



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

April 6 ~April 12

Mon.	8:30	Patrick Daly †
Tues.	8:30	Brendan Boyd †
Wed.	8:30	Dorothy Bready †

### *Rest in Peace*

Mary Devires & Bill Sievers

### *Sick Relatives and Friends*

Please remember in your prayers: Christine Zika, Fran Gerda, Joe Vassallo, 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 ~ \$10,126.50

St. Vincent de Paul ~ \$5,922.50

Thank you

**This weekend's second collection will benefit parish education.**

*A collection will be taken up on Good Friday for the Holy Land*

**Stewardship by the Book:** *Good stewards strive to conform their lives to that of Christ – emptying themselves of all pride and putting themselves at the service of others.*

**Did you participate in the Rice Bowl Program?** There will be a large box where you will be able to place your rice bowls. Thank you for your Lenten Observance.

**Come join us on April 26, at 10:00am, at the Parish Center, to find out more about joining the Catholic Church**

Throughout the year, individuals come forward seeking to learn more about the Catholic faith. You may have a friend who is Catholic... you may be dating, engaged, or married to a Catholic...or you may just be seeking information on your own. You may have even been baptized a Catholic but never completed your initiation.

If you are such a seeker, we welcome you! The St. Charles community invites you to check out the adult initiation process here at the parish with the hope that you will find an opportunity to grow closer to God at this time in your faith journey.

The adult initiation process, is a process of prayer, reflection, and learning that allows for the continual discernment of God's will in our lives.

For more information call Linda Burns, 576-3105, or Nancy Farrant at 591-7349.x27.



**Little Angels will not be in session on Sunday, April 12. Happy Easter!**

## Holy Week & Easter Schedule

**April 8**

**Wednesday**

8:00p.m. Tenebrae

*The office of Tenebrae meaning darkness or shadow, a Holy Week devotion dating back to the 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> century, is characterized by Scripture Readings and the successive extinguishing of candles.*

**April 9**

**Holy Thursday**

7:00p.m.- Mass of the Lord's Supper  
Silent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
Altar of Repose - Parish Chapel  
until 10:30pm

**April 10**

**Good Friday**

12:00 Noon to 3:00p.m.  
Stations of the Cross  
Celebration of the Lord's Passion,  
Veneration of the Cross and Communion

7:00p.m. - Stations of the Cross

**April 11 - Saturday**

**Easter Vigil**

8:00p.m. - Rite of Initiation:  
Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist

**April 12**

**EASTER SUNDAY**

7:30, 9:00 & 11:30a.m. Mass

**(No evening Mass)**

*Easter Egg Hunt For Children after the 9:00am Mass*

**Understanding the Triduum:** It means "Three Days". The Triduum begins on the night of "The Lord's Supper", Holy Thursday, and goes through the evening of Easter Sunday. When you hold that palm on Palm Sunday, remember to carry it all the way through to Easter. The events we remember during these days is one action of God giving of himself, giving to us. The Triduum is not three liturgies, but one liturgy celebrated over three days. This event is as if Jesus' life happens all over again in this action. Members of the Christian Community commemorate the institution of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, it is the risen Jesus who stoops to wash their feet and feed them. When we listen to the Passion according to John on Good Friday, we witness God's love for us once again, and then when we hear the words of resurrection during the Paschal Vigil it is Jesus raised once and for all. When all is said and done we face the stark reality that we have done nothing, and can do nothing to warrant such a giving. Nor are we worthy in any way of now sharing in that life or in the life to come; yet we do.



### **EASTER FLOWERS**

In order to defray the cost of decorations for the Easter season, envelopes are available in the church. 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.

### **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 7<sup>th</sup>** through the morning of **April 9<sup>th</sup>**.





(*Women In God's Spirit*)

WINGS is holding a Fashion Show benefiting **Catherine's Center** and **Safehouse**. 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**

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

June 15 - 19, 2009. 9am - 12:15pm

*St. Charles Scripture Camp*

**Crocodile Dock:**

**Where fearless kids shine in God's light**

Open to all St. Charles school and parish children who are completing Kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> Grade this year. Registration forms will be distributed at the Parish School and in the Religious Education program the week of March 30. Please contact Allison Stastny (650 369 2866) or Arlie Aguirre (650 508 8870) if you have any questions about the program.

## Sixth and Seventh Grade Open House

Sixth and Seventh grade girls are invited to visit Mercy High School in Burlingame for a special afternoon tour on Friday, May 1st from 1:30pm to 3:00pm. This Student Open House will feature visits to classrooms, as well as special fine arts performances and an American Sign Language demonstration. Mercy is located at 2750 Adeline Drive in Burlingame. For more detailed information, contact Mrs. Ellen Williamson, Director of Admissions at (650) 762-1114.

## ICF Scholarships

Applications for the Italian Catholic Federation Scholarship Assistance Awards are now available to ALL 8th grade students of the parish who intend to enter a Catholic high school in the Fall. Applications may be obtained at St. Charles School, at the Parish Office or by calling Celeste Lennemann at 593-6218.

Completed applications must be returned by **APRIL 27**

**Transforming Grief** is a one day 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 of San Francisco on Saturday, April 18th, at St. Anselm's in San Anselmo from 9:30am—2:30pm. Please call Barbara to register at 415-614-5506.

**Employment Support Group** meets Monday mornings at 9:00am to 11:00am in the Merry Room of St. Matthias Church, 1685 Cordilleras Road, Redwood City. Contact 366-9544 for more information.



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

As Christian stewards, we are asked to give according to how we have been blessed. We have structured our fund-raising approach upon the Christian principles of stewardship; i.e., giving back to God a portion of the blessings you have received according to how you have been blessed. The cornerstone of our plan is equal sacrifice, not equal giving.

Please welcome the volunteers when they call. We seek to invite everyone to give and assume their share in the total need.

**Campaign Volunteers:** Our next meeting is scheduled for: Wednesday, April 15 at 7:00 PM in Borromeo Hall.

*Heavenly Father, send your Holy Spirit  
as our community uses our time, talent and  
treasures to meet our parish goals.*

**EWTN AIRS HOLY WEEK & EASTER MASSES** –EWTN will televise Pope Benedict XVI conducting the following liturgies: Palm Sunday Mass, April 5 at 5pm; Mass of the Lord's Supper, April 9; Way of the Cross, April 10 at 5pm; Easter Vigil Mass, April 11 at 9pm; Easter Sunday Mass, April 12 at 9am; Easter Sunday Message & Blessing, April 12 at 10:30am. EWTN also will air, from the National Shrine, the Mass of the Lord's Supper, April 9 at 2:30pm and the Easter Vigil Mass, April 11 at 5pm. All times are Pacific. EWTN is carried on Comcast Ch. 229, Astound Ch. 80, DISH Satellite Ch. 261 & Direct TV Ch. 370.

**SAVE THE DATE:** 11th Annual Catholic Lobby Day, Tuesday, April 28, 2009. Begins at Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, 1017 11th St., Sacramento. March with hundreds of California Catholics to our State Capitol.

**Protect Conscience Rights in Health Care: Our Voice is Needed!** The US Catholic Bishops are urging us to send our comments before Holy Thursday (April 9). There is more information on the website: USCCB.org and a link to send a very user-friendly and easily personalized message to the HHS. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) issued an invitation of 30-days (started March 10) for public comment on a proposal to rescind an important federal regulation issued in December. The regulation implements and enforces three federal laws protecting the conscience rights of health care providers, especially those at risk of being discriminated against because of their moral or religious objection to abortion and also end-of-life care for the terminally ill. The Bishops say, "The Catholic community must speak out to protect Catholic doctors, nurses and hospitals."

## **SACRED HEALING RETREAT:**

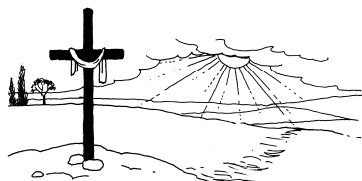
**Go, Your Faith Has Saved You! April 24-26, 2009**

This weekend retreat will look at Jesus' message: "The Kingdom of God is within you" as we experience the integration of Eastern and Western Healing Traditions. The retreat will be led by **Joan Prohaska, OP** who has been leading Sacred Healing retreat days at Vallombrosa, which have been very well received. 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.

## Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

[Christ Jesus] humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

— *Philippians 2:8*



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### TODAY'S READINGS

**Gospel at the Procession with Palms** — Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (*Mark 11:1-10 or John 12:12-16*).

**First Reading** — In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (*Isaiah 50:4-7*).

**Psalm** — My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (*Psalms 22*).

**Second Reading** — Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (*Philippians 2:6-11*).

**Gospel** — The account of Christ's passion according to Mark (*Mark 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]*).

### PASSION

The contrast between the processional reading in today's liturgy and the proclamation of the Passion is striking. We are given a glimpse of how profoundly the word of God is fulfilled in Jesus.

First he must be hailed as the Messiah, the One Who Is to Come. He must be acknowledged by all, though they do not know what they are saying. They think he is the promised king, a worldly king of the Jews who will free them from the Roman occupation. They do not yet understand, even the disciples, exactly where this triumphal procession is leading. In our lives, we too do not know where we are going. It is in faith that we can follow Christ wherever he may lead us, trusting that death is not the end, nor evil the victor.

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### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

For many centuries, Christian pilgrims have longed to walk in the footsteps of Jesus, and on Passion Sunday the eyes of the world are on the *Via Dolorosa*, the "Road of Sorrows," in Jerusalem. As soon as it became safe for Christians to worship in public in the fourth century, a way was marked out. It was changed a few times over the years, and today's usual route was sketched by the Franciscans six hundred years ago, although Anglicans and Byzantines have their own unique detours. Friday is the most favored day, although it is crowded then. Almost everyone begins at the Lion's Gate in the Muslim Quarter, and ends at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. It's less than a quarter mile, but it threads its way through crowded markets with souvenir shops and fast-food snacks. There are, just as in your parish church, fourteen stations along the way. The exact spots are not known, but what matters is the pilgrim's unique ability to see even an ordinary road in a teeming city as something more than meets the eye.

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