

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 LORD bless you and keep you! The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace! (Numbers 6:22-27).

Psalms — May God bless us in his mercy (Psalm 67).

Second Reading — God sent the Spirit of the Son into our hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" So you are no longer a slave but an heir, through God (Galatians 4:4-7).

Gospel — The shepherds glorified and praised God for all they had heard and seen (Luke 2: 16-21).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34

Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42

Thursday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Sal 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 2:1-11

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

THE BLESSING WE RECEIVE - The blessing we experience in Christ Jesus is proclaimed in Numbers as the special blessing for the people of Israel. They and we are to be blessed by the invocation of God's loving kindness, the shining glory of God's face turned toward us in love, not away from us in anger. We are blessed by God's own peace! Our wish and our hope are fulfilled in this blessing, which is made visible in the coming of Jesus. In Jesus, the image of the invisible God, God's face is shown to us and God's presence is made known to us in faithful and loving kindness. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday December 31 St. Sylvester I

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

Sunday January 1 World Day of Prayer for Peace

8:00 am St. Theresa parishioners

10:00 am Thanksgiving by Mario & Mila

12:00 pm John Castellanos (dec) by Pat & Patricia Frega

7:00 pm

Monday January 2 Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

8:00 am

Tuesday January 3 The Most Holy Name of Jesus

8:00 am Patrick & Catherine Hurley (dec)

Wednesday January 4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

8:00 am

12:00 pm Bryan Balong (dec) by Esther & family

Thursday January 5 St. John Neumann

8:00 am

**Friday January 6 St. Andre Bessette
NO MASS (8 am & 12 pm)**

Saturday January 7 St. Raymond of Penyafort

5:30 pm

FOR PARISHIONERS ON ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY

Phillip Gaston | Corbett Martin | Zachary Martin | Erik Townsend

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Bill Barboni | 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 tahoecatholicbulletin@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

12/25	Regular Collection	16,182.77
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This week's 2nd collection — Building Maintenance

Second collection on January 7/8, 2017: For the New Boiler in Grace Hall

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

- ♦ January 2—New Year's Day holiday





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

"We are called to reach to and welcome Catholics who seldom or no longer practice their fair. We need to listen to others with empathy, and we

also need to engage them with the Gospel and help them on their way back."*

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

START YOUR YEAR RIGHT -
HAVE BREAKFAST WITH THE KNIGHTS
PANCAKE BREAKFAST

NEW YEARS DAY after 8 am and 10 am masses
It always tastes right when cooked by a Knight

**Become a better version of yourself.
JOIN THE KNIGHTS!**

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

**taken from The Columbian December 2016 Learning the Faith, Living the Faith.*



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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.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

"Octave" comes from the Latin word for "eight," and since eight is one step beyond seven, the number of days in a week, it has long been seen as a symbol of perfection, completion, and new beginnings. Early Christians called Sunday the "eighth day," since it was the day after the Sabbath and a day of resurrected life, the Lord's Day. By the seventh century, people regarded the eight days after Easter Sunday as one great day, an octave, one glorious feast when people were forbidden to fast or kneel. In the seventh century, Pentecost acquired an Octave, too. Christmas didn't claim the honor of a continuous feast, but it did get an Octave Day. January 1 is the oldest Marian feast, the Octave of Christmas. It was originally a feast of the motherhood of Mary, although for centuries until 1969 it was called the Feast of the Circumcision. Our reformed calendar follows the earlier tradition of celebrating Mary as Mother of God.

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PASSIONS

We should employ our passions in the service of life, not spend life in the service of our passions.

-Richard Steele

TIME

Do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of.

-Benjamin Franklin

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REFLECTIONS

INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER | JANUARY 2017

Christian Unity

That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.

<http://www.apostleshipofprayer.org/2017-intentions>

PRAYER FOR PEACE

O Lord, you see how everywhere the winds have burst forth, and the sea is convulsed with the great violence of the rising waves. Command, we beseech you who alone are able, both the winds and the sea. Restore to mankind the true peace of your name, that peace which the world cannot give, and the calm of social harmony. Under your favor and inspiration may men return to due order, and having overthrown the rule of greed, bring back again as ought to be, the love of God, justice, charity toward neighbor, temperance in all desires. May your kingdom come. May all recognize that they are subject to you, and must serve you who are truth and salvation; that without you they labor in vain. In your law is reason and fatherly kindness. You are ever at hand with your strength and your copious power to help man to keep it. Life upon earth is a warfare, but you watch the contest and aim man to conquer. The weak you sustain; the victor you crown. —Pope Leo XIII

FIRST BLOOD

"When the eighth day arrived for His circumcision, the name Jesus was given the child." —Luke 2:21

On the eighth day of Christmas, we celebrate the feast of Mary, the Mother of God. On the eighth day of His life, Jesus shed His blood for the first time as He endured circumcision. Mary, His mother, would have been the one who nursed Jesus' wound, repeatedly washing off His blood during the next few days as the infant Jesus healed.

This foreshadows Mary standing at the foot of Jesus' cross decades later as He would shed His blood for our salvation. Many of you have seen the statue of the Pieta in which Mother Mary holds the dead, bloody body of her Son Jesus. Even after He died, Mary treasured Jesus' body by cleaning off His blood. During her entire life, Mary was devoted to the Precious Blood of Jesus. This was dramatically portrayed in the movie *The Passion of the Christ* and in the book by Anne Catherine Emmerich, *The Dolorous Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ*.

Imitate Mother Mary. Devote yourself to the Precious Blood of Jesus in 2017. Receive the Eucharistic Jesus in Mass as often as possible, even daily. Commit yourself to frequent Eucharistic adoration. "O, the blood of Jesus. It must not suffer loss."

Prayer: Father, "let [Jesus'] blood be on us and on our children" (Mt 27:25).

Promise: "You are no longer a slave but a son! And the fact that you are a son makes you an heir, by God's design." —Gal 4:7

Praise: Praise You, risen Lord Jesus, for making all things new (Rv 21:5). Be praised and glorified in this new year.

<http://www.presentationministries.com/obob/obob.asp?lang=en&d=1/1/2017>

THE END OF ANOTHER YEAR OF LOVE

"Of His fullness we have all had a share — love following upon love." —John 1:16

Every day this year Jesus offered Himself to you in the Eucharist. The Word became flesh (Jn 1:14) and made Himself lovingly available in case you wanted Him. To you, who are "His own, He came" (Jn 1:11). Every day this year, Jesus, "the Word" (Jn 1:1), made His holy word available to you. His love letters to you, the Bible, were constantly present to you in case you wanted to listen to Him. Every day this year, Jesus made sure that your lungs kept breathing, your heart kept beating, your body kept functioning. Jesus was always thinking of you this year, staying faithfully with you (Mt 28:20), constantly loving you. It could have been a year of "love following upon love" (Jn 1:16) for you, if you accepted His love.

This year, 2016, has now come to "the final hour" (1 Jn 2:18). At the end of the year, Jesus, "the End" (Rv 22:13), stands waiting for you, in case you want Him.

Notwithstanding all Jesus did for us, the year 2016 is best measured by what Jesus received from us. When Jesus looks for the fruit of holiness, evangelization, and service in your life this year, will He find any? (Lk 13:6; Mt 21:34) If your life falls short, come before Jesus right now and give yourself to Him anew. As He did with the good thief (Lk 23:40-43), Jesus can do wondrous miracles in "the final hour." With Jesus, "all's well that ends well."

Prayer: Father, thank You for pouring out Your love into my heart (Rm 5:5). I love You with all my heart (Lk 10:27).

Promise: "You have the anointing that comes from the Holy One, so that all knowledge is yours." —1 Jn 2:20

Praise: Pope St. Sylvester I, holding firmly to the truth, witnessed the victory of Christ over the antichrists of the Roman Empire. <http://www.presentationministries.com/obob/obob.asp?lang=en&d=12/31/2016>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2017

Bible Study on the Gospel of John

Tuesdays | 9:00 am | Beginning on January 17

Parish Center

To register please call the Parish office (530) 544-3533 Ext. 100
or call Fr. Mauricio Ext. 102 or e-mail mauricioh650@gmail.com

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

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD | JANUARY 1, 2017

Mary kept all these things,
reflecting on them in her heart.

- *Luke 2:19*



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