

Daily Mass Intentions

January 8, 2007—January 14, 2007



Monday, January 8: 8:30am Mass
Connor Coen

Tuesday, January 9: 8:30am Mass
Sick & Homebound

Wednesday, January 10: 8:30am Mass
+ Adja & Lottie Klein

Thursday, January 11: 8:30am Mass
Our Lady

Friday, January 12: 8:30am Mass
Connor Coen

Saturday, January 13: 8:30am Mass
Our Lady

Saturday, January 13: 5:00pm Mass
+ Kathy Begley

Sunday, January 14: 8:30am Mass
All Parishioners

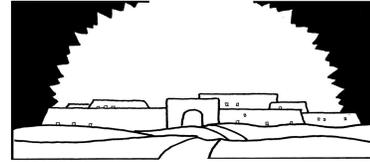
Sunday, January 14: 11:00am Mass
Our Lady

Sunday, January 14: 5:00pm
All Parishioners

**The Epiphany of the Lord
January 7, 2007**

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you.

— Isaiah 60:1



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LOOKING IN THE RIGHT PLACES

“Appearances can be deceiving,” as the saying goes. As we celebrate the *epiphania*, the “appearing” of the eternal Word of God on earth, this is still true.

What rapturous foresight must have filled Isaiah as he wrote the words we hear today. How, for four hundred years, they must have filled the hearts of the people of Israel with hope for the day when God’s glory would shine on them. How deceived some must have felt when the glory of God came to them in the lowliest and humblest of human lives.

We have many expectations about how the divine presence will appear among us. But we can also set ourselves up, through these expectations, to miss the divine glory when it truly appears. We get caught up in looking for the star, forgetting that the star is not the divine sign, the babe is. It may take a persistent journey for us to come upon the true appearance of God’s glory in our lives: Jesus Christ.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11 or Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7 or Acts 10:34-38; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Mk 1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Mk 2:13-17

Sunday: Is 62:1-5; Ps 96; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

Psalms — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — The Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel — Magi from the east arrived, looking for the newborn king of the Jews (Matthew 2:1-12).

GOOD DISPOSITION

A good disposition is a virtue in itself, and it is lasting; the burden of the years cannot depress it, and love that is founded on it endures to the end.

—Ovid

**5th Week of December 2006
\$9,088.25**



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CHRISTMAS OFFERING



We would like to Thank everyone who generously gave at Christmas. Our Christmas Collection was **\$28,244.96**.

THANK YOU!



Congratulations!

AUXILLARY BISHOP RICHARD J. GARCIA NAMED BISHOP OF MONTEREY

*Pope Benedict XVI has named Bishop Garcia to succeed Bishop Sylvester Ryan as Bishop of Monterey. Bishop Garcia has served as Auxiliary Bishop of Sacramento for the past nine years. He is also Moderator of the Curia for the Diocese and Vicar for Hispanics and other Ethnic Ministries. During his ministry among us, Bishop Garcia brought a strong pastoral commitment to Catholic schools, Spanish-speaking Catholics, new immigrants, migrant workers, youth, and inmates in state prisons. He traveled continually to parishes throughout the 20-county diocese, which stretches from Solano County to the Oregon border and east to Nevada. Bishop Garcia will be installed as the fourth bishop of Monterey during a Mass in Monterey on January 30, 2007. The Diocese of Monterey encompasses 46 parishes and 18 schools in the four Central Coast counties of Monterey, Santa Cruz, San Benito, and San Luis Obispo. Bishop Garcia is truly a credit to the Church. We are happy for the Diocese of Monterey, but we are sad to see him leave the Diocese of Sacramento. There will be two farewell Masses and receptions for Bishop Garcia on **Sunday, January 21 at 1:00pm at St. Joseph Church, Redding** and on **Sunday, January 28 at 2:30pm at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament**. All are welcome to attend.*

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 McKeivitt at (530) 878-7883.



St Joseph Parish School

8th Annual Crab Feed
February 24, 2007
5:30pm – 12:00pm

Tickets \$40.00 each to include:
 All you can eat crab, clam chowder in a bread bowl,
 shrimp, salad, pasta, dessert

Shrimp Cocktail, Oyster Bar 5:30pm
 Dinner 7:00pm

Dancing till midnight with "Mixed Company".

Raffle, prizes, all proceeds go directly to the St. Joseph Parish School

This is an adult only event. No host bar.
No outside alcohol please.

For tickets or information, please contact Mary Acuna
 @ 916-772-1357,
 or Julia Eggert @ 916-645-1639.

Name _____

Phone _____

Number of tickets, \$40.00 each _____
 Oyster tickets, \$1.00 each _____
 Shrimp cocktail \$3.00 each _____
 Soda tickets, \$1.00 each _____
 Wine/Beer tickets, \$4.00 each _____
 Bottled wine, \$12.00 each _____

Do you have a special request for seating?

NEW!! ROSARY MAKING MINISTRY

Please join us the first Wednesday of the month beginning January 10, 2007 after the 8:30am Mass in the cry room at St. Teresa of Avila Church.

Learn to make the mission rope rosaries and help spread this beautiful devotion through out our community. Rosaries made will be donated to hospice, the sick and home bound, Auburn Faith Hospital and as a gift to be given to new and visiting members of our faith community.

Please call, Julie Opsahl for more information 269-2595.

Week At A Glance
January 8, 2007—January 14, 2007

MON.	8:30am	Music Class	Fireplace Room
01/08	3:00pm	Basketball Practice	Parish Hall
	7:00pm	Catholics Returning	Fireplace Room
TUES.	8:30am	Music Class	Fireplace Room
01/09	11:00am	Funeral	St. Teresa's
	7:00pm	JustFaith	Fireplace Room
WED.	5:30pm	Bingo	Parish Hall
01/10	7:15pm	RCIA	Chapel
THUR.	11:00am	CLRS	Fireplace Room
01/11	3:00pm	Basketball Practice	Parish Hall
	7:00pm	Pastoral Council	Parish Office
FRI.	3:00pm	Basketball	Parish Hall
01/12			
SUN.	8:30am	Parish Breakfast	Parish Hall
01/14			

ST. TERESA OF AVILA PARISH MINISTRIES

- Angel Food Ministry:** Jo Anne Drummond, Barbara Freuler, 889-2254
- Art & Environment:** Robin Guerra, 268-9158
- Altar Servers:** Vince Anaclerio, 916-663-2514
- Catholic Family Movement:** Steve & Robin Mathews
- Catholics Returning Home:** Jim McKeivitt, 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.

ICF Polenta Dinner will be held on Sunday, January 14, 2007 at the parish hall beginning at 5:30pm. Cost per person is \$15 for adults and \$7.50 for children 10 and under.

For tickets and information please call Bud Procissi at 885-8243 or Barbara O'Rourke at 916-663-2656.



They offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh