

Our Lady of Tahoe

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



Love Your Enemies

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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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Jesus seems to expect more from us than the 'do unto others what you want them to do to you' attitude, which is itself a high level of morality. He asks for generosity and charity as well as justice. The central quality of the Christian stance to others is mercy which covers over faults and fallings, not denying them, but always offering another chance to others. There are many other times when Jesus talks in his stories about development and growth. Bit by bit our heart can be turned towards kind and understanding thoughts and even feelings towards the enemy. One step towards the freedom from bitterness is to pray for people who have done us wrong, wittingly or unwittingly. The Gospel calls for great generosity in our relationship with others. Not just material generosity, but generosity in love, in understanding, in tolerance and acceptance, in compassion and forgiveness. The more generous we are with others the more we will receive in return.

St. Gregory was born in 951, near Lake Van in modern-day Turkey. His mother died when he was young, leading to his deep devotion to our Blessed Mother. His father was the ruling prince of the Andzevatsiq province and an Armenian bishop and scholar whose support of some of the teachings of the Council of Chalcedon led to his excommunication from the Armenian Church. After their mother's death, Gregory and his older brother were sent to live at the Monastery of Narek. At about the age of twenty-six, Gregory was ordained a priest for the monastery and remained there for the rest of his life, teaching theology in the monastery's school. Shortly after his ordination to the priesthood, Gregory wrote a commentary on the Song of Songs. He also wrote commentary on the Book of Job, and numerous chants, homilies, and speeches that sang the praises of holy men. Toward the end of his life, he wrote his most famous work, *The Book of Lamentations*, or, as it is commonly known today, *The Book of Narek*. Gregory's father taught him to remain in continuous dialogue with God, ever attentive to His divine presence. *The Book of Narek* is a compilation of ninety-five prayers that flow from that dialogue. Each begins with the phrase, "Speaking with God from the Depths of the Heart." The prayers express a troubled—even tormented—soul's deepest love of God. The torment is not despair, but an interior expression of hope from a soul in touch with its fallen humanity and sin, while also keenly aware of God's mercy. His prayers reflect the psalms and are similar to Saint Augustine's *Confessions*. Saint Gregory states that these prayers were written "by the finger of God" (Prayer 34) and that he saw God, as he says, "with my own eyes" (Prayer 27f). In the centuries after Gregory's death, Armenia suffered greatly under foreign domination, culminating in the Armenian genocide when the Turks murdered an estimated 1–1.8 million Armenians in 1915-16. During their suffering, the Armenian people relied on Saint Gregory's book of prayers. When Pope Francis declared Saint Gregory a Doctor of the Church, the book of prayers became accessible to the whole world. Let us conclude with the ending of Gregory's final prayer.

Our Lady of Tahoe is hosting a CPR/ First Aid/ AED training on Tuesday, March 25th inside the parish hall from 11am - 4pm. The cost is \$95 per person and that includes hands-on and materials. If you have any questions or want more information, please contact Jan Roman-Gonzales. You can email her at janromangonzales@sbcglobal.net or call her at 530-307-0148. Please preregister for the course by Friday, March 21st.



Ash Wednesday Special 2nd Collection

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

For decades, communism ruled over Central and Eastern Europe, including the republics of the Soviet Union, which spanned from Eastern Europe to the Pacific Ocean. Among these republics is Tajikistan, located in central Asia. Bordering China and Afghanistan, Tajikistan is now the poorest of the former Soviet republics. The economic hardships and a population that is 98% Muslim make Tajikistan a true mission territory for the Church. With a small Catholic presence, the Church in Tajikistan is an independent mission under the Holy Father, administered by priests from the Institute of the Incarnate Word and the sisters of the Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matará. Despite its modest size, this community has fostered the ordination of two native priests and the religious profession of a Tajik woman. With support from the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, the sisters continue their mission, educating children and providing them with essential resources. Through their works of mercy, they embody Christ's love. You can support their mission by donating to this special collection during its observance in our diocese. Please be generous in the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, where your gifts are restoring the Church and building the future. Thank you and God bless you.

With every best wish and an assurance of prayers, I remain,

Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Daniel H. Mueggenborg
Bishop of Reno

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

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 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, please do so prior to attending the next training. PRE-REGISTRATION is required through 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	22	5pm	Intentions of OLT Parishioners	
Sunday	23	8:30am	† John J. Ahern	The Ahern Family
Sunday	23	10:30am	† Larry and Sally Devischer	
Tuesday	25	5pm	† Dale Ellen Ahern	The Ahern Family
Wednesday	26	8:30am	† Fredrick Dross	The Meyers Community
Thursday	27	8:30am	The family of Fredrick Dross	The Meyers Community
Friday	28	8:30am	† Lutgardo Reyes	Carminia Banares
Saturday	01	8:30am	Health and Wellness Judith Ahern	The Ahern Family

Last weekend's collection came to \$2,734. 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!

This week, we will cover James 4:1-10, Wisdom in Relationships. ~Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.~ (James 4:7) Please join us! All are welcome. Wednesday (9:30-11am) in the Parish Hall.

If anybody still has their palms from last year, kindly bring them with you when you attend mass. Ashes from these palms will be used on Ash Wednesday. A basket is located in the back of the Church. The mass times on Ash Wednesday (March 5) are 8:30am and 5pm and anyone who wishes to receive ashes throughout the day may stop by the office.

"I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; therefore I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes." Job 42:5-6

There is a meeting on Tuesday, March 4th for Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers after the 5pm mass. Anyone interested may attend. You must be VIRTUS approved. Thank you!

Please join us Sunday, March 16th for our St. Patrick's Day Potluck! Doors open at 4pm and dinner is at 5. The menu includes corned beef, boiled potatoes, cabbage with appetizers and dessert to be provided by guests (there is a volunteer sign-up sheet available after mass). The cost is \$15 per person and children under 12 eat free! There will be a 50/50 raffle. Hope to see you there!

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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