



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

March 16 - March 22

Mon.	8:30	Stan Mitchell †
Tues.	8:30	Albie Romeo †
Wed.	8:30	Evie & Bobby Quanrud †
Thurs.	8:30	Carmela Chellimi (L)
Fri.	6:30	Susie Caturegli †
	8:30	Ming Mullins (L) <i>Happy Birthday</i>
Sat.	8:30	Giuseppe Natucci †
	5:00	Shirley & Dan Cobry †
Sun.	5:00	Patricia DePutron †

Please pray for the faithful departed of St. Charles.

Sick Relatives and Friends

Please remember in your prayers: Gerry Mitchell, Joe Vasallo, Bob Cook, Lisa Porter, Barbara Peters, Yolanda Plut, Carmella Chellemi, Carmen Esquivel, Jim Mason, Lois Clausen and Kathy Belding.

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 ~ \$9,235.50
Catholic Charities/CYO ~ \$2,016
Thank-you!

Catholic Relief Services

Next weekend's special collection

The State Department estimates that nearly 5 million people have been displaced, forced to leave their homes, because of the war in Iraq. The Catholic Relief Services Collection supports resettlement services for refugees, serves victims of human trafficking, and provides pastoral care and advocacy. Of the 50,000 total refugees authorized to enter the United States in 2007, nearly one-third were helped by USCCB Migration and Refugee Services, one organization receiving funds from the Collection. The Collection also supports legal services for refugees, advocacy, relief and development, and disaster/emergency relief. When you donate to The Catholic Relief Services Collection, you give hope.

ST. VINCENT De PAUL

Nonprofits are seeing an alarming drop in funding and an increased demand for help this year. According to a study by the United Way, 70% of nonprofits report an increase in demand for services so far this year, and nearly half state they can't meet it. Our St. Vincent de Paul conference depends on your donations in order to support individuals and families desperately affected during this recession. The weekend of, March 28th and 29th, is the first of only 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 will be appreciated and put to great use. Please consider a donation. Thank you.

Stewardship by the Book: "You shall not covet" is perhaps a difficult commandment to keep in our consumer society. But as Christian stewards, we know that we are the recipients and caretakers of God's many gifts. May this understanding that all is gift help us be less resentful of the gifts of others.

FAITH FORMATION

ARE YOU READY FOR CONFIRMATION?

The "Confirmation Readiness Test" will be given on Tue, March 24, 7 pm in Borromeo Hall. High school teens who would like to be in our Confirmation program have the option of taking this test with a minimum score of 70% instead of completing the "booklet". This is for those who would like to show that they already have a solid basic understanding of Catholic Church teaching, so there is no study guide available. If you'd like to take this test, please contact Tami: 591-7349 x 31 or tami@stcharlesparish.org.

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.**

Parish Blood Drive Today

(sponsored by Charlie's Angels)

8 am to 1 pm in Borromeo Hall - Walk ins Welcome!

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.



Anointing of the Sick

We will be celebrating the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick on Saturday, March 28th at the 5:00pm Mass. If you would like to participate in this very special sacrament please sit in the reserved pews at the front of the church. If you have any questions please contact Kathy Fagliano at 591-7349 ext 28.

The anointing of the sick is administered to bring spiritual and even physical strength during sickness and is not limited to those who are gravely ill. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, "The anointing of the sick conveys several graces and imparts gifts of strengthening in the Holy Spirit against anxiety, discouragement, and temptation, and conveys peace and fortitude." (CCC 1520).

Please join us for the Stations of the Cross following the 8:30am Mass every Friday morning during Lent.

From the Pastor's desk...

A minister in a little church had been having trouble with the collections.

One Sunday he announced, "Now, before we pass the collection plate, I would like to request that the person who stole the chickens from Farmer Condill's henhouse, please refrain from giving any money to the Lord. The Lord doesn't want money from a thief!"

The collection plate was passed around, and for the first time in months everybody gave.

**CALLA LILIES**

Looking ahead to our Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper, we invite those of you who have Calla Lilies in your garden to bring them to the back door of the church, April 7th through the morning of April 9th.

In order to defray the cost of decorations for the Easter season, envelopes will be available in the church beginning this weekend. These donations may be made in your name or the name of a loved one living or deceased. Thank you once again for all your help in adding to the joy of the Easter season.

Back again by popular demand!

You are invited to the **Ecumenical Choir Festival** being held at Trinity Presbyterian Church on, **March 22 at 7:00 pm**. Joining our own Adult Choir will be the choirs from the Epiphany, Trinity and First Baptist Churches here in San Carlos. Please join us for an evening of beautiful music. A reception will follow. Trinity Presbyterian Church is located on the corner of Brittan and Alameda. For more information, please call Claire Giovannetti at 650-591-7349 ex. 32.



St. Charles WINGS (Women In God's Spirit) is holding a Fashion Show benefiting **Catherine's Center** and **Safe-house**. Join us for an afternoon of fashion, lunch, prizes and fun knowing you are helping 2 great causes. Your \$20 ticket includes tea and lunch.

Date: Sunday April 26

Time: 12:30 - 3:00

Place: St. Charles Gymnasium

Ticket info: 592-8386

INTERNATIONAL WORLD WATER DAY

On March 22, the Holy Father will be visiting and praying with the people of Africa. March 22 is also International World Water Day, an annual event to focus worldwide attention on the importance of fresh water. More than 1.1 billion people lack access to safe water and 2.6 billion people lack even basic sanitary facilities. According to a 2006 report from the United Nations a child dies from a water related disease every 15 seconds. For more information and how you can help please go to www.setoninstitute.org.

**Building our Legacy, Celebrating our Faith, Answering the Call Campaign**

Update: Our campaign is off to a great start due to the hard work of our volunteers and the generosity of our parish. To reach our goal we will need everyone's help and prayers. When the volunteer calls, please warmly welcome them and take the time to visit with them. These visits will take only a few minutes of your time. They will provide you a chance to have your questions answered and help us build a stronger community.

Campaign Volunteers:

Our next meeting is scheduled for: Wednesday, March 18th at 7:00 PM in Borromeo Hall.

"Work is more than a way to make a living; it is a form of continuing participation in God's creation."

U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2005

Employment Support Group

If you are struggling with job loss and/or looking for work, you are invited to attend a new support group at St. Matthias Church in Redwood City. The group meets on Monday mornings to share emotional, spiritual, and networking support and to hear job search advice from guest speakers. There is no cost to attend.

When: Monday mornings (*began Feb. 9 & ongoing*)

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Place: Merry Room at St. Matthias Church
1685 Cordilleras Road
Redwood City, CA 94062

Contact (650) 366-9544 for more information.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

St. Charles Parish's Day to staff the Prayer Vigil outside of Planned Parenthood, 2211 Palm Ave. San Mateo is Tuesday, March 31 from 7a.m. to 7p.m. Please sign in at 40daysforlife.com/sanmateo or call Jessica at 650-572-1468.

VALLOMBROSA RETREAT CENTER, MENLO PARK***Finding Your Calling: Your Personal Renaissance***

April 4, 2009 9:30am - 4 pm

Every season of your life, from early childhood through retirement, offers new opportunities to discover your calling, to ask yourself: "What brings me joy?" "What is my purpose now?" This retreat offers insights from Renaissance lives, developmental psychology and Ignatian spirituality to help you discover your gifts and discern new possibilities in this season of your life. **Diane Dreher, PhD**, will facilitate this retreat day. Please call (650) 325-5614 or visit our website at www.vallombrosa.org for information and to register for this retreat.

TV FOCUS ON TEENS & JOHN PAUL II

"Theology of the Body for Teens," a new series starting in March, features candid discussions about God's plan for love and life as a young person & airs Thursdays at 8:30pm & 11:30pm (30 min.). ***"The Young John Paul II: Witness to Evil"***, spotlights the future pope's World War II experiences. It airs March 28th at 5:00pm & 11:00pm & April 2 at 10:00am (1 hour). All times are Pacific. EWTN is carried 24 hours a day on Comcast Ch. 229, Astound Ch. 80, DISH Satellite Ch. 261 & Direct TV Ch. 370.

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.

Rice Bowl Prayer

Oh Loving Lord,

During this Lenten season I lift up my voice to you.

Instill in my heart the desire to hear your voice
In the voices of the poor, your people.

May I find in their example the path to my conversion.

Bless my Prayer, Fasting, Learning and Giving
In this season of grace.

May these actions answer the call
To transform our world.

Amen

What is Your Catholic IQ?

1. The oldest Catholic university in the United States is
(a) Xavier (b) Notre Dame (c) Gonzaga (d) Georgetown
2. The Letter of St. James is often cited when describing this sacrament. (a) Baptism (b) Holy Orders (c) Penance (d) Anointing of the Sick
3. What form of prayer consists of a number of petitions and the frequent repetition response? (a) convocation (b) dirge; (c) invocation; (d) litany
4. Which of the following is **not** a Joyful Mystery of the Rosary? (a) Annunciation (b) Visitation (c) Assumption (d) Nativity

Answers from last weekend's Catholic IQ questions

1. When asked to remove the sign above the crucified Jesus that read "Jesus Of Nazareth, King of the Jews," Pontius Pilate replied, (b) *What I have written, I have written...*
2. Which of the following is not considered one of the major prophets?
(a) Hosea
3. The words "You were sent to heal the contrite" can be found in the (c) *Penitential Rite*
4. The symbolic beginning of the Protestant Reformation took place when Martin Luther nailed his _____ to the doors of the Castle Church in Wittenberg. (b) *95 theses, to the doors of Castle Church in Wittenberg on October 31, 1517.*