



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

March 23 ~ March 29

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| Mon. | 8:30 | Daniel Foster † |
| Tues. | 8:30 | Helen Bronk † |
| Wed. | 8:30 | Rich & Detty Lautze † |
| Thurs. | 8:30 | Patrick & Mary Mullen & Family |
| Fri. | 6:30 | Susie Caturegli † |
| | 8:30 | Milton Nelson |
| Sat. | 8:30 | Pietro Caturegli † |
| | 5:00 | Edward Roman † |
| Sun. | 9:00 | Leone Weber † |
| | 5:00 | Mary Rozzano † |

Please pray for the faithful departed of St. Charles.

Sick Relatives and Friends

Please remember in your prayers: Fran Gerdau, Joe Vassallo, Bob Cook, Lisa Porter, Barbara Peters, Yolanda Plut, Carmella Chellemi, Carmen Esquivel, Jim Mason, and Lois Clausen.

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 ~ \$10, 054.50
Thank-you!

Catholic Relief Services

This 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. Next weekend, March 28th and 29th, is the first of only four 5th Sunday St. Vincent de Paul 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 next weekend and thank you for all your support.

Stewardship by the Book: *All that we have and all that we are comes from the Lord. "We are truly his handiwork," says St. Paul in the second reading, "created in Christ Jesus to lead the life of good deeds which God prepared for us in advance.*

FAITH FORMATION

Remember: Today immediately following the 9:00am Mass is the 1st Eucharist Workshop for those registered in our Sacramental program. The workshop is for a parent and student. No siblings please.

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.



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).

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

Daniel Pimentel
Keilee Kololia Matsu

Join us....

Join the St. Vincent de Paul as they host Hospitality Sunday in Borromeo Hall next weekend after the morning Masses. Come and enjoy conversation and refreshments with your fellow parishioners!

Our seminarian, Dat Nguyen, is seeking parishioners' input for his evaluation at the end of March. You can let Fr. Dave, Claire Giovannetti, Marcie Bertram, Nancy Farrant or Kathy Fagliano know what you think he needs to improve on. You can also contact him at 591-7349 ext. 20 for more information on this process.

Your opinions are valuable and will remain confidential.

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

Back again by popular demand!

You are invited to the *Ecumenical Choir Festival* being held at Trinity Presbyterian Church **today, 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

**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.

INTERNATIONAL WORLD WATER DAY

The Holy Father is visiting and praying with the people of Africa. **Today, 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.

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.



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

There is never a "perfect" time to conduct a campaign. The needs identified for this effort have been on the parish **"to do list"** for years and can no longer be ignored. More importantly, when surveyed the parish responded overwhelmingly in favor of doing the campaign. Over 70% of the 641 respondents agreed with the plan to conduct a campaign to address these needs. Regarding individual projects:

- ♦ The church roof has reached the point that if repairs are delayed longer, the parish runs an ever increasing risk of major damage to the church building.
- ♦ The current windows at the school are single pane. Some do not open and some cannot be closed. Replacing the school windows will save energy, money and help to improve the learning environment.
- ♦ Increasing the school's endowment will help us provide more financial aid to those students in need of assistance. It is our hope that this fund will make our school available to all who wish a catholic education for their children.
- ♦ St. Charles has been deeply blessed through the years. Considering today's economy, it's our plan to give 3% of the money collected from this campaign to charity (Second Harvest Food bank and St. Vincent de Paul Society) to help those in need within our community.

The facilities we currently enjoy are a gift to us from those who founded and nurtured our parish. It is now our turn to invest in the future of St. Charles and leave an outstanding legacy to those who will follow us.

Campaign Volunteers; Our next meeting is scheduled for: Wednesday, March 25th at 7:00 PM in Borromeo Hall

Are you interested in becoming a licensed foster parent and/or adopting a child from San Mateo County or providing respite for those who do? **Help One Child** has partnered with San Mateo County to offer the Resource Parent Training in Redwood City! This is a unique opportunity to attend classes conveniently located in your area. Classes will be held on April 25th, May 2nd, 9th and 16th from 9 AM to 3:30 PM at Peninsula Covenant Church, 3560 Farm Hill Blvd, Redwood City. To register for the Resource Parent Training call Sharon Stone at 650-802-7651.

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.

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

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.

What is Your Catholic IQ?

1. The words "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner" is known as the (a) Confiteor (b) Jesus Prayer (c) Nunc Dimittis; (d) Prayer of the Faithful
2. Which commandment forbids acts that lead to the enslavement of human beings? (a) Eighth (b) First (c) Seventh (d) Fifth
3. How many days are in the Easter Season? (a) 12 (b) 40 (c) 50 (d) 2
4. Another name for the Easter candle is the _____ candle. (a) Resurrection; (b) Eastertide; (c) salvific; (d) paschal

Look for the answers in next weekend's bulletin!

Answers from last weekend's Catholic IQ questions

1. The oldest Catholic university in the United States is?
(d) Georgetown
2. The Letter of St. James is often cited when describing this sacrament?
(d) James 5:14, "Is any among you sick? Let him call the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord."
3. What form of prayer consists of a number of petitions and the frequent repetition response? ***(d) Litanies consist primarily of invocations that praise the one to whom the litany is addressed. Each invocation is answered with a response such as "pray for us."***
4. Which of the following is not a Joyful Mystery of the Rosary? ***(c) The assumption of Mary is one of the Glorious Mysteries.***