



# Corpus Christi Catholic Church

**Second Sunday of Advent  
December 8, 2024  
Month of Divine Infancy**

**905 W. Lake Blvd.  
Tahoe City, CA 96145  
530-583-4409**

<http://www.corpuschristi-tahoe.org/>

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1878  
Tahoe City, CA 96145

Pastor, Rev. Father Francis Stevenson

---

## DAILY MASS SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

8:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and  
Friday.

No Mass on Tuesday.

---

## HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Please note the Mass on Sunday evening is anticipated for the Holy Day of Obligation on Monday, December 9. Your Sunday Mass obligation must be fulfilled at another Mass.

---

## MASS INTENTIONS

*Sunday 8:00 a.m.* Beverly Aikin  
*10:00 a.m.* Paul Sullivan †  
*5:00 p.m.* Thomas Mercogliano  
*Monday* Gary and Helen Vanelli  
*Wednesday* Steve and Carlene Pearson  
*Thursday* Tom and Vicki Idiaquez  
*Friday* Tony and Paige Romano  
*Saturday 5:00 p.m.* All Parishioners  
*Sunday 8:00 a.m.* Erik and Susan Didrikson  
*10:00 a.m.* David and Katie Yacono

For Prayer and Mass requests, please call the Parish Office at **530-583-4409** or bring it by the parish office. (Customary offering for a Mass request is \$10.<sup>00</sup>)

---

**FIRST SATURDAY Mass** is scheduled for January 4th at 8:30 a.m. at Corpus Christi.

---

## Weekend Lectors

**5:00 p.m.** Dan Collin  
**8:00 a.m.** Susan Bruno  
**10:00 a.m.** Anne Rosen  
Anita Ormsby

---

**Today's Readings:** Baruch 5:1-9; Psalm 126:1-6; Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11; Luke 3:1-6

Copyright © 2005, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.

---

**Activity of the Week** Take out family photos and symbols of your child's baptism. Share stories of that special day. <https://lifelongcatechesis.osv.com/>

---

## Religious Education/ Confirmation News

This year is the second year of Confirmation class. It is only for students who finished their first year of Confirmation class.

A new First Year Confirmation class will begin in September 2025. A second year First Communion class is currently in session. There is also a 4-5 grade class for students who have already made their First Communion.

There is an instructor who will be teaching students who have not made their First Communion yet. However, these classes may not begin until after Christmas. If there is someone who would like to fill in for this instructor until then, please let us know.

We are reviewing an online course that could be used by parents at home to teach their students this year to prepare them for First Communion class. Would you be able to take that responsibility? Please call the church office (530-583-4409) and leave your name and telephone number. Thank you.

---

## Christmas Mass Schedule



### Tuesday, December 24 Christmas Eve

Vigil 4:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.

### Wednesday, December 25 Christmas Day

8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.

---

**Individual Confessions:** December 18 from 9:00-10:00 a.m., December 19, from 4:00-5:00 p.m., December 20, 9:00-10:00 a.m., December 23 from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. (Or by appointment contact the parish office)

---

## Finance



## Finance Committee News~

### Collection for November 23-24

Offertory \$1363.00  
Parish Building Maintenance Fund \$720.00

---

**Second Collection** this weekend will be Retirement Fund for the Religious

---

## Sunday Gospel and Background: Luke 3:1-6

The preaching of John the Baptist.

- In today's Gospel, Luke sets the story of Jesus in historic context for his Gentile audience by listing the important figures of the time.
- At the end of the list, he concentrates on John the Baptizer.
- The lone prophet, John the Baptist, was to preach the arrival of God's salvation in Jesus.

~Pray For The Sick~

Eileen and Richard Cook	Howard J.	Roman Gamblin	Susan Greene	Hank Harris	Elizabeth Jimenez
Bill Madigan	Thomas Mercogliano	Jacob Mills	Thomas Sabido	Mary Ellen Perkins	
Skip Shank	Thaddeus Tellers	Lorretta Tripp	Stacy Wesler	Jerry Weidner	



Today's Psalm paints a dreamlike scene—a road filled with liberated captives heading home to Zion (Jerusalem), mouths filled with laughter, tongues rejoicing.

It's a glorious picture from Israel's past, a "new exodus," the deliverance from exile in Babylon. It's being recalled in a moment of obvious uncertainty and anxiety. But the psalmist isn't waxing nostalgic. Remembering "the Lord has done great things" in the past, he is making an act of faith and hope—that God will come to Israel in its present need, that He'll do even greater things in the future.

This is what the Advent readings are all about: We recall God's saving deeds—in the history of Israel and in the coming of Jesus. Our remembrance is meant to stir our faith, to fill us with confidence that, as today's Epistle puts it, "the one who began a good work in [us] will continue to complete it" until He comes again in glory.

Each of us, the Liturgy teaches, is like Israel in her exile—led into captivity by our sinfulness, in need of restoration and conversion by the Word of the Holy One. The lessons of salvation history should teach us that, as God again and again delivered Israel, in His mercy He will free us from our attachments to sin if we turn to Him in repentance. That's the message of John, introduced in today's Gospel as the last of the great prophets. But John is greater than the prophets. He's preparing the way not only for a new redemption of Israel but for the salvation of "all flesh".

John quotes Isaiah (40:3) to tell us he's come to build a road home for us, a way out of the wilderness of sin and alienation from God. It's a road we'll follow Jesus down, a journey we'll make, as today's First Reading puts it, "rejoicing that [we're] remembered by God."

**Questions Of the Week** **Theme:** We are getting ready to welcome Christ into our hearts.

**Question for Children:** What things do you do to get ready for a big event or celebration?

**Question for Youth:** How do you share the Good News of Jesus with others?

**Question for Adults:** Name one thing you can do to help "prepare the way of the Lord?" <https://lifelongcatechesis.osv.com/>

**Impossible Dreams** Peace on earth. Good will toward all. An end to hunger, violence, and poverty. Freedom from overwork. Freedom to forgive and to love. Are these the dreams you have for Christmas this year? Today's scriptures tell us they are not impossible. It is Advent, a time when we remember that God can calm the violence of our world, heal our hurting hearts, and inspire the most courageous and generous of deeds—in short, God can make seemingly impossible dreams come true. But God will not do it without us. The sooner we start cooperating with God, the sooner the "mountains" of self-righteousness, the "gorges" of despair and complacency, and the "rough ways" of anger will be "made smooth." John the Baptist invites us to repent and "prepare the way of the Lord" within our hearts, in our families, our communities, our churches, and our world. *Copyright © 2005, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.*

**"Prepare The Way Of The Lord"** What gives us the courage to "prepare the way of the Lord" as John the Baptist did?



How can we continue to work, watch, and wait for the reign of God in a world where progress seems impossible? We are energized by the confident hope that Christ will ultimately triumph over every mountain, gorge, and rough way. The Christ who came into human history once and comes to save each of us from sin day by day will indeed come again to establish his reign of justice over the whole universe so that "all flesh shall see the salvation of God." We express the fullness of this Advent hope when we proclaim together in our Memorial Acclamation at Mass: "Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory." Hope strengthens us to keep preparing the

way of the Lord until he comes in glory. *Copyright © 2005, World Library Publications. All rights reserved*



Supporting God's Gift of love and life in marriage

**Natural Family Planning (NFP)**

CCL (Couple to Couple League) was founded in 1971, responding to Pope Paul VI's call in *Humanae Vitae*:

"married couples themselves by the leadership they offer will become apostles to other married couples." (HV 26). NFP is 99% effective in postponing pregnancy and also used with considerable success by couples trying to conceive. Self-paced online and live online classes available. More information at [ccli.org](http://ccli.org)

Announcements from the Diocese of Sacramento can be found on their website

<https://www.scd.org/bishops-office/diocesan-weekly-news>

**Please remember to visit our website for the most current Mass schedule and parish information.**

<http://www.corpuschristi-tahoe.org>