

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 one who trusts in the Lord is like a tree planted beside the waters (Jeremiah 17:5-8).

Psalm — Blessed are they who hope in the Lord (Psalm 1).

Second Reading — Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep (1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20).

Gospel — Blessed are you who are poor, hungry, weeping. Woe to you who are rich, filled, laughing (Luke 6:17, 20-26).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK


Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-26; Mk 8:11-13
 Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21
 Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-15, 18-19; Mk 8:22-26
 Thursday: Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mk 8:27-33
 Friday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
 Saturday: Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13
 Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday February 16 Blessed Virgin Mary	
5:30 pm	Anthony family & Sophie Zimnox (dec) by Bob Anthony
Sunday February 17	
8:00 am	Sean Wallace (dec)
10:00 am	St. Theresa parishioners
12:00 pm	Gary Frega (dec) by Kathleen & Christian
7:00 pm	
Monday February 18	
8:00 am	Everyone's special intention
Tuesday February 19	
8:00 am	Mark & John Hurley (dec) by the Hurley family
Wednesday February 20	
8:00 am	Matthew Bisbee (bday) by his family
12:00 pm	Concordia Balong (healing) by Ester and family
Thursday February 21 St. Peter Damian	
8:00 am	Fe Penoliar & Sekiel Razon (bdays) by their family
Friday February 22 Chair of St. Peter the Apostle	
8:00 am	St. Theresa benefactors
12:00 pm	Justin Spencer (bday) by the Spencer family
Saturday February 23 St. Polycarp	
5:30 pm	St. Theresa volunteers

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, February 18	8am Mass; 4pm-5:30pm Bread & Broth Meal
Tuesday, February 19	8am Mass; 4:30pm Children Faith Formation; 6:30pm RCIA in English
Wednesday, February 20	8am Mass; 12noon Mass; 7pm RCIA in Spanish
Thursday, February 21	8am Mass; 6pm Blessed Is She Program
Friday, February 22	8am Mass; 12noon Mass; 3pm-4:30pm Food Pantry; 4-5pm Bread & Broth, second Serving; 12:30pm-6pm Eucharistic Adoration
Saturday, February 23	4pm Confessions; 5:30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday, February 24	8am, 10am, 12 noon and 7pm (in Spanish)

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STEWARDSHIP IN OUR PARISH

02/03	Regular Collection	3,874.43
02/10	Regular Collection	5,934.94
02/09	Crab Dinner	9,138.25

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

Second collection NEXT weekend:
SEALING/RESTRIPIING PARKING LOTS



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 | 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.



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

Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless. - Mother Teresa
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

WHAT ABOUT JESUS?

"Blest shall you be when men hate you, when they ostracize you and insult you and proscribe your name as evil because of the Son of Man." —Luke 6:22

Jesus is a Sign that is contradicted (Lk 2:34). He says: "Blest are you poor" (Lk 6:20) and "Woe to you rich" (Lk 6:24). By contrast, most of us say the opposite. The rich don't like to hear their lives may be wasted (see Eccl 1:2), and the poor don't like the idea that God may never want them to be rich. Jesus can get both ends of the economic spectrum upset with Him. In fact, He got people so upset that they (and we) crucified Him (see Catechism of the Catholic Church, 598). Jesus said: "Blest is the man who finds no stumbling block in Me" (Mt 11:6).

Right now, Jesus is calling you to give your whole life to Him now and forever. If anyone else made that demand of you, it would be very unreasonable. However, Jesus died on the cross for you and rose from the dead for you. He, and He alone, has the right to expect everything from you. Will you accept Him on His terms, or contradict and reject Him? Will you listen to Him and repent, or crucify the Son of God for yourself and hold "Him up to contempt"? (Heb 6:6) What will you do with Jesus?

Prayer: *Jesus, may You be the Cornerstone (Ps 118:22) and not the Stumbling Stone (1 Pt 2:7-8) of my life.*

Promise: *"Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose hope is the Lord." —Jer 17:7*

Praise: *All praise to the risen Jesus, Victor-King! You reign in glory forever. Alleluia!*

<https://www.presentationministries.com/obob/obob.asp?lang=en&d=2/17/2019>

LONELINESS IS AN INVITATION

The Christian way of life does not take away our loneliness; it protects and cherishes it as a precious gift. Sometimes it seems as if we do everything possible to avoid the painful confrontation with our basic human loneliness, and allow ourselves to be trapped by false gods promising immediate satisfaction and quick relief. But perhaps the painful awareness of loneliness is an invitation to transcend our limitations and look beyond the boundaries of our existence. The awareness of loneliness might be a gift we must protect and guard, because our loneliness reveals to us an inner emptiness that can be destructive when misunderstood, but filled with promise for those who can tolerate its sweet pain.

<https://henrinouwen.org/meditation/loneliness-is-an-invitation/>

JOY OF LIFE COMES FROM LIVING WELL WITH OTHERS

In my own community, with many severely handicapped men and women, the greatest source of suffering is not the handicap itself, but the accompanying feelings of being useless, worthless, unappreciated, and unloved. It is much easier to accept the inability to speak, walk, or feed oneself than it is to accept the inability to be of special value to another person. We human beings can suffer immense deprivations with great steadfastness, but when we sense that we no longer have anything to offer to anyone, we quickly lose our grip on life. Instinctively we know that the joy of life comes from the ways in which we live together and that the pain of life comes from the many ways we fail to do that well. <https://henrinouwen.org/meditation/joy-of-life-comes-from-living-well-with-others/>

WHAT'S THE SMOKE FOR?

Dear Johan,

We love celebrating the Stations of the Cross, especially during Lent. However, some of our friends seem to think that this is an old-fashioned custom and should be abolished. What do you think?

Gentle Reader,

Stations of the Cross, one of the most popular devotional practices of the Catholic Church, is indeed, like many other aspects of our faith, loved by some and belittled by others.

Regardless of one's affection for the practice, its fundamental concept of a spiritual journey through the last days of Jesus' life is rooted in a deep human need to see, touch, and experience places of personal, historic, or religious importance. Sometimes people will travel thousands of miles to visit such places. Catholic football fans, for instance, will think nothing of crossing the country merely to visit the football stadium at Notre Dame and to touch the statue of Knute Rockne. Most Catholics have a pilgrimage to Rome, Lourdes, or the Holy Land on their bucket list. Muslims, Jews, and Christians alike visit Jerusalem, an important location on the spiritual map of these three major monotheistic religions.

This desire to visit Jerusalem is nothing new. During the Middle Ages, western European Christians not only desired to visit the places where Jesus had lived but also to defend them from non-Christians. Thus, some medieval Christians went to Jerusalem as pilgrims, others as crusaders. Regardless of their intent, those who returned to their homelands brought back stories and descriptions of the holy sites.

The growing emphasis on the Lord's passion during a time plagued with pestilence, famine, and war, combined with the pilgrim stories, gave rise to the creation of shrines dedicated to the passion of our Lord. Preached by the Franciscan Friars, a devotion that followed Jesus on his last journey from his trial to his tomb developed.

Today's Stations of the Cross are characterized as a meditation on Jesus' obedience unto death, God's unending love, and our human frailty. Lent, with its baptismal and penitential emphasis, is well suited for the celebration of this devotion.

Though we may think that we have always celebrated the Stations of the Cross in the same ways, they have actually varied greatly over time and they continue to do so. The most recent version of the Stations of the Cross was introduced by Pope John Paul II on Good Friday 1991. This version differs both in content and in number from the traditional fourteen stations. In terms of content, Pope John Paul's individual stations are all based on the Scriptures. Such stations as "Jesus meets Veronica," which has no biblical reference, have been replaced. In terms of number, John Paul II added one more station: the resurrection.

In the end, more important than the number or the theme of the stations is the intent of the people who enter into this devotion and how this devotion changes their lives into becoming more like Christ, the giver of life.

And please tell your friend that no, I don't think it should be abolished. Even if I did, I know it will not.

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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.***

3. Following the most ancient Christian tradition, the Church insistently recommends that the bodies of the deceased be buried in cemeteries or other sacred places.^[4] In memory of the death, burial and resurrection of the Lord, the mystery that illumines the Christian meaning of death,^[5] burial is above all the most fitting way to express faith and hope in the resurrection of the body.^[6]

The Church who, as Mother, has accompanied the Christian during his earthly pilgrimage, offers to the Father, in Christ, the child of her grace, and she commits to the earth, in hope, the seed of the body that will rise in glory.^[7]

By burying the bodies of the faithful, the Church confirms her faith in the resurrection of the body,^[8] and intends to show the great dignity of the human body as an integral part of the human person whose body forms part of their identity.^[9] She cannot, therefore, condone attitudes or permit rites that involve erroneous ideas about death, such as considering death as the definitive annihilation of the person, or the moment of fusion with Mother Nature or the universe, or as a stage in the cycle of regeneration, or as the definitive liberation from the "prison" of the body.

Furthermore, burial in a cemetery or another sacred place adequately corresponds to the piety and respect owed to the bodies of the faithful departed who through Baptism have become temples of the Holy Spirit and in which "as instruments and vessels the Spirit has carried out so many good works".^[10]

Tobias, the just, was praised for the merits he acquired in the sight of God for having buried the dead,^[11] and the Church considers the burial of dead one of the corporal works of mercy.^[12]

Finally, the burial of the faithful departed in cemeteries or other sacred places encourages family members and the whole Christian community to pray for and remember the dead, while at the same time fostering the veneration of martyrs and saints.

Through the practice of burying the dead in cemeteries, in churches or their environs, Christian tradition has upheld the relationship between the living and the dead and has opposed any tendency to minimize, or relegate to the purely private sphere, the event of death and the meaning it has for Christians.

^[4] Cf. CIC, can. 1176, § 3, can. 1205; CCEO, can. 876, § 3; can. 868. ^[5] Cf. Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1681. ^[6] Cf. Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2300.

^[7] Cf. 1 Cor 15:42-44; Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1683. ^[8] Cf. St. Augustine, *De cura pro mortuis gerenda*, 3, 5; CSEL 41, 628. ^[9] Second Vatican Ecumenical Council, *Pastoral Constitution Gaudium et Spes*, 14. ^[10] St. Augustine, *De cura pro mortuis gerenda*, 3, 5; CSEL 41, 627. ^[11] Cf. Tb 2:9; 12:12.

^[12] Cf. Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2300.

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Friday, February 22 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 solely dedicated 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.

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



CATHOLIC HUMOR

A PRIEST, known for his lengthy homilies, noticed a man get up and leave during the middle of his message. The man came back just before the end of Mass. Afterward the priest asked the man where he has gone.

"I went to get a haircut," was the reply.

"But," said the priest, "why didn't you do that before the service?"

"Because," the man said, "I didn't need one then."

A CATECHIST asked her class why Joseph and Mary took Jesus with them to Jerusalem.

A small child replied, "They couldn't get a baby-sitter?"

A PRIEST was invited for dinner... while having dinner, the youngest child in the family asked the priest, "So, Pastor, you work Sundays and the other six days, you just hang out?"

LONELINESS | <https://henrinouwen.org/meditation/loneliness/>

It is the most basic human loneliness that threatens us and is so hard to face. Too often we will do everything possible to avoid the confrontation with the experience of being alone, and sometimes we are able to create the most ingenious devices to prevent ourselves from being reminded of this condition. Our culture has become most sophisticated in the avoidance of pain, not only our physical pain but our emotional and mental pain as well. We not only bury our dead as if they were still alive, but we also bury our pains as if they were not really there. We have become so used to this state of anesthesia that we panic when there is nothing or nobody left to distract us. When we have no project to finish, no friend to visit, no book to read, no television to watch, or no record to play, and when we are left all alone by ourselves, we are brought so close to the revelation of our basic human aloneness and are so afraid of experiencing an all-pervasive sense of loneliness that we will do anything to get busy again and continue the game that makes us believe that everything is fine after all.

FROM LONELINESS TO SOLITUDE | <https://henrinouwen.org/meditation/from-loneliness-to-solitude/>

To live a spiritual life we must first find the courage to enter into the desert of our loneliness and to change it by gentle and persistent efforts into a garden of solitude. This requires not only courage but also a strong faith. As hard as it is to believe that the dry desolate desert can yield endless varieties of flowers, it is equally hard to imagine that our loneliness is hiding unknown beauty. The movement from loneliness to solitude, however, is the beginning of any spiritual life because it is a movement from the restless senses to the restful spirit, from the outward-reaching cravings to the inward-reaching search, from the fearful clinging to the fearless play.