

FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED: Hearing aids for use are in the sacristy—please return them after Mass.

With joy & happiness we welcome all of you who have come to pray and worship with us. We hope you will find friendship and fellowship in our community and encouragement to face whatever may come in the week ahead. For our guests & visitors, we pray that your stay in Tahoe is wonderful, that you have a safe journey home – and return to us soon.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord (Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19).

Psalm — I will sing of your salvation (Psalm 71).

Second Reading — If I have all faith so as to move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing (1 Corinthians 12:31 — 13:13 [13:4-13]).

Gospel — No prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown (Luke 4:21-30).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20
 Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-28, 30-32; Mk 5:21-43
 Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6
 Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Ps 48:2-4, 9-11; Mk 6:7-13
 Friday: Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mk 6:14-29
 Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34
 Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138:1-5, 7-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11 [3-8, 11]; Lk 5:1-11

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday February 2 The Presentation of the Lord

5:30 pm Julie Reed (dec) by Al & Audrey

Sunday February 3

8:00 am Loved ones, by Monique

10:00 am St. Theresa parishioners

12:00 pm Pauline Mifsud (dec) by Danette Mifsud-Winslow

7:00 pm

Monday February 4

8:00 am Donna McRadu (dec) by her daughter

Tuesday February 5 St. Agatha

8:00 am **NO MASS**

Wednesday February 6 St. Paul Miki and Companions

8:00 am **NO MASS**

12:00 pm **NO MASS**

Thursday February 7

8:00 am **NO MASS**

Friday February 8 St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita

8:00 am Eric Enriquez (bday) by his girls

12:00 pm Gilberto Padua (dec) by Cherry & family

Saturday February 9 Blessed Virgin Mary

5:30 pm Sean Wallace (dec)

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, February 4

8am Mass; 4pm-5:30pm Bread & Broth Meal

Tuesday, February 5

NO 8am Mass; 4:30pm Children Faith Formation; 6:30pm RCIA in English

Wednesday, February 6

NO 8am Mass; NO 12noon Mass; 7pm RCIA in Spanish

Thursday, February 7

NO 8am Mass; 6pm Blessed Is She Program

Friday, February 8

8am Mass; 12noon Mass; 3pm-4:30pm Food Pantry; 5pm wedding rehearsal; 4-5pm Bread & Broth, second Serving

Saturday, February 9

12noon Wedding; 6pm Annual Crab Dinner; 4pm Confessions; 5:30pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, February 10

8am, 10am, 12 noon and 7pm (in Spanish)

YEAR-END CONTRIBUTIONS

Dear Parishioner,
 We are automatically mailing out tax receipts if your contribution exceeded \$100.00 for the 2018 calendar year. Donation letters will be mailed by end of January. If you have questions, please contact Jennifer Gaston at (530) 544-3533 Ext. 101. Fr. Mauricio

PRAYER REQUESTS

FOR PARISHIONERS ON ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY

Phillip Gaston | Corbett Martin | Zachary Martin | Erik Townsend

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Concordia Balong | Bill Barboni | Kathleen Brady | Krista Carson | Romie Enriquez | Gene Estepa | Mamerto Estepa | Steve Frick | Ophelia Kirvida | Kel Lohmeier | Matthew Morisky | Simon McQuarrie | Byron Melrose | Jamie O'Malley | Cecilia Ramirez | Tony Russo | Gloria Walkowiak

PRAYER REQUESTS

If you would like to add to the prayer list, please send an email with your loved one's name along with your name and phone number to tahoecatholicbulletin@gmail.com.



DEVOTIONS TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP
 Wednesdays 10:30a.m. in the Church with the Rosary, Divine Mercy chaplet, and novena prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help



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STEWARDSHIP IN OUR PARISH

01/27	Regular Collection	4,392.01
	NO SECOND COLLECTION	

Second collection THIS weekend: **BUILDING MAINTENANCE**

Second collection NEXT weekend: **NO SECOND COLLECTION**



BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASSES

Call or visit the Religious Education Office
530.544.4788 Find the **2019 SCHEDULE**:
<http://www.tahoeatholic.com/baptisms>



RESPECT LIFE PREGNANT ? NEED HELP?

We offer practical help to any women with a crisis pregnancy. We have a special concern for you and your unborn child. For any help with a troubled pregnancy, 544-3533.



KNIGHT'S CORNER

A garden that never died eventually would weary. Robbed of springtime, unacquainted with the extraordinary perfume that rises from the soil after it's had its rest, the garden winter does not visit is a dull place. The return every spring of earth's first freshness would never be kept if not for the frosts and rot and ripe deaths of fall. So when I go out from the garden for the last time in autumn, leave the gate open behind me. *M Pollan*

Still available: St. Theresa commemorative keepsakes. Ask a Knight! Men of the Parish are you looking for something more in your life? We do men's Catholic Fellowship!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST—Mar. 3 after the 8AM & 10AM

Masses. It always tastes right when cooked by a Knight!
MONTHLY MEETING—Feb. 13—Dinner at 6pm meeting at 7pm

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER—Mar. 17—5-7pm

Become a better version of yourself. Become a knight!

Call Frank Dixon 530 318 1574

LEARN TO TRUST GOD

Most of us distrust God. Most of us think of God as a fearful, punitive authority or as an empty, powerless nothing. Jesus' core message was that God is neither a powerless weakling nor a powerful boss, but a lover, whose only desire is to give us what our hearts most desire.

To pray is to listen to that voice of love. That is what obedience is all about. The word obedience comes from the Latin word ob-audire, which means "to listen with great attentiveness." Without listening, we become "deaf" to the voice of love. The Latin word for deaf is surdus. To be completely deaf is to be absurdus, yes, absurd. When we no longer pray, no longer listen to the voice of love that speaks to us in the moment, our lives become absurd lives in which we are thrown back and forth between the past and the future.

If we could just be, for a few minutes each day, fully where we are, we would indeed discover that we are not alone and that the One who is with us wants only one thing: to give us love.

<https://henrinouwen.org/meditation/learn-to-trust-god/>

SIMPLY LOVE

"There are in the end three things that last: faith, hope, and love, and the greatest of these is love." —1 Corinthians 13:13

Life is simple. The meaning of life is love, for God is Love (1 Jn 4:16). All we have to do is to love God with all our hearts (Dt 6:5), love ourselves (Mt 22:39), and love our neighbors (Mt 22:39).

God is easy to love sometimes (see Lk 4:22). But then He speaks the truth in love (see Eph 4:15), and we desire to throw Him over a cliff (Lk 4:29-30). Moreover, we live in the midst of an epidemic of self-hatred. Abortion, euthanasia, alcoholism, addictive behavior, the idolatry of TV addiction, and major influences in our culture of death are obvious or subtle manifestations of self-hatred. Finally, to love our neighbors means to love everyone, including our enemies (Mt 5:43-44).

How can we relate to God, Who is Love, when we are not in love or even loving? "We, for our part, love because He first loved us" (1 Jn 4:19). Do a one-minute crucifix novena. Look at a crucifix for at least one minute a day for nine days. Let the Spirit reveal in a new way Abba's love for you (Gal 4:6; Rm 5:5).

Prayer: *Abba, may I live in love and live in You (1 Jn 4:16).*

Promise: *"If I give everything I have to feed the poor and hand over my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing." —1 Cor 13:3*

Praise: *Praise You, risen Jesus, "the Way, and the Truth, and the Life" (Jn 14:6). We adore You forever! Alleluia!*

<https://www.presentationministries.com/obob/obob.asp?lang=en&d=2/3/2019>

GOD'S LOVE BLOWS WHERE IT PLEASES

God cannot be understood: he cannot be grasped by the human mind. The truth escapes our human capacities. The only way to come close to it is by a constant emphasis on the limitations of our human capacities to "have" or "hold" the truth. We can neither explain God nor his presence in history. As soon as we identify God with any specific event or situation, we play God and distort the truth. We only can be faithful in our affirmation that God has not deserted us but calls us in the middle of all the unexplainable absurdities of life. It is very important to be deeply aware of this. There is a great and subtle temptation to suggest to myself or to others where God is working or where not, when he is present and when not; but nobody, no Christian, no priest, no monk, has any "special" knowledge about God. God cannot be limited by any human concept or prediction. He is greater than our mind and heart and perfectly free to reveal himself where and when he wants. <https://henrinouwen.org/meditation/gods-love-blows-where-it-pleases/>

REFLECTIONS

WHAT'S THE SMOKE FOR?

Dear Johan,

A friend made fun of me for having a medal of St. Christopher in my car. He said that Christopher did not even exist. Is that true? Should I get rid of the medal?

Gentle Reader,

When I was growing up we had images of St. Christopher everywhere. My father insisted on having a magnetic image of Christopher stuck to the dashboard of his car. My mom always made sure a medal of St. Christopher was pinned to the inside of my suitcase whenever I left for an overnight. And my grandmother reserved a place of honor for St. Christopher in her home, right next to St. Anthony. When she knew I was traveling she put St. Christopher in front of St. Anthony, almost in line with the Blessed Virgin herself, and lit an extra candle.

This all happened in the late sixties and early seventies. At that time we were blissfully unaware that Christopher had been quietly removed from the Roman calendar of saints but was retained in the Roman Martyrology, which contains the list of all the known martyrs and saints. I suspect many of us are unaware of this even today. No matter, since we can still honor him as a saint in our local churches and in our daily devotions.

Very little is known about Christopher. The Roman Martyr-ology simply mentions that he was martyred for the faith in Lycia during the reign of Roman emperor Decius (249–51). The Golden Legend, a thirteenth-century compilation of the lives of saints and their miracles, gives a little more information about St. Christopher. The popular depiction of the saint crossing a river while carrying the Christ Child is based on the Golden Legend. Christopher was asked by a monk to serve Christ by helping pilgrims cross a strong river. One day he crossed the river carrying a small child on his shoulders. As he made his way the water became very turbulent and the child very heavy. After a great struggle he made it to the other side. Christopher told the child that he felt like he had carried the entire weight of the world on his shoulders. The child replied that he carried much more than that: the very Creator of that world. Then the child disappeared. Christopher went on to preach the Gospel and ultimately gave his life for the faith.

Regarding St. Christopher's medal in your car, I would suggest you keep it. On the one hand, it is a visual reminder of our calling as Christians to bring Christ to the world. The name Christopher or Christophoros in Greek literally means Christ-bearer. As Christians we are all called to be Christophoroi or Christ-bearers; in other words, we are to bring Christ to the world. On the other hand, whenever we ask for a saint's assistance, we ultimately ask for God's assistance. And who can fault us for that?

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CONGREGATION FOR THE DOCTRINE OF THE FAITH

In the next few weeks we will be posting excerpts from the ***Instruction Ad resurgendum cum Christo, Regarding the burial of the deceased and the conservation of the ashes in the case of cremation.***

1. *To rise with Christ, we must die with Christ:* we must “be away from the body and at home with the Lord” (2 Cor 5:8). With the Instruction *Piam et Constantem* of 5 July 1963, the then Holy Office established that “all necessary measures must be taken to preserve the practice of reverently burying the faithful departed”, adding however that cremation is not “opposed per se to the Christian religion” and that no longer should the sacraments and funeral rites be denied to those who have asked that they be cremated, under the condition that this choice has not been made through “a denial of Christian dogmas, the animosity of a secret society, or hatred of the Catholic religion and the Church”.^[1] Later this change in ecclesiastical discipline was incorporated into the Code of Canon Law (1983) and the Code of Canons of Oriental Churches (1990).

During the intervening years, the practice of cremation has notably increased in many countries, but simultaneously new ideas contrary to the Church's faith have also become widespread. Having consulted the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, the Pontifical Council for Legislative Texts and numerous Episcopal Conferences and Synods of Bishops of the Oriental Churches, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith has deemed opportune the publication of a new Instruction, with the intention of underlining the doctrinal and pastoral reasons for the preference of the burial of the remains of the faithful and to set out norms pertaining to the conservation of ashes in the case of cremation.

It continues...

http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc_con_cfaith_doc_20160815_ad-resurgendum-cum-christo_en.html

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NO MASS

Please notice that there is no daily Mass this Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (February 5, 6 & 7).

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY – RENEWAL OF VOWS | FEBRUARY 9

On Saturday, February 9, 2019 Bishop Jaime Soto will preside at a special 11:00 am Mass at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in which married couples will receive a special blessing and have an opportunity to renew their marital commitments. An informal reception for couples and their families will follow. Special certificates will be given to couples celebrating milestone anniversaries (10, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 50+). If you are interested in attending this free event, please register (names and anniversary year) at www.scd.org/wmd. For more information call the Office of Family and Faith Formation at (916) 733-0177.

25TH ANNUAL CLASSY CRAB DINNER | February 9 | Doors open at 6pm | Dessert auction start at 7:45pm

Reserve a table for 10 for an additional \$135 | No-host cocktails 6pm | Raffle/Silent & Live Auction

\$45 per person (\$50 at the door) | MUST BE 21 OR OLDER TO ATTEND

Tickets available after Mass (5:30PM Saturdays, 8:00AM, 10:00AM, 12:00PM Sundays) | St. Theresa Church

Rectory Office at 1041 Lyons Avenue | Religious Education Office at 1081 Lyons Avenue

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MORE INFO: Danette Winslow 530.544.4788 or the church office at 530.544.3582

COMMUNAL ANOINTING OF THE SICK ON THE WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

Monday, February 11 at 5pm in the church

The Anointing of the Sick could be administered to anyone that begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age and also just prior to a serious operation. These, however are not the limits of the sacrament. It can be repeatedly given to someone if his/her condition becomes worse as well as for the elderly whose frailty becomes worse.

SAVE THE DATE

ASH WEDNESDAY | MARCH 6

Masses: 8am, 12noon, 6:00pm &
7:30pm in Spanish

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY DINNER | March 17

5pm-7pm
Grace Hall

DON'T FEED THE PHISH! AN EMAIL CAMPAIGN WARNING

December 21, 2018 | Diocese of Sacramento

The Diocese has received multiple reports from parishioners who have fallen victim to a recent internet email phishing scam. The scam begins when the parishioner exchanges a series of emails from an imposter who assumes the name of the local parish pastor.

The scam starts when a parishioner receives a casual email from the imposter with a subject like, "Many Blessings." The body of the email will say something like, "Good morning, how are you doing?" "I need a favor from you, email me as soon as you get this email." Then the email is signed using the pastor's name.

Unbeknownst to the recipient, he or she then replies to an address that is not the pastor's, but an imposter's email address. This type of social engineered attack is commonly referred to as Phishing or CEO Fraud (the latter because the imposter uses the name of a person you trust or have a close relationship and plays on a sense of urgency). The next email will ask the parishioner to buy iTunes gift cards for some cause (like a cancer victim) and then to transmit the photo of the gift cards with the numbers revealed to the imposter.

What is Phishing?

Phishing is an email or text message that will attempt to trick the recipient into doing something s/he wouldn't normally do (in this case emailing gift cards) because the request seems urgent, yet simple (like sending money, a bank or credit card number, or your email and network credentials). Close examination of the sender's email address will reveal that the address is not to the actual person (like the pastor). But, it could be easily overlooked because the imposter will take a legitimate email address (like FrJoe@gmail.com) and use FrJoe@aol.com (email address looks very similar ... yet, different).

Don't feed the phish! <https://www.scd.org/news/dont-feed-phish-email-campaign-warning>