

*Pastor: Fr. Michael Carroll*  
*Parochial Vicar: Fr. Innocent Subiza*  
*Deacons: Dave Ford, Ed Morgado & Mike Young*

**December 7, 2008**



## ST. TERESA OF AVILA CHURCH

11600 Atwood Rd. Auburn, Ca. 95603  
(530) 889-2254  
www.stteresaauburn.com

### **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.

### **Eucharistic Adoration**

Saturdays.....9:00am—3:00pm  
First Fridays.....9:00am—10:00am

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

**Marriage:** 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  
(530) 889-2254

### **Parish Office:**

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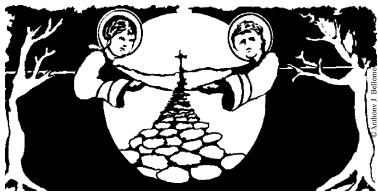
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### **Youth Group:**

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*If you are new or visiting our parish, we welcome you. If you would like to register with our parish, please contact the parish office or visit our web site at [www.stteresaauburn.com](http://www.stteresaauburn.com) to download the form. Also, please notify the parish office for address changes or member updates.*



**Second Sunday of Advent  
December 7, 2008**

Every valley shall be filled in,  
every mountain and hill shall be made low.

— *Isaiah 40:4*

**NEWS OF COMFORT**

In a time of preparation, much of it having to do with material things, it is good to hear the words of Isaiah, "Comfort, give comfort to my people, / says your God" (Isaiah 40:1). In a time of such stress and rush, when our usual burdens are augmented by piles of Christmas preparations, we can choose to slow down, take some time to heal, and appreciate the enormous gift we are about to receive. Christ, the Son of God, has become one of us, and knows our human limitations. Yet God, even now, is freeing us from the burdens that our inattentiveness to our God and to our deepest inner longings have heaped upon us. The Lord comes, not as a king with mighty armies, but as a shepherd leading the flocks with care and tenderness. Isaiah prophesies good news: our oppression is over, our sins forgiven. The savior we have awaited is coming, not the first time, but in the end times, as our salvation.

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**Mass Intentions for the week**

**December 8—December 14, 2008**

Monday:	8:30am	
Tuesday:	8:30am	
Wednesday:	8:30am	Laura Lintott
Thursday:	8:30am	
Friday:	8:30am	
Saturday:	8:30am	
Saturday:	5:00pm	+ Tom Schuck
Sunday:	8:30am	+ Richard Gavranich
	11:00am	All parishioners
	5:00pm	+ Maria Farina

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — The rugged land shall be made a plain; the rough country, a broad valley (Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11).



**Psalm** — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).

**Second Reading** — Conduct yourselves in holiness, hastening the coming of the day of God (2 Peter 3:8-14).

**Gospel** — I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit (Mark 1:1-8).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday:	Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday:	Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday:	Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday:	Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15
Friday:	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
Saturday:	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday:	Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday:	Second Sunday of Advent; Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
Monday:	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary;
Tuesday:	St. Juan Diego
Thursday:	St. Damasus I
Friday:	Our Lady of Guadalupe
Saturday:	St. Lucy

**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**



Monday, December 8, 2008, The Immaculate Conception is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Mass schedule is as follows:

**Monday, December 8th: 8:30am & 7:00pm**

**Average Weekly Offertory  
November 24, 2008**

(Based on 20 weeks)

**\$11,981**

(Our weekly goal is \$13,000)



**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



**MUSIC.....MUSIC.....MUSIC**

*"All God's creatures got a place in the choir  
Some sing low, some sing higher,  
Some sing out on the telephone wire,  
Some just clap their hands".*

*~American Folk Song*

Sometimes, even though my voice is poor, I cannot stop singing. Other times I just sit back and listen. When I hear our choirs at St. Teresa's, I join in the chorus' and I thank God they minister to all of us as we share God's Word and Presence in the Mass.

Today, with the priests of the Sacramento Diocese, we gathered together with our new Bishop, Jaime Soto. As I greeted my fellow priests, I went over to Fr. Peter Bosque and thanked him for hiring Jean Sawyer as Music Director for our parish.

Shortly after arriving here, Jean asked me, "What do you think of our choir"? I answered "Good"! She said "What do you mean, Good"! I said, "They are good, but I also want a children's choir and a young adult choir". After a year or so, Jean approached me again and said, "Are you happy now?" I said, "Yes, but now, I want a Gregorian Chant choir. Come Christmas 2008, our Gregorian Chant Choir will be a reality and will augment our adult choir at the Midnight Mass.

Besides thanking Jean, I want to thank the choirs and their families who have made many, many sacrifices. Annette Felice has added her inspiring accompaniment. Carolyn Gavranich and Lois Merth quietly bring about the full sound of the music that praises and worships God. Mike Hannigan and his family have spent hundreds of hours restoring our sound systems and recording some of our joyful spiritual songs. I have shared these recordings with family and friends and the universal request has been "Father, may I get a copy?" We have kept the news of our choirs a secret too long, so we will release a Christmas CD to include our children's, youth, adult and Gregorian chant choirs for Christmas 2008. Our special concert on Saturday, December 20th will include our new CD music.

*"I will sing to the Lord for His Goodness to me,  
I will sing the name of the Lord, Most High".*

*(Communion Antiphon)*

**God Bless, Fr. Mike**

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**Riddle:** As black as ink, as white as milk, and hops on the road like hailstone. Who is it?  
(Prize for the first right answer from Fr. Mike)

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**Giggles:** One morning the Pastor was preaching about the Old Testament prophets. After an hour he came to Ezekiel. Dramatically he declared "Where shall I place him"? An old woman in the front pew stood up and said, "Give him my seat, I'm going home".

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Two goldfish in a tank. One said to the other, "How do you drive this thing"?



Christmas Caroling At The Convalescent Homes

**CHRISTMAS CAROLING**

For all those interested in spreading holiday joy to the local convalescent homes, once again we will be Christmas caroling.

- Dec. 9th: Foothill Oaks 6:30pm
- Dec. 11: Oakwood Village 5:45pm
- Dec. 12: Emerald Hills 6:00pm
- Dec. 13: Siena Care 11:00am
- Dec. 14: Colonial 1:00pm
- Dec. 19: Auburn Ravine 6:15pm
- Dec. 20: Mercy Center 2:00pm

Any questions call Barbara at 889-2254.

**THE GIVING TREE**

*Thank you so much for taking a tag to assist a needy individual this*



*Christmas in our Auburn Community. Gifts are due back to the Church next Sunday, December 14th. Please attach the tag to a gift bag and return it to the Church by placing it under the tree. Any questions, please contact Renee Reale at 888-1508.*



Poinsettias

Once again we hope to fill our Sanctuary with poinsettias for Christmas. If you would like to donate a poinsettia in memory of a loved one, please bring it to the Church by Saturday, December 21st. They may be left in the back of the Church or in the Chapel.



**MINISTRIES UPDATE**

**Catholic Ladies Relief Society:** The December meeting will be a brunch at the home of Faith Burgard on Thursday, December 11, 2008 at 10:30am. Donations will be accepted for the Gathering Inn, and bring a canned food for the Auburn Interfaith Food Closet. Also, bring your ticket money! We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas.

**Crime Victims:** The support group will be meeting in the St. Joseph Pre-School on Tuesday, December 9, 2008 at 6:30pm.



**2009 CALENDARS**

The 2009 parish calendars are here! Please pick one up in the back of the Church after Mass.

**RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS: Next Weekend**

Were you aware that about 58% of women and men religious are past age 70; 7% past age 90, and more than 4,900 need skilled nursing care? Community living provides some help, but health care and living costs in most religious communities far exceed income, as most elderly religious receive, on average, a Social Security benefit of just \$4,402 per year (the average U.S. beneficiary receives \$12,948 annually). Your gift makes a difference! Please give generously to next week's special collection. For more information please visit the website [www.retiredreligious.org](http://www.retiredreligious.org).

**CHRIST THE KING RETREAT CENTER EVENTS**

- Dec. 10: **Ecumenical Evening of Prayer for Peace:** 7:00pm to 9:00pm—Quinn Room, No Charge
- Dec. 31: **New Year's Eve Overnight Retreat:** 6:30pm Dinner to 10:00am January 1, 2009  
Cost: \$85 Double Room/\$95 Single Room

For further information please call Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center at 916-725-4720.

**SINGLE ADULT RETREAT "The Joy of the Single Life"**

A one day retreat for separated, widowed, and never-married Catholics at Mercy Center Auburn on Saturday, December 13th from 9:30am—5:00pm. Get ready for the holidays by responding to the Lord's call to "come away by yourself and rest for awhile". Cost for the day is \$40 and includes lunch and snacks. Retreat concludes with Mass at 4:00pm. For more information or to register, call Kathy Conner at (916)733-0133 or email [conner@diocese-sacramento.org](mailto:conner@diocese-sacramento.org).

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE**  
 Week of December 14, 2008

**Altar Servers**

**Saturday, 12/13/08, 5:00pm:**  
 Heather Overdevest, Steven Overdevest, Alicia Guitierrez

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**Sunday, 12/14/08, 8:30am:**  
 John Remington, Sophia Sanchez, Luke Thayer

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**Sunday, 12/14/08, 11:00am:**  
 Rachel Fenner, Sarah Fenner, Radd Thomas

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**Sunday, 12/14/08, 5:00pm:**  
 Stephanie McCullough, Amanda Ursano, Alena Voss

**Eucharistic Ministers**

**Saturday, 12/13/08, 5:00pm:**  
 Laura Ells, Jim McKeivitt, Joyce Swartz, Bob Wiess,  
 Chuck Mercer, Rene' Mercer

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**Sunday, 12/14/08, 8:30am:**  
 Faith Burgard, Vince DeWitt, Elisa Regacho, Renee Regacho,  
 Jackie Shook, Trish Jensen, Vince Anaclerio

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**Sunday, 12/14/08, 11:00am:**  
 Joan Gaillard, Ida Granata, Michelle Whalley, Greg Belanger,  
 Roberta Lopez

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**Sunday, 12/14/08, 5:00pm:**  
 Michael Barbieri, Michelle Barbieri, Gail Beeman, John Shehan  
 Danielle Wordelman, Marianne Ellner, Michele Broussard

**Lectors**

**Saturday, 12/13/08, 5:00pm:** Pat Hess, Ann Hess

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**Sunday, 12/14/08, 8:30am:** Eileen Sapnaro, Joe Wilcox

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**Sunday, 12/14/08, 11:00am:** Faith Oakes, Teresa Oakes

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**Sunday, 12/14/08, 5:00pm:** Ken Gray, Madelynn Kujawa

**Greeter's**

**Saturday, 12/13/08, 5:00pm:**  
 Warren Leash, Sharon Dunkel, Joe Mello

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**Sunday, 12/14/08, 8:30am:**  
 Bryan Remington, Patrick Remington, Brenda Remington,  
 Sharon Hane, Marcia Kitchell, Mike Kitchell

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**Sunday, 12/14/08, 11:00am:**  
 Ruth Wright, Maureen Spencer

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**Sunday, 12/14/08, 5:00pm:**  
 Kathrynne Giles, Kelly Woytus, Peg Moore, Jim Moore

**Usher's**

**Saturday, 12/13/08, 5:00pm:** Not Filled

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**Sunday, 12/14/08, 8:30am:**  
 Howard Clunn, David DeRosa, Bill Fixmer, Pete Ivovic,  
 Ron Malinowski, Ed McClaughn, Jim Morgan, Paul Petrocelli,  
 Pete Thompson

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**Sunday, 12/14/08, 11:00am:**  
 Paul Law, Bill Stirman

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**Sunday, 12/14/08, 5:00pm:** Not Filled

**Sacristan**

**Saturday, 12/13/08, 5:00pm:** Jim McKeivitt

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**Sunday, 12/14/08, 8:30am:** Julia Eggert

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**Sunday, 12/14/08, 11:00am:** Joe Offer

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**Sunday, 12/14/08, 5:00pm:** Mark Champlin

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Monday, December 8, 2008**

9:30am	Bible Study	Chapel
3:00pm	Basketball Practice	Parish Hall
6:00pm	Jr. Cantors Practice	St. Teresa
7:15pm	RCIA	Chapel

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**Tuesday, December 9, 2008**

3:15pm	School Basketball	Fireplace Rm
3:30pm	Children's Choir Practice	Chapel
7:00pm	Circle of Friends	Fireplace Rm

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**Wednesday, December 10, 2008**

9:15am	Rosary Making	Bell Tower
5:30pm	Bingo	Parish Hall
6:30pm	Adult Choir Practice	St. Teresa

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**Thursday, December 11, 2008**

3:00pm	Basketball Practice	Parish Hall
6:30pm	Cursillo	Parish Office

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**Friday, December 12, 2008**

7:00pm	Guadalupe Reception	Parish Hall
7:00pm	Pre-School Christmas Program	St. Teresa

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**Saturday, December 13, 2008**

9:00am	KC's 1st Degree Meeting	Fireplace Rm
6:00pm	Gathering Inn	Parish Hall

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**Sunday, December 14, 2008**

5:30pm	ICF Christmas Program	Parish Hall
3:30pm	Youth Choir Practice	St. Teresa

**St. Joseph's School**  
**Annual Christmas Craft Faire**  
 Today, December 7th from  
 9:00am to 3:00pm in the parish  
 hall is the last day for the  
 Christmas Craft Faire & Boutique. Fun, food  
 and great shopping. **DON'T MISS THIS  
 YEAR'S EVENT!!!!!!!**



**Advent/Christmas Benefit Concert**  
 All are invited to a celebration of Christmas music at  
 St. Teresa's Church on December 13th & 20th at  
 7:00pm. On December 13th, the Grass Valley  
 Cornish Choir and the Male Voice Choir will present  
 their version of a Cornish Christmas. On December  
 20th all choirs of St. Teresa of Avila will present  
 both Advent and Christmas music followed by the  
 Christian Brothers High School Choir. Admission is  
 by donation and all proceeds go to the Auburn Food  
 Closet.



**WELCOME SUNDAY**

Today, December 7th is our monthly  
 Welcome Sunday.

Our host/hostesses for this  
 month will be the Auburn Interfaith Food Closet. Please  
 stop by and see what this ministry is about.