



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

June 15 ~ June 21



The Most

Holy Body and Blood of Christ

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi, the Body of Christ and I would like to reflect on how we gather every week as the Body of Christ. There is an old Latin phrase; *Lex orandi, lex credendi*, roughly translated; how we pray, says a lot about what we believe. There is a flow to the mass that calls each of us to go beyond our self-interests to a love and concern for others and to be one with Christ and one another. It is that awesome mystery that we call *communion*. We gather every week; we bring to God all that is happening in our individual lives, the frustrations, the hurts, our efforts. We gather them together in the opening prayer, what was formally called the *collect*. We then listen to God's word and are challenged to go beyond our individual needs, to strive to live in the likeness of Christ. We conclude our Liturgy of the Word with our Prayers of the Faithful, prayers that once again call us to go beyond our individual concerns to those of others in need. Then comes the Liturgy of the Eucharist, and the bread and wine, symbols of our lives are brought forward. These gifts are to be transformed into the gift of Christ's own body and blood through the Eucharistic Prayer which recalls what Christ has done for us in his death and resurrection. In receiving communion we go further beyond ourselves to be one with Christ – *to be the Body of Christ*. Communion is not just an act between us and Christ; it is an action that joins us together as one. We are transformed into the Body of Christ and sent into the world to be Christ for others and for the world.

Almost 6 years ago the Bishops instituted new norms for the reception of the Eucharist, to heighten our awareness and give reverence for what we are part of at communion. The rite of communion begins with a procession. This is a sign of the pilgrim Church, the body of believers, on their journey. We move forward to receive the Body and Blood of Christ; we accept the Lord's invitation to be united as one. Therefore the norm for receiving communion is one of standing. Another gesture is to first bow before the reception of the Eucharist to show our reverence. We unite in posture and gesture as a symbol of our unity as members of one Body of Christ. Then gathering our final hopes and dreams in the closing prayer, we go out to live this communion in our world as the Body of Christ.

Fr. Dave

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

Sanaia Shields

Mon.	8:30	Susie Caturegli
Tues.	8:30	Giuseppe Natucci †
Wed.	8:30	Joseph Loudon †
Thurs.	8:30	Pietro Caturegli †
Fri.	6:30	Giuseppe Natucci †
	8:30	Walter & Adele Englert †
Sat.	8:30	Susie Caturegli †
	5:00	Frank Ciandrini †
Sun.	7:30	Louis Pace †
	5:00	Evelyn I Robertson & Joseph W. Folen Jr.

Please pray for the faithful departed of
our St. Charles Community.

Sick Relatives and Friends

Please remember in your prayers: Ibrahim Abedrabbo, Esther Hilferty, Dawn Crecy, Christine Zika, Joe Vassallo, 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 ~ \$11,873.84
Parish Education ~ \$2,524

Thank-you!

CAST THE LIGHT OF CHRIST UPON THE WORLD

Next weekend, our parish will participate in the **Peter's Pence Collection for the Works of the Holy Father**. Please join in solidarity with the more that one billion Catholics worldwide in providing immediate emergency and disaster relief to our brothers and sisters through the Pope's special appeal. *Thank you!*

Stewardship by the Book: *The focus of today's feast is the total self-giving of Jesus. The bishops' stewardship pastoral reminds us that "the glory and the boast of Christian stewards lie in mirroring, however poorly, the stewardship of Jesus Christ, who gave and still gives all he has and is, in order to be faithful to God's will and carry through.*

Outreach to our Sister Parish: Next Week!

We will be collecting donations of non-perishable foods, paper products, and toiletries next weekend in outreach to our sister parish, St. Francis of Assisi. Thank you for helping to meet the needs of our East Palo Alto neighbors.



Due to the construction and noise, weekday Masses will be held in Borromeo Hall starting tomorrow, Monday, June 15th. Weekend Masses will continue to be celebrated in Church. All funerals during this time will be celebrated at neighboring Churches.



The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** is a process by which unbaptized adults become full members of the Roman Catholic Church. Although this process is for the unbaptized, we also include those who have been baptized in other traditions. It has been stated that the best kept secret in the Catholic Church is how to become a follower of Jesus. Many Catholics are not comfortable speaking about their faith, yet did you know that ALL Catholics are called to make known to the world the message of Jesus? The documents on the RCIA state that:

“the faithful should remember that...the supreme purpose of the apostolate is that the Church’s message is made known to the world by word and deed and that his grace is communicated.”

Therefore, consider inviting an unbaptized person to a function here at St. Charles, whether that be Wings, the Men’s Club, the parish picnic, and especially to Mass. Remember, it is your responsibility to welcome new members into the Church. It does not fall under one job description, rather it is in all of our job descriptions. To find out more about the RCIA process call Linda Burns, 576-3105 or Nancy Farrant, 591-7349 ext 27.

What is a Catechist

A catechist is...One who faithfully believes in Jesus and is a witness to His message. One who is Sacramentally alive and willing to share enthusiastically his/her faith with the youth in our community. Are you such a person? If you are considering becoming a catechist or are a catechist, there are several opportunities for growth over the summer. Here at the office we have a special program that you can bring home. The program is called *Echoes in Faith*, and it comes in a DVD format that you can learn at your own pace. The program is open to new and seasoned catechists. For more information, call Nancy Farrant, 591-7349, ex. 27.

Yahweh put out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me: “There I am putting my words into your mouth.”

Jeremiah 1:9

A Note from the Catholic Worker “School House” in Redwood City

A big thank you to all those who responded so generously to our call for after school tutors! On to our next big need...We run an evening program in which we teach English to Spanish-speaking women. We desperately need a few more teachers. The commitment would involve one night a week from 6:30 to 8:00pm. Class size runs approximately 8 to 10 women. You do not have to know any Spanish. The program will start the week of September 14, 2009. For more information, please call Sister Mary Jane at 366-8315. Thank you for your consideration.

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish
is looking for a
fulltime Youth Minister. Please
contact Fr. John Balleza at 650.366.3802
or email your resume to
parish@mountcarmel.org.**

St. Charles Recognizes the Gift of Marriage on June 28 at the 9:00 am Mass

Couples who have recently celebrated an anniversary in multiples of five (*i.e. 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, etc and 50 years & above*) are asked to contact Nancy Farrant at 591-7349 ext. 27 and say the number of years you are celebrating and if you will be able to attend the Mass and the reception to follow (in Borromeo Hall). The St. Charles parish community wants to celebrate you as you have been a witness to us in this holy sacrament of marriage.



Calling all graduating 8th graders, high schoolers and returning college students. The 5:00 Sunday Youth ensemble will be singing through the summer. If you would like to try this out as a singer or instrumentalist, please let Claire know and I will have music ready for you. We rehearse at 4:00 on Sundays, right before Mass. If we have a big enough group, we may have one evening rehearsal to start out the summer, and then stay with the Sunday rehearsal. Interested?

Please contact Claire at 591-7349 x32 or email CGiovannetti@stcharlesparish.org.

“PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY”

This ministry started in 1998 by two women and has quickly grown into an international cause. Members have lovingly donated their time and talents by creating hand-knitted and crocheted shawls. Care and the love of knitting or crocheting have been combined into a prayerful ministry that reaches out to those in need of comfort and solace. WINGS has now started this ministry and is in need of volunteers to knit and crochet. If you have always wanted to learn then this is the time. For more information please call Lorie Boris 593-7339 or Linda Burns 595-2675. Another way to help this ministry is to make a donation that would be used to purchase yarn. Please make the check payable to St. Charles Church, in the memo part put WINGS/Shawl. Mail to Lorie Boris 1828 Carmelita Dr. San Carlos.

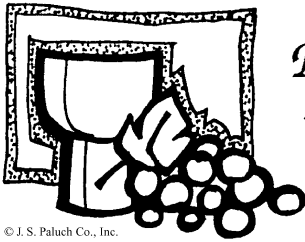
The “Prayer Shawl Ministry” meets every first Wednesday of each month in the St. Charles Room at 10:00 am.

**17th San Francisco International Marian Conference
July 3-5, Crowne Plaza Hotel Conference Center
1221 Chess Drive, Foster City
“Mary Mother of Christ”**

**For information and registration call 800-456-4197
www.sraphael.com or www.straphaelministries.org**

ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S CATHOLIC IQ

1. Making a sign of the cross with holy water upon entering and leaving a church is to ____ **Answer C:** *The Church reminds us of the importance of the waters of our baptism, in which we were blessed and baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*
2. Jesus said "I am the way, the truth and the ____ **Answer: B:** *See John 14:6. Jesus gave this answer to Thomas who asked "Lord we do not know where you are going so how can we know the way."*
3. Infant baptism didn't become the norm in Church practice until about ____ **Answer B:** *In the early centuries of the Church, adult baptism was the norm*
4. The name "Lily of the Mohawks" belongs to ____ **Answer C:** *Bl. Kateri (1656-1680) is the first Native American to be beatified. Her shrine is in upstate New York and her feast days is April 17.*



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*Drink from
the cup of
salvation*

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - This is the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you (*Exodus 24:3-8*).

Psalm - I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord (*Psalms 116*).

Second Reading - Christ is the mediator of a new covenant; his blood will cleanse our consciences (*Hebrews 9:11-15*).

Gospel - This is my body. This is my blood (*Mark 14:12-16, 22-26*).

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The origins of today's solemnity lie in thirteenth-century Belgium. In those days, people seldom received Holy Communion, and never the chalice. A nun in a troubled convent, Juliana of Liège, devoted her life to stirring up love for the Eucharist, lobbying for a feast day to honor the Blessed Sacrament with Masses and processions.

Juliana may have been inspired by the Ascension Day processions in nearby Bruges. Crusaders brought a treasure home to Bruges from Constantinople in 1204: a reliquary said to contain a cloth from Joseph of Arimathea with which he had helped prepare the body of Jesus for burial. The stain on the cloth was said to be the holy blood itself, and so the people of Bruges built a great basilica to house the relic. Bruges became a great center of pilgrimage because of this treasure, and the procession of the Holy Blood is still one of the greatest festivals in Belgium today. The bishop carries the relic through the narrow streets, and the people wear medieval costumes and act out scenes from the Bible.

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