



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

December 31 - January 6

Mon.	8:30	—
Tues.	8:30	Patsy Leuterio (L)
Wed.	8:30	Norma Figone †
Thurs.	8:30	Lou Romanello †
Friday	6:30	—
	8:30	Beverly Ann Mills †
Sat.	8:30	Jim & Isobel O'Hearne †
	5:00	Rudy Hurtado †
Sun.	5:00	Norma Figone †

**Rest in Peace** - Settimo Casini,  
Frances Bolger and Estelle Piccinni

*Sick Relatives and Friends*

Please remember in your prayers; Nancy Farrant, Betty Murray, Zena Colombo, Susan Anderson-Baldwin, Honorato Campos, Pat Randig, Betty Cirigliano, Laura Healy, Angi DiPaola, Marita Alvarez, Carmen Esquivel, Mary Mara, James Dundon, and Seaton Fell-Holt.

If you are ill and would like members of the parish to pray for you, or if you are homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist, contact Kathy Fagliano at 591-7349 ext. 28.

*Sacrificial Giving*

Weekly Collection - \$10,763

St. Francis of Assisi - \$1,526 ~ **Thank you**

Next weekend's special collection will benefit parish education.



**The St. Charles chapter of St. Vincent de Paul will have their last 2007 5th Sunday collection** for the support of our local working poor **this weekend**. In the spirit of this wonderful season, your cash donation will allow us to provide **food, clothing, heat, and other basic needs** to our neighbors who are underserved. As always, your generosity is much appreciated by our conference and our local working poor.

**Stewardship by the Book:** *Joseph's obedience to God was not a one-time thing. His attention to the angel's warning kept Jesus from being murdered by Herod and led to the fulfillment of the prophecy that the Messiah would be a Nazorean. Fidelity to God's will assures the best use of my talents, too.*

**POPE JOHN PAUL II: GREAT APOSTLE OF THE EUCHARIST**  
"Christians must be distinguished above all by the 'art of prayer'...spend time in spiritual converse, in silent adoration, in heartfelt love before Christ present in the Most Holy Sacrament". First Friday Eucharistic adoration will take place in the chapel at the parish center on January 4th, beginning at 9:00am and continuing until midnight. All are welcome.

## FAITH FORMATION

**Mass on New Year's Day***Feast of Mary, Mother of God*

Tuesday, January 1, 2007 - 8:30am

**Little Angels is closed today**  
**Happy New Year!**

**The Music Corner...**

Thank you to all who attended the St. Charles Christmas Concert on December 14th. A good time was had by all and a total of \$360.00 was raised for the music ministries.

On December 18th the Children's Choir went out Christmas caroling with Fr. Dave leading the pack! We roamed the streets of San Carlos, sang at a couple of parishioner's houses and serenaded the ICF meeting. We would like to thank Carol Gianuario and the ICF for the great treats we got in return.

I would like to thank all of our hard working musicians who enhance our liturgies all year, but seem to work doubly hard at Christmas time. Our great Adult and Children's choirs, our cantors who lead our song, our pianists Chris Candelaria, Norman DeVol and Jack Nelligan and our guitarists, Jim Stevens and Keith Kube. They all help us to enjoy the season a little more.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

Claire Giovannetti

**Attention First Communion Parents:** If you missed either the first parent meeting or the Reconciliation Workshop, please pick up your missed work packet immediately. Your child's scrapbook will be reviewed for completion of chapters 1-4 during First Reconciliation on January 12th. We want to make this an enjoyable experience for your child and you so please do not let them fall behind. Remember to follow the directions given in the packet regarding e-mailing your information to us.

Thank you.

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**Confirmation Candidates and Parents** (in phase 2--those that will be Confirmed in Jan.) will have a meeting in the church on Tuesday, Jan 8, 7:30 - 8:30. Megan Pryor Lorentz, Associate Director for Youth Ministry and Catechesis will be our guest speaker for this evening.

Please pray for our Confirmation Candidates who will receive the sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, January 13, 2008 at the 5 pm Mass. Candidates and Sponsors: rehearsal will be Thurs, Jan 10, 7-8:30 pm in the church. On Jan 13, please meet in Borromeo Hall by 4 p.m.

**Sanctity of Human Life**

21st Annual Interfaith Memorial Service

For the Victims of Abortion

*"The Infant in my womb leaped for joy"*

Featured speakers:

Rev. Frank Pavone, *Mev. National Director, Priests for Life*  
Elder Walter Hoye II, *Progressive Missionary Baptist Church, Berkeley***Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption**

Gough &amp; Geary Streets, San Francisco

Friday Evening, January 18, 2008, 7:30pm

Interfaith Committee for Life

(415-664-3570)

**WALK FOR LIFE – WEST COAST 2008**

Make History—Join thousands of pro-life women, men, friends and families as we take our message to the streets proclaiming *"women deserve better than abortion."* Walk with us Saturday, January 19th, 2008, as we continue to peacefully proclaim our message in ever-greater numbers. Speakers include Dr. Alveda King of the Martin Luther King Jr. family. Join us as we proclaim a message of Life and Peace through the streets of San Francisco. The Walk for life will begin at 11am at Justin Herman Plaza (near the Ferry Building). For more information visit our website at [www.walkforlifewc.com](http://www.walkforlifewc.com).

To organize groups or for other information contact us at (415) 586-1575.

**Adult Faith Formation**

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION AROUND SAN MATEO COUNTY:** To find out what is available just use the Web Site [www.increaseourfaith.org](http://www.increaseourfaith.org). For more information call Nancy Farrant, 591-7349 ext. 27.

**Have you thought about becoming a Catholic Priest?**

You are invited to attend a **Discernment Retreat**, 4:00pm on Friday, February 1, 2008 through 1:00pm, February 3, 2008 at St. Patrick's Seminary & University, Menlo Park, California, to better understand if a vocation to the ministry of God's priesthood is for you! Single Catholic men, 21 years of age or older, are invited to explore the possibility of a priestly vocation. The weekend is designed to provide the tools needed to help you determine if God might be calling you to a vocation to the priesthood. For further information, please see your parish priest.

**Quiz Dates! Catholic Singles Party**

Tuesday, January 15, 2008 at 6:30pm

Elephant &amp; Castle Bar &amp; Restaurant

424 Clay Street in downtown San Francisco

Enjoy appetizers and drink specials. Teams of 3 men and 3 women. After each round of questions, men move to a new table to meet more women. Cost? \$20 before 1/8/08 (\$25 thereafter). \$35 for walk-ins (space permitting). Open to all Catholic singles.

To register go to [www.quizdates.com](http://www.quizdates.com)

**WINGS DINNER JANUARY 23rd****7:00pm in Borromeo Hall**

All women of St. Charles are invited for a fun evening while we are served one of Carlos DeMarchena's delicious gourmet dinners of pork tenderloin in a mustard-orange glaze, garlic mashed potatoes, the chef's choice of vegetable, wine and two desserts! To cover costs we are asking for a donation of \$20.

**IT'S GETTING CLOSE!** Be sure reserve your seat by sending in the form below with your check **PAYABLE TO:** St. Charles Church and **MAIL TO:** 12 Don Court, Redwood City, CA 94062. Please respond by January 15th. If you have any questions, please contact Jean Harper at 365-5638.

**Yes, I will be attending the WINGS Dinner  
on January 23, 2008**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

**Bunko and Texas Hold'em Gaming Night  
January 26, 2008**

Test your luck and skill with a fun filled evening in Borromeo Hall. For more information, contact Kirby Kish (650-598-9863, [kjkish@yahoo.com](mailto:kjkish@yahoo.com))

**Save the Date****Men's Club Ski Trip 2008!**

Back by popular demand, the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Charles Men's Club Ski Trip is scheduled for Saturday, **February 23, 2008**. Don't miss this fun filled day at Sugar Bowl Ski Resort and have the opportunity to spend a day skiing, snowboarding, or simply drinking hot cocoa in the mountains. Open to all parishioners and their guests, this is always a great experience and a fun way to sneak in a day at the mountains without all the hassles. Busses leave the church early in the morning to the resort and return that evening. More details including prices will be forthcoming, but put it in your calendars now so you don't miss out!

**Anniversary Mass  
Saturday, February 9th  
10:00am**

Archbishop George Niederauer cordially extends an invitation to all married couples of the Archdiocese of San Francisco, and beyond, to a Solemn Eucharistic Celebration and renewal of vows on Saturday, February 9th, 2008 at 10:00am at St. Mary's Cathedral, 1111 Gough Street, San Francisco, CA. Special honor will be shown to those who are celebrating their 25th, 50th, or 50+ Wedding Anniversaries. Reception immediately following Eucharist. Registration forms are available at the parish office, or by download at [www.sffamilylife.com](http://www.sffamilylife.com). For more information please call (707) 552-3394.

# Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Those who honor and comfort their parents shall never be forgotten (*Sirach 3:2-7, 12-14*).

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

**Second Reading** — You are called into one body. Bear with one another; forgive one another; let Christ's peace control you (*Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17]*).

**Gospel** — Joseph rose, took the child and his mother, and fled to Egypt (*Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23*).



## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

"Octave" comes from the Latin word for "eight," and since eight is one step beyond seven, the number of days in a week, it has long been seen as a symbol of perfection, completion, and new beginnings. Early Christians called Sunday the "eighth day," since it was the day after the Sabbath and a day of resurrected life, the Lord's Day. By the seventh century, people regarded the eight days after Easter Sunday as one great day, an octave, one glorious feast when people were forbidden to fast or kneel. In the seventh century, Pentecost acquired an Octave, too. Christmas didn't claim the honor of a continuous feast, but it did get an Octave Day. January 1 is the oldest Marian feast, the Octave of Christmas. It was originally a feast of the motherhood of Mary, although for centuries until 1969 it was called the Feast of the Circumcision. Our reformed calendar follows the earlier tradition of celebrating Mary as Mother of God.

Today's Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph is a modern one, instituted in 1921. Strains on family life then, with the world emerging from the first "Great War," were enormous. From its inception, this feast was clearly intended to inspire people with an image of family harmony even amid difficulties.

In 1969 the Feast of the Holy Family was moved to its present position, the Sunday within the Octave of Christmas. When Christmas falls on a Sunday, this feast is bumped to December 30, but is not a holy day. The Gospels chosen in 1969 all depict stressful times in the life of the family of Jesus: the Presentation (with the warning of future sorrow), the flight into Egypt, and Mary and Joseph's frantic search for their son in Jerusalem. The feast's former place in the calendar is taken now by the Baptism of the Lord.

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