

Daily Mass Intentions

January 1, 2007—January 7, 2007



Monday, January 1: 8:30am Mass
Sunny & Tommy Ricks

Tuesday, January 2: 8:30am Mass
+ Henry Oliveria

Wednesday, January 3: 8:30am Mass
+ Ilene Houle

Thursday, January 4: 8:30am Mass
Connor Coen

Friday, January 5: 8:30am Mass
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Saturday, January 6: 8:30am Mass
Our Lady

Saturday, January 6: 5:00pm Mass
+ Kathy Begley

Sunday, January 7: 8:30am Mass
All Parishioners

Sunday, January 7: 11:00am Mass
+ Guadalupe Herrera

Sunday, January 7: 5:00pm
Our Lady



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**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
December 31, 2006**

Beloved, we are God's children now;
what we shall be has not yet been revealed.
— 1 John 3:2a

FAMILY LIFE

Family life is sacred, but it is not without trial. Perhaps this is the most important message we can glean from today's readings. If Jesus, Mary and Joseph can trip up sometimes—can disconnect—then we shouldn't find it surprising when such things happen to us as well. And parents everywhere (children, too) can probably relate to—and take some solace in—the Gospel's account of Mary and Joseph after Jesus explained why he stayed behind in the temple. They heard his words, Luke tells us, "But they did not understand what he said to them" (Luke 2:50). Amen! Nevertheless, Jesus does go back home with them, and continues to thrive under their care.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Jn 1:29-34
 Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42
 Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51
 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38
 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]
 Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Hannah conceived, and at the end of her term bore a son whom she called Samuel (1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28) or *Sirach* 3:2-7, 12-14.
Psalm — Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord (Psalm 84) or *Psalm* 128.
Second Reading — See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God (1 John 3:1-2, 21-24) or *Colossians* 3:12-21 [12-17].
Gospel — The boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. They found him in the temple, in the midst of the teachers (Luke 2:41-52).

**4th Week of December 2006
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PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 1, 2007 and Tuesday, January 2, 2007 for the New Year Holiday. We will re-open on Wednesday, January 3, 2007.

The parish staff wishes everyone a safe and wonderful new year.



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NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

For many, many years I have been making New Year's resolutions. I usually make one or two to have fun with my friends. Most, I discard quickly and some I make every year. My every year resolution is to get in better shape physically. Last year I got back to walking. A good exercise program helps the spiritual life because it makes us sharper and more alert. This past year I promised to play more golf. Alas, from Easter I have played about ten times. I heard Fr. Ned O'Hara say at this brother's funeral, "I do not so much play golf for my sake, as for your sake (parishioners). If I do not have that break I am hard to deal with." My New Year's resolution is to relax more and play golf weekly. If you cannot think of a practical resolution, what about the old Golden Rules for Living:

If you open it, close it.
 If you turn it on, turn it off.
 If you unlock it, lock it up.
 If you break it, admit it.
 If you can't fix it, call in someone who can.
 If you borrow it, return it.
 If you value it, take care of it.
 If you make a mess, clean it up.
 If you move it, put it back.
 If it belongs to someone else and you want to use it,
 Get permission.
 If you don't know how to operate it, leave it alone.
 If it's none of your business, don't ask questions.
 If it ain't broke, don't fix it.
 If it will brighten someone's day, say it.
 If it will tarnish someone's reputation, keep it to yourself.

Happy New Year and God Bless,
Fr. Mike

(Next week I will be writing on Christmas!)

Giggles: *Murphy had been waiting hours for his order in Muldoon's restaurant. Eventually Muldoon came over and said, "Your fish will be coming in a few minutes." Murphy said, "Tell me, what bait are you using!"*

Thought's for the New Year

We do not stop playing because we are old, we grow old because we stop playing.

If you're feeling good, don't worry. You'll get over it.

Smart people speak from experience, but smarter people, from experience, don't speak.

Week At A Glance
January 1, 2007—January 7, 2007

MON. HAPPY NEW YEAR			
01/01			
TUES.	3:00pm	Basketball	Parish Hall
01/02	7:00pm	JustFaith Committee	Fireplace Room
WED.	9:30am	Catholic Ministry of Mothers	Parish Hall
01/03	5:30pm	Bingo	Parish Hall
	7:15pm	RCIA	Chapel
THUR.	1:00pm	Geography Bee	Parish Hall
01/04	3:00pm	Basketball Practice	Parish Hall
	7:30pm	KC's 1st Degree	Fireplace Room
FRI.	3:00pm	Basketball	Parish Hall
01/05			
SUN.	8:30am	KC's Corporate Comm	St. Teresa
01/06			

OUR FATHER'S LOVE

Remember the parable of the prodigal son? After squandering his inheritance on worldly pleasures in a foreign land, a young man was destitute and suffering. Finally, he summoned the courage to return to his father, meek and humbled, determined to seek forgiveness for his failures. Yet, on seeing him from a distance, the father ran to greet him. Before the young man could utter a word, the father threw his arms around him and kissed him. He ordered a robe for his shoulders, a ring for his finger, and sandals for his feet. A feast was prepared. As the father explained later to his faithful son, "we must celebrate and rejoice because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found".

This father's love for his sons was obvious. We can only imagine how much greater is God's love for us, His children. With this parable, as with several others, Christ showed us that His Father's love, God's love, is always there for us. All we have to do is accept it. Even if we have sinned and been away from Him, we should never doubt that He will welcome us back without hesitation or condition.

In keeping with the lesson Christ gave us in the parable of the lost son, the Parish of St. Teresa of Avila is again hosting a special program to seek out and welcome back into our church family those who have been away. "Catholics Returning Home" is a program of support to help non-practicing Catholics to return to their faith community, regardless of how long they have been gone or for whatever reason. We all know someone who was baptized and once a practicing Catholic but who no longer practices their faith. Some may just have drifted away and need only a little encouragement to find their way home. Some may be burdened with guilt, shame, or misinformation about the Church. Still others may think they are not welcome to return or are afraid of being rejected. All need to know that the Catholic community misses them and is anxiously waiting to welcome them back into our Church family.

If you know of someone who may be interested in renewing their relationship with God and their Catholic family, please let them know of this program. Ensure them that they will be warmly welcomed by a caring community that will be there to listen to their concerns and help them take that first step in returning to the Catholic faith. 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 McKevitt at (530) 878-7883.

ST. TERESA OF AVILA PARISH MINISTRIES

- Angel Food Ministry:** Jo Anne Drummond, Barbara Freuler, 889-2254
- Art & Environment:** Robin Guerra, 268-9158
- Alter Servers:** Vince Anaclerio, 916-663-2514
- Catholic Family Movement:** Steve & Robin Mathews
- Catholics Returning Home:** Jim McKevitt, 878-7883
- Church & Grounds:** Dan Campos, 887-1325
- Crime Victims Ministry:** Nina Ashford
- Dir. Of Liturgy:** Jean Sawyer, 885-2958
- Eucharistic Ministers:** Tony & Carrie Ivins, 885-1269
- Hospitality:** Sylvia Fontes, 889-1005
- Jail Ministry:** Deacon Mike Young, 887-8492
- Lectors:** Joe Offer, 878-8419
- Parish School:** Jonathan Molnar, 885-4490
- R.C.I.A.:** Jim & Julie Opshal, 269-2595
- Religious Education:** Carrie Ivins, 823-7122
- Sick & Homebound:** Barbara Freuler, 889-2254 ext. 10
- Youth Ministry:** Joe & Kelly Poggi, 887-8281

If anyone is interested in joining any of the above ministries, please contact the facilitator. We encourage all parishioners to get involved.

OASIS DAY'S

The Oasis Days at the Sisters of Mercy in Auburn are cancelled for the month of January 2007.

We will resume classes in February.

ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION will be having their Polenta Dinner on Sunday, January 14, 2007 at the parish hall. Cost is \$15.00 for adults and \$7.50 for children 10 years and under.

For tickets and information call Bud Procissi at 885-8423. Tickets will not be sold at the door. Proceeds are to benefit the parish school and community.

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

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Confidential "Census" Form*

Dear Parishioner,

Thank you for taking the time to complete and return this parish census form. With the names of your family members, their ages, etc., we have a more complete picture of who belongs to our parish community—indeed, a better way of knowing who makes us the blessing we seek to be for one another...

Respectfully yours in Christ,

Fr. Michael Carroll
Pastor

Family Information

Family Last Name

Street Address

Home Phone
(Please note if unlisted)

City and Zipcode



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.	_____			
	Last Name	First	Date of Birth	Relationship (spouse, son, daughter, grandparent, etc.)
6.	_____			
	Last Name	First	Date of Birth	Relationship (spouse, son, daughter, grandparent, etc.)

If you are not registered, we invite you to complete the above registration, and return it to the parish office, either by dropping it in the collection basket or mailing it in.

We would also like to welcome all new parishioners.