

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 — The church was being built up, and grew in numbers (Acts 9:26-31).
Psalm — I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people (Psalm 22).
Second Reading — Let us love not in word or speech, but in deed and truth (1 John 3:18-24).
Gospel — Remain in me, as I remain in you. I am the vine, you are the branches (John 15:1-8).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
 Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
 Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
 Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14
 Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
 Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
 Sunday: Acts 10:25-36, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1-4; 1 Jn 4:7-10 or 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 15:9-17 or Jn 17:11b-19

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Saturday April 28 St. Peter Chanel; St. Louis Grignion de Montfort

5:30 pm The Anthony family & Sophie Zimnox (dec) by Bob Anthony

Sunday April 29

8:00 am Dale Sare (dec) by the Knights of Columbus
10:00 am Frances Shiflett (dec) by the Giomi family
12:00 pm St. Theresa parishioners
7:00 pm

Monday April 30 St. Pius V

8:00 am The Ehrler family

Tuesday May 1 St. Joseph the Worker

8:00 am Paul Roach (special intention)

Wednesday May 2 St. Athanasius

8:00 am Brian Hoke (dec) by the Bisbee family
12:00 pm Josephine Azevedo (dec) by Pat Murphy

Thursday May 3 Ss. Philip and James

8:00 am Julie Governale (dec) by her daughter Jennifer

Friday May 4

8:00 am Paul Roach (special intention) by his family
12:00 pm Lance Oineza (healing) by Cherry & Napoleon

Saturday May 5

5:30 pm The Anthony family & Sophie Zimnox (dec) by Bob Anthony

Monday, April 30

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

Tuesday, May 1

8am Mass; 4:30pm Confession for Children in Faith Formation

Wednesday, May 2

8am Mass; 12noon Mass

Thursday, May 3

8am Mass; 10am Funeral

Friday, May 4

8am & 12noon Masses; 10am Baptism; 2pm Funeral for Bernice Attinger; 2pm Graveside Service

Saturday, May 5

10am Baptisms in Spanish; 11:30am Baptism in English; 2pm Wedding Anniversary; 4pm Confessions; 5:30pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, May 6

8am, 10am, 12 noon and 7pm (in Spanish) Masses; Pancake Breakfast after the 8am & 10am

STEWARDSHIP IN OUR PARISH

04/22	Regular Collection	5149.88
Second collection THIS weekend: Catholic Home Missions Appeal (Shared with Black and Indian Missions)		
Second collection May 5/6: Building Maintenance		

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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

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 | Romie Enriquez | Gene Estepa | Steve Frick | Ophelia Kirvida | Kel Lohmeier | Matthew Morisky | Simon McQuarrie | Byron Melrose | Jamie O'Malley | Cecilia Ramirez | Tony Russo

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.

WHAT'S THE SMOKE FOR?

Dear Johan,

I was told that Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI does not believe that there was an ox and a donkey present in the stable where Jesus was born. And by the way, is it a crèche or a manger? I get confused.

Gentle Reader,

Let me start with the part of the question that does not relate to papal pronouncements: crèche or manger? Crèche is an Old French word that is derived from the Old High German krippa, meaning crib. The word manger, from the Old English mangeour, is derived from the Old French maingeur, to eat, which, in turn, is derived from the Latin manducare, to chew. So, though both words relate to the place where Jesus was laid, the one calls it a baby's crib, the other a feeding trough. The latter, of course, is more in line with the Scriptures:

"[A]nd she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn" (Luke 2:7).

With regard to the presence or absence of a donkey and ox, allow me to say that since the earliest depictions of the nativity artists have always reflected the theology of the time, their own spirituality, and even their day-to-day experiences in their art. One of the earliest depictions of the nativity we know is found on a fourth-century Roman sarcophagus currently preserved in Milan. It simply shows the baby Jesus wrapped in swaddling clothes, laying in a manger with a donkey on one side and an ox on the other. The beholder is to fill in the rest of the story.

Though neither animal is mentioned in the gospels, artists may have presumed that if Jesus was born in a stable, animals would have been present. Another, more deeply theological, explanation is a reference found in the book of the prophet Isaiah: "An ox knows its owner, / and an ass, its master's manger; / But Israel does not know, / my people has not understood" (Isa 1:3).

Thus the presence of an ox and donkey is an affirmation of the fact that Jesus is indeed the Messiah. Since written documents that link the depiction of the ox and donkey to this biblical passage postdate the first depictions, it may or may not have influenced the artists. Nevertheless, to us it provides a deeper level of meaning to the presence of these animals in the stable.

On an aside, I just found a wonderful nativity scene from the Amazon region of Brazil. In this rendition the artist replaced the traditional ox and donkey with some kind of wild boars. I am pretty sure there were no wild boars present at the birth of Jesus and I am pretty sure you will find no biblical substantiation for them either, and yet they are there. Who knows, maybe a few centuries from now someone will be writing about the historical and theological meaning of wild boars in the nativity scene.

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KNIGHT'S CORNER

"LOVE"

"I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear." Martin Luther King Jr.

Men of the Parish are you looking for something more in your life? We do men's Catholic Fellowship!

COMING SOON: ST THERESA COMMEMORATIVE KEEPSAKES
AVAIL FOR SALE TO ALL PARISHONERS FOR A SMALL DONATION.

WATCH THE BACK OF THE CHURCH

MONTHLY MEETING—May 9th with Dinner @6pm

PANCAKE BREAKFAST—May 6th after the 8 & 10AM Masses

It always tastes right when cooked by a Knight!

Become a better version of yourself. Become a knight!

George Westinghouse (530)-721-1753 will be happy to help you learn more about the Knights of Columbus

GROWING INTO OUR TRUE FREEDOM

True freedom is the freedom of the children of God. To reach that freedom requires a lifelong discipline since so much in our world militates against it. The political, economic, social, and even religious powers surrounding us all want to keep us in bondage so that we will obey their commands and be dependent on their rewards.

But the spiritual truth that leads to freedom is the truth that we belong not to the world but to God, whose beloved children we are. By living lives in which we keep returning to that truth in word and deed, we will gradually grow into our true freedom.

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THE SPIRIT WILL SPEAK IN US

When we are spiritually free, we do not have to worry about what to say or do in unexpected, difficult circumstances. When we are not concerned about what others think of us or what we will get for what we do, the right words and actions will emerge from the center of our beings because the Spirit of God, who makes us children of God and sets us free, will speak and act through us.

Jesus says: "When you are handed over, do not worry about how to speak or what to say; what you are to say will be given to you when the time comes, because it is not you who will be speaking; the Spirit of your Father will be speaking in you" (Matthew 10:19-20).

Let's keep trusting the Spirit of God living within us, so that we can live freely in a world that keeps handing us over to judges and evaluators.

<http://henrinouwen.org/meditation/spirit-will-speak-us/>

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REFLECTIONS

INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER

April 2018 | For Those who have Responsibility in Economic Matters

That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.

MAY 2018 | Evangelization:

The Mission of the Laity That the lay faithful may fulfil their specific mission, by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today.

<https://www.popesprayer.net/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/English-2018-def-temi-3.pdf>

DISCIPLES WHO MAKE DISCIPLES | "When [Saul] arrived back in Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples there; but it turned out that they were all afraid of him. They even refused to believe that he was a disciple." —Acts 9:26

Disciples of Jesus bear fruit for the Lord, fruit that is evident to other disciples. Disciples also imitate the Lord Jesus in His character, that is, His holiness, and in His ministry, that is in bringing others to the Lord.

It's very understandable that the Jerusalem Christians did not believe that Saul of Tarsus, that is, the Apostle Paul, was a disciple. The only fruit from Saul that they had seen was fury (Acts 26:11), anger, and determined, far-reaching persecution. Some of the Jerusalem disciples possibly had loved ones who were martyred, partly through the persecution of Saul (see Acts 26:10). "Then Barnabas took [Saul] in charge and introduced him to the apostles. He explained to them how on his journey Saul had seen the Lord, Who had conversed with him" (Acts 9:27).

Barnabas' role was critically important. He had seen the mighty works for the Lord that Saul had done in Damascus. The Jerusalem Christians had not seen those works, but they did know and trust Barnabas, whom they had seen sell his property and donate the proceeds to the Church (Acts 4:37). Without Barnabas to vouch zealously for Saul, a great reconciliation might not have occurred.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, commit today to become evergreater disciples of Jesus Christ. God is glorified when you bear enduring, lasting fruit and become disciples of Jesus (Jn 15:8).

Prayer: *Jesus, I want to spend my life bringing joy to Your heart by bringing many souls to You.*

Promise: *"I am the Vine, you are the branches. He who lives in Me and I in him, will produce abundantly." — Jn 15:5*

Praise: *Praise You, Jesus, Baptizer in the Holy Spirit (Mk 1:8).*

<http://www.presentationministries.com/obob/obob.asp?lang=en&d=4/29/2018>

FREEDOM ATTRACTS | henrinouwen.org/meditation/freedom-attracts/

When you are interiorly free you call others to freedom, whether you know it or not. Freedom attracts wherever it appears. A free man or a free woman creates a space where others feel safe and want to dwell. Our world is so full of conditions, demands, requirements, and obligations that we often wonder what is expected of us. But when we meet a truly free person, there are no expectations, only an invitation to reach into ourselves and discover there our own freedom.

Where true inner freedom is, there is God. And where God is, there we want to be.

HEALING CONTRADICTIONS | henrinouwen.org/meditation/healing-contradictions/

The many contradictions in our lives – such as being home while feeling homeless, being busy while feeling bored, being popular while feeling lonely, being believers while feeling many doubts – can frustrate, irritate, and even discourage us. They make us feel that we are never fully present. Every door that opens for us makes us see how many more doors are closed.

But there is another response. These same contradictions can bring us into touch with a deeper longing, for the fulfillment of a desire that lives beneath all desires and that only God can satisfy. Contradictions, thus understood, create the friction that can help us move toward God.

ORDERING OUR DESIRES | henrinouwen.org/meditation/ordering-our-desires/

Desire is often talked about as something we ought to overcome. Still, being is desiring: our bodies, our minds, our hearts, and our souls are full of desires. Some are unruly, turbulent, and very distracting; some make us think deep thoughts and see great visions; some teach us how to love; and some keep us searching for God. Our desire for God is the desire that should guide all other desires. Otherwise our bodies, minds, hearts, and souls become one another's enemies and our inner lives become chaotic, leading us to despair and self-destruction.

Spiritual disciplines are not ways to eradicate all our desires but ways to order them so that they can serve one another and together serve God.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL

COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL | APRIL 28-29

Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Right now, over 40 percent of dioceses in the United States are considered home mission territory because they are unable to fund the essential pastoral work needed in their communities. Your support funds programs, such as religious education, seminary formation, and lay ministry training, to build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions

MAY

STUDY PROGRAM: UNTOLD BLESSING: THREE PATHS TO HOLINESS

Tuesdays at 9am (We start on Tuesday May 1, 2018)

Our ultimate goal is to be a saint. It is our greatest calling and what is desired for us by our Creator. Bishop Robert Barron paints a beautiful and mysterious image of what it takes to be a follower of Jesus Christ. He lays out three intriguing paths to holiness:

1. *Finding the Center*
2. *Knowing You're A Sinner*
3. *Realizing Your Life is Not About You*

Please sign up for this **SEVEN-WEEK STUDY PROGRAM!** To register, please call Fr. Mauricio at (530) 544-3533 Ext. 102 or by e-mail: mauricioh650@gmail.com

DISCIPLES MAKING DISCIPLES

Q. What is the first stage in the process of initiation, and what happens during that time?

A. The PERIOD OF EVANGELIZATION AND PRECATECHUMENATE is an open-ended period of time that encourages inquirers to “come and see.” The Gospel is proclaimed, life stories are shared, and questions are asked and discussed. It is an opportunity for participants to come to first faith and an initial conversion to Jesus Christ.

Essentially informal in its approach, this period is a time for inquirers to share their stories, to ponder them in the light of the great stories of Scripture, and to awaken to the ways that God has been and continues to be a part of their lives—to recognize that God has been inviting them into a relationship. In these discussions, the catechist helps the inquirers know that God first chose each one of them and knew each one before they were born.

The catechist focuses on the questions, issues, and concerns of the inquirers, making connections to Scripture and Tradition, to the ways God has been part of human history from creation until the present. Inquirers come to know the key people and events of salvation history (Old Testament and New Testament), as well as the saints and Mary, and of course, the life of Jesus, the Christ. As conversations bring these matters more and more into the consciousness of inquirers, the Holy Spirit opens their minds and hearts to God's activity.

In this period inquirers become acquainted with Catholic signs, symbols, and gestures. They take a tour of the church and learn the names of places and sacred items. They observe, in a general way, how Catholics celebrate the liturgical year and its seasons, including the colors of the seasons. They learn how Catholics care for one another and reach out beyond the parish to care for all the children of God in need: the widow, the orphan, and people who live on the margins of society.

It is also important at this time for the inquirers to become personally acquainted with some of the people in the faith community with whom they will be journeying. Assembly members willing to be conversation partners can help inquirers see how Catholic Christians live the Gospel in daily life, how they pray and how they serve, how they make choices in life based on the Gospel and the teachings of the Church—how they think about and practice their faith. Engaging in such conversations with members of the assembly and praying with the community each week, inquirers learn how a community of disciples lives and how it celebrates events in the lives of parishioners in good times and in bad times.

Assembly members also serve this evangelization phase of Christian initiation by praying for all who seek God and a community of faith. They might also pray for the grace to recognize seekers and share their faith in helpful ways.

The key goal of this period is to help each inquirer begin to develop a personal relationship with Jesus that will deepen throughout their life. The time this takes will be different for each individual. Inquirers will be ready for the next step when they have grown into a relationship with Jesus Christ that empowers them to want to declare publicly that they are ready to accept the Gospel and learn to follow him.

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29 DE ABRIL DE 2018 | QUINTO DOMINGO DE PASCUA

PARA PROBLEMAS DE ESCUCHA: hay audífonos disponibles en la sacristía. Favor de devolverlos después de Misa.

¡Bienvenidos a todos! Nos reunimos con Jesús. Cristo es quién nos invita al banquete celestial. Qué esta liturgia les traiga paz. Si están visitando nuestra iglesia por la primera vez, ójala que se sienten como en familia, una parte de la familia mundial del Señor. Les damos la bienvenida cordialmente y celebramos y contemplamos el misterio de la Eucaristía y rezamos que su viaje a su casa será seguro y que regresen pronto.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Bernabé explica a los discípulos en Jerusalén la conversión de Pablo (Hechos 9:26-31).

Salmo — El Señor es mi alabanza en la gran asamblea (Salmo 22 [21]).

Segunda lectura — Dios nos ordena que creamos en el nombre de Jesucristo y que nos amemos cómo el nos ama (1 Juan 3:18-24).

Evangelio — Los que viven en Jesús y Jesús vive en ellos producen mucho fruto (Juan 15:1-8).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Hch 14:5-18; Sal 115 (114):1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
 Martes: Hch 14:19-28; Sal 145 (144):10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
 Miércoles: Hch 15:1-6; Sal 122 (121):1-5; Jn 15:1-8
 Jueves: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Sal 19 (18):2-5; Jn 14:6-14
 Viernes: Hch 15:22-31; Sal 57 (56):8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
 Sábado: Hch 16:1-10; Sal 100 (99):1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
 Domingo: Hch 10:25-36, 34-35, 44-48; Sal 98 (97):1-4; 1 Jn 4:7-10 o 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 15:9-17 o Jn 17:11b-19

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El Evangelio y la segunda lectura para este Quinto Domingo de Pascua hacen hincapié en la necesidad de que permanezcamos en Cristo y él permanecerá en nosotros. Esta vida compartida está representada en la imagen de la vid que tiene muchos sarmientos. Nos convertimos en sarmientos vivos de la vid, en miembros del Cuerpo de Cristo por el Bautismo, la Eucaristía y la Confirmación, por los sacramentos que nos hacen compartir la vida de Dios. La primera carta del apóstol san Juan describe el fruto de esta vid como el amor activo al prójimo: “Y este es su mandamiento: que creamos . . . y que nos amemos unos a otros” (1 Juan 3:23).

En la primera lectura de los Hechos contamos con un ejemplo de una persona que participa de la vida de Cristo en la persona de san Pablo. El audaz testimonio de Pablo, incluso a riesgo de perder su propia vida, es prueba para todos de que el Espíritu del Señor resucitado verdaderamente lo llena de vida y da fruto en él.

INTENCIONES PARA LAS MISAS

28 de abril sábado San Pedro Chanel; San Louis Grignon de Montfort	
5:30 pm	The Anthony family & Sophie Zimnox (dec) by Bob Anthony
29 de abril domingo 	
8:00 am	Dale Sare (dec) by the Knights of Columbus
10:00 am	Frances Shiflett (dec) by the Giomi family
12:00 pm	St. Theresa parishioners
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5 de mayo sábado 	
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PETICIONES POR ESTAS PERSONAS

POR LOS FELIGRESES—ACTIVOS CON EL SERVICIO MILITAR

Phillip Gaston | Corbett Martin | Zachary Martin | Erik Townsend

POR LOS QUE ESTÁN ENFERMOS

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

LISTA DE LOS ENFERMOS

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Cada miércoles a las horas de 10:30 am con la “coronilla de la Divina Misericordia”. Rosario y oraciones special a Peretuo Socorro.

“EL LLAMADO PARA LAS MISIONES CATÓLICAS”

28 y 29 de abril

¡Apoye hoy al Llamado para las Misiones Católicas! Ahora mismo, más del 40 por ciento de las diócesis en los Estados Unidos es considerado territorio misionero nacional porque a esas diócesis no les es posible financiar las labores pastorales esenciales y necesarias en sus comunidades. Su apoyo financia programas tales como la educación religiosa, la formación de seminaristas y la capacitación del ministerio laico a fin de construir unas comunidades vivas de fe, aquí, en los Estados Unidos. Por favor, sean generosos. Pueden encontrar más información entrando a www.usccb.org/home-missions.

¡GRACIAS POR SU GENEROSIDAD!

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Segunda colecta— 5/6 de mayo: Mantenimiento		

