



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

November 24 - November 30

Mon.	8:30	Roz Bastian (L)
Tues.	8:30	Veronica Booth †
Wed.	8:30	Vincent Buckhout †
Thurs.	9:00	Thanksgiving Day Mass
Fri.	6:30	Giuseppe Natucci †
	8:30	Asuncion Pedro †
Sat.	8:30	Eileen Carroll †
	5:00	Pietro Caturegli †
Sun.	5:00	Juliet Marnell †

*Please pray for the faithful departed of St. Charles*

### *Sick Relatives and Friends*

Please remember in your prayers: Ed Orr, Eugene Moriarity, Isabel Lara, John Meany, Barbara Peters, Solly Catiis, Stan Mitchell, Yolanda Plut, Carmella Chellemi, Carmen Esquivel, Jim Mason, and Louise DeBarbie.

*Are you are ill or homebound? Would you like members of the parish to pray for you? Do you know of someone who is, and would like to receive the Eucharist? Contact Kathy Fagliano at 591-7349 ext. 28.*

### *Sacramental Giving*

November 16th Offertory Collection ~ \$10,563.50  
**Thank-you!**

### *Catholic Campaign for Human Development*

*This weekend's special collection*

For 37 million Americans, there is a thin line: between eviction and home, between hunger and health, between unemployment and work, between anxiety and stability. This line is a poverty line, and it is set at an annual income of \$20,444 for a family of four. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development is dedicated to breaking the cycle of poverty by funding community programs that encourage independence. You are essential to its success. Your generous donations will give those in poverty the support they need to make lasting changes. Together we can make a difference in families and communities. Please give generously in today's collection.

### **St. Vincent de Paul**

#### **Next Weekend's Special Collection**

San Mateo County's unemployment rate jumped to 5.3% in October, up from 4.1% a year ago. This year, the county has seen losses in jobs primarily in sectors that impact our lower income neighbors. For instance, Hospitality lost 700 jobs and Construction is down by 500 jobs.\*Inflation is at a 27-year high while personal incomes are down 1.6% from last month. Our St. Vincent de Paul conference depends on your donations in order to support individuals and families desperately affected during this difficult economic climate. Next weekend, November 29th and 30th, is the last of the four 5th Sunday St. Vincent DePaul collections for this year. We strive to assist many families and single adults by providing such things as food, clothing and furniture, rental assistance and utilities payments. We help anyone in need regardless of race, creed, age, disability, or gender, and 92% of our county's St. Vincent de Paul tax-deductible donations go back into services for the poor. Your generosity and kindness will be appreciated and put to great use. Please consider a donation next weekend. Thank you.

**Stewardship by the Book:** *When the Son of Man comes in glory, may we be among those who have fed the hungry, welcomed the stranger, and clothed the naked. For Jesus tells us clearly that it is those who have demonstrated good stewardship by sharing their gifts with the less fortunate who will receive God's blessing and inherit the kingdom.*



There will be one Mass at 9:00am on **Thanksgiving Day**. Traditionally we have taken a collection at this Mass to give to our sister parish, St. Francis of Assisi. We will do the same this year. There is always a very special sense of community at this Mass. Do try to join us. Perhaps there is a friend or neighbor who would like to be invited as well.

*You are invited to bring the bread or rolls and wine that will be a part of your celebration meal that day. Please keep these items with you in the pew—a special blessing will conclude our intercessory prayers.*

## *Faith Formation*

**K-5th Grade:** Check this bulletin for information on the Advent Connection December 1st. We hope you and your family will attend the dinner and celebration. Classes will resume Sunday, January 11th beginning our second trimester.

**Please be sure to bring your Advent candles to Mass next weekend so that they may receive a special blessing**

**Blessing of Advent Candles:** Sat/Sun, Nov 29/30 (*the first day of Advent*). Don't worry if you don't have your candles yet or if you forget yours because Charlie's Angels will have candles for sale at the doors of the church for your convenience (and you'll be helping support our youth activities at the same time). There will even be a limited amount of simple Advent wreaths available for those interested!

Little Angels will be closed today  
and November 30th for the Thanksgiving holiday.  
We will reopen on December 7th.



**The Environment Committee** has been working for some time on plants for the Christmas season. We have purchased all the items that we will need for decorating the church and school auditorium and we are ready to go to work! We hope you will take the time to enjoy some of the changes we will be making. The Christmas flower envelopes will be available on all the small tables around the church. Any contribution you can make will be much appreciated.

The Environment Committee

**This Christmas season**, your St. Vincent de Paul Conference in conjunction with the San Carlos Rotary, is providing an opportunity for our parish to help meet the needs of struggling families and individuals residing in San Carlos. We are also helping the **St. Francis of Assisi St. Vincent de Paul conference** and the **Homeless Help Center**. From November 29th through December 14th, a **Christmas Gift Tree** bearing ornaments with gift requests for these families and individuals will be available in the church vestibule for selection. Simply select a paper ornament with the requested gift item noted on it, purchase the gift and **return** it to the vestibule by **December 14, 2008**. For your convenience, written instructions are available in the vestibule starting November 29th. Thank you for your generosity in making Christmas giving an opportunity to provide to those in need; truly, in giving we do receive.

*Merry Christmas from your St. Vincent de Paul Conference*



## SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO ST. CHARLES!

20<sup>TH</sup> Annual "Breakfast with Santa"  
December 7, 2008

8:00am to 11:30am ~ Borromeo Hall

Reserve your spot to join the St. Charles Parish Community in welcoming Santa at our annual pancake breakfast. This event is guaranteed to put you in the Christmas spirit with music, a raffle, photos with Santa and a yummy breakfast served by St. Charles Kindergarten parents. Ticket order forms are available at the Church Exits today. Questions? Contact Mary Rees at [maryrees@sbcglobal.net](mailto:maryrees@sbcglobal.net) or (650) 365-7337.

**St. Charles School** is excited to announce a full-day Kindergarten program beginning with the 2009-2010 school year. We are welcoming all interested families to join us for a school tour on December 2nd and 4th. Each tour is about 45 minutes. To register for a tour, please call 593-1629.

*St. Charles School, mindful of its mission to be witness to the love of Christ for all, admits students of any race, color, and national and/or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded to or made available to students at this school. St. Charles School does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, and national and/or ethnic origin, age, gender or disability in administration of educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school administered program.*

**Thanks to your generous support** of my Eagle Scout project which will be making improvements at Borromeo Hall, I have met my fundraising goal. I look forward to starting this project very soon. I greatly appreciate your generosity and the kind words from so many of you.

James Smith  
Troop 321

**Junípero Serra High School** will be holding its Annual **Open House** Program for elementary school students, parents, and friends on Thursday, December 4th, 2008 at 7:00pm. The entrance exam will be given on Saturday, January 10, 2009 from 8:30am to 11:50am. Applications for next Fall's freshman class are currently available on the school's website at [www.serrahs.com](http://www.serrahs.com). Junípero Serra is located at 451 West 20th Avenue in San Mateo.

**Prospective students and parents are invited to attend an Open House at Woodside Priory School, on Saturday, December 6.** Please make reservations by calling 650-851-8223. The planned program starts at 10am. The Priory is a Catholic, Benedictine school serving middle school grades 6th through 8th and high school grades 9th through 12th, located at 302 Portola Road, Portola Valley. Applications are now being accepted for both sixth grade and freshman year of high school. The application deadline is January 15, 2009.

## ST. CHARLES 16TH ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT February 20-22, 2009

**Good news!** We have a few double rooms available for the 2009 Women's Retreat. Linda Schubert will be our guest speaker on the **Gifts of the Holy Spirit**. We offer parishioners the opportunity to sign up first before we open registration to other women on January 1st. Registration forms are available in the bookrack at the back of the Church. For more information contact Lorie Boris (593-7339)

**YOUR PRAYERS HELP SAVE THE UNBORN:** All are welcome to join our group as we pray quietly in front of Planned Parenthood, 1230 Hopkins Ave., in RWC We will meet Saturday, December 6th at 8:50 AM. This is an ongoing prayer vigil for "every" First Saturday of the month. Questions: [Vicki@365-5718](mailto:Vicki@365-5718)

Whatever you did for  
one of these  
least ones,  
you did  
for  
me.



## CHRIST, KING OF ALL

On this, the final Sunday of the liturgical year, we celebrate the solemnity of Christ the King. By concluding the year with this feast we are proclaiming our faith that Jesus Christ is the one and only king over all seasons, all peoples, and all of creation.

At the end of time as we know it, Christ's work of restoring all things to unity and harmony with their Creator God will be completed. This Sunday, when we claim Christ as both our Shepherd and our King, we recognize our own calling to participate in Christ's saving work by caring for those whom Jesus calls "the least ones" (*Matthew 25:45*).

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### ANSWERS FROM LAST WEEKS BULLETIN TO YOUR CATHOLIC IQ?

- (d)** In the New American Bible, "Phil" is the abbreviation for Philipians while "Phlm" is the abbreviation for Philemon.
- (d)** This period of time, during which up to three men claimed to be pope at the same time, is known as the Great Schism.
- (a)** The Confraternity of Christian Doctrine was established in Rome in 1562. Today the term "CCD" has generally been replaced by terms such as "religious education", "faith formation", or "catechesis".
- (d)** In the Latin Mass, the priest's greeting of *Dominus vobis cum* (*The Lord be with you*) is responded by the assembly with *Et cum spiritu tuo*, (*And with your Spirit*).

**Congratulations to Jesse Pabico and Lisa Snider  
who are celebrating the Sacrament of  
Confirmation at the Cathedral today.**

**FISH VOLUNTEERS** - Please pick up your calendars at church before Dec 1st.; If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Carolyn Ranken, 593-3721.

### VALLOMBROSA RETREAT CENTER

**November 25 - Sacred Healing Retreat** - Day 9am-4 pm  
Balance and heal the physical, emotional, mental and spiritual. Retreat includes guided meditations and self-healing techniques, with a focus on the divine Light of Christ.

Joan Prohaska, O.P.

**December 6 - Advent Day of Prayer** - 9 am-4 pm  
Prepare the Way of the Lord! Silence, guided meditations and contemplative prayer sessions will help you deepen your longings for Christ's coming and prepare you to receive Him anew with open hearts and minds.

Carmen de la Vega Neafsey, M.A.

December 31st—January 1, 2009

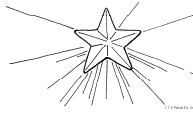
### **New Year's Eve Retreat Welcoming in the New Year**

Join us for our annual New Year's Eve retreat. Together we will remember and give thanks for the graces experienced in 2008. Looking ahead, we will reflect on the call, the plan and the promise of new beginnings.

Father Patrick LaBelle, O.P.

Please call (650) 325-5614 or visit our website at [www.vallombrosa.org](http://www.vallombrosa.org) for information and to register for any of the above events.

*Back by Popular Demand!!*  
**THE ADVENT CONNECTION**  
*"Come Lord Jesus...Come"*



**Monday evening, December 1, 2008**

St. Charles will once again offer a free program  
for the **WHOLE PARISH COMMUNITY!**

For **EVERYONE:** Dinner in  
Borromeo Hall starting at 5:30pm

**Adults and Teens:** \*Father Tony Richard  
presentation in the Church, 7-8:30pm  
*and at the same time*

**Children 5th grade and under:**  
Advent Celebration in the St. Charles Gym

\*Fr. Tony is a nationally known, dynamic speaker  
from New Orleans. He is well-loved by adults and  
teens...a regular at LA Congress and at youth con-  
ferences across the country. Check out his website:  
(KnightTimeMinistries) [www.fathertony.com](http://www.fathertony.com)

**R.S.V.P.** Please submit the form below to the parish  
office or contact Barbara O'Rourke: [Barbara@stcharlesparish.org](mailto:Barbara@stcharlesparish.org)  
or (650) 591-7349 ext. 34  
and let her know how many in your family are coming  
plus names and ages of any children. This helps us to  
plan the celebration for the children and also the  
amount of food we'll need. **Thank you !**

***Don't forget to RSVP!***

**St Charles ADVENT Connection 2008**

Please let us know you are coming!

Total number of people attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Family name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

List individual first name(s) and age(s)

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Childcare: First name(s) and age(s)

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**THE ADVENT CONNECTION NEEDS YOU! Are You in  
Need of Service Hours?** We need teens-adults that will  
help with CRAFTS with our children for our Advent Con-  
nection on Monday, December 1, 5:30 PM-8:30 PM.

Please call Nancy, 591-7349, ex. 27 or  
[Nfarrant@stcharlesparish.org](mailto:Nfarrant@stcharlesparish.org) if you are interested.