WEEKLY BULLETIN

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Santísimo Cuerpo y Sangre de Cristo



St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

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MONDAY: CLOSED

Tuesday - Friday: 8am to 4pm Saturday: 9am to 5pm Sunday: Closed

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

MONDAY: 4PM
CENTERING PRAYER GROUP

TUESDAY - THURSDAY
NO DAILY NOON MASSES

TUESDAY: 12:30PM-7PM
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

FRIDAY: 6:30PM
GRUPO DE ORACIÓN

SATURDAY: 4PM OR BY APPOINTMENT:

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY: MASS 5PM (ENGLISH)

SUNDAY: MASS 9AM (ENGLISH), 11:30AM (BILINGUAL), 5PM (ESPAÑOL)



Saturday, June 21

♦ 5pm: Peggy Spillane †

Sunday, June 22

- 9am: Living & Deceased Mem. of the St. Francis Comm
- ♦ 11:30am: Living & Deceased Mem. of the St. Francis Comm
- ♦ 5pm: Por los parroquianos vivos y difuntos de San Francisco de Asís

Tuesday, June 24 - Friday June 27, at Noon

NO DAILY MASSES from Tues. - Thurs.

NO HAY MISAS DIARIAS los dias Mar. - Juev.

◆ Fri: Living & Deceased Mem. of the St. Francis Comm

Saturday, June 28

♦ 5pm: Lena Pantaleoni †, Kenneth Berg † and Mike Jackson †

Sunday, June 29

- 9am: **Dean Perry** †
- ♦ 11:30am: Living & Deceased Mem. of the St. Francis Comm
- ♦ 5pm: Por los parroquianos vivos y difuntos de San Francisco de Asís

THE ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI OFFERINGS FOR THE WEEKEND OF

June 15, 2025

Mass Offerings	\$ 4,998
Online Giving Offerings	\$ 5,102
TOTAL	<u>\$ 10,100</u>

Catholic Services Appeal

Please join us in reaching our goal to support our greater catholic community!



Cash and checks are welcomed in the Front Office.
Thank you for supporting CSA.

Calling All 20 Somethings!

Join us Thursday, June 26 from 6-8 pm at - 1133 Lucerne Way, Hosted by Aidan Armstrong.

This event promises an evening filled with delicious food, engaging fun, and inspiring conversations.

Whether you're looking to connect with others your age, share ideas, or simply enjoy a good time.

This gathering is the perfect opportunity for relaxation & Inspiration.

Don't miss out on this exciting chance to meet new friends enriching experience!

Please click the link to RSVP: bit.ly/42mbZhL



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June 2025, Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our participation in the Peter's Pence Collection is an important way in which we support the Body of Christ universal. This collection benefits the operational and charitable work of Pope Leo XIV and the Holy See. These charitable works are particularly important as he reaches out to our brothers and sisters who are marginalized or suffering throughout the world. By supporting this collection, you assist our Holy Father in his apostolic ministry and in bringing the mercy of God the Father to the world.

Pope Leo XIV calls all of the faithful to be part of the Church's effort to provide for the needs of the poor, continuing the tradition of the early Christians. Your support strengthens the charitable power of the Church to help victims of war, natural disasters, and mission efforts in impoverished dioceses and places. Your contributions and sacrifices act as examples of Christ's mercy through the Pope as pastor of the whole Church, attentive to the needs of the world.

Please prayerfully consider how you can best support the Peter's Pence collection this year. Your donation is an indispensable work of evangelization, humanitarian assistance, and social promotion, continuing St. Peter's ministry for God's people. For more information about the collection, please visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

With every best wish and an assurance of prayers, I remain,

+ Clariel Wheregunberg

Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Daniel H. Mueggenborg

Bishop of Reno

A huge thanks to all that attended the re-start of pancake breakfasts sponsored by the Knights of Columbus at our parish! Parishioners and visitors alike enjoyed the food, drink, and company. Profits from event will be used for the Knight's charitable activities in the parish and in the diocese.



Saturday, June 21st & Sunday, June 22nd will be the last weekend reciting the Prayer for Vocation to the Priesthood and Anima Christi.

El 21 y 22 de Junio será el último fin de semana para hacer la Oración por la Vocación al Sacerdocio y Alma de Cristo.

The St. Francis Blanket Ministry wants you!

Are you interested in learning a new craft and sharing your time and talent with our parish? The Healing Blanket Ministry makes beautiful blankets for people in need of healing or comfort. We'll be offering introductory crochet lessons on Thursday, June 26 from 1:00-3:00pm. in the parish hall. You'll learn the skills to enable you to help create our blankets, and you'll have fun! Supplies will be provided. For more information, contact Julie Cromwell (jrcromwell114@gmail.com) or Carol Coughlin (doxiedog58@gmail.com.)



We are excited to announce that our beloved tradition of **Wine and Nibbles** will kick-off **Saturday, June 14**, following the **5pm mass**. This time of fellowship will continue every Saturday evening through the conclusion of the **last Saturday mass in September**.

Your help is greatly needed this year! If you or someone you know is interested in hosting one of these Saturday evening gatherings, please reach out to **Nini Buhler at <u>kbuhler1@verizon.net</u>**

We also warmly welcome other ministry teams to join as hosts. This short-term commitment is a fantastic opportunity to meet new parishioners, reconnect with old friends, and strengthen our community in a joyful setting. Thank you for considering this meaningful way to contribute to our parish life!





Toiletries Collection



As vacation time begins, please remember our Toiletries' Collection for the Homeless. If you happen to stay in a hotel or resort that still provides shampoo, conditioner, lotion, etc. as amenities in your room, and if you don't use them, please bring them home to St. Francis and deposit them in the basket located on the hearth in front of the Gathering Area fireplace.

These are given to St. Vincent de Paul in Reno to distribute to the homeless.



Thank you and may the Good Lord bless your generosity.

In preparation for the upcoming parish Synod on Saturday, September 27, many of you assisted the pastoral council by providing your feedback on the emergent needs and opportunities here at St Francis. The pastoral council has incorporated your feedback into prayerful discernment, reflection, and dialogue over the past two months.

We're happy to announce that our parish Synod will center on the topics of unity and formation, which people seemed most

interested in. The pastoral council expects that the precise theme for the Synod will crystallize over the next month, with an announcement to follow.



Save the Date!!!

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Community Presented by the Knights of Columbus

14th Annual Golf & Giggle Fun-Raiser Tournament Monday September 15th, 2025

Information and signups Will begin in June





Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA), with the Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation (TTCF) and several community-based organizations have launched a regional housing survey as part of an updated assessment of housing needs.

We encourage your participation. The survey is in English and Spanish for anyone who lives and/or works in the region. Please stop by the table in the gathering area to complete a survey.

La Agencia de Planificación Regional de Tahoe (TRPA), junto con la Fundación Comunitaria de Tahoe Truckee (TTCF) y varias organizaciones comunitarias, han lanzado una encuesta regional sobre vivienda como parte de una evaluación actualizada de las necesidades de vivienda.

Le animamos a participar. La encuesta está disponible en inglés y español para quienes viven o trabajan en la región. Por favor, acérquese a la mesa en el área de reunión para completarla.



Religious Education and Confirmation Information Nights for Parents

Please join us for ONE of these meetings if you want to learn more about Religious Education and Confirmation programs, which will start in September 7. Sessions will break out into an English and a Spanish group.

You only need to attend one of the meetings which begin at 7:00 pm: Wednesday, July 9th, Wednesday, July 23rd, or Tuesday, August 5th Please bring your child's baptismal certificate and \$90! NO CHILDREN PLEASE.

EVERYONE HAS TO RE-REGISTER!!!



Noches de Educación Religiosa y Confirmación Informativas para Padres

Acompáñenos a UNA de estas reuniones si desea obtener más información sobre los programas de Educación Religiosa y Confirmación, que comienzan el 7 de Septiembre. Las sesiones se dividirán en dos grupos: uno en inglés y otro en español.

Solo necesita asistir a una de las reuniones que comienzan a las 7:00 pm:
Miércoles 9 de Julio, Miércoles 23 de Julio o Martes 5 de Agosto.
¡Por favor, traiga el certificado de bautismo de su hijo/a y \$90! NO NIÑOS PORFAVOR.

TODOS TIENE QUE VOLVER A REGISTRARSE DE NUEVO!!!

Help Make a Difference

St Francis of Assisi Women's Ministry has a wonderful opportunity to assist those less fortunate in the Reno area. We ask every woman in our parish to please consider this opportunity to help those less fortunate.

We are partnering with Catholic Charities to distribute food at their Farmer's Market, every 3rd Friday of the month from June - September, from 12 -3 pm.

If interested in participating, please sign up for a date(s) as follows:

June 20, July 18, August 15, September 19

To sign up or get more information, please contact Renee Lagorio-French or text Renee at 1-925-381-9537





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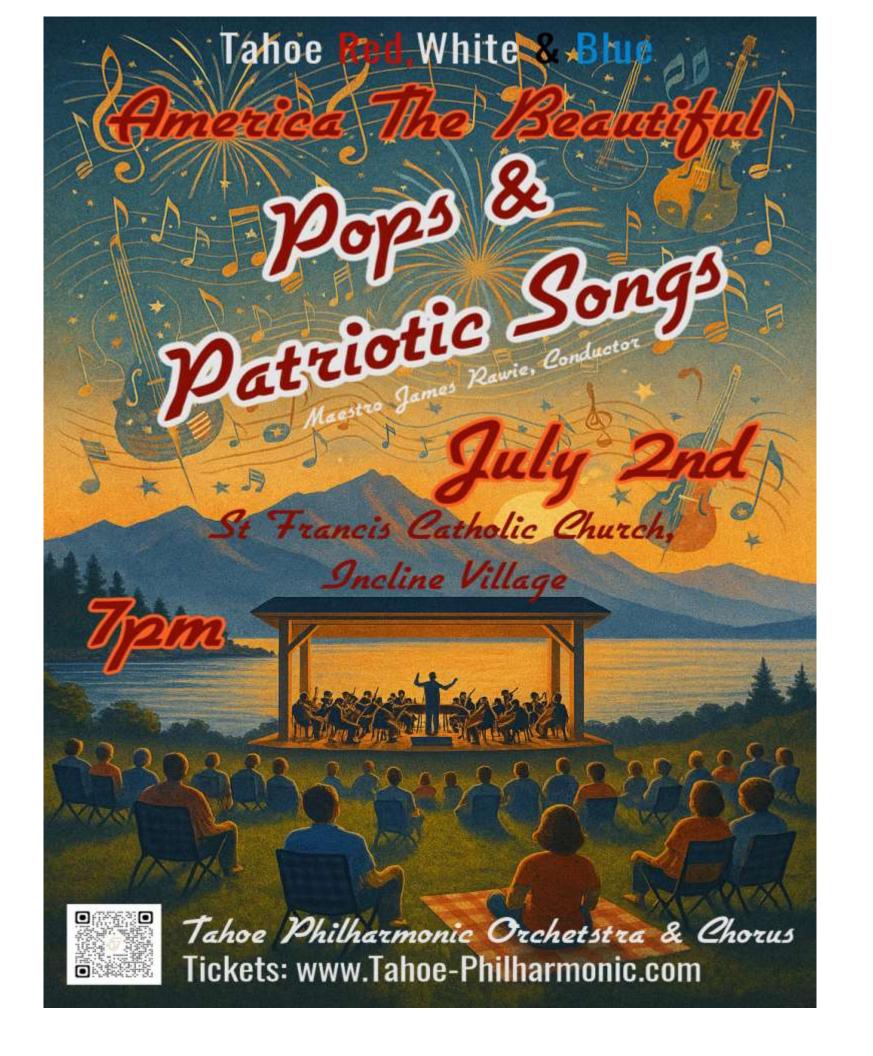
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Bishop Mueggenborg's Gospel Reflection The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ June 22, 2025

Our scripture passage comes from the Gospel of Luke 9:11b–17. It is the story of Jesus feeding the five thousand people. On the surface this passage seems to be just a miracle about the multiplication of loaves and fishes. However, it is really much more than that. This passage is a profound insight into the early Church's experience and understanding of the Eucharist. Notice how Jesus first teaches the crowd about the Kingdom of God and then feeds them. This progression is the movement from the Liturgy of the Word to the Liturgy of the Eucharist. These insights have implications for us as disciples and offer various points for our reflection so that we can enter more deeply into a sacred encounter with Jesus in every Mass.

One of the first points to note is the contrast between how Jesus responds to the crowd and how the disciples respond to them. Jesus welcomes the crowd, teaches them, and cares for their needs. He cures them. The disciples, on the other hand, wanted to send the crowd away and let them care for themselves. Our Lord corrects the disciples' errant desire and cares for the crowds Himself. This is one of the first lessons of this passage and invites us to reflect on how we respond to those in need around us.

Jesus saw people in need as an opportunity for ministry. The disciples saw people in need as a burden on their time and resources. As a result, the disciples wanted to avoid and dismiss the crowd. The Acts of the Apostles teaches us that charitable outreach for those in need was a distinguishing quality of the early Church (see the relief efforts in Acts 4:32–37, 6:1–6, and 11:27–30). The first lesson of this passage, then, is that disciples should welcome those who come to them, regardless of their need, and not turn them away. For the Church to reflect the hospitality of Jesus, we must learn to see the needs of others as an opportunity for ministry rather than a burden to be avoided or dismissed.

The disciples reveal the source of their errant thinking when they speak the reason for their desire to dismiss the crowds. They say, "Five loaves and two fish are all we have, unless we ourselves go and buy food for all these people" (see Lk 9:13). The disciples mistakenly think that what they need is an abundance of money and resources in order to be successful in the ministry of the Gospel. However, what they really need is the faith to rely on the authority and power of Jesus to work through them. As a sign to convince the twelve disciples to trust in God's power, the Gospel tells us they picked up twelve baskets of fragments —one abundant basket for each disciple.

The message of this teaching is clear: disciples may be instruments of God but we are not the source of God's blessings. The ministry of the Church depends primarily on God and not on the resources we muster from ourselves. When disciples understand themselves as instruments rather than the source of all good gifts, then disciples will become more generous toward others and more reliant on God's providential grace. It is tempting to think that the success of our ministry efforts today depends on having the right building, the best decorations and so forth but that is not really the case. The success of the Church's ministry depends on God. It always has and it always will.

What God can do through us is infinitely greater than what we can do by ourselves. This teaching is especially true when it comes to the Eucharist. We do not make the Eucharist; the Eucharist is the gift of God that makes us! While we strive to offer the Lord the best of our first fruits, the quality of our gift never determines the quality of God's gift. We are only the dispensers of God's grace but not its origin. If we trust in our own resources and our own ability to minister to the needs of our world, then we will succumb to the fear of insufficiency. It is only when we learn to trust in the power of God working through us that we can courageously and generously respond to the overwhelming needs of the world around us.

The disciples were reluctant to feed the crowd because of their limited resources. Their response shows us how fear can be an obstacle for discipleship. What other fears can prevent disciples from being courageous instruments of God's work in the world today?



Are Catholics Christian?

This is a great question to ask on Trinity Sunday because the answer has to do with the central belief of Christianity: the Trinity. Michael Gormley explains the answer to this question in this adapted transcript from one of his Ascension Presents videos.

The answer is yes, Catholics are Christians. But what does it mean to be a Christian? That's an interesting question. A lot of confusion comes in when you talk to people whose denominations don't have a liturgical tradition. For example, if you take charismatics or Pentecostals into a Catholic Church with the smells, bells, robes, statues, and all the rest, the Liturgy often puts people off. They might say, "This doesn't seem Christian; it seems like witchcraft." But if you take a

The Trinity is uniquely Christian, and Jesus is no "one-calorie cola." Jesus is God, the real "thing." Lutheran, a Presbyterian, or an Anglican into the Catholic Mass, they're more likely to say, "Yeah, what's the big deal? It's liturgy."

So, what do we mean by "Christian"? First, people who call themselves Christian must believe in the Trinity. Jesus Christ—when he came in the fullness of time, "born of woman, born under the law" (Galatians 4:4)—says he revealed to us that he is the Son, and thus, he

revealed to us the Father. He promised us the Spirit of the Father and the Holy Spirit, which will reveal all things to us. The Trinity is uniquely Christian. Jesus fulfilled the Jewish monotheism but revealed the deeper hidden truth of the very nature of God as three Persons in one God. So all Christians have to believe in the Trinity.

Second, Christians must believe that the Word of God, the Second Person of the Trinity—God the Son—became flesh, took on a full human nature, and united it to his one Divine Personhood. He is fully human and fully divine. These are the basics of the Nicene Creed and the Apostles' Creed. We pray these prayers that Jesus is "God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God." You cannot be a Christian if you do not believe that Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God who, at one point in time, took onto himself a full human nature. Some religions say Jesus is not God, but in Scripture, he tells us he is God, and we Christians—we Catholics—believe him. He is no "one-calorie cola." Jesus is God, the real "thing."

We acknowledge not only that God, in his innermost mystery, is not alone; he's a communion of Persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, but also, the Second Person of the Trinity, the Son, entered into the human story. These are the things that true Christians believe.

Ponder and Pray

- How do I understand God as a Trinity?
- How do I see myself as a Catholic in relation to Christians in other denominations?
- What questions about my Catholic faith do I want to research further?



Make It Your Own

To help you answer the last question in "Ponder and Pray," make a list of questions that you have about your Catholic faith and use the Catechism of the Catholic Church (or the library of videos and articles at ascensionpress.com) to do further research and find answers.

Dive Deeper

To watch the full video about the Trinity, scan the code



Or visit the URL: <u>Are Catholics Christian?</u>
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