

**St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church  
11600 Atwood Road  
Auburn, Ca. 95603**



**February 21, 2021  
First Sunday of Lent**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday	02/20	5:00pm	For The Faithful
Sunday	02/21	8:30am	For The Faithful
		10:30am +	Beth Bowman
		4:00pm	For The Faithful
Tuesday	02/23	8:30am	
Wednesday	02/24	8:30am	
Thursday	02/25	8:30am	
Friday	02/26	8:30am	Brookdale Residents

**Sunday Masses**

Saturday Vigil ..5:00pm  
 Sunday .....8:30am, 10:30am, (Livestream)  
 4:00pm (Spanish)

**Daily Mass**

Tuesday—Friday... 8:30am

**Eucharistic Adoration**

Cancelled until further notice

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday, 3:30pm – 4:30pm, or by appointment.

For information on **Baptisms, Confirmation, Marriage, & Anointing of the Sick:**

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**MISSION STATEMENT**

In God'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 mercy, forgiveness, and healing of Jesus Christ.

**LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE**

February 20th & 21st

**Cross Bearers**

Saturday, 5:00pm: Gabe Barnes  
 Sunday, 8:30am: Tony Manley  
 Sunday, 10:30am: Lincoln Hayes

**Eucharistic Ministers**

Saturday, 5:00pm: Jim McKeivitt  
 Kathryn Shelton  
 Sunday, 8:30am: Nancy Taylor  
 Tim Schott  
 Sunday, 10:30am: Theresa Anderson  
 Barbara Kilborn

**Lectors**

Saturday, 5:00pm: Elaine Frenna  
 Patricia Jensen  
 Sunday, 8:30am: Russ Zeller  
 Joyce Corothers  
 Sunday, 10:30am: Barbara Kilborn  
 Cole Santiago

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Stations of the Cross are held every Friday at 7:00 pm during Lent. All are welcome to join us.



**OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS FOR:**

February 14, 2021:	\$ 9,789
Online Offertory:	<u>\$ 3,043</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$12,832</b>

**Prayers & Readings****Penitential Act**

I confess to Almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; Therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

**Reading 1:**

God said to Noah and to his sons with him: "See, I am now establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you: all the birds, and the various tame and wild animals that were with you and came out of the ark. I will establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all bodily creatures be destroyed by the waters of a flood; there shall not be another flood to devastate the earth." God added: "This is the sign that I am giving for all ages to come, of the covenant between me and you and every living creature with you: I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth, and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the covenant I have made between me and you and all living beings, so that the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all mortal beings."

**Responsorial Psalm**

**R. (cf. 10) Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.**

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me;  
teach me your paths,  
Guide me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are God my savior.

**R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.**

Remember that your compassion, O LORD,  
and your love are from of old.  
In your kindness remember me,  
because of your goodness, O LORD.

**R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.**

Good and upright is the LORD,  
thus he shows sinners the way.  
He guides the humble to justice,  
and he teaches the humble his way.

**R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.**

**Reading 2:**

Beloved:

Christ suffered for sins once,  
the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous,  
that he might lead you to God.

Put to death in the flesh,  
he was brought to life in the Spirit.

In it he also went to preach to the spirits in prison,  
who had once been disobedient  
while God patiently waited in the days of Noah  
during the building of the ark,  
in which a few persons, eight in all,  
were saved through water.

This prefigured baptism, which saves you now.  
It is not a removal of dirt from the body  
but an appeal to God for a clear conscience,  
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,  
who has gone into heaven  
and is at the right hand of God,  
with angels, authorities, and powers subject to him.

**Gospel**

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

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I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven of earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.  
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God,  
Born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
True God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
Through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation He came down from heaven,

**All bow**

and by the Holy Spirit was Incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
He suffered death, and was buried, and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead  
and His Kingdom will have no end.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
And I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
And the life of the world to come. Amen

**Acclamation After Consecration:** We proclaim your death O Lord, and profess your  
Resurrection, until you come again.

**Lamb of God:** Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take  
away the sins of the world, have mercy on us, Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world, grant us  
peace.

**Prayer in Time of Covid-19:**

Lord Jesus, you heal the sick. We pray that the Corona Virus that has affected so many in our  
world can be contained, controlled, and cured. We lift to your mercy all those affected, all those working  
hard to study and cure this illness, and all health care professionals and emergency management teams  
that are working day and night to keep us safe.  
Help us Lord. We trust in you.  
Holy Mary Mother of God pray for us.  
St. Joseph pray for us.

## Lenten Regulations 2021

### Lent and Easter

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a season in which the faithful are called to reflect on the Paschal Mystery more intentionally. It is a time of spiritual renewal and to examine one's relationship with God and others more carefully. It is also a time in which catechumens prepare to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. The Church calls everyone, therefore, to a spirit of penance through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

### *Fasting and Abstinence*

In order to foster a spirit of repentance and unite ourselves more closely to Christ, Church law requires the observance of Abstinence and Fasting during Lent.<sup>1</sup> (For further study, see Pope Paul VI's apostolic constitution on the subject.<sup>2</sup>)

### *Abstinence*

All persons, 14 years and older, are obliged to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent. “. . . [Any] parish or diocesan institution or group which sponsors an event which includes a meal is not to serve meat on any Friday during the year”.<sup>3</sup> Other forms of abstinence, for example abstinence from alcoholic beverages, television, video games, the internet, and social media, are also beneficial.

### *Fasting*

Everyone from ages 18 to 59 is obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Voluntary fasting on other weekdays of Lent, especially on Wednesdays and Fridays, is highly recommended. Fasting is understood to mean that one full meal may be eaten. Two other small meals may be eaten, but together they should not equal a full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted.

When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, neither the law of fasting nor the law of abstinence obliges. If in doubt, one's parish priest or confessor should be consulted. Airport workers, travelers, and others while on board ships or airplanes are dispensed from the laws of fast and abstinence for the duration of their journey (except on Good Friday). It is desirable that they perform some other pious act instead.

### *Prayer*

Catholics are urged to read and pray with sacred Scripture more intently during Lent, and to deepen their faith by reading the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. The faithful are encouraged to participate in special devotions offered by the parish, especially Eucharistic adoration. Other devotions such as the Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, visits to the Blessed Sacrament, and praying for vocations to the priesthood and religious life are also encouraged.

### *Ash Wednesday*

Ash Wednesday is not a holy day of obligation and while there is no requirement for the clergy and faithful to receive the imposition of ashes, it is rightly observed as a celebration of high importance. This year, the Holy See has modified the method of distributing the ashes due to the pandemic.

The Priest says the prayer for blessing the ashes. He sprinkles the ashes with holy water, without saying anything. Then he addresses all those present and only once says the formula as it appears in the Roman Missal, applying it to all in general: “Repent, and believe in the Gospel”, or “Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

The Priest then cleanses his hands, puts on a face mask, and distributes the ashes to those who come to him or, if appropriate, he goes to those who are standing in their places. The Priest takes the ashes and sprinkles them on the head of each one without saying anything. This method of distributing the ashes, sprinkling rather than applying to the forehead, is common in some countries and is intended to protect health. A demonstration video will be available on the diocesan website.

### *The Sacrament of Reconciliation*

Lent is a privileged time for celebrating the Sacrament of Penance. The faithful are obliged to confess their grave sins at least once a year.<sup>4</sup> To that end, parishes are encouraged to provide ample opportunity for the faithful to partake of the Sacrament of Reconciliation by expanding their confession schedule during Lent. Parish communal penance services are strongly discouraged due to public health restrictions. The applicable pandemic guidelines must be followed. General absolution is not permitted.

**Lenten Regulations (continued)****The Stations of the Cross**

The Stations of the Cross are to be celebrated in each parish on Fridays during Lent and parishioners should be encouraged to participate. It is possible to pray the Stations outdoors.

**Special Day of Penance and Prayer**

The second Wednesday of March is to be observed as “[a] day of penance for negative attitudes and discrimination toward people of differing cultures, ethnicity and race; and prayer for unity in our diversity, for equality, mutual respect and peace among all peoples”.<sup>5</sup>

**Weddings**

Ritual Masses for the Celebration of Marriage may not take place on Ash Wednesday, on Sundays of Lent, during Holy Week, during the Paschal Triduum, or on Sundays of Easter.<sup>6</sup> “The celebration of Marriage on Friday of the Passion of the Lord and on Holy Saturday is to be avoided altogether.”<sup>7</sup> Marriages may take place at other times during Lent according to the proper liturgical norms and provisions. It is contrary to the penitential spirit of the season to have elaborate weddings or lavish receptions. Those who need to have marriages convalidated before the Easter Vigil should do so prior to Holy Week, not on Holy Saturday or during the Vigil.

**Funeral Masses**

Funerals are not to be celebrated on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, or Holy Saturday, nor on the Sundays of Lent. When pastoral considerations necessitate that a funeral be celebrated on these days, the Liturgy of the Word with the Final Commendation and Farewell may be conducted.

**Paschal Triduum**

No Masses are to be offered on Good Friday nor on Holy Saturday except the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night. The Easter Vigil begins after nightfall which in our diocese is 8:35 p.m. this year.<sup>8</sup> For additional helpful information beyond what is provided in the Roman Missal, see the related Circular Letter.<sup>9</sup> Further pandemic-related information may be provided closer to The Three Days.

**Easter Duty**

All Catholics who have been initiated into the Holy Eucharist are bound to receive holy communion worthily at least once during the Easter Season. In the United States, the Easter duty may be fulfilled through the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. Catholics are encouraged to receive Communion as often as possible, not only during Eastertide, but throughout the year. However, “[anyone] conscious of a grave sin must receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before coming to Communion”.<sup>10</sup>

**Almsgiving**

From earliest times giving to the poor, or almsgiving, has been an invaluable spiritual practice, a religious duty, a form of penance, an expression of Christian charity, and an aid to interior conversion. Therefore, all Catholics are urged to give generously to assist the poor and support the charitable works of the Church, especially through their local parish and the Annual Catholic Appeal.

The faithful are also encouraged to visit the sick, the homebound, the aged, and those in prison, remembering the words of our Lord Jesus Christ who said, “As you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me” (Matthew 25:40). Fasting and abstinence together with almsgiving and charitable works unite us to the crucified Christ reflected in the image of our brothers and sisters who suffer.

**Covering Crosses and Images**

*In the Dioceses of the United States the practice of covering crosses and images throughout the church from this [Fifth Sunday of Lent] may be observed. Crosses remain covered until the end of the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil.*<sup>11</sup>

**Initiation**

*The Christian Initiation of adults and children of catechetical age includes at one celebration: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. In accord with the ancient practice of the Church, these sacraments are to be received together and in their proper order.*<sup>12</sup>