Nugget Casino Resort-1100 Nugget Avenue, Sparks NV 89431

Featuring National Eucharistic Congress Speakers



Julianne Stanz,
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We are excited to welcome you to the annual conference to unite us in celebrating our Catholic faith. Join us as we gather to learn from national speakers who will reflect on prayer, intentional discipleship, catholic morality, family, service, respect life issues, and more over the two days!

Sesiones en Español Conferencista Principal



Rev. Edgardo Jara, O.F.M.,
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Estamos entusiasmados de darle la bienvenida a la conferencia Diocesana anual para reunirnos y celebrar nuestra fe católica. ¡Únase a nosotros para aprender de conferencistas nacionales que reflexionarán sobre la oración, el discipulado intencional, la moralidad católica, la familia, el servicio, el respeto a la vida y más durante los dos días!

Ask
Pidan

Seek
Busquen

Knock
Llamen

Matthew 7:7-8
Mateo 7:7-8

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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