

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
4/30/06

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29
 Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a; Jn 6:30-35
 Wednesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14
 Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51
 Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59
 Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69
 Sunday: Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118; 1Jn 3:1-2;
 Jn 10:11-18

SAVORING THE EXPERIENCE

One of the wonderful things about vacations is the time we spend two or three weeks afterward savoring the experience, sharing vacation photos and memories with our family and friends. This kind of reflection puts us back in touch with the original experience and reminds us of the relaxation and wonder the vacation afforded us. Today, on the Third Sunday of Easter, the Church blesses us with reminders of what we celebrated two Sundays ago. All three readings are reflections on the meaning of the death and resurrection of Christ. One of the threads running through these reflections is that the purpose of the Lord's suffering, death, and resurrection was to save us, to forgive our sins. We are given fifty days to ponder this reality—fifty days to savor the experience of Christ's dying and rising for us.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The God of our fathers has glorified his servant Jesus (Acts 3:13-15, 17-19).
Psalm — Lord, let your face shine on us (Psalm 4).
Second Reading—The way we may be sure that we know Jesus is to keep his commandments.
Gospel — Jesus stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you" (Luke 24:35-48).

A Wee Giggle:

For God so loved the world that he did not send a committee.



Mass Intentions for the Week
May 1, 2006– May 7, 2006

St. Teresa of Avila

Mon.	05/01	8:30am	+	Teresa Storm
Tues.	05/02	8:30am	+	Mr. & Mrs. Malone
Wed.	05/03	8:30am		Parishioners
Thurs.	05/04	8:30am	+	Julie Dawley
Fri.	05/05	8:30am		Billie Austin
Sat.	05/06	5:00pm	+	Robert Eakin
Sun.	05/06	8:30am	+	Marilyn Hendry
Sun.	05/07	11:00am	+	Kathleen Begley

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. (Our daily Masses are Monday—Saturday, 8:30am).**

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

All parishioners will be receiving a special mailing from both St. Teresa of Avila and St Joseph Parishes asking you to re-register in the parish of your choice within the week. We understand that this will be a difficult decision for some, so we ask you to please take your time and prayerfully make your choice.

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.

Weekly Collections

4th Sunday of April 2006 \$8,260.74

SHARING YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH, PART II

Discipleship:

“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. (1 Peter 3:15)

Everyday Evangelizing:

- * Pray with your family on a daily basis. Establish family prayer rituals, but keep them short as children may not have the ability to attend to prayers for long periods. Short prayers of the heart have been urged by the saints throughout the centuries.
- * Share a smile and a personal greeting with a stranger. Try to see Christ in everyone you encounter each day.
- * Have a Mass said for a person in need and send them the Mass card.
- * Pray a rosary for evangelization in the world. Offer it up for the conversion of all who are far from the Lord.
- * Share an answered prayer with a friend, co-worker or family member. Remember to give thanks for what you have received.
- * Evangelize your children by sharing a Bible story with them before bedtime.
- * Serve your parish as a Eucharistic minister, lector, choir member, etc.
- * Allow your faith to carry over into your work by insisting on fair prices, good products and fair treatment for customers and employees alike.
- * Wear a cross on a chain or other religious article to work. You may be surprised how many times this will start a conversation about your faith.
- * Share your personal faith story of how God has worked in your life with a friend, co-worker or family member.
- * Visit fallen away Catholics and invite them “home”. Never pressure them, but listen to their concerns and respond with loving concern. Pray for those who choose not to return.
- * Make the sign of the cross when asked to pray at public events.

God Bless,
Fr. Mike

Prayer for Evangelization

Loving god, you called us each by name and gave your only Son to redeem us. In your faithfulness, you sent the Holy Spirit to complete the mission of Jesus among us. Open our hearts to Jesus. Give us the courage to speak His name to those who are close to us and the generosity to share His love with those who are far away. We pray that every person throughout the world be invited to know His all-surpassing love. May that love transform every element of our society.

NEW PARISH OFFICES

St. Teresa of Avila parish offices will be opening this week. We are located in the parish hall (formerly where the youth room and music rooms were).

Our new phone number is: (530) 889-2254 with our FAX number as: (530) 328-1772.

Please stop by and say hello!

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.

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 30—May 5, 2006**

SUN			
4/30			
MON			
05/01			
TUES	9:00am	Catholic Ministry of Mothers	FP
05/02	5:00pm	ICF Mother's Day Potluck	H
WED	6:00pm	Bingo	H
05/03	7:00pm	Choir Practice	ST.T.
THUR	7:30pm	KC's 1st Degree	H
05/03			
FRI	7:00pm	Choir Concert	ST.T.
05/04			
SAT.	9:00am	1st Communion Retreat	H
05/05			

Location Abbreviations

H	Parish Hall
FP	Fireplace Room
St. T.	St. Teresa
DC	Day Care Room
C	Chapel

Parents Right To Know and Child Protection Initiative

This initiative which has the support of the California Conference of Catholic Bishops, will require a doctor to notify a minor's parent or legal guardian 48 hours before performing an abortion on her. Please sign or take a petition to get this initiative on the November 2006 ballot. Petitions will be available after Mass this weekend.

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 #: _____