



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

January 26 - February 1

Mon.	8:30	Yolanda Plut (L)
Tues.	8:30	Amadeo Bonano (L)
Wed.	8:30	Esquivel Family (L)
Thurs.	8:30	Ed Orr †
Fri.	6:30	Giuseppe Natucci †
	8:30	Peter Del Zompo †
Sat.	8:30	Libby DeMarchena †
	5:00	Edward Roman †
Sun.	5:00	Mary Shuhala †

Rest in Peace

Helen Bronk, Dorothy Hendricksen & Lynn Wilson

Sick Relatives and Friends

Please remember in your prayers: Joe Vassallo, 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 ~ \$9,522.50

Thank-you!

Next weekend's second collection will benefit parish education.

This Weekend's Special Collection

The Church in Latin America

Giving generously to the National collection for the Church in Latin America enables the local Catholic Churches throughout Latin American and the Caribbean to support the formation of disciples of Jesus Christ across generations, cultures and vocations. These essential funds assist in the formation of priests, religious, lay ministers, missionaries, pastoral agents, catechists, and youth ministers. Last year, as a result of your generosity, the Church in the United States was able to support 476 pastoral grants in 23 countries, as well as the work of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Department of Social Development and World Peace (now the Department of Justice, Peace, and Human Development) on behalf of the Church in Latin America. This year, we are asked to contribute generously again to this worthy Collection. Further information can be found at www.usccb.org/latinamerica.

Stewardship by the Book: There is a certain urgency in today's Gospel as Jesus calls His first disciples – Andrew and Simon, James and John. Each one follows Jesus immediately, unhesitatingly abandoning nets and boats and father and fellow-workers. To what is Jesus calling me – at this moment, in these circumstances? What will I need to abandon in order to follow Him?

ST. CHARLES SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

St. Charles students and teachers are preparing for our Open House today, 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.

Please join us right after the 9:00am Mass for the Open House reception in Borromeo Hall. Refreshments will be served.

St. Charles welcomes its newest members through the waters of Baptism:

Elizabeth Mei King & Katherine Su King
Noel Juliette Blandino
Bennett Justin Simon
Luke Connor Dunne

Are You Called? During these first weeks in Ordinary Time the scriptures speak to our hearts in a powerful way. We hear the Lord Jesus calling others to follow him. Have you heard him call you to be an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Minister to the Homebound, or a Lector? We are in need of more Ministers of Holy Communion especially at the 5:00 PM, on Saturday, and Ministers to the Homebound. Please consider one of these ways in which you might help to serve God's people. If you feel called, you must be a regularly worshipping member of the community and be fully initiated in the Roman Catholic Church, through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. The diocese is sponsoring a training for these ministries February 7th and February 21. If you are interested, please call Nancy Farrant, at 591-7349,

What is Your Catholic IQ?

1. Jeremiah responded to God's call by saying, "I am too ____." (a) old (b) young (c) poor (d) fat
2. Which of the following is **not** one of the ten plagues mentioned in Exodus? (a) water turned to blood (b) hail (c) snakes (d) locusts
3. The *Gloria* is sung at Mass on Sundays except for the seasons of (a) Advent and Lent (b) Winter and Spring (c) Easter and Christmas or (d) winter Ordinary Time and summer Ordinary Time
4. The Exorcisms are a part of which sacrament? (a) Holy Orders (b) Confirmation (c) Baptism (d) Anointing of the Sick

Look for the answers in next weekend's bulletin!

Answers to last weekend's Catholic IQ questions.

1. Which Gospels contain versions of the Beatitudes? (b) *Matthew & Luke.*
2. Which of the following Old Testament books is not found in the Protestant canon? (c) *Tobit*
3. A heresy that taught that Christ exists as two persons rather than as two natures is known as? (d) *Nestorianism*
4. The first African American priest ordained in the United States was? (a) *Augustus Tolton*

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 scharlesangels@aol.com or (650) 594-0361.



St. Matthias Preschool is open to children of ages 2.6 thru 5 years of age.

Children are provided a caring, nurturing place to grow, learn and play. There are daily planned and free choice opportunities for the children to explore and experiment. Licensed for 90 children, the preschool cares for children regardless of race, color or creed. Children must be fully potty trained. Registration meetings and tours are being held Feb. 2nd thru Feb. 13th from 9-10:30am. **Parents only.** If you are interested in attending one of the meetings scheduled, please call the preschool to place your name on the list. Call 650-367-1320.

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)

The **Daughters of St. Paul** invite you to continue celebrating the Pauline Year with local author Sr. Armanda Santos, who will guide us in reflecting more deeply on the figure of St. Paul as illustrated in her new book: *Facing the Apostle: Paul's image in Art*. Sr. Armanda's talk, "Images of Paul in Art," will take place on **Wednesday evening, January 28th at 7pm in Pauline Books & Media**, 2640 Broadway, Redwood City. (650) 369-4230.

VALLOMBROSA RETREAT CENTER

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*

NEW!! COMING SOON!!!!

Sunday Afternoon Lecture Series 2-4 pm

February 1, 8, and 22

"How to Mangle Your Marriage in Three Easy Lessons"

Lecture, input and discussion presented by Father David O'Rourke, OP, MFT

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

Top of the Class!

Congratulations to St. Charles parishioners and Serra High School students, **Nathan Zimmerer** and **Stephen Wandro**, for earning straight A's during the Fall Semester!

The members of the **Environment Committee** wish to thank all the generous parishioners who contributed to our decoration fund for Christmas. We were not only able to purchase poinsettias for church, but your donations enabled us to purchase trees and poinsettias to use in the school gym for the 4:00pm Mass.

Elizabeth & Tom Ryan	Emile Dufault
Patricia Lynch & Richard Lynch	Ron, Warren, Justin & Kathleen
Ambrosio & Kaiser Families	Rose Dulsky
John J. Bird Jr.	Claire Ranken
Edwards & Damaso Urquiza	Michelle von Emster
Robert R. Costanza	Ernie Quilier
Barnes & Fox Families	Lou Romanello
Carlo Gaini	Angie Gurka, Edwin Gurka
Shirley May Dale	Stanley Liana, Nya
B.A. Cinhowski Family	Leonard Beatty
Martha Hawkins	Eileen & Fred Calonico
Ciadri & Del Giudice Family	
Members	In honor of:
	Michael & Sarah Ryan

Once again thank you to all and we hope the decorations helped to make your Christmas a little brighter.

The Environment Committee



Our "resident" seminarian, *Dat*, will be gone on retreat in Santa Cruz next week from Monday through Friday. I know that he would appreciate prayers from our parishioners during this time.

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.

A Lifeline for Marriage - Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It will give you the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. For confidential information about or to register for the March program beginning with a weekend on March 6-8, 2009, call 415-893-1005 or visit the website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com. (also available in Spanish)

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe
in the gospel.
— *Mark 1:15*

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Ninevites turn from their evil way in response to Jonah's message (*Jonah 3:1-5, 10*).

Psalm — Teach me your ways, O Lord (*Psalm 25*).

Second Reading — The world in its present form is passing away (*1 Corinthians 7:29-31*).

Gospel — Jesus proclaims, "Repent, and believe in the gospel." The new disciples abandon their nets and follow him (*Mark 1:14-20*).



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

One of the most unusual Catholic churches in the world is in Amsterdam: Our Lord in the Attic, or as the locals say, "Ons Lieve Heer op Solder." What looks like a beautiful, narrow brick mansion alongside a canal is a clever disguise for a very well-preserved seventeenth-century home and a secret church. During the Reformation, the Netherlands was divided into Protestant Holland and the Spanish Netherlands, now known as Belgium, a Catholic stronghold. Protestant reformers seized all the Catholic parishes in Holland and "de-Catholicized" them. New laws forbade the celebration of the Mass in public. St. Nicholas Church was renamed "Old Church" by the new owners, and the dispossessed Catholics got to work "hiding" St. Nicholas Parish in the upper floors of this mansion. Other Catholics did the same thing, but this is the only hidden church that survives today. Sunday Mass is still celebrated here.

It's a beautiful hideaway, with nothing spared in regard to marble, gilding, a pipe organ, and classic Dutch painting. A few steps away, the Old Church, begun in 1250, stands emptied of the statues and carvings of its Catholic days, its windows replaced by plain glass. The new tenants gave up when it came to the ceiling, which is still painted with saints, biblical scenes, and merchant ships. The Dutch reformers were tolerant sorts, and as long as the Catholics kept out of sight, they were out of mind. Catholicism was at last tolerated in Holland after 1853, but in 1924 when the International Eucharistic Congress was held in Amsterdam, processions of Catholics were still forbidden in the streets. Today, Roman Catholics are about nineteen percent of the population, and there's no need for any of them to hide in the attic.