

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 — David found Saul in a deep sleep, but would not harm him (1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23).

Psalm — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103).

Second Reading — We shall bear the image of the heavenly Adam (1 Corinthians 15:45-49).

Gospel — Give to everyone who asks of you. Lend expecting nothing back (Luke 6:27-38).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29
 Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37
 Wednesday: Sir 4:11-19; Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175; Mk 9:38-40
 Thursday: Sir 5:1-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mk 9:41-50
 Friday: Sir 6:5-17; Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35; Mk 10:1-12
 Saturday: Sir 17:1-15; Ps 103:13-18; Mk 10:13-16
 Sunday: Sir:27:4-7; Ps 92:2-3, 13-16; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday February 23 St. Polycarp	
5:30 pm	St. Theresa volunteers
Sunday February 24	
8:00 am	Uldarica Lacaba (dec) by Ester & Romeo
10:00 am	St. Theresa parishioners
12:00 pm	Greg Young (dec) by Ester & Romeo
7:00 pm	
Monday February 25	
8:00 am	Dottie Vargas (special int) by Angelo & Mary Mazza
Tuesday February 26	
8:00 am	Liz & Lew (wedding anniversary) by Liz
Wednesday February 27	
8:00 am	Isabella Bisbee (bday) by her family
12:00 pm	Esther Kirvida (dec) by the Kirvida family
Thursday February 28	
8:00 am	All souls
Friday March 1 World Day of Prayer	
8:00 am	All souls
12:00 pm	For Bridget Spencer (intentions) by St. Theresa staff
Saturday March 2 Blessed Virgin Mary	
5:30 pm	St. Theresa parishioners

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, February 25	8am Mass; 4pm-5:30pm Bread & Broth Meal
Tuesday, February 26	8am Mass; 4:30pm Children Faith Formation; 6:30pm RCIA in English
Wednesday, February 27	8am Mass; 12noon Mass; 7pm RCIA in Spanish
Thursday, February 28	8am Mass
Friday, March 1	8am Mass; 12noon Mass; 3pm-4:30pm Food Pantry; 4-5pm Bread & Broth, second Serving; 12:30pm-6pm Eucharistic Adoration
Saturday, March 2	4pm Confessions; 5:30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday, March 3	8am, 10am, 12 noon and 7pm (in Spanish); pancake breakfast after the 8am & 10am Masses

SIGN UP TODAY! | 2019 LENTEN DAILY REFLECTIONS FROM BISHOP BARRON

Spend your time with Christ in the Gospel this Lent alongside Bishop Barron and the Word on Fire community. Visit www.lentreflections.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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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 tahoeatholicbulletin@gmail.com.

STEWARDSHIP IN OUR PARISH

2/17	Regular Collection	3447.72
	NO SECOND COLLECTION	
Second collection THIS weekend: BUILDING MAINTENANCE		
Second collection NEXT weekend: ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL COMMITMENT WEEKEND		



BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASSES

Call or visit the Religious Education Office
530.544.4788 Find the **2019 SCHEDULE**:
<http://www.tahoecatholic.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 Friendly word, A Kindly smile, A Helpful act and Life's Worth while. Unknown
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—Mar. 13—Dinner 6pm; meeting 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

PROMOTING LIFE | For Life and Mercy

"For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weakness, but one who has similarly been tested in every way yet without sin." ... "Those who are well do not need a physician, but the sick do. I did not come to call the righteous but sinners." Most people who have had an abortion later deeply regret that action. We must be the heralds of hope and welcome. Yes, we must invite them to come back home, to Jesus, Who stands ready to forgive them. Indeed, having the mind and heart of Christ, we offer hope, welcome and practical help to those struggling with making a decision about abortion and other life issues and to those who have wrongly decided. They will be forgiven if they are truly contrite and seek out Christ in the person of the priest in the confessional.

The call to be "for life" is intrinsic to Christ's call to us at Baptism: "Follow me." Asking the help of our blessed Mother, let our witness for life be clear, convincing and, above all, Christ-like. After all, as baptized members of the Church, we are "the people of life and for life, and this is how we must present ourselves to everyone" (cf. Evangelium Vitae, 78).
-- Most Rev. Paul Loverde, Bishop Emeritus of Arlington

LEAD A LOVING LIFE

Self-knowledge and self-love are the fruit of knowing and loving God. You can see better than what is intended by the great commandment to "love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind, and to love your neighbor as yourself." Laying our hearts totally open to God leads to a love of ourselves that enables us to give wholehearted love to our fellow human beings. In the seclusion of our hearts we learn to know the hidden presence of God; and with that spiritual knowledge we can lead a loving life. <https://henrinouwen.org/meditation/lead-a-loving-life/>

LENTEN PREVIEW

"Return to the Lord and give up sin." —Sirach 17:20

In today's eucharistic readings, the Church gives us a Lenten "trailer," to use movie terminology. Today's first reading from Sirach fits well on Ash Wednesday, which begins the season of Lent in two days. "Turn again to the Most High and away from sin, hate intensely what He loathes" (Sir 17:21). "Return to the Lord and give up sin, pray to Him and make your offenses few" (Sir 17:20). "But to the penitent He provides a way back" (Sir 17:19). "Happy is he whose fault is taken away, whose sin is covered. Happy the man to whom the Lord imputes not guilt, in whose spirit there is no guile" (Ps 32:1-2). "Then I acknowledged my sin to You, my guilt I covered not. I said, 'I confess my faults to the Lord,' and You took away the guilt of my sin" (Ps 32:5).

If you find the discipline of Lent difficult and prefer not to prolong it by even two days, today's Gospel reading encourages you that "with God all things are possible" (Mk 10:27). Jesus Himself knows that it is hard to enter the kingdom of God (Mk 10:24). The challenges of Lent may seem as difficult as a camel passing through the eye of a needle (Mk 10:25). Nevertheless, embrace the narrow way. May the Lord God transform you into a new creation this Lent (2 Cor 5:17). May you joyfully be crucified to the world and the world to you (Gal 6:14).

Prayer: *Father, may I receive the grace of repentance now, so that this will be the most grace-filled and fruitful Lent of my life.*

Promise: *"He encourages those who are losing hope!" — Sir 17:19*

Praise: *St. Casimir dedicated his short life to his Lord and the Blessed Virgin Mary rather than seeking earthly rule or a wife.*

<https://www.presentationministries.com/obob/obob.asp?lang=en&d=3/4/2019>

MAKE GOD'S UNCONDITIONAL LOVE VISIBLE

Whenever, contrary to the world's vindictiveness, we love our enemy, we exhibit something of the perfect love of God, whose will is to bring all human beings together as children of one Father. Whenever we forgive instead of getting angry at one another, bless instead of cursing one another, tend one another's wounds instead of rubbing salt into them, hearten instead of discouraging one another, give hope instead of driving one another to despair, hug instead of harassing one another, welcome instead of cold-shouldering one another, thank instead of criticizing one another, praise instead of maligning one another . . . in short, whenever we opt for and not against one another, we make God's unconditional love visible; we are diminishing violence and giving birth to a new community. <https://henrinouwen.org/meditation/make-gods-unconditional-love-visible/>

WHAT'S THE SMOKE FOR?

Dear Johan,

Blessing of the animals? I had never heard of such a thing and all of a sudden everyone seems to do it. Can you say something about this? I fear this might be sacrilegious.

Gentle Reader,

If only you could have experienced my first blessing of animals. You would surely not write the way you just did.

I was in Assisi at the Franciscan monastery of San Damiano on the feast of St. Francis. Some of the neighboring farmers joined us for the celebration of the Eucharist. To my surprise, they brought all sorts of animals. The early October weather was glorious and the Eucharist we celebrated in the courtyard of the monastery was unforgettable. Being a romantic, I saw myself in Zeffirelli's movie *Brother Sun, Sister Moon*. I will never forget the experience.

Since that time, I have learned that Catholics bless all sorts of things. We even have a rather substantial book that gives direction to these blessings: the Catholic Book of Blessings. If you were surprised by the blessing of animals, you might even be more startled by other blessings in the book: athletic fields, all sorts of machinery, fishing gear, motorbikes, shopping malls, and communications centers, to name just a few. Catholics like to bless things.

The English verb "to bless" is derived from the Middle English word *blessen*, which in turn comes from the Old English *bletsian*, which has *blod*, meaning blood, as its root, referring to the use of blood in an act of consecration. Although no longer through the usage of blood, creation is lifted up before God and hallowed during the blessing. In Latin the verb is *benedicere*, from *bene* and *dicere*: to speak well or to speak words of good omen.

In sum, when we bless someone or something, we engage in a twofold action: first, we bless and thank God for the many gifts bestowed on us; second, we ask God to hallow that which is being blessed. Therefore, when we bless animals—recognizing their sacred place in creation—we thank God for the gift of animals and we ask God to protect them. This is a most sacred, and assuredly not a sacrilegious, act.

May I suggest you put the Book of Blessings on your wish list?

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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.***

4. In circumstances when cremation is chosen because of sanitary, economic or social considerations, this choice must never violate the explicitly-stated or the reasonably inferable wishes of the deceased faithful. The Church raises no doctrinal objections to this practice, since cremation of the deceased's body does not affect his or her soul, nor does it prevent God, in his omnipotence, from raising up the deceased body to new life. Thus cremation, in and of itself, objectively negates neither the Christian doctrine of the soul's immortality nor that of the resurrection of the body.^[13]

The Church continues to prefer the practice of burying the bodies of the deceased, because this shows a greater esteem towards the deceased. Nevertheless, cremation is not prohibited, "unless it was chosen for reasons contrary to Christian doctrine".^[14]

In the absence of motives contrary to Christian doctrine, the Church, after the celebration of the funeral rite, accompanies the choice of cremation, providing the relevant liturgical and pastoral directives, and taking particular care to avoid every form of scandal or the appearance of religious indifferentism.

^[13] Cf. Holy Office, *Instruction Piam et constantem*, 5 July 1963: AAS 56 (1964) 822.

^[14] CIC, can. 1176 § 3; cf. CCEC, can. 876 § 3.

It continues...

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

ENTER THE HOUSE OF LOVE | <https://henrinouwen.org/meditation/enter-the-house-of-love/>

When we enter into the household of God, we come to realize that the fragmentation of humanity and its agony grow from the false supposition that all human beings have to fight for their right to be appreciated and loved. In the house of God's love we come to see with new eyes and hear with new ears and thus recognize all people, whatever their race, religion, sex, wealth, intelligence, or background, belong to that same house. God's house has no dividing walls or closed doors. "I am the door," Jesus says. "Anyone who enters through me will be safe" (John 10:9). The more fully we enter into the house of love, the more clearly we see that we are there together with all humanity and that in and through Christ we are brothers and sisters, members of one family.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Friday, March 1 from 12:30pm to 6:00pm.

"The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith, and open to making amends for the serious offenses and crimes of the world. Let our adoration never cease." (CCC, 1380)

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2019 | March 2 & 3, 2019



Let us come together as Catholics through the Annual Catholic Appeal.

On March 2-3, we will once again have the opportunity to be Christ to others. The Appeal is tied to the social mission of the Church here in Northern California. Together as Catholics, the Appeal is a way we can all **give through the Church** to help our sisters and brothers in a powerful way. Each of our gifts, no matter the amount, really do make a difference in someone's life. Please prayerfully consider what you can give this year.

ASH WEDNESDAY | March 6 | The Ashes



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The ashes are made from the blessed palms used in the Palm Sunday celebration of the previous year. The ashes are christened with Holy Water and are scented by exposure to incense. While the ashes symbolize penance and contrition, they are also a reminder that God is gracious and merciful to those who call on Him with repentant hearts. His Divine mercy is of utmost importance during the season of Lent, and the Church calls on us to seek that mercy during the entire Lenten season with reflection, prayer and penance. <https://www.catholic.org/lent/ashwed.php>

MASSES: 8AM, 12NOON, 6:00PM, & 7:30PM IN SPANISH

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS
FRIDAYS during Lent at 6PM
followed by soup dinner at
Social Hall!

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

BEGINS March 10
Set clocks forward
1 hour

Set Clocks
Ahead



SAINT PATRICK'S DAY DINNER |

March 17
5pm-7pm
Grace Hall



CATHOLIC HUMOR

A laywoman goes to the post office to buy stamps for Christmas cards.

"I'd like 100 stamps," she says.

"What denomination?" asks the clerk.

"Oh, for Pete's sake, has it really come to this?" complains the woman. "Well, Ok, give me 50 Catholic, 10 Baptist, 20 Lutheran and 20 Presbyterian."

A boy asks his father to use the car, and the father replies, "No, not until you cut your hair!"

The boy replies, "But dad... Jesus had long hair!"

"Yeah, but Jesus walked everywhere," said the father.

THE TRUE VOICE OF LOVE | <https://henrinouwen.org/meditation/the-true-voice-of-love/>

Fear is the great enemy of intimacy. Fear makes us run away from each other or cling to each other, but does not create true intimacy. When Jesus was arrested in the Garden of Gethsemane, the disciples were overcome by fear and they all "deserted him and ran away" (Matthew 26:56). . . . Fear makes us move away from each other to a "safe" distance, or move toward each other to a "safe" closeness, but fear does not create the space where true intimacy can exist. . . .

To those who are tortured by inner or outer fear, and who desperately look for the house of love where they can find the intimacy their hearts desire, Jesus says: "You have a home . . . I am your home . . . claim me as your home . . . you will find it to be the intimate place where I have found my home . . . it is right where you are . . . in your innermost being . . . in your heart." The more attentive we are to such words the more we realize that we do not have to go far to find what we are searching for. The tragedy is that we are so possessed by fear that we do not trust our innermost self as an intimate place but anxiously wander around hoping to find it where we are not. We try to find that intimate place in knowledge, competence, notoriety, success, friends, sensations, pleasure, dreams, or artificially induced states of consciousness. Thus we become strangers to ourselves, people who have an address but are never home and hence cannot be addressed by the true voice of love.