

January 27, 2019 **THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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 — Rejoicing in the Lord must be your strength (Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10).
Psalm — Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life (Psalm 19).
Second Reading — In one Spirit we were all baptized into one body (1 Corinthians 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]).
Gospel — The Spirit of the Lord has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives (Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
 Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1-6; Mk 3:22-30
 Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mk 3:31-35
 Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 4:1-20
 Thursday: Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-6; Mk 4:21-25
 Friday: Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34
 Saturday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
 Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13 [13:4-13]; Lk 4:21-30

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Saturday January 26 Ss. Timothy and Titus	
5:30 pm	Christy Hytry (dec) by the family Hytry
Sunday January 27	
8:00 am	St. Theresa parishioners
10:00 am	Raymond Kope (dec) & Cathy & family, by the St. Joseph Land Trust
12:00 pm	Remedios & Fernando Cabristante (dec) by family
7:00 pm	
Monday January 28 St. Thomas Aquinas	
8:00 am	Maria Kruger (dec) by Lois Tylendar
Tuesday January 29	
8:00 am	Mark & John Hurley (dec) by the Hurley family
Wednesday January 30	
8:00 am	Cecilia DeLeon (bay) by her family
12:00 pm	All souls
Thursday January 31 St. John Bosco	
8:00 am	Bread & Broth volunteers
Friday February 1	
8:00 am	All souls
12:00 pm	Helping Hands volunteers
Saturday February 2 The Presentation of the Lord	
5:30 pm	Julie Reed (dec) by Al & Audrey

Monday, January 28	8am Mass; 4pm-5:30pm Bread & Broth Meal; Finance Council Meeting
Tuesday, January 29	8am Mass; 4:30pm Children Faith Formation; 6:30pm RCIA in English
Wednesday, January 30	8am Mass; 12noon Mass; 6pm Bread & Broth Board Meeting; 7pm RCIA in Spanish
Thursday, January 31	8am Mass; 6pm Blessed Is She Program
Friday, February 1	8am Mass; 12noon Mass; 12:30pm to 6pm Eucharistic Adoration; 3pm-4:30pm Food Pantry; 4-5pm Bread & Broth, second Serving
Saturday, February 2	10am Baptism in Spanish; 11:30am Baptisms; 4pm Confessions; 5:30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday, February 3	8am, 10am, 12 noon and 7pm (in Spanish); Pancake Breakfast after the 8am & 10am Masses



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		
01/20	Regular Collection	4,672.64
	BUILDING MAINTENANCE	1943.10
<i>Second collection THIS weekend: NO SECOND COLLECTION</i>		
<i>Second collection NEXT weekend: BUILDING MAINTENANCE</i>		

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 tahoeatholicbulletin@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

"THE BEST AND MOST BEAUTIFUL THINGS IN THE WORLD CANNOT BE SEEN OR EVEN TOUCHED- THEY MUST BE FELT WITH THE HEART" Helen Keller
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—Feb. 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
Become a better version of yourself. Become a knight! Call Frank Dixon 530 318 1574

JESUS SAVES US

Jesus "entered heaven itself that He might appear before God now on our behalf." —Hebrews 9:24

If we had sinned only once, and if that lone sin was the most seemingly innocuous sin, we are still guilty of breaking God's entire law (Jas 2:10). How could we then, with all our sins, ever get back into God's good graces? Nothing we could do would ever satisfy, make up for, atone, or expiate that one sin, let alone all our sins. We have all sinned and are deprived of the glory of God (Rm 3:23). In our sinfulness, we are filthy rags before God (Is 64:5; Jer 13:1-11). We are in danger of dying in our sins (Jn 8:21, 24) and suffering eternal condemnation in the fires of hell (Mt 25:41). Moreover, we cannot save ourselves (Ps 49:8; Is 26:18). This is bad news.

There is Good News. "While we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Rm 5:8). He entered heaven on our behalf, for you and for me. He brought His own blood, shed for our sins, before Almighty God to satisfy, make up for, atone, and expiate every one of our sins (Heb 9:24ff). He didn't wait until we repented or even understood the damage our sins caused. He loved us first (1 Jn 4:19). We have only to repent, believe that Jesus loves us this much, go to Confession, and offer our lives to Him in return. "Now that we have been justified by His blood, it is all the more certain that we shall be saved by Him" (Rm 5:9).

Repent! Believe in Jesus' saving love for you. Receive His forgiveness and salvation. Then go and sin no more (Jn 8:11). Live as His disciple and make disciples of all the nations (Mt 28:19).

Prayer: *Father, may I think of Jesus crucified if I am tempted to sin.*

Promise: *"Christ was offered once to take away the sins of many; He will appear a second time not to take away sin but to bring salvation to those who eagerly await Him." —Heb 9:28*

Praise: *St. Thomas, like his teacher St. Albert the Great, sought the Holy Spirit.*

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GUESS WHAT HAPPENED AT CHURCH TODAY?

"...entering the synagogue on the sabbath as He was in the habit of doing..." —Luke 4:16

For nearly thirty years, Jesus had habitually entered the synagogue on the sabbath to worship God (Lk 4:16). Then, on one special sabbath day, the time "of favor" came (Lk 4:19). On that day, the Holy Spirit anointed and sent Jesus out, Scriptures were fulfilled, Jesus prophesied in power, and was nearly killed (Lk 4:23ff).

Since Jesus is the same today as He was then (Heb 13:8), He is working in power today, His day, the Lord's Day.

Therefore, we should never be comfortable and complacent walking into Church; rather, we should approach "the liturgy of the Lord" (Acts 13:2) with trembling, anticipation, reverence, and awe. At any moment, in any Mass, the Spirit may explode and an international, earthshaking ministry could be born (see Lk 4:18; Acts 13:2). Great healings (Acts 20:7-12) or life-changing revelations (Lk 24:30-32) might occur. Miracles will occur, as bread and wine are being transformed into the Body and Blood of Jesus, Who is God. The proclaimed Scriptures will be fulfilled in the lives of many today as Jesus comes alive in their hearts and sets them free (Lk 4:18; Jn 8:32).

Today is the Lord's Day, "the first of all days" (Catechism, 2174). "Today is holy to the Lord" (Neh 8:9). Today the Holy Spirit anoints you (Lk 4:18). Expect today's Mass to be charged with power as Jesus makes all things new (Rv 21:5) — today.

Prayer: *Jesus, may I never be so "familiar" with You that I become like the people of Nazareth and fail to see You as God.*

Promise: *"You, then, are the body of Christ. Every one of you is a member of it." —1 Cor 12:27*

Praise: *"My Lord and my God!" (Jn 20:28)*

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PROMOTING LIFE

"The fact that we know that we are right about the sacred value of human life should make us humble and more determined to spread this message by the love shown in our lives and our willingness to be servants of life. As St. John reminds us, "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us" (1 Jn 1:8). Pro-lifers are convinced – mightily convinced – of the boundless mercy of God. That is the light we bring to the world: the truth about God's love, about forgiveness, about the beauty of human life in all its stages and states." J. Michael Miller, CSB, Archbishop of Vancouver, Canada, Homily at Holy Innocents Annual Pro-Life Mass, January 12, 2010

REFLECTIONS

WHAT'S THE SMOKE FOR?

Dear Johan,

When I was in Amiens, France, I saw the head of John the Baptist. I have since discovered that several other locations claim to possess his severed head. What's going on?

Gentle Reader,

Named one of the top ten religious relics in the world by Time magazine in 2010, the true whereabouts of the head of John the Baptist is uncertain. Many places claim to have the remains of John the Baptist in their care. According to the Orthodox Church John's relics are preserved among other places on Mount Athos and on St. Ivan Island in Bulgaria. The Roman Catholic Church reveres a skull said to be of John the Baptist in San Silvestro in Capite in Rome and in the Cathedral of Amiens, to name but two. Even the Muslim world lays claim to the remains of this saint they honor as a prophet. Thus there is a shrine to him in the Umayyad Mosque in Damascus, Syria, and in the Topkapi Palace in Istanbul, Turkey.

Ordinarily there is no issue with the relics of a saint being found in different locations, as different parts of different saints are available for veneration in different churches. The issue with St. John is that all the remains together do not add up to just one body.

Forensic research, which has been allowed on some relics, has shown that some of them might indeed be of St. John since they are of a man roughly from the same place and time when John the Baptist lived. However, put together there are too many parts and the different parts do not all match. For example, the lower jaw that is said to be of St. John and is kept in Verdun does not prove to be a match to the skull kept in Amiens that is missing the lower jaw.

So, from a historical and scientific point of view it is clear that not all of these relics are indeed St. John's. It is not even entirely clear if any of these are the true relics since all of them have somewhat of an abstruse history. The Orthodox Church even has a feast dedicated to the first and second findings of the head of John the Baptist on February 24 and another feast dedicated to the third finding of the head of St. John on May 25.

Like with all relics, we need to approach the relics of St. John from a place of faith. In the end, we do not worship the relics themselves; rather we honor the memory of the saint they represent. The tangible remains allow us to remember the lives of the saints. They invite us to be inspired by their deep faith. They encourage us to ask God for the strength to be more like them, our heroes in the faith.

So, go ahead and kiss the skull of St. John the Baptist when it is presented for veneration on the feast of the decapitation on August 29 in the Cathedral of Amiens. But when you kiss the skull, remember that it is the saint you honor and not just the skull you kiss, which may or may not be his.

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FLU SEASON AND THE SUSPENSION OF THE CUP AND OTHER PRECAUTIONS

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) has reported that the incidence of flu and flu-like illnesses is widespread and has reached a level requiring that we enact preventive measures to mitigate the possibility of infection at Mass. In order to protect the health and well-being of everyone, Bishop Soto has issued the following directives:

- The use of the Communion cup is suspended temporarily.
- Receive the Body of Christ in the hand (although receiving on the tongue is permitted)
- Do not shake hands. Offer the sign of Peace to those around you with a simple nod, saying "peace be with you."
- Do not hold hands during the Our Father.
- Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion are reminded to cleanse their hands with an alcohol-based antiseptic before and after administering Holy Communion. This also applies to those who take Holy Communion to the home-bound.

The obligation to attend Mass on Sunday and other Holy Days does not apply to those who are sick. If you are sick, stay home and take of yourself. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this time. And pray for those who are sick. The administration of Holy Communion in both kinds will resume as soon as the Bishop deems it safe and prudent to do so.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION | Friday, February 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)

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE | FEBRUARY 2, 2019 (Celebrated in Parishes February 2-3)

In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd. This Feast is also known as Candlemas Day; the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples. The celebration of World Day for Consecrated Life is transferred to the following Sunday in order to highlight the gift of consecrated persons for the whole Church. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

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

LET GOD BE THE MASTER OF YOUR HOUSE | <https://henrinouwen.org/meditation/let-god-be-the-master-of-your-house/>

It strikes me increasingly just how hard-pressed people are nowadays. It's as though they're tearing about from one emergency to another. Never solitary, never still, never really free but always busy about something that just can't wait. You get the impression that, amid this frantic hurly-burly, we lose touch with life itself. We have the experience of being busy while nothing real seems to happen. The more agitated we are, and the more compacted our lives become, the more difficult it is to keep a space where God can let something truly new really take place.

The discipline of the heart helps us to let God into our hearts so that God can become known to us there, in the deepest recesses of our own being.

YOU ARE AT HOME WHILE STILL ON THE WAY | <https://henrinouwen.org/meditation/you-are-at-home-while-still-on-the-way/>

When God has become our shepherd, our refuge, our fortress, then we can reach out to him in the midst of a broken world and feel at home while still on the way. When God dwells in us, we can enter into a wordless dialogue with him while still waiting on the day that he will lead us into the house where he has prepared a place for us (John 14:2). Then we can wait while we have already arrived and ask while we have already received. Then, indeed, we can comfort each other with the words of Paul (Philippians 4:6-7):

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.