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**Mary, the Holy Mother of God
 January 1, 2012**

MISSION STATEMENT

“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you; abide in My Love.” In Christ’s Love the Eucharistic community of St. Teresa of Avila, Auburn, embraces and welcomes all as part of God’s family. We value every parishioner and strive to reflect the forgiveness and healing of the Gospels.

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil.....5:00pm
 Sunday.....8:00am, 10:30am
3:30pm (Spanish), & 5:30pm

Daily Masses

Monday—Saturday.....8:30am

Holy Days8:30am, 6:00pm

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—12:00pm

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 (530) 889-2254



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Mary kept all these things,
reflecting on them in her heart.


— Luke 2:19

THE BLESSING WE RECEIVE

The blessing we experience in Christ Jesus is proclaimed in Numbers as the special blessing for the people of Israel. They and we are to be blessed by the invocation of God’s loving kindness, the shining glory of God’s face turned toward us in love, not away from us in anger. We are blessed by God’s own peace!

Our wish and our hope are fulfilled in this blessing, which is made visible in the coming of Jesus. In Jesus, the image of the invisible God, God’s face is shown to us and God’s presence is made known to us in faithful and loving kindness.

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MASS INTENTIONS
December 31, 2011—January 7, 2012

	Saturday 12/31/11	5:00pm	
	James Wolf		
Sunday	01/01/12	8:00am	The Mathews Family
Sunday	01/01/12	10:30am	+ John Graham
Sunday	01/01/12	3:30pm	All Parishioners
Sunday	01/01/12	5:30pm	+ Pete Filice
Monday	01/02/12	8:30am	Respect Life
Tuesday	01/03/12	8:30am	Fr. Jason Clark
Wednesday	01/04/12	8:30am	
Thursday	01/05/12	8:30am	
Friday	01/06/12	8:30am	+ Estacio Faria

**Please pray for the sick
of our parish:**


Dr. James Wolf, Mary Lewis (Mother of Dana Zeller) Emery Leydecker, Adrian Rubio,

KEEP THEM
IN YOUR PRAYERS



PRAYER OF THE WEEK
January 1, 2012, Mary, the Holy Mother of God
O God, who through the fruitful virginity of Blessed Mary bestowed on the human race the grace of eternal salvation, grant, we pray, that we may experience the intercession of her, through whom we were found worthy to receive the author of life, our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Reflection question:
What can I take to the Blessed Virgin Mary in prayer this week?



TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD bless you and keep you! The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace! (Numbers 6:22-27).
Psalm — May God bless us in his mercy (Psalm 67).
Second Reading — God sent the Spirit of the Son into our hearts, crying out, “Abba, Father!” So you are no longer a slave but an heir, through God (Galatians 4:4-7).
Gospel — The shepherds glorified and praised God for all they had heard and seen (Luke 2:16-21).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Jn 1:29-34
Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42
Thursday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 2:1-11
Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Octave of Christmas; New Year’s Day; Mary, the Most Holy Mother of God; World Day of Prayer for Peace
Monday: Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen
Tuesday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus
Wednesday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Thursday: St. John Neumann
Friday: St. André Bessette; First Friday
Saturday: St. Raymond of Penyafort; First Saturday; Julian Calendar Christmas



Thank You
For Your
Offering

**OFFERTORY FOR THE FOLLOWING
WEEK:
December 18, 2011:**

\$14,174.25

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE
 Week of January 8, 2012

Altar Servers

Saturday, 1/7/12, 5:00pm
 Sarah Clavien, Luis Barnes, Julian Largaespada

Sunday, 1/8/12, 8:00am
 Kristen & Own Kopp, Carlos Lopez

Sunday, 1/8/12, 10:30am
 Riley, Morgan & Kyle Decker

Sunday, 1/8/12, 3:30pm
 Amado Crlos, Wendy DeJesus, Luis Moreno

Sunday, 1/8/12, 5:30pm
 Confirmation Servers

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, 1/7/12, 5:00pm
 Gloria Grimm, Deborah Lynn, Brian Sharp, Joyce Swartz,
 Jim & Kathy Quinnan

Sunday, 1/8/12, 8:00am
 Marcella Dayton, Vince Dewitt, Trish Jensen,
 Charles Schneider, Jackie Shook, Vince & Renee Anaclerio

Sunday, 1/8/12, 10:30am
 Greg & Lori Belanger, Deana Eshpeter, Tim Towne,
 Ida Granata, Michelle Whalley

Sunday, 1/8/12, 3:30pm
 Sarah Horvath, Yanira Muniz

Sunday, 1/8/12, 5:30pm
 Frankie Hey, Aaron & Sharon Hicks, Lizzie Roche,
 Carole Coleman, Kerry McCullough

Lectors

Saturday, 1/7/12, 5:00pm
 Jim & Mary Brady

Sunday, 1/8/12, 8:00am
 Pat Kysar, Russ Zeller

Sunday, 1/8/12, 10:30am
 Shana & Kellyn McDonald

Sunday, 1/8/12, 3:30pm, Not Filled

Sunday, 1/8/12, 5:30pm
 Confirmation Students

Greeters

Saturday, 1/7/12, 5:00pm
 Linda Pierce, Nancy Bihler, Sally Laporta

Sunday, 1/8/12, 8:00am
 Kate Sabins, Marcia Kitchell, Betty Mathews, Sharon Hane,
 Joan Thompson, Andrew Zehm

Sunday, 1/8/12, 10:30am
 Maureen Spencer, Bobbie Cairns, Ruth Wright,
 Micheline Turner

Sunday, 1/8/12, 3:30pm Not filled

Sunday, 1/8/12, 5:30pm
 Confirmation Students

Ushers

Saturday, 1/7/12, 5:00pm, Not Filled

Sunday, 1/8/12, 8:00am
 Bill Fixmer, Pete Ivovic, Ron Malinowski, John Marcella

Sunday, 1/8/12, 10:30am
 Gary Crockett, Paul Law

Sunday, 1/8/12, 3:30pm, Not Filled

Sunday, 1/8/12, 5:30pm, Confirmation Students

Sacristans

Saturday, 1/7/12	5:00pm	Jim McKevitt
Sunday, 1/8/12	8:00am	Julia Eggert
Sunday, 1/8/12	10:30am	Joe Offer
Sunday, 1/8/12	3:30pm	Micaela Estrada
Sunday, 1/8/12	5:30pm	Pat Islip

Week At A Glance

Monday, January 2, 2012		
9:15am	Respect Life Rosary	Cry Room
9:30am	Bible Study	Chapel
3:00pm	Basketball Practice	Parish Hall
7:00pm	RCIA	Chapel
Tuesday, January 3, 2012		
3:00pm	Basketball Practice	Parish Hall
Wednesday, January 4, 2012		
3:15pm	Children's Choir Practice	Chapel
4:00pm	Beginner's Guitar Class	Chapel
5:00pm	Intermediate Guitar Class	Chapel
5:30pm	Bingo	Parish Hall
Thursday, January 5, 2012		
3:00pm	Basketball Practice	Parish Hall
5:30pm	Junior Cantor Practice	St. Teresa
6:30pm	Adult Choir Practice	St. Teresa
7:30pm	KC General Meeting	Fireplace Room
Saturday, January 7, 2012		
4:00pm	Gathering Inn	Parish Hall
Sunday, January 8, 2012		
6:30pm	Life Teen	Parish Hall
6:30pm	Confirmation Class	Chapel



Please mark your calendars for the Gathering Inn on Saturday evening, January 7 -

We will be preparing and serving dinner in our hall to the homeless of Placer County. If you can help, please contact Brenda Fischer at (530) 305-9919.

MINISTRIES UPDATE:

Respect Life: Please join us for Mass at 8:30am and Respect Life Rosary at 9:15am on Monday, January 2nd.

Italian Catholic Federation

33rd Annual Polenta Dinner/Dance is scheduled for **Sunday, Jan. 15th**, in the parish hall. 10 yrs. & over: **\$20**, Children under 10 yrs. **\$10.00**.

5:30pm No Host Cocktails. 6:30pm Dinner
 7:00 to 10:00pm Dancing/Raffle

Proceeds benefit St. Joseph & St. Teresa parishes and our parish school and community.

Tickets are available by calling: Delores Aleccia at

HAPPY NEW YEAR



ST JOSEPH SCHOOL NEWS

SAVE THE DATE:

Open House:

Sunday, January 29th, 12:00 to 2:00pm

Crab Feed:

February 11, 2012



**OASIS DAY
MERCY CENTER, AUBURN**

Prayer and Contemplation: 1st

Tuesday of every month, (Next

meeting: **January 3rd**) 9:15am to 2:30pm.

Suggested donation—\$20.

Facilitator: Sr. Margaret Ann Walsh.

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arish office will be closed on Monday, January 2nd for New Years Day. We wish everyone a very Happy & Blessed New Year.

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

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Confidential Registration Form

Welcome to St. Teresa of Avila Parish Community! In order for us to best serve you and your needs, please provide us with the following information.

Last Name: _____ **First:** _____ **Date of Birth** _____

Address: _____ **Phone #:** _____

City/State: _____ **Zip Cpde:** _____ **Cell #** _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Occupation: _____ **Work #:** _____

Baptized: Yes | | No | **In What Religion:** _____ **First Communion:** Yes | | No: |

Confirmation: Yes | | No | **Married in the Catholic Church:** Yes | | No | **If No, Please Explain:** _____

Spouse Name: _____ **Maiden Name:** _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

Occupation: _____ **Cell #:** _____ **Work #:** _____

Baptized: Yes | | No | **In What Religion:** _____

First Communion: Yes | | No | **Confirmation:** Yes | | No |

Child Name: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

Baptized: Yes | | No | **In What Religion:** _____

First Communion: Yes | | No | **Confirmation:** Yes | | No |

Child Name: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

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First Communion: Yes | | No | **Confirmation:** Yes | | No |

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HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

What then must we do to properly receive the Word of God proclaimed at Mass? The General Instruction tells us that all must listen with reverence to the readings from God's word. (GIRM, no. 29) and it provides that those who read the Scriptures must be truly suited to perform this function and should receive careful preparation, so that the faithful by listening to the readings from the sacred texts may develop in their hearts a warm and living love for Sacred Scripture. (GIRM, no. 101)

The key word in all of this is listening. We are called to listen attentively as the reader, deacon or priest proclaims God's Word: Unless one is unable to hear, one should not be reading along with a text from a missal or missalette. Rather, taking our cue from the General Instruction itself, we should listen as we would if Christ himself were standing at the ambo, for in fact it is God who speaks when the Scriptures are proclaimed. Carefully following along with the printed word can cause us to miss the gentle voice of the Holy Spirit, the message that the Spirit may have for us in one of the passages because we are anxious to 'keep up', to move along with the reader.

Perhaps the best way to understand the readings at Mass and our response to them is offered by Pope John Paul II in his Instruction *Dies Domini*. He encourages *those who take part in the Eucharist, priest, ministers and faithful...to prepare the Sunday liturgy, reflecting beforehand upon the Word of God which will be proclaimed* and adds that if we do not, *it is difficult for the liturgical proclamation of the Word of God alone to produce the fruit we might expect.* (n. 40) In this way we till the soil, preparing our souls to receive the seeds to be planted by the Word of God so that seed may bear fruit.

The Word of God, then calls for our listening and our response in silent reflection, as well as in word and song. Most important of all, the Word of God, which is living and active, calls each of us individually and all of us together for a response that moves beyond the liturgy itself and affects our daily lives, leading us to engage fully in the task of making Christ known to the world by all that we do and say.

CATHOLICS: WELCOME HOME

As any fisherman will tell you, when you decide to go fishing, you have no idea beforehand how much you are going to catch, nor can you guarantee when fish will end up in your catch. The same is true when following Christ's call to be a "fisher of men." One cannot predict who will respond to God's call and when that will occur. The following is a story of one such unlikely "fish."

A man in his late 50's—Jim—came to one of our parish's 'inquiry meetings'. These meetings were intended to allow people to come and ask any question they had about Catholicism. Most people would come to one meeting, politely ask a few questions, thank us for our responses, and then never return. Jim was different. He came to a meeting ready to fight. He was agitated throughout the discussion, asking many challenging questions, and often interrupting the answers to dispute the moderator. His wife sat next to him, apparently embarrassed by his belligerence. At the end of the session, he seemed just as agitated as when he arrived.

The next week, however, when we held another meeting, he was there again—and again he asked a multitude of questions and dismissed most of the answers we gave. I began to be concerned that he was a disruptive force in the meetings and even considered asking him not to come back for fear that he was scaring off other participants. But I allowed him to continue to attend, and attend he did: for over a year, whenever we held an inquiry meeting, he would be there, but always with a chip on his shoulder. Over that time, however, there did seem to be a slow change in his demeanor. He listened a little more to our answers. A few times he even admitted that an answer given in a previous meeting (which he had initially disputed) now satisfied him.

Over several months I also got to know both Jim and his wife. They started attending some feast day and First Friday Masses. We would say hello to each other and chat for a few minutes. This continued for close to a year. Then I didn't see them for a few months, but eventually I ran into his wife after Mass. I asked her where Jim was, and she told me that he had recently—and suddenly—passed away. She said, "You know how upset Jim was when he began coming to those inquiry meetings? The truth is that he hadn't been going to church for years, and he had a lot of issues with Catholicism. But our daughter became engaged to a young man and they were starting to really practice their faith. That was the same time we saw your fliers for the inquiry meeting and even though Jim was upset with the Church, he figured that it might be an opportunity to see why our daughter was embracing her Catholic faith. That was the beginning of his return to the Church." Through those inquiry meetings, as well as many conversations with our pastor (and, I'm sure, the countless prayers of his wife), Jim was eventually reconciled to the Church, receiving sacramental confession for the first time in years. A few months later, he was dead. While I was sorrowful that this woman had lost her husband at a relatively young age, I rejoiced how God was able to bring him back to the Church in preparation for his death. What a merciful God we have!

