



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

August 11 ~ August 17

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| Mon. | 8:30 | Norma Figone † |
| Wed. | 8:30 | Bill Rebholtz † |
| Thurs. | 8:30 | Henry Dingli † |
| Fri. | 6:30 | Susie Caturegli † |
| | 8:30 | James & Mary Canavese † |
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| Sat. | 7:00 | Mario Balestreri † |
| | 8:30 | Marita Alvarez (L) |
| Sun. | 5:00 | Michael Fitzgerald (L) |
| | 7:30 | Henry Dingli † |
| | 5:00 | James Parker † |

Please pray for the faithful departed of St. Charles.



Friday, August 15th is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mother. *It is a Holy Day of Obligation.* Masses will be at 6:30am, 8:30am and 12:15pm & 7:00pm.

Sick Relatives and Friends

Please remember in your prayers: Barbara Peters, Solly Catiis, Janice Jones, Stan Mitchell, Trish Barrett, Yolanda Plut, Carmella Chellemi, Zina Colombo, Jim Mason, Betty Cirigliano, Louise DeBarbrie, and Carmen Esquivel.

Are you are ill or homebound and 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

Offertory Collection - \$10,977
Parish Education - \$2,630 - **Thank you!**

Stewardship by the Book: Elijah recognized the voice of God not in the strong and heavy wind, not in the earthquake, and not in the fire, but in a tiny whispering sound. May we find enough quiet in our clamorous world to hear His voice and discern what He is calling us to do and be.

**This Weekend's Special Collection
Welcome Little Sisters of the Poor**

Who are the Little Sisters of the Poor? They operate St. Anne's Home in San Francisco, and have cared for thousands of elderly residents since 1901. St. Anne's provides hot meals and an array of activities for low income senior citizens attending their day center. St. Anne's Home does not discriminate on the basis of race, national origin, age, sex or handicap. They manage to surround the dying elderly with thoughtful attention, spiritual support and appropriate medical care. The Sisters pray daily for their benefactors, conscious that without them, St. Anne's Home would not be able to exist.

Faith Formation

Volunteers in Ministry. The greatest gift we can give our children is a relationship with Jesus Christ. **WE NEED YOU!** "If not you: Who? We have several of our Catechists that will be taking a leave this year. Our program for the children's religious formation depends on you. We have several openings in all grades. We have information and DVD's for you to take home over the summer so you can begin to have training right in your own home. Anyone that has preformed this ministry will tell you that they receive more out of it than they ever give. Watch your own faith develop through this process. For more information please call Nancy Farrant, 591-7349 ex. 27 or email NFarrant@stcharlesparish.org.

BASIC CATECHIST FORMATION

The Parish Catechetical Leaders of Deanery 11 (Southern San Mateo County) are pleased to present four workshops for new and experienced catechists. These sessions offer credit for certification and recertification. The sessions will be held two different days and at different locations to accommodate busy schedules.

| Saturday 10 - 11:30am | Topic/Presenter | Tuesday 7 - 8:30pm |
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| | Scripture & Spirituality in our Sessions (Victor Valdez) | 8/12/08 St. Matthias RWC |
| 8/16/08 St. Charles San Carlos | Lesson Planning 101: For Beginners and Advanced Catechists (Laurie Coulter & Sabrina Spence) | 8/19/08 St. Pius RWC |
| 8/23/08 St. Charles San Carlos | Feast Days and Prayers with Children of All Ages (Nancy Farrant) | 8/26/08 St. Pius RWC |

Contact Nancy Farrant at 591-7349 ext. 27 or e-mail NFarrant@stcharlesparish.org

St. Charles Church welcomes its newest member through the waters of Baptism:
Addison Hynes Mahon



The Adult Choir and the Children's Choir are both getting ready to start up the new year. The **Adult Choir** starts their rehearsals on **Thursday August 28 at 7:30pm** in the church and the **Children's Choir** (open to all children in the parish from 3rd grade up) starts on **Wednesday September 3, 3:15 to 4:15pm** in church. What a wonderful way for people of all ages to participate in our Liturgies. For more information, please call Claire at 591-7349 ex 32, or email her at CGiovannetti@stcharlesparish.org.



WINGS

A new season! A new format!

Come to enjoy fellowship as we explore and share our faith journey. These sessions will be based on readings from the book *The Return of the Prodigal Son* by Henri Nouwen. The evenings will begin promptly at 7pm and end at 8:30pm. The dates are: September 10, 17, 24 and October 1st.

If this sounds like something you are interested in please call Claire Donohue at 654-1815 or Allison Stastny at 369-2866 no later than Aug. 28th and get the details to purchase the book.



Cathedral Festival of Flowers www.cathedralflowers.org

Acclaimed flower designers and arrangers from throughout the Bay Area will come together at St. Mary's Cathedral this upcoming October 3-5 to create a breathtaking feast of color and scent. Come also for the **Little Flower Festival**, a showing of floral arrangements in the Cathedral Event Center (lower level) by parish liturgical art & environment ministers from throughout the Archdiocese. Festival hours are:

Fri, Oct. 3, 6-9pm (*Opening Gala*)

Sat, Oct. 4, 9am-7pm

Sun, Oct. 5, 8:30am-5pm.

FREE admission on Saturday & Sunday.

For more information on Opening Gala tickets and Mass times, when the exhibit will *not* be accessible, please call 415-567-2020.

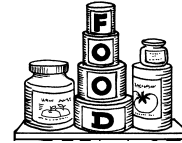
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Upcoming Events

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| August 15 | Assumption (<i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>) |
| August 16 | Basic Catechism Formation Small Hall, 10:00am |
| August 22 | Altar Servers/Children's Choir Picnic <i>Raging Waters</i> |
| August 23 | Basic Catechism Formation Small Hall 10:00am |
| August 25 | St. Charles School Begins Back to School Coffee, 8:00am, Borromeo Hall |
| August 28 | Adult Choir, (<i>first rehearsal</i>) 7:30pm, Church |
| August 29 | Back to School Mass, 8:30am |
| Sept. 3 | Children's Choir 3:15pm, Church Back to the School Night, 6pm |
| Sept. 5 | Eucharistic Adoration, 9:00am Chapel |

ALTAR SERVERS & CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The time is soon approaching for our annual outing at **Raging Waters, Friday, August 22 from 10:30-2:30**. Please get your registration in as soon as possible. We need parents to help to drive and chaperone. Please notify Caren Fior, caren@fior4.com, 299-9544, or NFarrant@stcharlesparish.org.



Outreach to our Sister Parish

We will be collecting donations of non-perishable foods, paper products and toiletries at the **Saturday evening & Sunday morning Masses** next weekend, in continuing outreach to our sister parish community, St. Francis of Assisi. **Thank you for helping to meet the needs of our East Palo Alto neighbors.**

Women's Catholic Scripture Study starts again Sept 11, 2008

Thursdays from 10am to noon
St. Mark's Parish, Belmont

We will be using the book, ***Understanding the Scriptures: A Complete Course in Bible Study*** by Dr. Scott Hahn. This will be the perfect study for those new to Bible study as well as those who would like a deeper understanding of the "overall picture" of salvation history. This book is being used in Catholic high schools, seminaries, and parish Bible study groups. The study involves home study questions, small group discussions, and a live wrap-up lecture. A thirty minute DVD of the author discussing this book is available in the Parish Office. Stop by to borrow it if interested.

To learn more or to register, contact: Tami Palladino: tami@stcharlesparish.org or 591-7349 x31 or Christine Fenwick: cssbelmont@gmail.com or 704-7881.

EWTN SPECIAL TELECASTS FOR AUGUST

In a special EWTN telecast that is ideal for the homebound, Franciscan Missionaries of the Eternal Word celebrate the Solemn Mass of the Assumption at their chapel in Alabama, August 15th at 9:00am, 4:00pm & 9:00pm.

"To the Parents of Teens" sets forth, in two episodes, a program to help parents guide their teens on the path of purity & holiness, August 26th & 27th at 12:00am & 3:30pm. All times are Pacific. EWTN is carried on Comcast Ch. 229, Astound Ch. 80, DISH Satellite Ch. 261 and Direct TV Ch. 370.

Will you be traveling during the Summer?

Check out

"Mass Times for Travelers" at

1-410-676-6000 or go to www.masstimes.org.

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

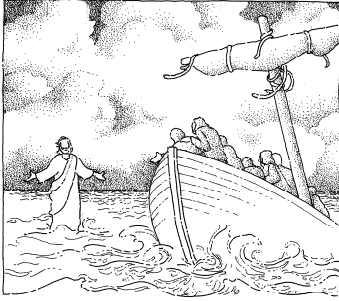
TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — “Stand on the mountain; the LORD will be passing by” (*1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a*).

Psalm — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (*Psalm 85*).

Second Reading — To the Israelites belong the covenants, the law and the patriarchs; and from them comes the Christ (*Romans 9:1-5*).

Gospel — As Jesus walked on the sea, he said to the disciples, “Do not be afraid” (*Matthew 14:22-33*).



It is I; do not be afraid.

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WHAT'S WHAT

Today's passage from Matthew's Gospel is loaded with many symbols and details. Our familiarity with the tale of the calming of the sea and Peter's rescue may lull us into overlooking them, or we may simply be unfamiliar with their meaning. Here are things to note: Jesus makes the disciples get into the boat, so there is distance between him and them; the boat, in the Gospels, is always a code word for the church; Jesus goes up a mountain to pray, the place of closeness to God (also the place, in Matthew's Gospel, where Jesus teaches the Beatitudes); the wind and stormy seas can be conquered only by God, as chaos was conquered at creation; Jesus, in prayer to God, is able to know the trouble of his followers, his church, in the boat, even though he is separated from them by a great distance. Matthew packs all these details and symbols into a handful of sentences, yet they are all vital to our understanding of this passage and—more importantly—for our own growth in faith as a church.

WHO'S WHO

Throughout the Gospels and all of the New Testament, Peter stands as an emblem for the whole church. He is a mixture of faith and fearfulness, expresses profound belief in yet also cruel denial of Christ. Peter is the saint and the sinner that every baptized member of the church is. Today he leaps forward in exuberant faith, but caves in to the tempest tossing him about. He musters enough faith to cry out his need for salvation, as we all must. And then Christ, who called him through the storm, identifies himself by saying (literally, in the Greek text), “I Am”—as God was revealed to Moses. Christ, divinely unfazed by the petty storms that terrify his church, always stands ready to reach out to those he has called when they cry for help. “Lord, save me!” was on Peter's lips that morning, as it has been on the lips of countless Christians throughout the centuries. And Christ still reaches out to us, his church being tossed about, to take us by the hand and reply, “Do not be afraid” (*Matthew 14:27*).