

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

**December 21, 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  
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### **Parish Office:**

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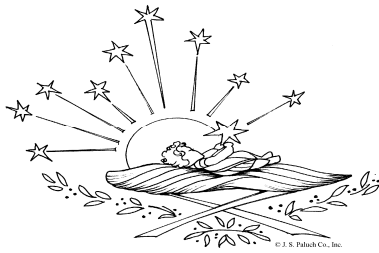
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### **Youth Group:**

Please call the parish office (530) 889-2254

*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.*



**Fourth Sunday of Advent  
December 21, 2008**

The child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God.

—Luke 1:35

**GOD’S PROMISE**

The lengthy passage from Samuel is a wonderful exposition of God’s promise to the house of David: that his throne would forever be gloriously occupied by his descendants. Hidden in the mystery of the prophecy is the promise of the Savior, the Messiah, Son of God and Son of David. The prophet Nathan, speaking in God’s name, poetically turns around David’s plan to build a house for God, and announces God’s plan to build a “house,” that is, a dynasty for David. From this house of David will come the Messiah, the Christ, not in kingly splendor as David ruled, but as a humble man, destined to rule forever and over all. When God gives a gift, it’s amazing what we are given—so different from what we ever could have imagined.

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**Mass Intentions for the week**

**December 22—December 28, 2008**

Monday:	8:30am	Mary Spellman
Tuesday:	8:30am	Kathy O’Malley
Wednesday:	8:30am	
Thursday:	8:30am	All Parishioners
Friday:	8:30am	Mr. J. Ford
Saturday:	8:30am	
Saturday:	5:00pm	+ Ruth McCrillis
Sunday:	8:30am	+ Maria Farinha
	11:00am	+ John Bakotich
	5:00pm	All Parishioners

**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** — I will fix a place for my people. I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place without further disturbance (2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16).



**Psalm** — For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 89).

**Second Reading** — To the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be glory forever and ever (Romans 16:25-27).

**Gospel** — Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word (Luke 1:26-38).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday:	1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56
Tuesday:	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66
Wednesday:	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79
Thursday:	<u>Vigil</u> : Is 62:1-5; Ps 89; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25] <u>Midnight</u> : Is 9:1-6; Ps 96; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14 <u>Day</u> : Is 52:7-10; Ps 98; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
Friday:	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22
Saturday:	1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Sunday:	Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 128 or Ps 105; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]

**DESIGNATED GIFTS**

This week I received a further gift of \$500.00 towards Our Blessed Mother’s marble statue. This brings the total to \$9,260.00

The total cost with base is \$14,000.00. We hope to have the statue paid for upon delivery at Easter.



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**Average Weekly Offertory  
December 14, 2008  
\$12,036  
(Based on 22 weeks)**

*(Our weekly goal is \$13,000)*

# Christmas Trees



A friend shared this American Indian story with me, about the creation of Trees...After a contest the Great Creator gave to each tree the gift which would be most useful to each species. The contest consisted of being able to stay awake the longest. After seven days the Great Creator returned to find only the spruce, the cedar, the pine, the fir, the laurel and the holly still awake. "Because you have great endurance you shall have the gift of remaining green forever. Even in the harshest of winters you will be able to shelter all your sisters and brothers in creation."

This tale tells the story of Advent about staying awake and being alert, of greenness in the midst of barrenness, being like-giving in harsh situations. When we are awake to the Lord's presence we also become life-giving and we can be a shelter to those in trouble.

The color green in our liturgy means Hope. We are called in the Mass to be a sign of Christ's Hope. Our Christmas Trees this year, because of our harsh times, are asking us to be life giving and a sign of Hope in our world.

God Bless, Fr. Mike



## CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

- Christmas Eve, December 24<sup>th</sup>: 4:30pm(Children's)**
- Christmas Eve, December 24<sup>th</sup>: 7:00pm (Youth)**
- Christmas Eve, December 24<sup>th</sup>: Midnight Mass (Traditional)**
- Christmas Day, December 25<sup>th</sup>: 8:30am (Traditional)**
- Christmas Day, December 25<sup>th</sup>: 11:00am (Children's)**

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**Giggles:** My wife and I always hold hands before Christmas. If I let go, she goes shopping.

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A priest is leaving a parish after 10 years. "We are sorry to see you go, Father," says one woman. "Before you came to this parish, we didn't know what sin was".

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I found a restaurant that serves chicken dinners for a dollar. You sit down and they bring you a plate of chicken feed.

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A little boy, after attending Catholic Sunday school was asked by his mother what he learned? "We heard about a man named Moses. He went behind enemy lines and rescued the Israelites. Then he came to the Red Sea and called his engineers to build a pontoon bridge. After they got across he saw the enemy tanks coming so he got on his walkie-talkie and asked for dive bombers to blow up the bridge". "Now son, it wasn't like that at all, was it?" "Well, not exactly. But if I told you how the teacher said it happened, you wouldn't believe it either!"

**CHRIST THE KING RETREAT CENTER EVENTS**

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.

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**BETHLEHEM CATHOLIC MISSION  
A CHANCE TO HELP**

Members of Bethlehem catholic mission from the holy land are visiting our parish this weekend. They are raising funds to help Catholic families in Bethlehem. They are selling hand made olivewood crafts, rosaries, holy water, crosses, nativities sets and statues. Your purchase will help to support those needy families in Bethlehem. Please take a minute after Mass to visit and see the crafts and support their families.

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**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATES!!**

Our first **Parish Family Advent Day** was a great success! 28 families (that's about 100 folks!) had lunch, learned about and made Jesse Tree ornaments, decorated cookies, had an early visit from St. Nicholas and made new friends all around! A BIG "THANK YOU" goes to EVERYONE for all of your hard work in making this first attempt a successful event!

Prepare yourselves (again!)...we are already planning a Family Lenten Day...details will follow.... But let's all have a Blessed, Christ-filled Christmas First and foremost!

**THERE WILL BE NO R.E. CLASSES  
DECEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup>!!!**

R.E. Classes will resume in the New Year,  
January 4<sup>th</sup>.

Many of our children have been practicing diligently for a special performance at the Christmas Eve Mass at 4:30 pm.

**ALL CHILDREN INVOLVED IN THE  
PERFORMANCE MUST BE AT THE CHURCH BY  
3:30 p.m. MEET IN THE CHAPEL!!!!!!**

**Bishop Jaime Soto**

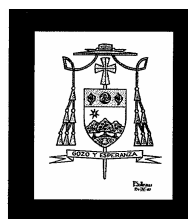
Bishop Jaime Soto was born in Inglewood, California on December 31, 1955. His family moved to Stanton, California in 195~5, where Bishop Soto attended Saint Polycarp Elementary School. He graduated from Saint John's Seminary in Camarillo, California in 1982 with a Masters of Divinity. He was ordained in June of 1982 for the Diocese of Orange.

Fr. Soto served as a parochial vicar at Saint Joseph Parish in Santa Ana, California on June 1982 to July 1984. From 1984 to 1986 he attended Columbia University School of Social Work in New York: City where he received a Master in Social Work (MSW) in May of 1986.

Fr. Soto returned to the Diocese of Orange and was the Associate Director of Catholic Charities of Orange in July of 1986. In December of 1986, he became the Director of the Immigration and Citizenship Services at Catholic Charities. He was involved with the implementation of the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986.

In 1989, he was appointed by the Most Reverend Norman F. McFarland, Bishop of Orange, as Episcopal Vicar for the Hispanic Community. He was given the title of Monsignor in 1990 when he was named prelate of honor by his Holiness, Pope John Paul II. While continuing to work as the Episcopal Vicar for the Hispanic Community, Msgr. Soto was appointed by the Most Reverend Tod D. Brown, Bishop of Orange as Vicar for Charities in 1999.

At age 44, Msgr. Soto was named the Titular Bishop of Segia and the Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Orange by his Holiness, Pope John Paul II on March 23, 2000. His Episcopal Ordination took place on May 31, 2000, the Feast of the Visitation.



On October 11, 2007, Pope Benedict XVI named Bishop Jaime Soto as coadjutor bishop of the Diocese of Sacramento. Bishop Soto was welcomed into the diocese on November 19, 2007. On November 30, 2008, his Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI accepted the retirement of Bishop William K Weigand Bishop Jaime Soto automatically assumed the position as the Ninth Bishop of the Diocese of Sacramento.

**30TH ANNUAL POLENTA DINNER**

Tickets are now on sale for the 30th Annual Polenta Dinner hosted by the Italian Catholic Federation. The date is January 18, 2009, beginning at 5:30pm no host cocktails, 6:30pm dinner, and will be held at St. Teresa of Avila parish hall. Prices \$20 adult, \$10 children under 10. Music provided by the Dave Chelini. For tickets please call: Dolores Aleccia, 823-9125, Ida Granata, (916) 663-2875 and Bud Proccicissi at 885-8243.

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE**  
 Week of December 28, 2008

**Altar Servers**

**Saturday, 12/27/08, 5:00pm:**  
 Nathan Jacques, Stephanie Sykora, Mitchell Whitney

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**Sunday, 12/28/08, 8:30am:**  
 Chris Eggert, Austin Rossi, Megan Sullivan

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**Sunday, 12/28/08, 11:00am:**  
 Rachel Fenner, Jonathan Tait, Chris Tait

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**Sunday, 12/28/08, 5:00pm:**  
 Nico Barbieri, Katie Gubler, Jade Sotelo

**Eucharistic Ministers**

**Saturday, 12/27/08, 5:00pm:**  
 Bob DiMiceli, Michael Leoffler, Ann Hess, Steve McCullough

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**Sunday, 12/28/08, 8:30am:**  
 Deborah Buresh, Julia Eggert, Samantha Eggert, Julie Opsahl, Georgia Stempel, Jim Opsahl, Corine Bowen

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**Sunday, 12/28/08, 11:00am:**  
 Rheme Brockway, Dick Juliano, Tom Massetti, Joyce Rose-Reynolds, Larry Thill, Barbara Allen, Robert Springborn

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**Sunday, 12/28/08, 5:00pm:**  
 Loreen Brown, Jim Chapman, Sallie Chapman, Franki Hey, Frank Ursano, Carole Coleman, Susan Money

**Lectors**

**Saturday, 12/27/08, 5:00pm:** Mary Brady, Jim Brady

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**Sunday, 12/28/08, 8:30am:** Steve Gold, Trish Jensen

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**Sunday, 12/28/08, 11:00am:** Paul Comiskey, Marty Gouvea

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**Sunday, 12/28/08, 5:00pm:** Zack Barbieri

**Greeter's**

**Saturday, 12/27/08, 5:00pm:**  
 Pete Leash, Sharon Dunkel, Sally Laporta

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**Sunday, 12/28/08, 8:30am:**  
 Sharon Hane, Marcia Kitchell, Mike Kitchell, Phyllis Mathew, Patrick Remington, Brenda Remington

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**Sunday, 12/28/08, 11:00am:**  
 Maureen Spencer, Ruth Wright

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**Sunday, 12/28/08, 5:00pm:**  
 Augie Sotelo, Karen Sotelo, Kathrynne Giles, Andrew Zehm

**Usher's**

**Saturday, 12/27/08, 5:00pm:** Not Filled

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**Sunday, 12/28/08, 8:30am:**  
 Howard Clunn, David DeRosa, Bill Fixmer, Pete Ivovic, Ron Malinowski, Ed McClaughlin, Jim Morgan, Paul Petrocelli, Pete Thompson

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**Sunday, 12/28/08, 11:00am:**  
 Paul Law, Bill Stirman

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**Sunday, 12/28/08, 5:00pm:** Not Filled

**Sacristan**

**Saturday, 12/27/08, 5:00pm:** Jim McKeivitt

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**Sunday, 12/28/08, 8:30am:** Julia Eggert

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**Sunday, 12/28/08, 11:00am:** Joe Offer

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**Sunday, 12/18/08, 5:00pm:** Pat Islip

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Monday, December 22, 2008**

9:30am	Bible Study	Chapel
12:00pm	Basketball Practice	Parish Hall
6:00pm	Jr. Cantors Practice	St. Teresa
6:00pm	Spanish Christmas Event	Fireplace Rm
7:15pm	RCIA	Chapel

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**Tuesday, December 23, 2008**

12:00pm	School Basketball	Fireplace Rm
3:30pm	Children's Choir Practice	Chapel

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**Friday, December 26, 2008**

10:00am	Basketball Practice	Parish Hall
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**Sunday, December 28, 2008**

3:30pm	Youth Choir Practice	St. Teresa
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**MINISTRIES UPDATE**

**Gathering Inn:** Special thanks to Jordan and his family who hosted December's dinner for 70 people. This was Jordan's senior project, great job. Also, thank you to the RE class who provided Christmas cookies and breakfast.

**DIOCESAN NEWS**

*Friends of Pendola are sponsoring a Rib Dinner and Auction to benefit Camp Pendola. It will be held on February 21, 2009 at St. John the Baptist in Folsom. Tickets are on sale at the Pendola Center Office in the Pastoral Center, 2110 Broadway, Sacramento, CA 95818. The cost is \$30 for the dinner. Contact Kim at 916-733-0127 if you have questions.*

*Attention Married & Engaged Couples: Start the New Year off by learning a natural method of family planning that is safe, effective (99%) and in accord with Catholic teaching. Great for achieving as well as postponing pregnancy. Classes begin January 14th at St. Rose Parish, 5961 Franklin Blvd in Sacramento. For more information, call Suzanne at 916-369-0844.*

**The parish office will be closed , December 25 & 26th for the Christmas holiday.**

**We wish everyone a blessed Christmas!!!**

