



PRAYER AND OUR COUNTRY

I love it at the weekday Masses when parents request a prayer for their children on their birthdays. Let all of us offer a special prayer for the United States on her birthday, the fourth of July. She has many needs and she has a special mission to all of mankind.

When I was a teacher at Christian Brothers High School, we began our classes with the following prayer, "Let us remember that we are in the Holy Presence of God." St. Teresa said "prayer is the raising of the mind and heart to God". Prayer is not something we should be afraid of, it is the language of love. Our God is a personal loving God and prayer helps us to spend time deepening that relationship. We make great efforts to spend time with those we love, hence the need to take time for prayer. When we feel loved there is so much more we can do for the world, we are energized. In any loving relationship as the relationship deepens we also listen more.

When we enter the company of those we love, there is first the greeting, the hug or kiss, the small talk and then the joy of being in the presence of those we love. Whatever prayers we start with, the goal of prayer should be to make us aware of the presence of our God who loves us. The Mass is our greatest prayer, it is being in the Holy Presence of God for one hour on Sunday. It is also a great way to start the other days of the week. Just making the sign of the cross enables us to acknowledge the presence of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and to enjoy God's loving presence.

I would like to share two prayers that have helped me lately. One I am paraphrasing from Fr. Michael, the Franciscan priest who died ministering to the victims of September 11th. The second is by John Henry Newman.

"Show me where you want me to be
Let me be there for those who cross my path,
And then let me get out of your way".

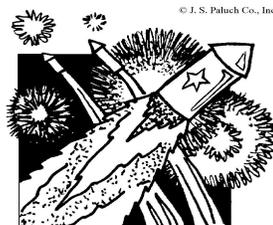
"God has committed some work to me
Which He has not committed to another
I have a mission—
I may never know it in this life,
But I shall in the next-

Therefore I will trust Him
He does nothing in vain
He may prolong my life,
He may shorten it;
He knows what he is about,
O my God, I will put myself
Without reserve into your hands.

God has also committed special work and a special mission to the United States. Let us pray for her.

God Bless,
Happy Fourth of July

Fr. Mike



**ST. JOSEPH PARISH
SCHOOL
Employment
Opportunity**



St. Joseph School is looking for a part-time Music teacher and a part-time Spanish teacher. If any of our parishioners are interested in either of these positions or if you know of anyone who is qualified and might be interested, please contact Jonathan Molnar, Principal at 885-4490 ext. 11.

If you are interested in registering your child in our parish school, we have openings in all grades. Again, please call Jonathan Molnar, Principal, at 885-4490 ext. 11.

The Bereavement Support Group for St. Teresa of Avila Parish will be meeting Saturday, July 8th and 22nd from 10:00am to 12:00pm in the fireplace room at the parish hall. The group will provide comfort and support to those suffering the loss of a loved one. If you would like to attend or have any questions regarding this peer group, please call Barbara Freuler at 889-2254 ext. 10.

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND
HOMEBOUND
News Release**

Welcome aboard reading volunteers John Finnigan and Joe Regacho who will be sharing time with seniors at local convalescent homes.

Getting involved, giving of your time! That is what the Patriotic sing along is all about. Let me share a story of awareness. In December during the Christmas season, the ministry asked for volunteers to go out Christmas caroling. The response was overwhelming from parishioners eager to spread holiday cheer through song. At the local convalescent homes we were told of how volunteers come during the Christmas season but not during the other holidays throughout the year. In calling around we had such excited response to the patriotic sing along from the directors of the convalescent homes—we are going back out! If you are interested and would like to know how to get involved, please call Barbara Freuler at 889-2254 ext. 10.

The following Alter Servers are scheduled for next weekend July 8th & 9th.



5:00pm Saturday Vigil: Makenna Gaffney
Nathan Jacques
Rebecca Volek

8:30am: Chris Eggert
Erin Ellner
Paul Molnar

11:00am Rachael Wiebelhaus
Marianna Gorceac
Luke Barrett

Please remember, if you are unable to serve, call a substitute.

Week At A Glance	
July 2, 2006—July 8, 2006	
TUES. 07/04	INDEPENDENCE DAY
SAT. 07/09	Bereavement Support Group Fireplace Room

INTERESTED IN BECOMING AN ALTAR SERVER?

Our ministry is looking for the youth of our Parish to serve their community as Altar Servers. Parents are encouraged to discuss this ministry with their children in order that they may make an informed decision about becoming an Altar Server. You must be in the fourth grade or older to serve. If you are interested in serving please contact Vince Anaclerio by July 14, 2006 at (916) 663-2514 or e-mail me at vince_anaclerio@yahoo.com.



JULY 4TH INDEPENDENCE DAY

The parish office will be closed beginning Monday, July 3rd at 12:00pm through Tuesday, July 4, 2006 in observance of Independence day.

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

Census Form

Family Information

Family Last Name _____

Street Address _____

Home Phone _____
(Please note if unlisted)

City and Zip code _____



Family Members

1.	_____	_____	_____	_____
	Last Name	First	Date of Birth	Relationship (spouse, son, daughter, grandparent, etc.)
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____
	Last Name	First	Date of Birth	Relationship (spouse, son, daughter, grandparent, etc.)
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____
	Last Name	First	Date of Birth	Relationship (spouse, son, daughter, grandparent, etc.)
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____
	Last Name	First	Date of Birth	Relationship (spouse, son, daughter, grandparent, etc.)
5.	_____	_____	_____	_____
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