



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
December 28 - January 3

Mon.	8:30	Esther Alcantara †
Tues.	8:30	Edward Ryan & Gregory Ryan †
Wed.	8:30	Shirley & Dan Cobry †
Thurs.	8:30	Evelyn I. Robertson & Joseph W. Folen †
Fri.	8:30	Socorro Ruiz (L)
Sat.	8:30	Jill Grove †
	5:00	Enda Percell †
Sun.	7:30	Josephine Kezer †
	5:00	Lorraine Businger †

Rest in Peace
Joseph Anthony Concilla

Sick Relatives and Friends

Please remember in your prayers: Violet Bahre, Larry Panozzo, Eddie Beaudreault, Noreen Baker, Betty Cirigliano, Dawn Crecy, Joe Vassallo, Barbara Peters, Carmella Chellemi, Carmen Esquivel and Jim Mason.

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

Weekly Offertory Collection - \$11,082.50
St. Francis - \$3,429
Thank you

Next week's second collection will benefit parish education.

Stewardship by the Book: The first reading today provides a challenging guideline for the good stewardship of our family relationships. How do I measure up?

Our monthly *Eucharistic Adoration* has been postponed until January 8th as the First Friday of the month is January 1, New Year's Day, and the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God.

2010 Offertory Envelopes

The 2010 offertory envelopes are available for pick up in the back of the church. If you do not know your envelope number please check the listing binder for your name. If you are not a regular envelope user and would like to be, please call the parish office at 591-7349 ext. 15.



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Mary, Mother of God

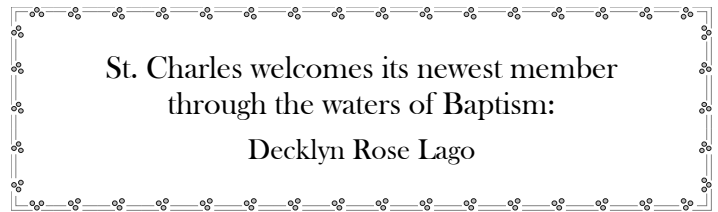


New Year's Day
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Friday, January 1
8:30am Mass

A heartfelt thanks to all the Choirs and accompanists of St. Charles who helped to make this season special. Please join me in thanking the Children's choir, the Youth Choir, and the Adult Choir with our accompanists and Cantors, who worked extra hard to bring us beautiful music for the concert and most especially for our Christmas Liturgies.

The celebration does not end! If you would like to join any of these choirs, we will be looking for new members in the new year! More info to follow.

Claire G.



St. Charles welcomes its newest member
through the waters of Baptism:
Decklyn Rose Lago

Little Angels will be closed today
December 27 & January 3

"Built of Living Stones" Handouts

The book, "Built of Living Stones," has been an important resource source for the proposed interior renovation of St. Charles. Inserts from this publication have been available at our church exits over the last 12 weeks. If you missed any of the handouts, or would like a complete set, they are available in the vestibule. Check the pamphlet rack to the left as you exit the vestibule of the church.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
- Monday: The Holy Innocents
- Tuesday: St. Thomas Becket
- Thursday: St. Sylvester I; New Year's Eve
- Friday: Octave of Christmas; New Year's Day; The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God; World Day of Prayer for Peace; First Friday
- Saturday: Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen; First Saturday

K-5th Grade: Classes are on holiday and will resume Sunday, January 31st.

Are you curious about the Catholic Church or are you thinking about joining the Catholic Church? Are you a baptized Catholic but have not received the sacrament of Confirmation or Eucharist? INQUIRY SESSIONS for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) are held on Sundays after the 9:00am Mass. For more information, please call Nancy Farrant, (650)591-7349 ext. 27, or Linda Burns, (650)576-3105.

ST. CHARLES' WOMEN'S RETREAT (Feb. 26-28, 2010)

Balance due JANUARY 7TH

Double Room balance \$150.00 (each)

Single Room balance \$175.00

Registration forms are available in the bookrack at the main entrance of the Church

Make checks payable to St. Charles Church. Mail to: Lorie Boris, 1828 Carmelita Drive, San Carlos, 593-7339.

SUPPORT NEW LIFE BY TAKING MOTHERS UNDER OUR WINGS

During this season of **WINGS** we will focus on supporting mothers who find themselves in difficult circumstance during their pregnancies. Our philosophy is that by offering women our support and friendship they will make the choice for life over abortion. We hope to encourage this support by hosting four sessions during **WINGS**.

The first will be a presentation by **FIRST RESORT**, a wonderful non-profit based in Redwood City that helps mothers in need in all aspects during their pregnancy. We will also present our plans for a baby shower for two moms that will be held on the last session of **WINGS**.

The second session will be the viewing of the movie "Bella" which shows how friendship and support during pregnancy can make all the difference in someone's decision to keep their baby.

Week three will be hearing "Adoption Stories" from three women from our parish and the sharing of adoption resources. Week four we will celebrate "new life" by hosting a baby shower for two expectant moms and in celebration of "new life!"

Please join us for these sessions on January 20, 27, and February 3, 10, 2010.

Archdiocesan Temporary Liturgical Modifications during this flu season:

The distribution of Holy Communion from the Cup is suspended.

Out of consideration for their fellow communicants, all are encouraged to receive Holy Communion in the hand.

The Sign of Peace should be offered without shaking hands.

We, the faithful are requested to refrain from joining hands during the Lord's prayer.

These are temporary preventative measures during this flu season. Please remember the obligation to attend Sunday Mass does not apply to those who are ill.

Did You Know???

An Appropriate Way to Report Inappropriate Behavior

How should you communicate your concerns to someone who may be behaving inappropriately with children? The "I" message is a simple way to reframe what you want to say so that the listener hears you speak of your feelings and concerns rather than hearing a complaint against him - or herself. The "I" message, simply diagrammed says, "I feel (feeling) when (situation) because (reason)" For example, you can say, "I feel anxious when you drive a child home alone after religious education classes. because it could put you or the child in a potentially risky situation." It is much more constructive approach than saying, "You shouldn't be driving children home alone because it is against the rules and puts them in danger."

Source: Paul J. Ashton, "CAREfronting vs. Confronting Those Who Behave Inappropriately," featured August 9, 2004, at www.virtusonline.org/virtus

For particular help you may call: Barbara Elordi, Victim Assistance Coordinator 415-614-5504 (private secure line) or ElordiB@sfarchdiocese.org

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN HELPING THE HOMELESS?

The Interfaith Hospitality Network provides shelter, meals and support to homeless families. St. Charles currently has teams volunteering on Tuesdays and Fridays, 4-6 times during the year. We prepare and serve dinner for families housed for the week at a nearby church. The time commitment is approximately 6-8pm plus the time to prepare a dish or two. Each night we also need someone to "sleep over" with the families. We need additional help from parishioners to supplement existing teams and expand our effort. If you think you would like to help and for more information please contact:

Kevin Philpott
369-3443

Kevin.philpott@cpii.com

or Fred Koehler
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Hfkoehler@yahoo.com

Languages of Love

A Day of Enrichment for Engaged and Married Couples

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Saturday, January 9, 2010

St. Bartholomew Parish

600 Columbia Drive, San Mateo, CA

9:30am-4:30pm, \$40 per couple

Includes materials & lunch...free child care available

For more information contact Ingrid Pera

650-347-0701 ext. 14



Beloved, we are God's children now;
what we shall be has not yet
been revealed. — 1 John 3:2a

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Hannah gives her son Samuel back to the LORD, leaving him in the temple at Shiloh: “As long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD” (*1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28*) or *Sirach 3:2-7, 12-14*.

Psalm — Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord (*Psalm 84*) or *Psalm 128*.

Second Reading — We are children of God when we believe in the name of God’s Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us (*1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24*) or *Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17]*.

Gospel — Joseph and Mary find the lost Jesus in the temple in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking questions (*Luke 2:41-52*).

The child
grew to maturity



and was
filled with wisdom

FOR THE LOVE OF GOD

Today we focus our attention on Mary, Joseph, and the child Jesus, and the role of family in our lives. All children are God’s creation and so, if you have children, you know that their upbringing is a huge responsibility, involving lots of hard work along with times of anxiety and distress as well as real moments of joy. You can easily relate to the story of Mary and Joseph and the frantic search for their missing child. You can understand the mixture of immense relief and annoyance when they find him after a long search. But maybe your family is not that ideal family most of us wish for, but is separated or divided by distance, disagreements, or divorce. Perhaps distance can be bridged by more letters, e-mails, phone calls, or visits; disagreements by sincere attempts to reconcile; and divorce—for all its pains and griefs—by learning to love again. Healing the hurts begins in love. There are also many people among us who are single or who cannot have children, and others who have few or no family ties left. The kind of love called *agape* by the early Christians, sometimes translated as “charity” in the scriptures, is a Greek word that expresses a love greater than family love or sexual love; it is the love that God has for us and wants us to share with the world around us. If we each become aware that God loves us as beloved children, we can spread that love to those who are unloved in our words, in our deeds, and in our attitude. Don’t wait, start now!