



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

February 23 - March 1

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| Mon.   | 8:30  | Daniel Foster †                               |
| Tues.  | 8:30  | Jack Reid †                                   |
| Wed.   | 6:30  | Lucia Domini †                                |
|        | 8:30  | Ed Orr †                                      |
|        | 10:30 | Matt Trembley †                               |
|        | 7:00  | Alice Rossi †                                 |
| Thurs. | 8:30  | Ethel Anderson †                              |
| Fri.   | 6:30  | Lucia Domini †                                |
|        | 8:30  | Lynn Wilson †                                 |
| Sat.   | 8:30  | Julian Sarracino †                            |
|        | 5:00  | Stan Mitchell †                               |
| Sun.   | 7:30  | Lucia Domini †                                |
|        | 5:00  | Jessica Penafort (L)<br><i>Happy Birthday</i> |

*Rest in Peace* - Timothy Connor*Sick Relatives and Friends*

Please remember in your prayers: Joe Vassallo, Bob Cook, Lisa Porter, 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 ~ \$9,916.03 **Thank-you!**

Next weekend's second collection will benefit parish education.

**Stewardship by the Book:** Forgiveness, too, is a gift from God. Freed from the paralysis of sin, the man in today's Gospel was able to stand and give witness to the power of God. How do I let sin cripple me? Am I a good steward of the gift of God's forgiveness?

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ~ VOICE OF THE POOR**

The final Economic Stimulus Package includes a number of provisions that will provide help for vulnerable families and children, the unemployed and the working poor. These provisions have been supported by Catholic advocacy groups such as St. Vincent de Paul -Voice of the Poor, Catholic Charities USA and Network. It is definitely "Good News" for the poor.

- \* \$20 billion for SNAP (Food Stamp program)
- \* \$87 billion in Federal Medicaid Assistance (government health program for the poor)
- \* \$2.1 billion for Head Start
- \* \$3 billion emergency fund to provide temporary assistance to needy families and an increase in tax credits for low-income families with children
- \* \$5 billion for programs designed to assist low income families decrease their energy costs (Weatherization Program)
- \* \$2 billion for Section 8 Project-based rental assistance and an increase in the amount of unemployment checks and extension of time one can receive them

Thank you to all those who contacted their Senators and House Representatives to advocate on behalf of the poor. This is the mission that Jesus calls each of us to.

*"The spirit of the Lord is upon me; therefore He has anointed me to bring good news to the poor"*  
Luke 4:18

**FAITH FORMATION**

Ash Wednesday

February 25

Masses will be: 6:30, 8:30, 10:30am (*School Mass*) and 7:00pm. Ashes will be distributed during each of these Masses.

**General Lenten Regulations****ABSTINENCE**

Everyone fourteen years of age and older is bound to abstain from meat on ASH WEDNESDAY, the FRIDAYS of Lent and GOOD FRIDAY.

**FAST**

Everyone eighteen to sixty years of age is also bound to fast on ASH WEDNESDAY and GOOD FRIDAY.

**LENTE PRACTICES MAKE US NEW**

As part of our faith community's Lenten observance, we will participate in Catholic Relief Services' Lenten program, Operation Rice Bowl. Since 1975, Operation Rice Bowl has inspired Catholics in the United States to **Pray, Fast, Learn, & Give**, as we increase our understanding of our global community. We encourage you to participate in Operation Rice Bowl at home with your family and loved ones.

**Prayer:** Time for prayer draws us closer to the Living God. We should pray for the grace to live out our baptismal promises more fully. It's a time to pray for "the Elect", those that will join us by celebrating full initiation at Easter Vigil. It's a time to pray for not only ourselves, but our global community.

**Fasting:** Besides helping us to not take food for granted, fasting can be healthy (for those that are able) because it cleans out our body. Fasting should be linked to our global community who are forced to fast by poverty, those who suffer from the injustices of our economic and political structures. By experiencing fasting, we become more closely in touch with those who have little to eat, and that leads to almsgiving.

**Giving:** is linked to our baptismal commitment, a sign of our care for those in need, and an expression of our gratitude for all that God has given to us. Works of charity and justice are integral elements of the Christian way of life we began when we were baptized. This is a time to remember to get involved with our parish commitment to **Operation Rice Bowl**.

**NEXT SUNDAY**, at the 9:00 AM Mass we will celebrate the "rite of Sending for Election" with our catechumens, Lori Musser, Emily & Jordan Mapa. We will celebrate the "Right of Sending for the Call to Continuing Conversion" with our baptized candidates, Sally-Ann Flak, and Asheley Greenlee. The Church as discerned their readiness for reception of the initiation sacraments this Easter. After these rites are celebrated here next Sunday morning, these catechumens and candidates, along with their godparents and sponsors, will be sent by our parish to the Archbishop for the "Rite of Election" (for the catechumens) and "Call to Conversion" (for the candidates). Based on the testimony given by the sponsors and our support of their readiness for the sacraments, the Archbishop will declare the catechumens to be elect, chosen by God for the sacraments this Easter. The Archbishop also recognizes the desire of the baptized candidates for the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist within the Catholic Community.

**Attention Altar Server Training for Public School Students**

Please get your registration in for the training on March 4 and March 11, from 1:30 pm until 3:00 pm, in the Church. Forms are located in the back of the church. Children must be at least in the 4th grade, a regularly worshipping member of the parish, and have received the sacraments of First Communion and Reconciliation. For more information and registration call Nancy Farrant, 591-7349 ex. 27.

**Men's Morning of Recollection**

On Saturday, March 21, the second annual Morning of Recollection for the men of the parish will be held here at St. Charles from 9:30am to 1:00pm. It will feature Mr. Stephen Mullin, the Parish Life Director of All Saints Catholic Church in Hayward. Steve is married with four children and the administrator responsible for the spiritual and temporal life of the parish and school. He has a degree in Theology from USF and has completed additional studies at Oxford University, St. Patrick's Seminary and Holy Names University. Please join us to hear Steve speak on "*Living Our Faith Amidst the Chaos.*" In addition to our guest speaker, the day will include Mass and lunch. Please RSVP by March 16 to John Bisordi at 650.595.2164 or [jvbiso@gmail.com](mailto:jvbiso@gmail.com)

**Crocodile Dock:****Where Fearless Kids Shine God's Light**

Mark your calendar:

Scripture Camp 2009 will be held June 15-19

Camp is for all St. Charles parish children who have completed kindergarten through 4th grade. Children in our parish who have completed 6th grade and older are eligible to be junior leaders. Registration paperwork will be distributed through our Religious Education Program and St. Charles School the first week in April. Campers are registered in the order received. Camp registration will not be on-line.

Adults wanting to volunteer should contact Allison Stastny at 369-2866 or [astastny1@aol.com](mailto:astastny1@aol.com).

**Come Build Hope In Mexico**

Calling all High School aged teens in St. Charles Parish. The dates are set for the 2009 Mexico Mission Trip, they are June 22-28. The next meeting is March 4, 7:15pm, Borromeo Hall.

Applications are on-line on the Parish website [www.stcharlesparish.org](http://www.stcharlesparish.org). **Applications must be turned into the Parish office by February 27.** We are also accepting applications for Interns (under 25 yrs old), and Adult leaders. Questions? Contact Mission Trip Leader Kevin Holden at (650) 594-0361 or [stcharlesangels@aol.com](mailto:stcharlesangels@aol.com).

**Lenten Opportunities at Vallombrosa****LENT Wednesday Morning****Contemplative Prayer,**

7:30 am—8:30 am,

Feb 25 (Ash Wednesday)

March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1, 8

Start a new Lenten practice! Come to begin your Wednesday mornings with quiet contemplative prayer. Gather in our beautiful chapel for an hour of gentle music, scripture and silent reflection, followed by an optional continental breakfast. Prayer will be led by *Sister Ingrid Clemmensen, OP*, Program Director at Vallombrosa Retreat Center.

**Individually Directed Silent Retreat**

February 27 through March 1, 2009

This silent weekend retreat will offer an opportunity for prayerfully entering into the season of Lent. Sister Ingrid Clemmensen, O.P. will lead this retreat.

**Lent 'At Home' Retreat—February 25 through April 15, 2009**

If you yearn for a deeper relationship with God and do not have time for a weekend retreat, you might find the 'At Home' retreat helpful. For this retreat, you make a commitment to pray daily during Lent. Once a week you will meet with a spiritual guide for faith reflection and spiritual direction. The retreat begins on the date of your choosing during the week of February 23 and concludes after Easter, during the week of April 14. Sister Ingrid Clemmensen, OP, Program Director of Vallombrosa Retreat Center, will facilitate this retreat.

Please call (650) 325-5614 or visit our website at [www.vallombrosa.org](http://www.vallombrosa.org) for information and to register for these retreats.

**St. Charles Ski Trip - March 7th!**

Back by popular demand, the 5th Annual St. Charles Ski Trip (sponsored by the Men's Club) is scheduled for Saturday, March 7, 2009. 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. Buses leave the church early in the morning to the resort and return that evening. Prices are \$96 for adults, \$96 for teens (13-19), \$66 for kids (6-12), and \$86 for seniors (65+). Prices include transportation, lift tickets, and refreshments. (Bus ride only available for \$56). Make your reservation on line no later than Friday, February 27th. For questions or information about how to register, please contact Greg Celotti at 650-740-1580 or [gcelotti@apr.com](mailto:gcelotti@apr.com).

**ICF CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE DINNER**

Mark your calendars for Saturday evening, March 7th. That's the date of the Italian Catholic Federation's (ICF) very popular Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner Social held in Borromeo Hall. A flyer containing all the details is available on the tables at the doors of the church. This event is the main fund-raiser for the I.C.F.'s charitable programs which include awarding tuition-assistance scholarships to deserving eighth grade students graduating from St. Charles School and Religious Ed classes, who intend to enroll in a Catholic High School.

Get in the mood for the upcoming St. Patrick's holiday by being present at this delicious dinner and make it even better by coming with a group of your friends! (Groups of 8 or more can reserve individual tables). Paid reservations must be sent to Barbara Borra, 908 Bauer Drive, San Carlos, CA 94070 by March 1st. Have questions? Call Barbara at 593-4118. To avoid any disappointment, we recommend you make your reservation early. We hope our parishioners will help us make this a very successful evening by attending individually or in groups.

**\*Parish Blood Drive, Sunday, March 15\*** (sponsored by

Charlie's Angels) 8 am to 1 pm in Borromeo Hall. Sign-ups will be after all Masses on March 1 and 8 or go to [www.bloodheroes.com](http://www.bloodheroes.com) to sign up online. The sponsor code is: stcharles. Every two seconds someone in the United States needs blood. That's a big need! But only 5% of the eligible US population donates blood each year. This Lent, as we take up our cross and follow Jesus, is the perfect time to give blood for the good of others.

**FISH VOLUNTEERS** - please pick up your calendars on one of the tables in the church by March 1st. If there is not one there for you or you have any questions, please call Carolyn Ranken (593-3721).

**Transforming Grief** is a day of spiritual retreat for those who are grieving the death of a loved one. It is being offered by Barbara Elordi, Ministry of Consolation Coordinator for the Archdiocese on Saturday, March 7th at St. Gabriel Church from 9:30am—2:30pm. Please call Barbara to register: 415.614.5506.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

Christians throughout San Mateo are invited to take part in the national 40 Days for Life effort this Lent. In addition to 40 days of prayers and fasting to end abortion in America, please consider volunteering to pray outside of Planned Parenthood, 2211 Palm Ave., San Mateo, for one or more hours during our vigil from 7am to 7pm throughout 40 hours, and ask a friend or two to join you. For more information, or to volunteer to help, please contact: Jessica at 650 572-1468 or email [fortydaysforlife@yahoo.com](mailto:fortydaysforlife@yahoo.com). All are welcome!

## Upcoming Events

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| Feb. 22 | Religious Ed, 9:30am   |
| Feb. 23 | Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm, Church                              |
| Feb. 25 | Ash Wednesday<br>School Parent Gathering, 5:30pm,<br>Borromeo Hall |
| Feb. 26 | Light Weigh, 7:00pm, St. Charles Room                              |



### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — It is I who wipe out, for my own sake, your offenses (*Isaiah 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25*).

**Psalm** — Lord, heal my soul, for I have sinned against you (*Psalm 41*).

**Second Reading** — Jesus Christ was not yes and no, but yes has been in Him (*2 Corinthians 1:18-22*).

**Gospel** — The Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins (*Mark 2:1-12*).

## ST. CHARLES LENTEN CONNECTION

**Monday, March 2** (*Free for the whole parish*)

**DINNER:** Starts at 5:30pm in Borromeo Hall  
7:00pm (*two options*)

**IN THE CHURCH:** Fr. Dave Pettingill

(Back by popular demand!) for adults and interested teens

**IN THE GYM:** NELSON and the

**FRIENDS of JESUS Band**

...for teens and younger.

**Monday, March 9** (*Free for the whole parish*)

**DINNER:** Starts at 5:30pm in Borromeo Hall  
7:00pm (for **ALL** ages!)...**IN THE CHURCH:**

**NELSON and the FRIENDS of JESUS Band**

**RSVP:** Place in collection basket at Mass or...contact Barbara at 591-7349 x 34 or Barbara@stcharlesparish.org or...bring to St. Charles School.

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Names and ages of children: \_\_\_\_\_

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March 9 \_\_\_\_\_ # for dinner

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