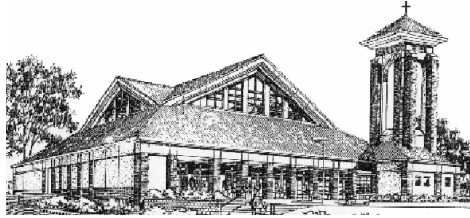


St. Teresa of Avila Parish
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Deacon Edwin Morgado, Deacon Michael Young
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First Sunday of Advent
December 2, 2007
“You . . . must be prepared,
for at an hour you do not expect,
the Son of Man will come.”

— *Matthew 24:44*

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil.....5:00pm
Sunday.....8:30am, 11:00am & 5:00pm

Daily Masses

Monday - Saturday.....8:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, 3:00pm – 4:30pm
The priests are honored to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance at any time; please call for an appointment with the priest of your choice.

Baptisms: For the celebration of Baptism, please call the Parish Office, for information.

Marriage: If you are a member of our parish, please contact a priest or deacon of your choice at *least* six months in advance of your desired wedding in order to participate in a process of marriage preparation.

Confirmation: For teens, the Sacrament of Confirmation is a two-year preparation process; please contact our coordinator of religious education; for adults not yet confirmed, please call the parish office.

Ministry to the Sick: Please call parish office
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BE PREPARED

Be prepared. It's that simple. As this Advent season opens before us, the Lord Jesus summons us to stand ready for his coming. At this time of year much of our attention is focused on being prepared for the details that accompany the holiday season. We purchase gifts; we decorate our homes, inside and out; we prepare foods that we eat only during the holidays; we write and send Christmas cards; we attend holiday concerts; we prepare either to welcome family and friends into our homes or arrange for visits to their homes. We really can't escape the details that make up the season. Perhaps this Advent is a time to attend to all those details with a different spin. As we prepare to celebrate the feast of Christmas, why not be deliberate about acknowledging the presence of the Lord as we go about these tasks? The Lord often comes to us in wonderfully surprising ways. Let us be prepared.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — All the peoples shall stream toward the LORD's house (Isaiah 2:1-5).

Psalms — Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord (Psalm 122).

Second Reading — It is the hour to cast off the dark and clothe ourselves in the light (Romans 13:11-14).

Gospel — Stay awake! Be prepared! The Son of Man will come when you least expect (Matthew 24:37-44).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Is 4:2-6; Mt 8:5-11
- Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24
- Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37
- Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27
- Friday: Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31
- Saturday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
- Sunday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: First Sunday of Advent
- Monday: St. Francis Xavier
- Tuesday: St. John of Damascus; Hanukkah begins at sunset
- Thursday: St. Nicholas
- Friday: St. Ambrose; First Friday; Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
- Saturday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass Intentions For The Week



- Monday, December 3:** + 8:30am Mass
+ Russ Keely
- Tuesday, December 4:** + 8:30am Mass
Mary Lou Zuaiville
- Wednesday, December 5:** + 8:30am Mass
Lynn Hughes
- Thursday, December 6:** + 8:30am Mass
Kevin Parada
- Friday, December 7:** + 8:30am Mass
Edward Mikita
- Saturday, December 8:** 8:30am Mass
Our Lady
- Saturday, December 8:** 5:00pm
+ Tommy Thomas
- Sunday, December 9:** 8:30am Mass
+ Roxanna Emme
11:00am Mass
+ Angela Cizmah
+ 5:00pm Mass
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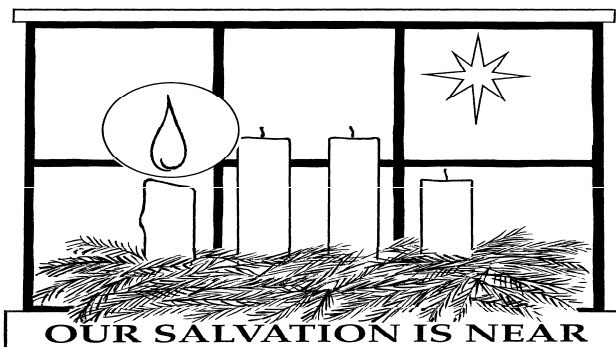


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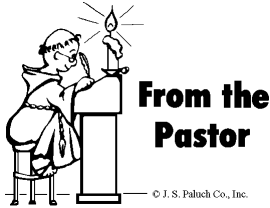
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First Sunday of Advent



**ADVENT
(The Ordo)**



Advent has a two-fold character: as a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ’s first coming is remembered; as a season when that remembrance directs our heart and mind to await Christ’s second coming at the end of time. Advent is a time of devout and joyful expectation.

Human beings cannot live without hope. We all need something to live for, something to look forward to. To be without hope is to give despair birth and a foothold in our lives. We can find all kinds of things to live for, some things that are fleeting and others that are more permanent or eternal. Hope and dreams of a better life for oneself and a better world for mankind are pretty good places to start. These forms of hope have given dignity and purpose to the lives of countless generations.

Hope was present in the Old Testament when our forefathers prayed and worked for great things: that divided peoples would eventually gather together; that the blind would see, the deaf hear, the lame walk; that all the earth would be united in the blessings of everlasting peace. In our time we hope for the same things but we differ from the people of the Old Testament in two ways. First, the coming of Christ as Mesiah who fulfilled God’s promise and strengthened our hope. Secondly, Jesus revealed to us that the Kingdom of God is not far off, but is already in our midst.

This advent season please share your hopes with Christ. Record them somewhere privately and look at them this time next year. This hope, that God has placed in your heart is strengthened by your personal relationship with Christ and is modified by the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Advent Prayer
*Marantha, Come, Lord Jesus come,
Let your face smile on your servant
And let your sunlight hurry back into our lives.*

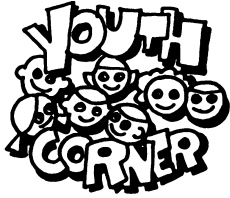
**God Bless
Fr. Mike**

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Giggles: Teacher: “Could you tell me something about the great English poets of the eighteenth century?” Student: “They’re all dead.”

A doctor telephoned one of his older patients and complained that the check she paid him with, came back. “So did my Rheumatism,” answered the patient.

A painter was painting the ceiling of a Church. He saw a woman praying down below and he decided to have some fun. He shouted: “I am Jesus, can I do anything for you?” The old woman said: “Please be quiet, I am talking to your Mother.”



Today the High School Youth Group meets and on December 9, 2007 the Junior High will be meeting.

All youth group meetings take place after the 5:00pm Youth Masses on Sundays in the parish hall. Remember to bring a friend and come hungry!!!!

THE GIVING TREE

Thank you for taking a tag to assist a needy individual this Christmas in our community. Gifts are due back to the Church no later than Sunday, December 9, 2007. Please attach the tag to a gift bag and return it to the Church.



Any further questions, call Renee Reale at 888-1508.

Freethrows



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ST. TERESA YOUTH BASKETBALL

Want to work on your hoops? Need a better jump shot? Come work on these and other basketball skills at the parish hall from 1:00—3:00pm on December 23rd and 30th. Boys and girls from the 3rd grade through the 12th grade are welcome. There is no fee, but make sure to bring your best behavior and have fun. Any questions, call Phil Green at 916-768-1594.

Passing

Dribbling

Shooting

**WEEK AT A GLANCE
12/0307—12/0907**

Monday, 12/0307

9:30am	Bible Study	Chapel
3:15pm	School Basketball	Parish Hall
6:00pm	Victims of Crime	Fireplace Room

Tuesday 12/04/07

10:00am	Music Class	Fireplace Room
3:15pm	School Basketball	Parish Hall
7:00pm	Just Faith	Fireplace Room

Wednesday 12/05/07

9:00am	Music Class	Fireplace Room
5:30pm	Bingo	Parish Hall

Thursday 12/06/07

1:00pm	Spelling Bee	Parish Hall
3:15pm	School Basketball	Parish Hall
7:30pm	KC's Business Meeting	Fireplace Room

Friday, 12/07/07

11:30am	Senior Luncheon	Parish Hall
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Saturday, 12/08/07

8:00am	KC's 1st Degree Meeting	Fireplace Room
1:00pm	Baptism (Hoskins)	St. Teresa
7:00pm	Advent Concert	St. Teresa

Sunday, 12/09/07

12:30pm	Cook's Sinonomous	St. Teresa
5:30pm	ICF Christmas Party	Parish Hall
6:00pm	Jr. High Youth Group	Pre-School

2ND ANNUAL SENIOR



St. Teresa of Avila parish invites all parish seniors (60 & over) to a complementary luncheon on Friday, December 7, 2007. Social hour will be 11:30am, lunch 12:30pm, followed by a piano led Christmas carol sing along. Lunch will be served by volunteers and catered by Chef Frankie Toney. Those needing transportation will be picked up by volunteer drivers. RSVP to Yvonne Moore at 823-7795 or Donna Keeley at 268-9734.



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Open your hearts in song by joining this years Christmas caroling to the convalescent homes. This is our third year spreading joy and cheer to those who are not able to get out and about. All that is required is a holiday spirit, dress in Christmas colors and arrive at the scheduled sight 10 minutes before designated time. Listed are dates and times so come join in a faith sharing experience. Any questions call Barbara at 889-2254 or to put your name on the singing list.

- Oaks of Auburn
- Emerald Hills
- Colonial Healthcare
- Country Villa
- Oakwood Village
- Siena Care
- Health For All
- Auburn Ravine

- December 9th at 6:30pm
- December 15 at 1:30pm
- December 16 at 1:00pm
- December 16 at 6:30pm
- December 18 at 5:30pm
- December 19 at 5:30pm
- December 20th at 1:00pm
- December 21 at 6:00pm

New Parish Ministries

Parish Service Ministries:

Angel Food Ministry: Maureen Spencer & Beth McClain are contacting everyone. General meeting to be scheduled.

Circle of Friends: Leadership meetings were held. Stephanie, Sharon, John, Jim, Barbara & Kay are the leadership team. Next project is to organize the "Giving Tree" for the convalescent homes and the poor. Renee Reale is organizing the Tapp and Receiving Homes section for the giving tree.

Interfaith Food Closet: All have been contacted. A general meeting was held at the food closet on November 14th. Next project—Welcome Sunday is scheduled for December.

Tutoring Program: Names given to Cecilia Holmes, Vice Principal. All are being contacted and fingerprinted.

Rwanda Ministry: Fr. Innocent has formed leadership teams and general meeting to be scheduled.

Social Ministries:

Jr. High & High School Programs: On alternative Sunday evenings. Details are in the bulletins, contact Jaime Anderson, 823-8122.

St. Teresa Youth Basketball: Boys & girls from 3rd to 12th grades. Youth basketball from 1:00 to 3:00pm on scheduled Sundays (see bulletins "Week at a Glance"). Come and work on your basketball skills. Phil Green, coordinator, 916-768-1594.

Senior Group: Paul & Alice Petruzzali forming leadership teams. 2nd Christmas Luncheon for seniors (60 & over). See bulletin for details.

Italian Catholic Federation is having their annual Christmas party on Sunday, December 9, 2007 in the parish hall. Host cocktails will be at 5:30pm, dinner at 6:00pm. Cost; \$8.00 for adults, children \$5.00. Any questions, please call 888-6018.

Welcome Sunday is today and the Auburn Interfaith Food Closet will be hosting. They will have information and pledge packets for their Sponsor A Family Campaign available. Please stop and learn more about how you can help.

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We Welcome all who are joining us today. If you are not registered with our parish and would like to, please complete the following and return to the parish office.

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Family Last Name	Street Address
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Home Phone	City and Zip code
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