


MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
 January 12 - January 18

Mon.	8:30	Ed Orr †
Tues.	8:30	Stan Mitchell †
Wed.	8:30	Cesar Alesna †
Thurs.	8:30	Norma Figone †
Fri.	6:30	Susie Caturegli †
	8:30	Birdie Nichols †
Sat.	8:30	Evelyn I. Robertson & Joseph W. Folen, Jr. †
	5:00	Josefa Ramirez †
Sun.	7:30	Yolanda Plut (L)
	5:00	Bob Varni †

Please pray for the faithful departed of St. Charles.

Sick Relatives and Friends

Please remember in your prayers: Lynn Wilson, Bob Cook, Lisa Porter, Isabel Lara, John Meany, Barbara Peters, Yolanda Plut, Carmella Chellemi, Carmen Esquivel, Jim Mason, and Louise DeBarbrie.

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

Weekend Offering ~ \$11,939

Parish Education ~ \$2,708

Thank-you!

Stewardship by the Book: *In today's first reading, we hear Samuel respond eagerly, "Here I am!" each time the Lord calls him. May we, too, be listening for the call of God in our lives and be ready to say like the Psalmist, "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will."*


Outreach to our Sister Parish

Next weekend we will continue our outreach to St. Francis of Assisi, our sister parish. We'll be collecting donations of non-perishable food, paper products and toiletries after the Sunday morning Masses. Thank you for your continuing support of our East Palo Alto neighbors.

SCHOOL NEWS
ST. CHARLES SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

St. Charles students and teachers are preparing for our Open House on January 25th, 10:00 am- noon. We invite prospective parents and their children, current families, alumni, grandparents, friends, and all parishioners to visit and see the wonderful work of our students. We are proud of our instructional programs and have much good news to share! For more information about our school, please visit our website at www.stcharlesschoolsc.org or call the office at 593-1629. Tours are available by appointment.

***Don't forget to pick up your
offertory envelopes!!***

They are located at the parish center.

Fr. Dave will be available after all the Sunday Masses to assist you in finding them!


Little Angels

Little Angels preschool liturgy gathers **Sundays at 9:00am** on a drop-in basis for children ages 3-5. Children sing, pray, hear Bible stories, and do art projects with a staff of dedicated teachers and assistants. Little Angels meets in the Extended Day Care room in the Upper Hall of the school. Please contact Maureen Smith at 592-6709 or email mosmithtx@gmail.com for more information about this great parish program.

RCIA

AN INVITATION TO JOIN THE CHURCH

Do you have questions about the Catholic Faith? Are you searching for a deeper relationship with God? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) dates back to the earliest days of Christian communities when all members shared their faith with newcomers as a way of teaching them about the new life. This process welcomes anyone who has a desire to learn more about the Catholic Church, baptized or unbaptized, active members in other Christian denominations, or without religious training. If you are interested join us after the 9:00 Mass in the St. Charles Room. For information on the RCIA program contact: Linda Burns @ 576-3105, or Nancy Farrant @ 591-7349 ext. 27.

Mexico Mission Trip Dates Set

The St. Charles Mission trip returns to Mexico for 2009. The trip dates are June 22-28. The formation process will start on Monday February 2, 7:15pm, in Borromeo Hall. We hope to have a representative from Amor Ministries to update all concerned on the situation in Mexico, and answer any of your questions. This meeting is open to all prospective participants, parents, and Interested parishioners. Following meetings will be March 4, April 1, May 6, and June 3. All 5 meetings are mandatory to anyone who wishes to be considered for the trip. The only exception would be prospective Interns who are away at college. We will be considering applications for Participants, Interns, and Adults.

Questions can be forwarded to Trip Leader Kevin Holden at stcharlesangels@aol.com or (650) 594-0361.



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Woman's Retreat Feb. 20 - 22 Balance PAST DUE

Double Room balance \$145 (each)
Single Room balance \$165

Registration forms are available in the bookrack at the main entrance of the Church. Make checks payable to St. Charles Church. Mail to: Lorie Boris, 1828 Carmelita Drive, San Carlos. CA 94070. (593-7339)

VALLOMBROSA RETREAT CENTER

Jan 24, 2009

Sacred Healing Retreat Day: The Body as a Healing Temple

This retreat day will focus on honoring our human body as a wonderful instrument of healing. The day will include the use of our senses, movements, yoga, breathing and intuition. *Sister Joan Prohaska, O.P.*

Jan 31, 2009

Caring Caregivers: A Retreat Day for Caregivers

As medical technologies stretch out life spans, more and more family members are finding themselves caring for fragile, elderly relatives. This one day retreat will allow participants some time to recharge emotionally and spiritually. *Carol Kaplan, MFC*

Please call (650) 325-5614 or visit our website at www.vallombrosa.org for information and to register for the above events.

The Week Ahead

Jan. 11	Rel. Ed. Parent Session, 10:15am, Borromeo Hall
Jan. 13	Consolation Ministry, 7:00pm, Chapel
Jan. 14	Children's Choir Rehearsal, 3:15pm, Church
Jan 15	School Liturgy, 8:30am Mass, Church Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm, Church
Jan. 19	Martin Luther King Day

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 at the 5th Annual Walk for Life West Coast, January 24, 2009, as we continue to peacefully proclaim our message in ever-greater numbers.

Speakers include Diana Nagy, Singer, crisis pregnancy at 15 ended in adoption, Kerri Caviezel, adopted two disabled children, Rev. Clenard Childress, Director of LEARN, Karen Shablin, Feminists for Life, and Fr. Frank Pavone from Priests for Life. 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.

For more information contact us at (415) 586-1575.



Anniversary Mass Saturday, February 14th at 10:00am

Bishop William Justice 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, Feb. 14th, 2009 at 10am at St. Anne of the Sunset Parish, 850 Judah Street, San Francisco. Special honor will be shown those who are celebrating their 25th, 50th & 50+ Wedding Anniversary. Coffee and cake reception immediately following Mass. Registration forms are available at the parish office, or by download at www.sffamily.com.

For more information please call (707) 552-3394.

The Baptism of the Lord

All you who are thirsty, come to the water!

— *Isaiah 55:1*

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Behold my servant with whom I am pleased; he shall bring forth justice to the nations (Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7) *or Isaiah 55:1-11.*

Psalm — The Lord will bless his people with peace (Psalm 29) *or Isaiah 12:2-6.*

Second Reading — God anointed him with the Holy Spirit; he went about doing good (Acts 10:34-38) *or 1 John 5:1-9.*

Gospel — You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased (Mark 1:7-11).



THE WATERS OF BAPTISM

When new sod is put in, it needs constant saturation with water. Landscapers say that this “knits” the sod to the soil. The same when a branch is grafted onto a tree: the poultice that joins them at the splice must be kept wet at all times. Water is the stuff that binds the very cells of our bodies together. No wonder religions throughout all times and cultures have used it so prominently. When Jesus stepped into the Jordan for baptism, he “knit” himself to what had come before him. By going to the Jordan, he made himself one with the people of Israel who had crossed it into their Promised Land. With John the Baptist, Christ wove himself into the prophetic tradition that heralded the coming reign of God. He had become fully human in the waters of Mary’s womb, and by partaking in the rite of the baptism of repentance, Jesus identified himself with our sinful, frail humanity. It is through the waters of baptism that Christ continues to graft new members onto his Body, the Church; through these waters we are cleansed from sin and filled with the promise of grace, given our destiny for eternal life. For us, as for Jesus, it is also the waters of baptism that inaugurate our mission to proclaim the Good News.