



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 — All the ends of the earth will behold the salvation of our God (Isaiah 52:7-10).

Psalm — All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God (Psalm 98).

Second Reading — God has spoken to us through the Son, the very imprint of God's being (Hebrews 1:1-6).

Gospel — The Word became flesh; from his fullness we have all received grace (John 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:36-40

Friday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Ps 128:1-5; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18

Sunday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

THE GIFT OF GOD'S WORD- On this day of gifts and gift-giving, it seems appropriate that we take a moment to reflect on the great gift of God's Word. Because it is creative, God's Word always points to its author, always calls us to respond. Because it is powerful, God's Word can link the sublime with the ridiculous, the transcendent with the immanent, the divine with the human. Because it is graceful, God's Word establishes a relationship of deep intimacy between us and God. At the heart of God's Word lies a tantalizing tension between the mysterious and the mundane. In our liturgical celebration, this unresolved tension both reveals the meaning of life for us and calls us to respond, to act upon that meaning.

Once accepted and opened, the gift of God's Word is a gift that keeps on giving and keeps on calling us to give in return. It dares us to be like the gift-giver and to become gifts for others, not only at Christmas, but at every moment of life. *Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.*

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday December 24 Vigil of Christmas

5:30 pm

Sunday December 25 The Nativity of the Lord

12:00 midnight

8:00 am | 10:00 am | 12:00 pm | 7:00 pm

Monday December 26 St. Stephen

8:00 am Zachary Paul McAllister (dec) by the Rasmussens

Tuesday December 27 St. John

8:00 am Mark Hurley & John Hurley (dec)

Wednesday December 28 The Holy Innocents

8:00 am Margarita Gomez (dec) by her family

12:00 pm Angelo, Ruedorfer family by Gabriela

Thursday December 29 St. Thomas Becket

8:00 am St. Theresa parish volunteers by Fr. Mauricio

Friday December 30 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

8:00 am Amada Masellones (dec) by her loving family

12:00 pm All St. Theresa families by Fr. Mauricio

Saturday December 31 St. Sylvester I

5:30 pm Josephine Bliss (dec) by Joe, Paula, April Montez

The **Parish Office** will be closed on these dates:

- ◆ December 26—Christmas Holiday
- ◆ December 30 & January 2—New Year's Day holiday



FOR PARISHIONERS ON ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY

Phillip Gaston | Corbett Martin | Zachary Martin | Erik Townsend

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Bill Barboni | Jose Jesus Bobadilla | Frank Dixon | Romie Enriquez | Steve Frick | Joan Jack | Richard Jones | Ophelia Kirvida | Martha Klover | Kel Lohmeier | Simon McQuarrie | Byron Melrose | Jamie O'Malley | Frances Ortega | Steve Peacock | Angie Peart | Mila Penollar | Tony Russo | Cathy Shaver

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 tahocatholicbulletin@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



STEWARDSHIP IN OUR PARISH

12/18	Regular Collection	4213.70
	Warm Room	1833.66
Next week's 2nd collection — Building Maintenance		



BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASSES

Call or visit the Religious Education Office
530.544.4788 Find the **2017 SCHEDULE**:
<http://www.tahoecatholic.com/baptisms>



When: Tuesdays evenings—5:45-6:30p.m
Where: St. Theresa Religious Ed Choir classroom
Age: 2nd grade— 8th grade
Children to sing at Religious Education Masses,
monthly Sunday Masses, & special liturgies. We hope
to see you there!
*For more information, please contact Moe
Leonard, 530-307-0151*



KNIGHT'S CORNER

Rediscover Your Catholicism:

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

**START 2017 PROPERLY WITH MASS ON NEW YEARS DAY
AND THEN**

**START YOUR YEAR RIGHT HAVE BREAKFAST WITH
THE KNIGHTS—PANCAKE BREAKFAST—**

New Year's Day after 8 am and 10 am masses

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with a crisis pregnancy. We have a
special concern for you and your unborn child. For
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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

An old joke asks, "What time is Midnight Mass?"
The answer is not really obvious, since Christmas is unique
in having several distinct celebrations. The readings and
prayers vary greatly from hour to hour. The Vigil Mass
hinges on the family heritage of Jesus and his origins. The
concept of "midnight" predates clock time, and really has
to do with a celebration in the hours of darkness. Years
ago, it was not possible to receive Communion without
fasting for a full day, so the late hour of this Mass made it
possible for the people to receive. The first Mass after
sunrise, the Mass at Dawn, was once known as "The
Shepherds' Mass," and later Masses set aside stories of
Jesus' birth to focus on the key to the day's celebration:
John the Evangelist's majestic theology of Christ's identity
as the Word made flesh, dwelling among us. One feast,
four separate Masses. Only monasteries manage the
whole round. Parishioners typically take just one entry
point into the mystery. Yet there is much to savor and
celebrate in the coming of Christ into the world. Christmas
is not a day, but a season. You still have two weeks to
send those Christmas cards before you're officially late!

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LEARNED AT HOME

The mind of Christ is to be learned in the family.
Strength of character may be acquired at work, but beauty
of character is learned at home.

—Henry Drummond

LOVE

Let those who never loved before,
love now:

Let those who always loved,
love the more.

—Anonymous

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REFLECTIONS

INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER DECEMBER 2016

Universal: End to Child-Soldiers—That the scandal of child-soldiers may be eliminated the world over.
Evangelization: Europe—That the peoples of Europe may rediscover the beauty, goodness, and truth of the Gospel which gives joy and hope to life.
<http://www.apostleshipofprayer.org/>

ON CHRISTMAS

Christmas is one of the most important days of the Church year, second only to Easter itself. It is the feast of the incarnation, the feast of God becoming flesh (the Latin "in carne" means "enfleshment"). It is a uniquely Christian teaching, the Divine choosing to become one of us. Because of this belief, God is not only Transcendent, but also wholly Immanent, Emmanuel (God-with-us). While remaining Transcendent (meaning we must rise above our present condition to reach Him), He is at the same time Immanent (meaning He is with us as we rise toward Him). Every Eucharist is like Christmas where the bread and wine are transformed into His flesh, His Body and Blood, and, in a sense, He is born anew on the altar.

The liturgical season of Christmas begins with the vigil Masses on Christmas Eve and concludes on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. During this season, we celebrate the birth of Christ into our world and into our hearts, and reflect on the gift of salvation that is born with him...including the fact that he was born to die for us.

The Christmas tree and the Nativity scene are popular symbols of the season and a tradition in many Christian homes. It is also traditional to exchange Christmas gifts with family and friends as a way to honor God the Father's gift of his only son to the world. Having received the gift of Christ, we naturally want to pass that gift along to our loved ones.

<http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year/christmas/index.cfm>

CONSTRICTED BY LOVE

"The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us." —John 1:14

On this great celebration of Christmas, we recall Jesus being constricted for love of us:

- Jesus, Son of God and Eternal Word of God, Whom the universe cannot contain (2 Chr 6:18), is constricted in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
- Jesus, through Whom all things came into being (Jn 1:3), accepts the constraints and limitations of a human body.
- After birth, Jesus was "wrapped in swaddling clothes" (Lk 2:12). These clothes encircled His body, constricting Him.
- The Baby Jesus was hunted down by the government. His family fled to Egypt. He was constricted through life as a Refugee in a land far from His home (Mt 2:14ff).
- Jesus was constricted on the cross, the Almighty God pressed to its wood by a few nails.
- Jesus was constricted again by swaddling clothes. His burial cloths were wrapped around His immobile body.
- After dying, the body of Jesus was constricted in a tomb.

Why did Jesus submit to these constrictions for our sake? "God is Love" (1 Jn 4:16), and love endures all things (1 Cor 13:7).

Prayer: Thank You, Jesus, for taking on the constrictions of our humanity so You could set us free in the power of Your resurrection! I join my human life to Yours. I put my life in Your hands.

Promise: "Any who did accept [Jesus] He empowered to become children of God." —Jn 1:12

Praise: "For a Child is born to us, a Son is given us; upon His shoulder dominion rests" (Is 9:5). "With the Lord is kindness and with Him is plenteous redemption" (Ps 130:7).

<http://www.presentationministries.com/obob/obob.asp?lang=en&d=12/25/2016>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER



2017

Monsignor Wallace 23rd Annual Crab Dinner



JOIN BISHOP MYRON J. COTTA ON A PILGRIMAGE TO FÁTIMA, PORTUGAL SEPTEMBER 15 – 24, 2017

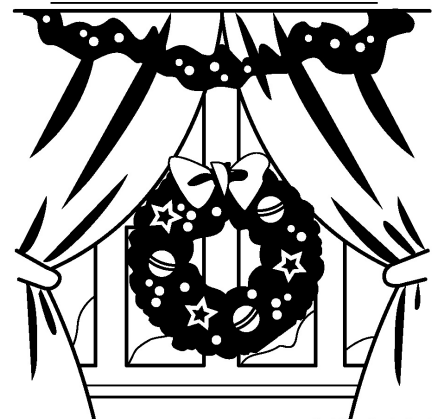
Next year, 2017, will mark the 100th Anniversary of the Apparitions of Our Lady in Fátima, Portugal. Our Lady appeared six times to the Three Shepherd Children: Lúcia, Jacinta and Francisco between the months of May 13 and October 13 in 1917. In honor of the Centenary Anniversary of the Apparitions, the Diocese of Sacramento will be sponsoring a pilgrimage to Fátima, Portugal in 2017. I invite you to join me on this 10-day special pilgrimage to Fátima. It promises to be a unique location for the experience of prayer. It will give the pilgrim the opportunity to reflect upon the significance of the Message which Our Lady conveyed to the Three Children and to the world. The message of mercy revealed at Fátima is an ideal way to follow the recent celebration of the Year of Mercy. In addition, you will enjoy several excursions in the surrounding area outside of Fátima. We will conclude with a visit to the historical and cultural sights of the beautiful city of Lisbon. Hope to see you in Fátima in 2017!

For more information: 166 South River Rd. Suite 110, Bedford, NH 03110-6928 | 800-653-0017 | canterburypilgrimages.com | reservations@canterburypilgrimages.com



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The Nativity of the Lord
December 25, 2016
The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has not overcome it.
— John 1:5



25 de diciembre, 2016 | LA NATIVIDAD DEL SEÑOR (NAVIDAD)

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

¡Felicitaciones a todos! Nos juntamos con Jesu Cristo quien nos invita al banquete celestial. Qué esta liturgia les traiga paz. Si están visitando nuestra iglesia por la primera vez, ¡ojala que se sienten que esta es una 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 — Todos a una gritan alborozados. Verá la tierra entera la salvación que viene de nuestro Dios (Isaías 52:7-10).

Salmo — Los confines de la tierra han contemplado la victoria de nuestro Dios (Salmo 98 [97]).

Segunda lectura — Dios nos ha hablado por medio de su Hijo, la imagen fiel de su ser (Hebreos 1:1-6).

Evangelio — El Verbo se hizo carne; y todos recibimos de él en una sucesión de gracias sin número (Juan 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Hch 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Sal 31 (30):3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

Martes: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Sal 97 (96):1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Miércoles: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Sal 124 (123):2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18

Jueves: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Sal 96 (95):1-3, 5b-6; Lc 2:36-40

Viernes: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 o Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Sal 128 (127):1-5; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Sábado: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Sal 96 (95):1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18

Domingo: Nm 6:22-27; Sal 67 (66):2-3, 5, 6, 8;

EL DON DE LA PALABRA DE DIOS— En este día de recibir y dar regalos, parece apropiado que tomemos un momento para reflexionar sobre el gran don de la Palabra de Dios. La Palabra de Dios es creativa y por eso siempre apunta a su autor, siempre nos llama a responder. La Palabra de Dios es poderosa y puede enlazar lo sublime con lo ridículo, lo trascendente con lo inmanente, lo divino con lo humano. La Palabra de Dios es llena de gracia, establece una relación de intimidad profunda entre nosotros y Dios. En el corazón de la Palabra de Dios yace una tensión seductora entre lo misterioso y lo mundano. En nuestra celebración litúrgica, esta tensión sin resolución revela el significado de la vida para nosotros y también nos llama a responder para actuar según ese significado.

Una vez que la aceptamos y la abrimos, el don de la Palabra de Dios es un regalo que sigue dando y sigue llamándonos a dar a cambio. Nos reta a ser como el dador de regalos y a convertirse en regalos para los demás, no solo en Navidad, sino en cada momento de la vida. *Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.*

INTENCIONES PARA LAS MISAS

sábado 24 de diciembre Vigilia de Navidad

5:30 pm

domingo 25 de diciembre La Natividad del Señor

12:00 am

8:00 am | 10:00 am | 12:00 pm | 7:00 pm

lunes 26 de diciembre San Esteban

8:00 am Zachary Paul McAllister (dec) by the Rasmussens

martes 27 de diciembre San Juan

8:00 am Mark Hurley & John Hurley (dec)

miércoles 28 de diciembre Los Santos Inocentes

8:00 am Margarita Gomez (dec) by her family

12:00 pm Angelo, Ruedorfer family by Gabriela

jueves 29 de diciembre Santo Tomás Becket

8:00 am St. Theresa parish volunteers by Fr. Mauricio

viernes 30 de diciembre La Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José

8:00 am Amada Masellones (dec) by her loving family

12:00 pm All St. Theresa families by Fr. Mauricio

sábado 31 de diciembre San Silvestre I

5:30 pm Josephine Blliss (dec) by Joe, Paula, April Montez

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

Bill Barboni | Jose Jesus Bobadilla | Frank Dixon | Romie Enriquez | Steve Frick | Joan Jack | Richard Jones | Ophelia Kirvida | Martha Klover | Kel Lohmeier | Simon McQuarrie | Byron Melrose | Jamie O'Malley | Frances Ortega | Steve Peacock | Angie Peart | Mila Penollar | Tony Russo | Cathy Shaver

LISTA DE LOS ENFERMOS

Si desea conservar su ser querido en la lista, por favor, envíe un correo electrónico con el nombre de su ser querido, junto con su nombre y número de teléfono a tahoecatholicbulletin@gmail.com

La oficina estará cerrada:

- ◆ el 26 de diciembre
- ◆ el 30 de diciembre
- ◆ el 2 de enero

DEVOCIÓN A NUESTRA SEÑORA DEL PERPETUO SOCORRO

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



¡GRACIAS POR SU GENEROSIDAD!

12/18	Colecta Regular	4213.70
	Warm Room	1833.66
Segunda colecta—1 de enero—Mantenimiento		

SOBRE LA NAVIDAD

La Navidad es uno de los días más importantes del año de la Iglesia, sólo superada por sí Pascua. Es la fiesta de la encarnación, la fiesta de Dios que se hace carne (del latín "in carne" significa "hacerse carne"). Es una enseñanza única cristiana, la elección divina para convertirse en uno de nosotros. Debido a esta creencia, Dios no sólo es trascendente, sino también en su totalidad inmanente, Emmanuel (Dios con nosotros). Sin dejar de ser trascendente (es decir, hay que elevarse por encima de nuestra condición actual para llegar a Él), Él es a la vez inmanente (es decir, Él está con nosotros como nos elevamos hacia él). Cada Eucaristía es como la Navidad, donde el pan y el vino se transforman en su carne, su Cuerpo y Sangre, y, en cierto sentido, Él nace de nuevo en el altar.

El tiempo litúrgico de Navidad comienza con la Misa de vigilia en la víspera de Navidad y concluye en la fiesta del Bautismo del Señor. Durante esta temporada, se celebra el nacimiento de Cristo en nuestro mundo y en nuestro corazón, y reflexionamos sobre el don de la salvación que nace con él ... incluyendo el hecho de que él nació para morir por nosotros.

El árbol de Navidad y el pesebre son símbolos populares de la temporada y una tradición en muchos hogares cristianos. También es tradicional el intercambio de regalos de Navidad con la familia y amigos como una forma de honrar el regalo de su único Hijo de Dios Padre al mundo. Después de haber recibido el don de Cristo, es natural que pasemos ese regalo a nuestros seres queridos.

<http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year/christmas/index.cfm>



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CONSTREÑIDO POR AMOR

"Y la Palabra se hizo carne y habitó entre nosotros" (Juan 1, 14).

En esta gran fiesta de Navidad, recordamos a Jesús constreñido por amor a nosotros:

- Jesús, Hijo de Dios y la Palabra Eterna de Dios, a Quien el universo no puede contener (2 Cr 6,18), se constriñe en el seno de la Santísima Virgen María.
- Jesús, por quien todas las cosas fueron hechas (Jn 1, 3), acepta las constricciones y limitaciones de un cuerpo humano.
- Después del nacimiento, Jesús fue "envuelto en pañales" (Lc 2, 12). Estas ropas rodeaban su cuerpo, constriñéndolo.
- El Niño Jesús fue perseguido por el gobierno. Su familia huyó a Egipto. Él fue "constreñido" y oprimido toda su vida como refugiado en una tierra lejos de su casa (Mt 2, 14ss).
- Jesús estaba constreñido en la cruz, el Dios Todopoderoso sujeto a un madero por unos clavos.
- Jesús estaba restringido por sus nuevos pañales. Sus ropas funerarias estaban envueltas alrededor de su cuerpo inmóvil.
- Después de morir, el cuerpo de Jesús estaba constreñido dentro de una tumba.

¿Por qué Jesús se somete a estas constricciones para nuestro bien? "Dios es amor" (1 Jn 4,16), y el amor todo lo soporta (1 Co 13, 7).

Oración: ¡Gracias, Jesús, por asumir las constricciones de nuestra humanidad para que pudieras hacernos libres en el poder de Tu resurrección! Yo uno mi vida humana a la tuya. Pongo mi vida en tus manos.

Promesa: "Pero a todos los que la recibieron, a los que creen en su Nombre, les dio el poder de llegar a ser hijos de Dios" (Jn 1, 12).

Alabanza: "Porque un niño nos ha nacido, un hijo nos ha sido dado. La soberanía reposa sobre sus hombros" (Is 9, 5). "Porque en Él se encuentra la misericordia y la redención en abundancia" (Sal 130, 7).

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