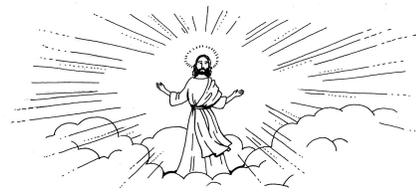


Daily Mass Intentions

November 27, 2006– December 3, 2006



- Monday, Nov. 27:** **8:30am Mass**
 Palmenta Family
- Tuesday, Nov. 28:** **8:30am Mass**
 + Brenda Scott
- Wednesday, Nov. 29:** **8:30am Mass**
 + Marge Laney
- Thursday, Nov. 30:** **8:30am Mass**
 + Kay Laney
- Friday, Dec. 1:** **8:30am Mass**
 + Rodney Silva
- Saturday, Dec. 2:** **8:30am Mass**
 The Sick & Homebound
- Saturday, Dec. 2:** **5:00pm Mass**
 + Kathy Begley
- Sunday, Dec. 3:** **8:30am Mass**
 All Parishioners
- Sunday, Dec. 3:** **11:00am Mass**
 + Manuel Catrina
- Sunday, Dec. 3:** **5:00pm Mass**
 + Diane Shadd



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**Our Lord Jesus Christ the King
November 26, 2006**

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness,
the firstborn of the dead
and ruler of the kings of the earth.
— Revelation 1:5

READINGS FOR THE WEEK



- Monday:** Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5;
 Lk 21:1-4
- Tuesday:** Rv 14:14-19; Lk 21:5-11
- Wednesday:** Rv 15:1-4; Lk 21:12-19
- Thursday:** Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22
- Friday:** Rv 20:1-4, 11 — 21:2; Lk 21:29-33
- Saturday:** Rv 22:1-7; Lk 21:34-36
- Sunday:** Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25; 1
 Thes 3:12 — 4:2;
 Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

TRUE STEWARDSHIP

The gospel message proclaimed throughout the New Testament invites us to live in harmony with the world. This is a challenge to care for the world and be stewards of all that God has given us. Like generations before us, we are entrusted with the care of the earth so that generations to follow may enjoy the same gifts. Sometimes, however, we are absorbed into the ways of the world. When we are of the world, we rely heavily on the power of wealth, beauty, fame, and accumulation of material possessions. We want earthly possessions and carelessly turn our hearts from the responsibilities of stewardship and conservation.

The readings today challenge us to walk away from the world so that we might inherit our share of God's kingdom. How we live our lives directly reflects our love for God.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — One like a Son of man received dominion, glory, and kingship (Daniel 7:13-14).
Psalm — The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty (Psalm 93).
Second Reading — Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead (Revelation 1:5-8).
Gospel — For this I came into the world, to testify to the truth (John 18:33b-37).



A TIME FOR GIVING

**4th week of November 2006:
\$8,038.90**

Thank you for your Support

(Our goal is \$12,000 weekly)

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, December 8, 2006 is a Holy Day of Obligation. Our Mass schedule for this day is:

Thursday, December 7 (Vigil): 6:00pm
Friday, December 8: 8:30am & 7:00pm



CHRIST THE KING

In ancient times as families grew they became tribes, clans, kingdoms, nations and empires. The role of the leader was very important. He or she had places of honor, a territory, all the external trappings of power, richly dressed and an army awaiting their command. They protected their people, gave moral leadership and they were the rallying point around which their people gathered.

Christ came amongst us and made us whole. He called us to be a people committed to the Kingdom of God. But the only territory that He was concerned about was the human heart. Jesus used only one weapon—the Truth. I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Jn. 14:6. “I came into the world for this, to bear witness to the Truth.” Jn. 18:37. The Word became Flesh, He lived among us, and we saw His glory, the glory that is His as the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth’. Jn. 1:14.

Jesus came to reveal the truth about God the Father, loving and merciful; the truth of our brotherhood and sisterhood in the world; the truth which like a sword cuts through all vain glory, injustice and falsehood; the truth which sets people free; the truth that God loves us.

Jesus did not want any personal glory, He gave the glory to the Father. Jesus did not lord it over people, His life was one of service. He did not want the acquisition of territory but the establishment in the hearts of His listeners of a way of life committed to the Truth. Sometimes truth is a scarce commodity. Over these last years perjury is virtually taken for granted as a means to an end. Marketing and advertising are guided by success rather than the truth. Expediency and not truth are sometimes the policies of governments and companies.

Jesus is King in the hearts of His followers when they are committed to the Truth. In God’s light our games are shown up, our behavior is exposed. We are exhorted to be true to self, true to others and true to God. Truth is the backbone of the Kingdom of God. The ideal of Christ’s message on Truth was well expressed by Shakespeare.

“To thine own self be true
And it must follow as night the day,
Thou canst not then be false to any man”

Christ came to bear witness to the truth. This feast day of Christ the King we pray that we may give better witness to the truth.

**God Bless,
Fr. Mike**

Giggles:

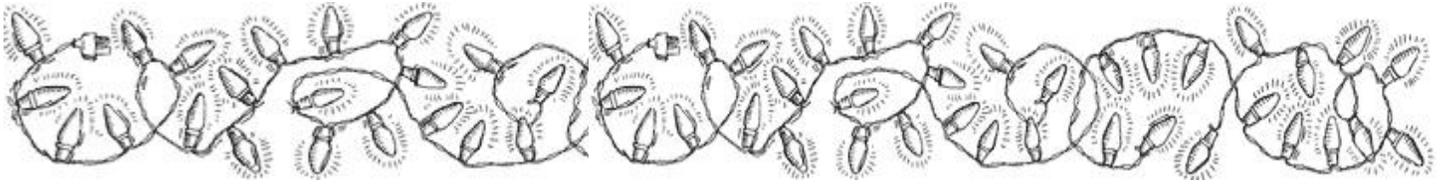
A Nun asked her class “Who was Jesus’ Mother?” Johnny answered “Mary”. The Nun then asked “Who was Jesus’ Father”? Johnny was the first to have his hand raised and he answered “Virg”. The Nun asked “How did you come up with Virg”? Johnny answered “Sister, you are always saying Virg-in-Mary”.

Employment Opportunity:
Part-time Bus Driver is needed to transport Auburn area students to Jesuit and Loretto High Schools. We will train if needed. For more information please visit our website at www.placerbusgroup.com or call (530) 820-4704.

CALENDARS:



The 2007 calendars are here!! They are located in the back of the Church, we encourage everyone to take one.



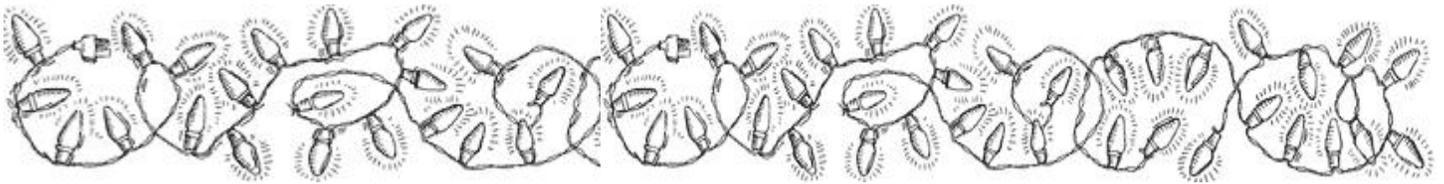
**“ It’s beginning to look a lot like Christmas!
Because its time for:**

**St. Joseph Parish School
Annual Christmas Craft Faire & Boutique**

**Friday, Saturday and Sunday
December 1st, 2nd & 3rd 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

- ✧ Unique hand - crafted items and holiday gifts from over 35 foothill artisans and businesses.
- ✧ Mrs. Claus’ holiday kitchen featuring freshly baked holiday goodies, gourmet coffee drinks, Nancy’s famous chicken salad sandwiches, Sunday breakfast items and much more.
- ✧ Home - made tamales available
- ✧ St. Joseph School sponsored “Recycled” holiday decoration/toy booth, known as Mrs. Claus’ attic.
- ✧ Special edition cookbook containing recipes from our own St. Joseph School families.
- ✧ Beautiful, fresh Christmas wreaths and holly for your holiday decorating.
- ✧ Visit with Santa and take home a special holiday photo.
- ✧ Face painting for the kids
- ✧ Decorated Christmas Tree raffle (sponsored by the K-8th grade students) and a Holiday Baking Basket raffle.

**Fun, Food and Great Shopping!
Come and Visit Santa’s Toyshop!!
Parish Hall
11600 Atwood Road, Auburn**



Conner Coen Fund



In conjunction with the **Parish School Christmas Craft Faire** - there will be a baked goods booth designated for the Conner Coen Fund. We are asking for parishioners to bake goods (bunt cakes, breads, pies, etc.) and bring them to the parish hall the weekend of Dec. 1st. Also, there will be a toy box raffle - new toys can be brought into the school office the week of Nov. 27th. On Sunday, Dec. 3rd there will be a pancake breakfast after the 8:30am Mass - Pancakes, eggs, ham or sausage and orange juice. The cost is \$6.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children 10yrs. and under. All proceeds from the baked goods, raffle, and the pancake breakfast will go to the Conner Coen Fund. Checks can also be made out to the Conner J. Coen Fund & forwarded to the parish or school offices. Conner is one of our parish school students who is seriously ill. We also ask for your prayers for Conner and his family.

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME

Do you know someone who has left the Church or who seldom practices their religion anymore?

Most of us do not have to look very far to find non-practicing Catholics among our circle of family and friends. Most inactive Catholics are searching, but need help to find their way home. Some may have been hurt by the Church or may carry with them a tremendous amount of guilt, shame, or misinformation about the Church. Others may think they are not welcome to return or are afraid of being rejected. Many are hesitant to take that first step but would eagerly respond to an invitation to return. They need to know that the Catholic community misses them and is waiting to welcome them back into our Church family.

As baptized, practicing Catholics, we have been blessed with the precious gift of faith and love from our Father. It is a gift God calls each of us to share with our non-practicing brothers and sisters. Certainly, we should pray for their return. However, as practicing Catholics, we also have an obligation to reach out to them, entreating them to come home to the Catholic Church and to the Catholic community.

Here in the Auburn-Sierra foothill area, St. Teresa of Avila Parish will again host a special program begun four years ago called "**Catholics Returning Home**". This is a program of support to help non-practicing Catholics to return to the faith, regardless of how long they have been away or for whatever reason. If they are at all interested in renewing their relationship with God and the Catholic Church, they will be warmly welcomed. Program sessions will be conducted in a support group format facilitated by Parish laypeople, several who were once non-practicing Catholics themselves and who may have experienced the same problems, concerns and feelings as those invited to attend. They will be there to listen and to help participants take that first step in returning to the Catholic community. There will also be discussions on the Catholic faith today, on the celebration of the Eucharist, and on the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The first of six consecutive Monday evening sessions will begin at 7:00 PM on January 8, 2007 in the Fireplace Room at the Parish Hall on Atwood Road. Please pass this article or information on to anyone who might be interested. For more information, call Jim McKeveitt at (530) 878-7883.

**Week At A Glance
November 27, 2006—December 3, 2006**

MON.	8:30am	Music Class	Fireplace Room
11/27	3:00pm	Basketball	Parish Hall
TUES.	8:30am	Music Class	Fireplace Room
11/28	3:00pm	Basketball	Parish Hall
	7:00pm	JustFaith Committee	Fireplace
WED.	5:30pm	Bingo	Parish Hall
11/29	7:15pm	R.C.I.A. Class	Chapel
FRI.	9:00am	Christmas Faire	Parish Hall
12/01			
SAT.	9:00am	Christmas Faire	Parish Hall
12/02			
SUN.	9:00am	Christmas Faire	Parish Hall
12/03			

GIVING TREE

The Giving Tree as you have noticed is once again in the back of the Church. Please choose a tag from the tree and return **unwrapped** gifts with the tag attached to the Church by Sunday, December 10, 2006.



Religious Education News: We are looking again this year for our parish children/youth to participate in our Christmas re-inactment/play, under the direction of Steve Gold. If you are interested in helping us act out the Christmas story to our parish, please contact Carrie Ivins at 823-7122.

December 3, 2006 is our family Advent Day. This year we will be having our Advent day in your children's classroom. Parents are welcome to join your children for their activities. If any parents have old Christmas cards that we may use for that day, please bring them with you the day of the event or you may drop them off with Carrie at the RE office or the parish office.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

We are asking for Eucharistic Ministers to help serve the following Masses:

- Dec. 7, 6:00pm** Immaculate Conception (Vigil)
- Dec. 8, 7:00pm** Immaculate Conception

Also, we need ministers for our Christmas Masses. Please call Tony & Carrie Ivins at 885-1269 if you can help. As always, please check with the CO-Captain at any Mass you attend to see if your help is needed. Thank you for your service.