

**January 20, 2019** **SECOND 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** — As a bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so God rejoices in the chosen ones (Isaiah 62:1-5).  
**Psalm** — Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations (Psalm 96).  
**Second Reading** — All the varied gifts in the Christian community are from one Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:4-11).  
**Gospel** — Rejoicing at a wedding celebration in Cana, Jesus replenishes the wine supply (John 2:1-11).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**  
 Monday: Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22  
 Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c; Mk 2:23-28  
 Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6  
 Thursday: Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Mk 3:7-12  
 Friday: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18  
 Saturday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9 or Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 3:20-21  
 Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19:8-10, 15; 1 Cor 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**

<b>Saturday January 19 Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	
<b>5:30 pm</b>	St. Theresa parishioners
<b>Sunday January 20</b>	
<b>8:00 am</b>	Arek Glabek (dec) by Andrzej & Helena
<b>10:00 am</b>	St. Theresa parishioners
<b>12:00 pm</b>	Nicanor Rojas (dec) by Nora Cabanero & family & Donna Rojas
<b>7:00 pm</b>	
<b>Monday January 21 St. Agnes</b>	
<b>8:00 am</b>	Arek Glabek (dec) by Andrzej & Helena
<b>Tuesday January 22</b>	
<b>8:00 am</b>	Arek Glabek (dec) by Andrzej & Helena
<b>Wednesday January 23 St. Vincent; St. Marianne Cope</b>	
<b>8:00 am</b>	Gerald Hurley & Kathleen Carlson (dec) by the Hurley family
<b>12:00 pm</b>	Sheldon Ruggles (dec) by Markus Pruch, Theresa & Michael Fasano
<b>Thursday January 24 St. Francis de Sales</b>	
<b>8:00 am</b>	Arek Glabek (dec) by Andrzej & Helena
<b>Friday January 25 The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle</b>	
<b>8:00 am</b>	Paulette Williams (spec inten) by her sister Marsha
<b>12:00 pm</b>	Candy San Agustin (bay) by her sister, Joanie
<b>Saturday January 26 Ss. Timothy and Titus</b>	
<b>5:30 pm</b>	Christy Htry (dec) by the family Hytry

**WEEK AT A GLANCE**

<b>Monday, January 21</b>	8am Mass; 4pm-5:30pm Bread & Broth Meal; 6:30pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
<b>Tuesday, January 22</b>	8am Mass; 4:30pm Children Faith Formation; 6:30pm RCIA in English
<b>Wednesday, January 23</b>	8am Mass; 12noon Mass; 7pm RCIA in Spanish
<b>Thursday, January 24</b>	8am Mass; 6pm Blessed Is She Program
<b>Friday, January 25</b>	8am Mass; 12noon Mass; 3pm-4:30pm Food Pantry; <b>1230-6pm Eucharistic Adoration</b>
<b>Saturday, January 26</b>	4pm Confessions; 5:30pm Vigil Mass
<b>Sunday, January 27</b>	8am, 10am, 12 noon and 7pm (in Spanish) <b>10am-6pm Retreat for Confirmation Candidates</b>

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**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**

01/13	Regular Collection	4,686.13
	<b>NO SECOND COLLECTION</b>	
<i>Second collection THIS weekend: BUILDING MAINTENANCE</i>		
<i>Second collection NEXT weekend: NO SECOND COLLECTION</i>		

**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](mailto: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>

### ON EMPTY?

**"The wine ran out, and Jesus' mother told Him, 'They have no more wine.' " —John 2:3**

In John's Gospel, Jesus began His public ministry at a wedding feast where they had "no more wine." Likewise, many people begin to let Jesus work in their lives when they realize they are out of wine, love, strength, energy, ideas, or hope. In the weakness of our emptiness, God's power in us can reach perfection (2 Cor 12:9).

It is literally true that without Jesus we can do nothing (Jn 15:5). Of ourselves, we are always on "empty" in the important things in life. Life is an impossible situation. This gradually or at least eventually becomes obvious. We are doomed to despair. Who can save us? (see Rm 7:24) Jesus alone is our Savior. "There is no salvation in anyone else, for there is no other name in the whole world given to men by which we are to be saved" (Acts 4:12). So the most important thing in life is to give our lives and our emptiness totally to Jesus. We must take Mary's advice and do whatever Jesus tells us (Jn 2:5). Jesus is our only Hope.

Hope in His lordship over our lives. Hope through our obedience to Him. He will take us from our emptiness to the fullness of the wedding feast of heaven (see Rv 19:7). Thank You, Jesus!

**Prayer:** *Father, I rejoice that "absolute fullness" resides in Jesus (Col 1:19).*

**Promise:** *"For Zion's sake I will not be silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her vindication shines forth like the dawn and her victory like a burning torch." —Is 62:1*

**Praise:** *Reading and pondering the daily Mass readings have helped George remain constant in his Catholic faith. He makes it a practice to share his insights on the daily Scriptures with several people each day. Praise You, risen Jesus, the Living Word. Alleluia!*

<https://www.presentationministries.com/OBOB/obob.asp?lang=en&d=1/20/2019>

### EMBRACING THE TRUE SELF

The secular or false self is the self that is fabricated, as Thomas Merton says, by social compulsions. "Compulsive" is indeed the best adjective for the false self. It points to the need for ongoing and increasing affirmation. Who am I? I am the one who is liked, praised, admired, disliked, hated, or despised... If being busy is a good thing, then I must be busy. If having money is a sign of real freedom, then I must claim my money. If knowing many people proves my importance, I will have to make the necessary contacts. The compulsion manifests itself in the lurking fear of failing and the steady urge to prevent this by gathering more of the same—more work, more money, more friends.

These very compulsions are at the basis of the two main enemies of the spiritual life: anger and greed. They are the inner side of the secular life, the sour fruits of our worldly dependences.

<https://henrinouwen.org/meditation/embracing-the-true-self/>



### 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

*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 1575

### HE LOVES THE UNLOVABLE

**"As He moved on He saw Levi the son of Alphaeus, at his tax collector's post, and said to him, 'Follow Me.' Levi got up and became His follower." —Mark 2:14**

Although it was a serious sin for a Jew to be a tax collector, Levi chose to be one. Jesus called Levi out of his sinful job and into being an apostle and missionary. If we repent, we can follow Jesus' call even if we are damaged goods, for Jesus comes not for the healthy but for the sick, not for the righteous but for sinners (Mk 2:17). Jesus is a merciful High Priest Who will "sympathize with our weakness" (Heb 2:17; 4:15). He did not come to condemn but to save (Jn 3:17). Even if everyone else rejects us, Jesus will never reject us (Jn 6:37).

There is hope for the human race because of Jesus' mercy — and only because of His mercy. No matter how low we've been, Jesus will take us to heights where we alone could never go. Jesus loves the unlovable. Trust in Jesus. "So let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and favor and to find help in time of need" (Heb 4:16).

**Prayer:** *Father, give mercy to me and through me.*

**Promise:** *"Indeed, God's Word is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword. It penetrates and divides soul and spirit, joints and marrow. It judges the reflections and thoughts of the heart." —Heb 4:12*

**Praise:** *Julia did not receive love from her family, but she did find love in Jesus' family and in joining a home based community.*

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## REFLECTIONS

### WHAT'S THE SMOKE FOR?

Dear Johan,

***I just returned from Europe. The number of relics I saw was astounding. And some were rather gruesome. It made me uncomfortable. Why do we (they) have them?***

Gentle Reader,

I agree, visiting the shrines of the saints throughout Europe is not for the faint of heart. By contrast to the United States, where the relics are mostly small and discreetly enshrined in reliquaries, Europeans proudly display entire bodies or recognizable body parts of saints for veneration. I vividly remember visiting the shrine of St. Roseline de Villeneuve near Draguignan in France. The body of the saint is displayed in the center of the shrine. Because she was a celebrated visionary, her eyes were removed upon her death and set in a separate reliquary. Other memorable relics are the tongue and vocal cords of St. Anthony on display in the basilica dedicated to the saint in Padua, and the finger of St. Catherine on display in Siena, to name but a few.

The veneration of relics is rooted in the cult of the saints, which is so dear to Catholics. The martyrs were the first to be recognized as saints. Their willingness to die for Christ was seen as the greatest possible sacrifice. Thus their memory was honored and their bodies were treated with the greatest respect. Their tombs were marked and, over time, were decorated. Christians desired to be buried as close as possible to the martyrs. The thinking was that at the end of time, when Christ returned to judge both the living and the dead, those who were closest to the martyrs would somehow share in their glory and be swooped into heaven in their wake.

As Christianity spread Christians still desired to be close to their beloved saints. So, they took pieces of cloth that touched the saint's body or even pieces of the body itself with them. They buried these relics in their altars, placed them in their homes, and wore them around their necks. Gradually, protective powers were accorded to the relics of martyrs and saints. Many miracle stories testify to this. The most powerful relics were even fought over.

Today, relics are revered as tangible reminders of the saints whose memory we honor. As is the case with images of the saints, we do not worship the relics themselves but rather the persons they represent. Their stories reflect the different ways in which we can live out our calling as Christians to become more like Christ in our world.

I truly hope that your encounter with the relics of the saints did not prevent you from learning about them. If it did, I invite you to return to those places and, after having gotten over your initial shock, to allow the saints to speak to you about the ways in which they answered their individual callings. Who knows, you may learn a thing or two about your own. And that is what this is all about.

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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

## 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

## PRO LIFE MASS | JANUARY 22

**On Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament** a special Mass will be celebrated at 12:10 pm in solemn recognition of the anniversary of the infamous 1973 Roe v. Wade decision which mandated that abortion be legal throughout our country. All priests are invited to concelebrate and all Catholics and others of good will are encouraged to attend. For more information call the diocesan respect life office at 916-733-0133.

## WALK FOR LIFE WEST COAST 2019 | JANUARY 26

Join fellow Catholics and Pro-Lifers from all over California and beyond as we stand up for the littlest among us at the 15th Annual Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco on January 26, 2019. There will be Mass at 9:30AM celebrated by Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone at St. Mary's Cathedral. The rally begins at 12:30PM in San Francisco's Civic Center Plaza, and the Walk, down the city's Market Street, begins at 1:30PM. Last year's Walk drew 50,000+ people. For complete information about the Walk, visit [www.walkforlifewc.com](http://www.walkforlifewc.com) or call 415-658-1793.

## 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](http://www.scd.org/wmd). For more information call the Office of Family and Faith Formation at (916) 733-0177.

## GOD LONGS TO BRING ME HOME | <https://henrinouwen.org/meditation/god-longs-to-bring-me-home/>

For most of my life I have struggled to find God, to know God, to love God. I have tried hard to follow the guidelines of the spiritual life—pray always, work for others, read the Scriptures—and to avoid the many temptations to dissipate myself. I have failed many times but always tried again, even when I was close to despair.

Now I wonder whether I have sufficiently realized that during all this time God has been trying to find me, to know me, and to love me. The question is not “How am I to find God?” but “How am I to let myself be found by him?” The question is not “How am I to know God?” but “How am I to let myself be known by God?” And, finally, the question is not “How am I to love God?” but “How am I to let myself be loved by God?” God is looking into the distance for me, trying to find me, and longing to bring me home.

## THE TRUTH ABOUT ME | <https://henrinouwen.org/meditation/the-truth-about-me/>

You have to keep unmasking the world about you for what it is: manipulative, controlling, power-hungry, and, in the long run, destructive. The world tells you many lies about who you are, and you simply have to be realistic enough to remind yourself of this. Every time you feel hurt, offended, or rejected, you have to dare to say to yourself: “These feelings, strong as they may be, are not telling me the truth about myself. The truth, even though I cannot feel it right now, is that I am the chosen child of God, precious in God's eyes, called the Beloved from all eternity, and held safe in an everlasting embrace.”

## THE “IFS” THAT ENSLAVE ME | <https://henrinouwen.org/meditation/the-ifs-that-enslave-me/>

As long as I keep running about asking “Do you love me? Do you really love me?” I give all power to the voices of the world and put myself in bondage because the world is filled with “ifs.” The world says: “Yes, I love you if you are good-looking, intelligent, and wealthy. I love you if you have a good education, a good job, and good connections. I love you if you produce much, sell much, and buy much.” There are endless “ifs” hidden in the world's love. These “ifs” enslave me, since it is impossible to respond adequately to all of them. The world's love is and always will be conditional. As long as I keep looking for my true self in the world of conditional love, I will remain “hooked” to the world—trying, failing, and trying again. It is a world that fosters addictions because what it offers cannot satisfy the deepest craving of my heart.

## YOU BELONG TO GOD | <https://henrinouwen.org/meditation/you-belong-to-god/>

At issue here is the question: “To whom do I belong? God or to the world?” Many of my daily preoccupations suggest that I belong more to the world than to God. A little criticism makes me angry, and a little rejection makes me depressed. A little praise raises my spirits, and a little success excites me. It takes very little to raise me up or thrust me down. Often I am like a small boat on the ocean, completely at the mercy of its waves. All the time and energy I spend in keeping some kind of balance and preventing myself from being tipped over and drowning shows that my life is mostly a struggle for survival: not a holy struggle, but an anxious struggle resulting from the mistaken idea that it is the world that defines me. . . .

As long as we belong to this world, we will remain subject to its competitive ways and expect to be rewarded for all the good we do. But when we belong to God, who loves us without conditions, we can live as he does. The great conversion called for by Jesus is to move from belonging to the world to belonging to God.