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**December 28, 2008**



## ST. TERESA OF AVILA CHURCH

11600 Atwood Rd. Auburn, Ca. 95603  
(530) 889-2254  
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### **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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*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.*



**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph  
December 28, 2008**

My eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you have prepared in the sight of all the peoples.

— Luke 2:30-31

**WE ARE GOD’S HOLY FAMILY**

The scriptures of Israel are filled with many stories of barren couples who were miraculously granted the gift of children by God. Surely the best known among these is the first reading from today, from which Luke took inspiration when he recounted the miraculous birth of John the Baptist to Zechariah and Elizabeth, and the more miraculous birth of Jesus to Mary and Joseph. In each instance, we are given examples or role models of those who trusted in God. More than examples of those who trust, they are models of self-surrender. They abandoned their own presuppositions and prejudices about the workings of the world and turned their lives over to belief in a God who can make life grow where none ought to; a God who can turn death around into a new and unimagined life; a God who can, today, take a tiny child of humble parents in an insignificant town and make him into a light for all the world. This is what we, as God’s holy family, are called to do each day: to trust not in ourselves and the way we think things should be, but to open ourselves and surrender ourselves in faith to a God of endless promise.

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**December 29, 2008—January 4, 2009**

Monday:	8:30am	+	Benjamin Miguel
Tuesday:	8:30am		
Wednesday:	8:30am	+	Ilene Houle
Thursday:	8:30am		Edward Tabbert
Friday:	8:30am		
Saturday:	8:30am		
Saturday:	5:00pm	+	Kathy Begley
Sunday:	8:30am	+	Maria Farinha
	11:00am		All Parishioners
	5:00pm	+	Mr. & Mrs. Rezner

**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Those who honor their parents will be greatly blessed and will atone for sins

(Sirach 3:2-7,12-14) or *Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3.*

**Psalm** — Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways (Psalm 128) or *Psalm 105.*

**Second Reading** — Live a life of heartfelt love; be thankful; do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus (Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17]) or *Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19.*

**Gospel** — The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom (Luke 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]).



**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday:	1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35
Tuesday:	1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40
Wednesday:	1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18
Thursday:	Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Friday:	1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28
Saturday:	1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Jn 1:29-34
Sunday:	Is 60:1-6; Ps 72; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday:	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
Monday:	Fifth Day in the Octave of Christmas; St. Thomas Becket
Tuesday:	Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas
Wednesday:	Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas; St. Sylvester I; New Year’s Eve
Thursday:	The Octave Day of Christmas; The Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God; World Day of Prayer for Peace; New Year’s Day
Friday:	St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen; First Friday
Saturday:	The Most Holy Name of Jesus; First Saturday

**Our Sunday Offering for the week of**

**December 21st and Christmas will be**

**posted in the January 4th bulletin.**



THE HOLY FAMILY

When I was young my Mother would say to my brothers and I, as we were fighting, "Why, cannot you be like The Holy Family?" I would think to myself, "Jesus never had brothers like I have." Then, and now, I know I'm not like Jesus either. Sometimes I feel Him living in me, but most times I'm far from The Kingdom of God. But, I need to try.

The Holy Family is our role model. Joseph was the quiet leader of the family who listened to God. He put Jesus and Mary first. Mary was reflective, but, was not afraid to ask questions. Her faith in God and His messenger never wavered. Her courage in tough times was second to none. Jesus the Son of God was obedient to them, as He grew in the knowledge of His Father. This relationship with the Father and The Holy Spirit showed Him when to begin and live fully His public ministry.

I'd often hear my Mom say, "A home is only a building if it doesn't have Love, The Love of God and one another." On this Feast of The Holy Family, let all of us as families make our houses homes. As parents, let us welcome in The Presence of God, then let us put our children and wife/husband next, let us question each other respectfully in the quiet of our rooms, and may we have unwavering Faith in God. As children, may we show great respect for God, our parents, and our sisters and brothers. Like Christ may we listen to The Holy Spirit for direction on how to live fully.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I give you my heart and soul
Jesus, Mary and Joseph, assist me in my last agony
Jesus, Mary and Joseph, may I bring forth my soul, in peace with you.
~ Amen

God Bless, Fr. Mike

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Giggles: While giving a physical the Doctor notices that his patient's shins are covered in bruises. "Tell me", says the Doctor, "do you play hockey or soccer?" "No", said the man. "But, my wife and I play bridge".

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Child: "What makes an elephant so big?"
Dad: "I don't know".
Child: "Dad, why is a lion dangerous?"
Dad: "I don't know".
Child: "Am I bothering you with my questions?"
Dad: "Not at all, you never learn anything if you don't ask me".



**LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE**  
**Week of January 4, 2009**

**Altar Servers**

**Saturday, 1/3/09, 5:00pm:**  
 Nathan Jacques, Stephanie Sykora, Mitchell Whitney

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**Sunday, 1/4/09, 8:30am:**  
 Britany Bonitata, Ian Scheller, Shelley Smith

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**Sunday, 1/4/09, 11:00am:**  
 Quinn Musser, Galen Champlin, Alex Vice

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**Sunday, 1/4/09, 5:00pm:**  
 Kerry McCullough, Stephanie McCullough, Emily Thurmon

**Eucharistic Ministers**

**Saturday, 1/3/09, 5:00pm:**  
 Laurie Ells, Jim McKeivitt, Joyce Swartz, Bob Wiess, Chuck Mercer, Rene' Mercer

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**Sunday, 1/4/09, 8:30am:**  
 June Clunn, Margaret Scheller, Julie Thayer, Joyce Wood, Helen Voges, Duane Voges

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**Sunday, 1/4/09, 11:00am:**  
 Theresa Anderson, Don Dillon, Anna Fenner, Nati McGowan, Joan Orban, Mary Studebaker

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**Sunday, 1/4/09, 5:00pm:**  
 Michael Barberi, Michelle Barberi, Gail Beeman, John Sheehan, Danielle Wordelman, Marianne Ellner, Michele Broussard

**Lectors**

**Saturday, 1/3/09, 5:00pm:** Pat Hess, Ann Hess

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**Sunday, 1/4/09, 8:30am:** Shana McDonald, Kellyn McDonald

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**Sunday, 1/4/09, 11:00am:** Barbara Allen

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**Sunday, 1/4/09, 5:00pm:** Julia, Kathryn & Jim Shelton

**Greeter's**

**Saturday, 1/3/09, 5:00pm:**  
 Carol Thomas, Bob Thomas, Sally Laporta, Joe Mello

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**Sunday, 1/4/09, 8:30am:**  
 Betty Mathews, Phyllis Mathews, Velma Minter, Joan Thompson, Sharon Hane, John Kysar

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**Sunday, 1/4/09, 11:00am:**  
 Bridget Piziali, Kelly Woytus, Peg Moore, Jim Moore

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**Sunday, 1/4/09, 5:00pm:**  
 Andrew Zehm, Kathryn Giles, Barbara Johnson

**Usher's**

**Saturday, 1/3/09, 5:00pm:** Not Filled

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**Sunday, 1/4/09, 8:30am:**  
 Howard Clunn, David DeRosa, Ed McClaughin, Paul Petrocelli, Pete Thompson

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**Sunday, 1/4/09, 11:00am:**  
 Paul Law, Bill Stirman

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**Sunday, 1/4/09, 5:00pm** Not Filled

**Sacristan**

**Saturday, 1/3/09, 5:00pm:** Jim McKeivitt

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**Sunday, 1/4/09, 8:30am:** Julia Eggert

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**Sunday, 1/4/09, 11:00am:** Mark Champlin

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

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Monday, December 29, 2008**

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

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**Tuesday, December 30, 2008**

3:30pm	Children's Choir Practice	Chapel
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**Wednesday, December 31, 2008**

7:30pm	Sterling/Fasulo Wedding	St. Teresa
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**Friday, January 2, 2009**

12:00pm	Basketball Practice	Parish Hall
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**Sunday, January 4, 2009**

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.*



**HAPPY NEW YEAR**  
 From the staff of St. Teresa's

**The parish office  
 will be closed,  
 January 2nd & 3rd  
 for  
 New Year's.**

**Have a safe and blessed Holiday!!!!**