

Our Lady of Tahoe

Sixth 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,
9am - 3pm, or visit our website: www.ourladyoftahoe.org

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What is the true source of joy and happiness that so many find elusive? Jesus begins his teaching on the way of the kingdom of heaven by addressing the issue of where true happiness is found. The word *beatitude* literally means *happiness* or *blessedness*. Jesus' way of happiness, however, demands a transformation from within -- a conversion of heart and mind which can only come about through the gift of the Holy Spirit. How can one possibly find happiness in poverty, hunger, mourning, and persecution? If we want to be filled with the joy and happiness of heaven, then we must empty ourselves of all that would shut God out of our hearts. Poverty of spirit finds ample room and joy in possessing God alone as the greatest treasure possible. Hunger of the spirit seeks nourishment and strength in God's word and Spirit. Sorrow and mourning over wasted life and sin leads to joyful freedom from the burden of guilt and oppression. God reveals to the humble of heart the true source of abundant life and happiness. Jesus promises his disciples that the joys of heaven will more than compensate for the troubles and hardships they can expect in this world. "Lord, increase my hunger for you and show me the way that leads to everlasting happiness and peace. May I desire you above all else and find perfect joy in doing your will."



The seven men who founded the Servite Order knew each other as cloth merchants and members of a lay organization dedicated to the Blessed Mother. The Florence, Italy of the Middle Ages where they lived enjoyed a booming economy but also was a city of conflict between the noble rulers and populists. Around the year 1233, each of the seven devout men experienced an apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary, calling them to withdraw from the world and its pursuit of money and power to devote themselves to the service of God. They obeyed and on September 8, the Feast of the Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary, they gave up their careers and property to move into a dilapidated house outside the city wall. They embraced the mendicant life of begging, poverty, and prayer. In modeling wisdom and virtue, they received many requests for spiritual counsel and moral guidance. Believing that their primary call was to a life of prayer, the men moved eleven miles out of Florence to Monte Senario. Around the year 1240, at Monte Senario, the seven experienced a joint vision of the Blessed Virgin Mary surrounded by angels. She instructed them on their mission, clothed them in their habits, presented them with their rule of life, and personally founded their order. Central to their mission was to spread devotion to the Seven Sorrows of Mary and to be her servants. Within a decade, the order received tentative papal approval, and their numbers began to grow, spreading throughout Europe and then east. Today, the Servite order has expanded to all parts of Europe, Africa, Australia, and the Americas. Our Blessed Mother called these holy men together as they worked and lived in a bustling city. United by their faith, they were set apart and drawn by God to a life of prayer. From that prayer and their commitment to poverty, chastity, and obedience, God drew many others into their companionship. And through those companions, missionaries went forth to the corners of the earth. Consider the unity the seven founders shared by answering the call to pray and serve together.. United as one in Christ, each individual was strengthened and the fruitfulness of their labors grew exponentially.

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL 2025



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
I want to thank you for the many ways in which you demonstrate God's own love in your parish communities. In 2025, I ask that you pray with our Lord's word in the Gospel of John to "Love one another as I have loved you" (John 15:12). This divine commandment is this year's theme for our Catholic Services Appeal (CSA). The [Catholic Services Appeal](#) is an essential way in which we ensure that our ministries continue. These ministries include the formation of seminarians and deacons, retired priests, youth and young adults, Catholic schools, and ethnic and lay formation — all of which are crucial to the life and mission of the Local Church in northern Nevada. Because of your prayers and generous contributions, this important work has been accomplished year after year. I am grateful for your commitment to the Catholic Church and the Diocese of Reno. Please make a donation to the 2025 CSA appeal as part of your charitable giving. Thank you for your positive response to this request and for your generous support of the 2025 Catholic Services Appeal. May the Lord bless you and your loved ones as we continue to carry out Christ's mission in northern Nevada. The Catholic Services Appeal brochure can provide additional information on the various essential ministries supported by this annual fund. I pray that you will join with other faithful Catholics in helping to carry out these ministries.

With every best wish and an assurance of prayer, I remain,
Yours in Christ,
+Most Reverend Daniel H. Mueggenborg
Bishop of Reno

Consider the many ways you can donate, whether through an IRA account, a donor-advised fund, employer-matching gift programs, or stock transfers. If you have questions or need further guidance, please don't hesitate to reach out to Richard Todd at richardt@catholicreno.org.

(Our Lady of Tahoe's 2025 assessment is \$48,193.00. Thank you so much for your faithful support!)

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	15	5pm	Intentions of OLT Parishioners	
Sunday	16	8:30am	† Rolando Romulo Canonizado	The Ortiz Family
Sunday	16	10:30am	† Elisa Reyes	Carminia Banares
Tuesday	18	5pm	† Rolando Romulo Canonizado	The Ortiz Family
Wednesday	19	8:30am	† Frances Ahern	The Ahern Family
Thursday	20	8:30am	† Sonia Neuman	The Ahern Family
Friday	21	8:30am		
Saturday	22	8:30am		

Last weekend's collection came to \$2,658. 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 3:13-18 (Wisdom - False and True) where we will look at the qualities and effects of Christian wisdom contrasted with those of worldly (unspiritual) wisdom. Please join us! Wednesday 9:30am in the parish hall.

Lenten Reflections

Attention all ladies! **The Women' Guild** is hosting a **Lenten Day of Reflection** - The Last Seven Words of Christ. Save the Date! Saturday, April 5th, 8:30 AM-2:00 PM. More information coming soon!

During the month of February, we hold in our hearts all marriages touched by the deep wounds of abortion. We pray that these couples may draw upon the infinite love, mercy, and healing grace of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph—the Holy Family—helping to open their hearts to find comfort and renewal. We invite you to delve into our mission and discover the services we provide by visiting our website at High Desert Catholic. Navigate to "Our Works," scroll down, and select "Project Rachel" to learn about our dedicated efforts in fostering healing and support. Information about our upcoming Healing After Abortion Retreats will be available on our website soon. If you seek confidential, non-judgmental, and compassionate support, please contact our helpline at 775-324-4325 or email KarenM@Catholicreno.org. We are here to guide you toward peace and healing.

Happy Presidents' Day! The church and office are closed on Monday.

"The thanks of the nation will follow you and may God's blessing rest upon you now and forever." Abraham Lincoln

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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