

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
4/23/06

Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8
 Tuesday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Mk 16:15-20
 Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21
 Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36
 Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15
 Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21
 Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4; 1Jn 2:1-5a;
 Lk 24:35-48

OF ONE HEART AND MIND

Reading about the faith of the early Christian believers can be a real inspiration to those of us who have been Christians for a long time, as well as for those who are newly baptized. Can you imagine people if this world being “of one heart and mind” as was the first community of believers? Today’s first letter of John seems to hold the key to how this can be accomplished. Keeping God’s commandments and loving all of God’s children seems to be the start of being “of one heart and mind.” We live in a world that stresses differences—differences among religions, among races, between genders, and among economic classes. Today we are summoned to focus on what we all share in common on this fragile planet of ours.

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — The community of believers was of one heart and mind (Acts 4:32-35).
Psalm — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).
Second Reading Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God (1 John 5:1-6).
Gospel — The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and Spirit. (John 20:19-31).

A Wee Story:

A young Irish girl was telling her parents all about her first confession and the penance she received. “I got two Hail Mary’s,” she said, “But I didn’t know the second one, so I said the first one twice.”



Mass Intentions for the Week
April 24, 2006– April 30, 2006

St. Teresa of Avila

Mon.	04/24	8:30am	+	Harry Blank
Tues.	04/25	8:30am	+	Louis Brazil
Wed.	04/26	8:30am		Parishioners
Thurs.	04/27	8:30am		Parishioners
Fri.	04/28	8:30am	+	William Maiold
Sat..	04/29	5:30pm	+	Alfred Kleinbach
Sun.	04/30	8:30am	+	Grace Wallgren
Sun.	04/30	11:00am		All Parishioners

NEW MASS SCHEDULE

Our new Mass times beginning May 6, 2006 will be Saturday vigil at 5:00pm, Sunday 8:30 & 11:00am and 5:00pm.

The Sunday, 5:00pm Mass will cater especially for high school, college age young adults and people returning after spending weekends away.

We will be sending out mailings soon asking you to re-register either at St. Joseph’s or St. Teresa.

LAY FORMATION WORKSHOP

Saturday, April 29, 2006, 9:30am to 3:00pm in the large conference room at St. Joseph Church, there will be a workshop on Christology, presented by Joe Hollcraft. Christology is about Christian Theology that studies and defines who Jesus Christ was and is. The fee is \$20.00 per person. Please bring a bag lunch. For more information, call Joe Offer at 530-878-8419.

Future dates and topics are:

- May 13, 2006 Ecclesiology
- June 17, 2006 Church History
- July 15, 2006 Contemporary Moral Issues



Easter Sunday, April 2006 \$22,015.00

THE RESURRECTION AND THE GOOD NEWS

Where would I be, what kind of person would I be if Jesus had not risen from the dead? I think most of us would be selfish people and without great purpose.

The Resurrection of Christ transformed death into new life. St. Peter's life was transformed from one of fear into great courage, hope and conviction. The graces of Easter are transforming and we too are asked to witness to the good news. Let us throw aside also the cloak of timidity and put on the cloak of hope and discipline.

St. Peter in his Epistle (1 Peter 3:15) tells us "Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope, but do it with gentleness and reverence." We are all called to evangelize and we can do this in simple ways in our everyday lives.

Everyday Evangelizing:

- * Say "I will pray for you" to a co-worker who has shared some personal concern or difficulty.
- * Respond "Thank God" when someone shares a success story with you.
- * Make the sign of the cross as you pray before a meal in a restaurant.
- * Display a religious article in your office or home.
- * Ask someone you have hurt for forgiveness.
- * Invite someone who has been away from the Church for a while to attend Mass with you.
- * Marriages and baptisms are wonderful opportunities for evangelizing. Make sure you make those in attendance who are non-Catholic feel comfortable by explaining the ritual ahead of time.
- * Talk to friends and co-workers about the good experiences you have had with the Church.
- * Take time in our life for those who are suffering or in need. Remember, people are more important than tasks.
- * When you see God working in your life, point it out to others. We are enriched by the personal witness of others.
- * Introduce yourself to new comers in the neighborhood and ask if they will be looking for a Church to attend. If they are Catholics, offer to accompany them to their first Mass at our parish.
- * Warmly greet others at Mass whom you do not know. Sometimes members of our community fall away from the Church because they feel alienated from others in the congregation.

God Bless,
Fr. Mike
(More to come next Sunday)

Workshop: Ministry of the Church:

All Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Choir Members or anyone who is interested in the ministries of our Church, there will be a meeting with Jackson Schoos, Director of Worship with the Diocese of Sacramento on Saturday, May 13, 2006, 10:00am to 12:00pm at St. Teresa of Avila Church.

All current ministers need to attend. Anyone interested in becoming a minister, are welcome to join us.

MID-LIFE DIRECTION WORKSHOP

Mid-Life workshop is an opportunity to tap into the richness of our own experiences. We will reflect on our life journeys, what has been—our past, what is—our present and possibilities for the future.

These workshops are best for individuals from 35—65 years of age. This is a five week course and are scheduled as follows:

May 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st. They will be held in the parish school library from 7:00 to 9:00pm with Sr. Mercedes Braga, SHF. Cost is \$15.00 for the book and \$25.00 for the retreat.

To register, please call Terese at (916) 663-3012.

Christian Family Movement

Are you aware that there is a family group here at our Parish? We have started a chapter of The Christian Family Movement (CFM) at our Parish to bring together a network of families. CFM affirms Catholic families by providing discussion, guidance, and support for today's busy family.

The fellowship CFM fosters helps families to feel a sense of community when they attend church. We are looking to expand upon the fellowship, faith, and fun this ministry has brought to over 25 Parish families.

If you would like to learn more, call Robin & Steve Matthews at (530) 885-8968.

Bible Study: The Bible study classes that were originally scheduled for the large conference room on Monday mornings has moved to the Chapel at St. Teresa of Avila Church. Again, they are held on Monday mornings from 9:30 to 11:00am.

Second Sunday of Easter

St. Teresa of Avila Parish proudly presents:

2006 Vacation Bible School

TREASURE COVE

This is where sand tickles your toes and balmy breezes blow! C'mon, let's discover the riches of God's grace in Jesus!

June 26th to June 30th

8:45am to 12:30pm Parish hall
for Children Entering Kindergarten to 5th Grade

Join our great treasure hunt! Every day kids go on a treasure hunt, digging into Scripture, which reveals the greatest treasure of all—Jesus Christ. Your tropical adventure begins at Find-the-Treasure Opening where kids sing, pray, and start the day. They meet Chester the Treasure Chest, hear about his lost gems, and agree to help find them. Here kids also meet their Search Parties and their Treasure Seekers who lead their group rotating to six fun activity sites. At each site they collect a clue to find the treasure. Finally, everyone gathers at Claim-Your-Treasure Closing to sing, pray, explore a mission project, unscramble clues, and find the treasure. As kids dig into every Treasure Cove site, they discover Jesus!



**Week At A Glance
April 23—April 28, 2006**

SUN 4/23			
MON 4/24			
TUES 4/25			
WED 4/26	6:00pm	Bingo	H
THUR 4/27	6:30pm	Bingo Meeting	FP
FRI 4/28	7:00pm	Bear Night	H/FP
SAT. 4/29			

Location Abbreviations

H	Parish Hall
FP	Fireplace Room
St. T.	St. Teresa
DC	Day Care Room
YR	Youth Room



Welcome to our Parish

We welcome you with our hands and hearts in Christian fellowship. If you are not registered with our parish please complete the following and return to the parish office or in the collection basket.

St. Teresa of Avila Parish Registration

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Spouse: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____ Phone #: _____