

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 — I will fix a place for my people. I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place without further disturbance (2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16).

Psalm — For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 89).

Second Reading — To the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be glory forever and ever (Romans 16:25-27).

Gospel — Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word (Luke 1:26-38).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
 Tuesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
 Thursday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18
 Friday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
 Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40
 Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 105:1-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or Hb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday December 23 St. John of Kanty

5:30 pm Margie Luba (dec) by the Winslow family

Sunday December 24

8:00 am In thanksgiving, by Myra & family

10:00 am Bernice Attinger by St. Theresa parish

12:00 pm Jesus Bobadilla (dec) by his family

5:30 pm Doris Growden (healing) by the Spencer family

8:00 pm

Monday December 25

12:00 am Doris Growden (healing) by the Spencer family

8:00 am *The Souza & Correia family*

10:00 am *Angelo and the Ruedorfer family (dec) by Gabby*

12:00 pm *Michael Damazio (bday) by Mom*

Tuesday December 26 St. Stephen

8:00 am Carol Damazio (dec) by her mom

Wednesday December 27 St. John

8:00 am Father Troy Powers (dec)

12:00 pm Bob & Hermina Murphy (dec) by their daughter

Thursday December 28 The Holy Innocents

8:00 am Tom Kostel (dec) by the Hurley family

Friday December 29 St. Thomas Becket

8:00 am Father Troy Powers (dec)

12:00 pm Marianne Rose (dec) by Ann Marie Rose

Saturday December 30

5:30 pm Mateo Sr & Amada Masellones (dec) by Mila

STEWARDSHIP IN OUR PARISH

12/17	Regular Collection	4993.03
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Second collection on December 23/24:

For the Christmas Dinner

Second Collection on December 30th and 31st:

For Building Maintenance

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, December 25 8am, 10a, and 12noon Masses; 1pm-3pm Christmas Dinner

Tuesday, December 26 8am Mass

Wednesday, December 27 8am & 12noon Masses


Thursday, December 28 8am Mass

Friday, December 29 8am & 12noon Masses

Saturday, December 30 4pm Confessions & 5:30pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, December 31 8am, 10am, 12 noon and 7pm (in Spanish) Masses

DONATE ONLINE
 Now you can donate online! Look for the "Donate" button on our website www.tahocatholic.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

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 | Steve Frick | Ophelia Kirvida | Kel Lohmeier | 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 tahocatholicbulletin@gmail.com.



BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASSES

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



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

Merry Christmas!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST—Jan. 7 after the 8AM & 10AM Masses

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

GOD'S TIMELESS TIME | *Henri Nouwen Society*

There is no "after" after death. Words like after and before belong to our mortal life, our life in time and space. Death frees us from the boundaries of chronology and brings us into God's "time," which is timeless. Speculations about the afterlife, therefore, are little more than just that: speculations. Beyond death there is no "first" and "later," no "here" and "there," no "past," "present," or "future." God is all in all. The end of time, the resurrection of the body, and the glorious coming again of Jesus are no longer separated by time for those who are no longer in time.

For us who still live in time, it is important not to act as if the new life in Christ is something we can comprehend or explain. God's heart and mind are greater than ours. All that is asked of us is trust.

THE PEACEABLE KINGDOM | *Henri Nouwen Society*

All of creation belongs together in the arms of its Creator.

The final vision is that not only will all men and women recognize that they are brothers and sisters called to live in unity but all members of God's creation will come together in complete harmony. Jesus the Christ came to realize that vision. Long before he was born, the prophet Isaiah saw it:

The wolf will live with the lamb,
the panther lie down with the kid,
calf, lion and fat-stock beast together,
with a little boy to lead them.
The cow and the bear will graze,
their young will lie down together.
The lion will eat hay like the ox.
The infant will play over the den of the adder;
the baby will put his hand into the viper's lair.
No hurt, no harm will be done
on all my holy mountain,
for the country will be full of knowledge of Yahweh
as the waters cover the sea.
(Isaiah 11:6-9)

We must keep this vision alive.

A New Heaven and a New Earth | *Henri Nouwen Society*

Long before Jesus was born the prophet Isaiah had a vision of Christ's great unifying work of salvation. Many years after Jesus died, John, the beloved disciple, had another but similar vision: He saw a new heaven and a new earth. All of creation had been transformed, dressed with immortality to be the perfect bride of Christ. In John's vision the risen Christ speaks from his throne, saying: "Look, I am making the whole of creation new. Look, here God lives among human beings. He will make his home among them; they will be his people, and he will be their God, God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness or pain. The world of the past has gone" (Revelation 21:5; 21:3-4).

Both Isaiah and John open our eyes to the all-inclusive nature of Christ's saving work.

BLESSING OF A CHRISTMAS MANGER OR NATIVITY SCENE

In its present form the custom of displaying figures depicting the birth of Jesus Christ owes its origin to St. Francis of Assisi, who made the Christmas crèche or manger for Christmas Eve of 1223. The blessing of the Christmas manger or nativity scene may take place on the Vigil of Christmas or at another suitable time.

When the manger is set up in the home, it is appropriate that it be blessed by a parent or another family member.

All make the sign of the cross as the leader says:

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

R/. Who made heaven and earth.

One of those present or the leader reads a text of sacred Scripture, for example, Luke 2:1 (lines 1-8) or Isaiah 7:10 (lines 10-15, the birth of Emmanuel).

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

R/. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The leader prays with hands joined:

God of every nation and people,
from the very beginning of creation
you have made manifest your love:
when our need for a Savior was great
you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary.
To our lives he brings joy and peace,
justice, mercy, and love.
Lord,
bless all who look upon this manger;
may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus,
and raise our thoughts to him,
who is God-with-us and Savior of all,
and who lives and reigns forever and ever.
R/. Amen.

—From *Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers*

REFLECTIONS

INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER | <http://www.apostleshipofprayer.org/2017-intentions/>
December 2017 | The Elderly.

That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

REMUNERATION OF PRIESTS IN ACTIVE MINISTRY

Dear Parishioners,

After consultation and discussion, Bishop Soto has approved a revised Remuneration Policy for the Priests of the Diocese of Sacramento and promulgated it to be effective January 1, 2018. During the next few weeks, I will share with you some of the main points.

The Remuneration of Priests in active ministry is broken into four categories:

1. Compensation
2. Benefits
3. Reimbursements
4. Entitlements

Continuation...

“ENTITLEMENTS”

The following entitlements are to be seen as a supplement to the existing compensation schedule for priests in active ministry.

14. Bereavement Leave Policy for a Priest

- It is the intent of the Diocese of Sacramento to accommodate and support a priest at the time of the death of a family member. This policy is established as a guideline for ensuring that a priest is able: (1) to take a reasonable amount of time for bereavement leave and (2) to leave his assignment in a parish or diocesan position in capable hands.
- **Family Members**—A priest may be granted a bereavement leave to enable him to tend to his family at the time of the death of a parent, grandparent or sibling.
- **Notification and Permission**—A priest must immediately notify his pastor, the local dean or the Vicar for Priests upon learning of the death or pending death. He shall discuss with his pastor, the local dean or the Vicar for Priests the details of his leave, including departure and return dates. The pastor, local dean or the Vicar for Priests grants the leave after reviewing the matter with the priest making the request.
- **Length of Leave**—One week, with up to two weeks for special circumstances, e.g. International travel.
- **No Solicitation of Funds**—The priest shall not solicit from the faithful directly or indirectly, financial aid to help defray the cost of his trip or for funeral expenses. The custom of assisting brother priests is respected.
- **Temporary Loan**—A priest may apply to the Diocese for a temporary loan to cover the costs of an airline ticket to enable the priest to get home. The repayment of this ticket will be automatically deducted in a proportionate amount from his monthly salary so that the loan is repaid within 12 months.
- **Disciplinary Action**—A priest is subject to disciplinary action by the Bishop if he chooses to disregard this policy or any part of it. Such action may include a reduction in annual vacation time or a reduction in monthly compensation. A priest may also be subject to other penalties determined to be appropriate by the Bishop.

15. Bonuses

- Under no circumstances are parish funds to be used to provide Christmas or Easter bonuses to the parish priest, parochial administrator or parochial vicar.

16. Moving Expenses

- Under no circumstances are parish funds to be used to cover the moving costs associated with a parish priest, parochial administrator or parochial vicar moving from one parish/location to another within the diocese or out of the diocese.

It continues...

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE



Sunday, December 24

5:30pm Mass

8pm Mass in Spanish

Monday, December 25

12midnight Mass

8am | 10am | 12 noon Mass

THE PEACE OF CHRISTMAS

"I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place without further disturbance. —2 Samuel 7:10

The Lord promised David rest from his enemies (2 Sm 7:11). This promise of peace was surprising since violence was David's "claim to fame" (see 1 Sm 18:7). From cutting off Goliath's head to setting up Uriah's murder, David lived an extremely violent life. People must have laughed when they heard David was promised peace. Nevertheless, the promise at first seemed fulfilled because David's son Solomon (Solomon means "peace") had a peaceful reign. Yet David's grandson Rehoboam started a civil war. One war led to more wars. Israel had no peace. It seemed as if God's promise of peace to David's house was not kept.

After almost a thousand years, the archangel Gabriel announced to Mary: "You shall conceive and bear a Son and give Him the name Jesus. Great will be His dignity and He will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give Him the throne of David His father" (Lk 1:31-32). When this Child was born on the first Christmas, the angels sang: "Glory to God in high heaven, peace on earth" (Lk 2:14). It seemed as if God's ancient promise of peace was finally fulfilled, for Jesus talked about loving enemies, turning the other cheek, making peace (Mt 5:9, 39, 44) and giving peace (Jn 14:27). However, we eventually killed Jesus, our Peace (Eph 2:14), and continue warring to the present day.

God's promise of peace to David's house has been fulfilled in Jesus. All who live totally for Jesus have peace beyond understanding (Phil 4:7). This peace is not something imposed on us, but Someone proposing to us. Accept Jesus our Peace.

Prayer: Father, may we beat our missiles into plowshares and our bombs into pruning hooks (Is 2:4).

Promise: "Let it be done to me as you say." —Lk 1:38

Praise: "Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel because He has visited and ransomed His people" (Lk 1:68).

<http://www.presentationministries.com/obob/obob.asp?lang=en&d=12/24/2017>

BLESSING OF A CHRISTMAS TREE

In the home the Christmas tree may be blessed by a parent or another family member, in connection with the evening meal on the Vigil of Christmas or at another suitable time on Christmas Day.

The leader makes the sign of the cross, and all reply "Amen."

The leader may greet those present in the following words:

Let us glorify Christ our light, who brings salvation and peace into our midst, now and forever. **R/**. Amen.

One of those present or the leader reads a text of sacred Scripture, for example, Titus 3:4 (lines 4-7) or Ezekiel 17:22 (lines 22-24 4; I will plant a tender shoot on the mountain heights of Israel.)

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **R/**. Thanks be to God.

Lord's Prayer: Our Father...

The leader says the prayer with hands joined:

Lord our God, we praise you for the light of creation: the sun, the moon, and the stars of the night.

We praise you for the light of Israel: the Law, the prophets, and the wisdom of the Scriptures.

We praise you for Jesus Christ, your Son: he is Emmanuel, God-with-us, the Prince of Peace, who fills us with the wonder of your love.

Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we illumine this tree.

May the light and cheer it gives be a sign of the joy that fills our hearts.

May all who delight in this tree come to the knowledge and joy of salvation.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **R/**. Amen.

The lights of the tree are then illuminated.

The leader concludes the rite by signing himself or herself with the sign of the cross and saying:

May the God of glory fill our hearts with peace and joy, now and forever.

R/. Amen.

—From Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers

24 DE DICIEMBRE DE 2017 | CUARTO DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

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 quien 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 — El Señor promete a David que su casa permanecerá para siempre (2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16).

Salmo — Cantaré eternamente las misericordias del Señor (Salmo 89 [88]).

Segunda lectura — Pablo ora para que Dios sea glorificado mediante Jesucristo (Romanos 16:25-27).

Evangelio — El ángel Gabriel anuncia a María que ella concebirá al hijo de Dios (Lucas 1:26-38).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Día: Is 52:7-10; Sal 98 (97):1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

Martes: Hch 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Sal 31 (30):3cd-9; Mt 10:17-22

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

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

Viernes: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Sal 96 (95):1-3, 5b-6; Lc 2:22-35

Sábado: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Sal 96 (95):7-10; Lc 2:36-40

Domingo: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Sal 89 (88):2-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lc 1:26-38

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El largo pasaje de Samuel expone de manera maravillosa la promesa de Dios a la dinastía de David: que su trono siempre estaría ocupado gloriosamente por sus descendientes. Oculta en el misterio de la profecía está la promesa del Salvador, el Mesías, Hijo de Dios e Hijo de David. El profeta Natán, quien habla en nombre de Dios, desbarata poéticamente el plan de David de construir una casa para Dios y anuncia que el plan de Dios es construir una “casa”, una dinastía, para David. De esta dinastía de David provendrá el Mesías, el Cristo, quien no llegará con el esplendor majestuoso con el que reinó David, sino que vendrá como un hombre humilde, que gobernará por los siglos de los siglos. Cuando Dios hace un regalo; lo que recibimos es asombroso: es muy distinto a lo que podríamos haber imaginado.

INTENCIONES PARA LAS MISAS

PETICIONES POR ESTAS PERSONAS

23 de diciembre | sábado | San Juan de Kanty

5:30 pm Margie Luba (dec) by the Winslow family

24 de diciembre | domingo |

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25 de diciembre | lunes |

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12:00 pm *Michael Damazio (bday) by Mom*

26 de diciembre | martes | San Juan apóstol

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27 de diciembre | miércoles |

8:00 am Father Troy Powers (dec)

12:00 pm Bob & Hermina Murphy (dec) by their daughter

28 de diciembre | jueves |

8:00 am Tom Kostel (dec) by the Hurley family

29 de diciembre | viernes | Santo Tomás Becket

8:00 am Father Troy Powers (dec)

12:00 pm Marianne Rose (dec) by Ann Marie Rose

30 de diciembre | sábado |

5:30 pm Mateo Sr & Amada Masellones (dec) by Mila

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 | Steve Frick | Ophelia Kirvida | Kel Lohmeier | Simon McQuarrie | Byron Melrose | Jamie O'Malley | Cecilia Ramirez | Tony Russo

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



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 special a Peretuo Socorro.

¡GRACIAS POR SU GENEROSIDAD!

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Colecta—23/24 de diciembre: Para la Cena de Navidad

Colecta—30/31 de diciembre: Mantenimiento

