



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

January 1st – January 8th

Mon.	8:30	Louise Tosche †
Tues.	8:30	Lena Carolla †
Wed.	8:30	John W. Ryan †
Thurs.	8:30	Silvestre Apruebo †
Friday	6:30	—
	8:30	Marc & Nellie Giron †
Sat.	8:30	Marc & Nellie Giron †
	5:00	Charles Buchignani †
Sun.	5:00	Peter Del Zompo †

*Please pray for the faithful departed of St. Charles.*

### *Sick Relatives and Friends*

Dorothy Gruenwald, Marisa Malatesta, Lou Romanello, Roger Mara, Susie Caturegli, Christina Romani, Carmen Esquivel, and Jim Mason.

*If you are ill and would like members of the parish to pray for you, please contact Margaret Walton at 591-7349 ext. 28.*

### *Sacrificial Giving*

Weekly Collection – \$9,280  
Christmas Collection – \$41,721

**Thank You**

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

**The St. Charles chapter of St. Vincent de Paul will have their last 2006 5th Sunday collection for the support of our local working poor this weekend.** In the spirit of this wonderful season, your cash donation will allow us to provide **food, clothing, heat, and other basic needs** to our neighbors who are underserved. As always, your generosity is much appreciated by our conference and our local working poor. Thank you.

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



### **New Altar Server Training for those in Public School:**

Are you interested in becoming an Altar Server? You must be at least in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade, and have made First Communion. So if you are in 4<sup>th</sup> grade or up, please join us for a three week training. The trainings are January 10, 17 & 24 at 1:30pm. You must attend all three sessions. If you have been away from this ministry and would like to begin again then join us in these training sessions for a brush up. For more information or to register, call Caren Fior, 299-9544, [caren@fior4.com](mailto:caren@fior4.com), or Nancy Farrant, 591-7349, ex. 27, [NFarrant@stcharlesparish.org](mailto:NFarrant@stcharlesparish.org).

## FAITH FORMATION

**Little Angels will be closed today.  
Happy New Year!**

### **Attention First Reconciliation and First Communion Families**

– All families will receive a confirmation letter in the mail during the first week of January with the time your child is scheduled to celebrate **First Reconciliation** on **January 20, 2007**. You will also receive the date for your child's First Communion. Please remember to have your child bring his or her scrapbook to the church on January 20<sup>th</sup> as it will be reviewed then. The first part must be completed by this date.

If you have any questions, please email Pam Nehrenz or Lauren Schneider. See you on January 20<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

[pnehrenz@stcharlesschoolsc.org](mailto:pnehrenz@stcharlesschoolsc.org) or  
[lschneider@stcharlesschoolsc.org](mailto:lschneider@stcharlesschoolsc.org)

### **RETREAT ~ GET AWAY for the EDGE CORE TEAM**

January 12-13 (leave Friday evening and return Saturday evening)...in beautiful Los Altos at Presentation Cen-

**Confirmation II – Candidate Session, January 9, 7:00-8:30 pm in Borromeo Hall.**



**To all the musicians who made our Holy Days special, great thanks!** The Adult Choir, the Children's Choir, our Cantors, pianists and guitarists, have all helped us sing better, pray better, and have brought a little more joy into the season. "Peace is joy at rest, and joy is peace on its feet." For the many hours you spent "on your feet", thank you. I wish you and the St. Charles Community great Peace and Joy! Claire Giovannetti

**Children's Choir:** We will continue our rehearsals at our regular time on Wednesday January 10 at 3:15 to 4:15 in church. See you then. We will also be taking new members then. The choir is open to all parish children from 3<sup>rd</sup> grade on up. Also, we could use more helpers from 6<sup>th</sup> grade on up.

**Adult Choir:** We are looking for a few good men to fill out our tenor and bass sections. Please consider joining our choir for a wonderful experience. We rehearse on Thursdays in church from 7:30 to 9:00 pm. Please come join our great choir and help us make a joyful noise. After all, you can always **Tivo** CSI!

For more info please call Claire at 591-7349 x32 or email at [CGiovannetti@stcharlesparish.org](mailto:CGiovannetti@stcharlesparish.org).

**OUR SAVIOR WAITS FOR US** to come to Him in the Most Holy Eucharist. Come, let us bring Him our hopes, our prayers, our tears and our fears as we begin a new year. January 5 is the **FIRST FRIDAY** of the month. Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins with Benediction at 9:00am in the Chapel at the Parish Center and continues until midnight. All are welcome.

## SCHOOL NEWS

**Saint Charles School** is hosting school tours in January. Please call the school office (650-593-1629) to set up a date to visit the school. School applications can be picked up at the school office or downloaded from the school web site ([www.stcharlesschoolsc.org](http://www.stcharlesschoolsc.org)).

**Women's Retreat – Balance Due January 5th**

Full payment is due by **JANUARY 5, 2007**, so that we can meet our contractual agreement with Vallombrosa.

Double Room Balance ~ \$140

Single Room Balance ~ \$160

Please make checks payable to **St. Charles Church**

**Mail to:**

**Lorie Boris**

**1828 Carmelita Drive**

**San Carlos, CA 94070**

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul  
Catherine's Center Benefit**

Join us January 14th for an evening of Merriment and Music honoring Bishop John Wester with remembrances by friends and colleagues. The award winning Stanford Harmonics will entertain. The event at Burlingame's Kohl Mansion will be followed by a champagne reception and is a benefit to SVdP's Catherine's Center, a safe home for women recently released from incarceration where residents are mentored to make healthier life choices for the benefit of our community. Tickets are \$100 and can be reserved by calling (650) 373-0637.

**THIRD ANNUAL WALK FOR LIFE WEST COAST  
A NEW TRADITION. A NEW VOICE**

Join thousands of pro-life women, men, friends and families, as we take our message to the streets proclaiming that women deserve better than abortion.

Walk with us **Saturday, Jan. 20, 2007** as we continue to peacefully proclaim our message in ever-greater numbers. Starting time is **11:00am at Justin Herman Plaza** at the Embarcadero and ends at Marina Green.

Schools, Parishes and Groups are welcome!

Design your own banner!

For information contact Vicki Evans at 415-614-553 or [evans@sfarchdiocese.org](mailto:evans@sfarchdiocese.org)

**Have you thought about becoming a  
Catholic Priest?**

You are invited to attend a **Discernment Retreat**, 4:00pm on Friday, January 26 through 1:00pm Sunday, January 28, 2007 at St. Patrick's Seminary to better understand if a vocation to the ministry of God's priesthood is for you! Single Catholic men, 21 years of age or older, are invited to explore the possibility of a priestly vocation. The weekend is designed to provide the tools needed to help you determine if God might be calling you to a vocation to the priesthood. For further information, please see your parish priest.

**Men's Club Meeting  
BCS National Championship  
\*\*Special Day\*\***

**Monday, January 8th!**

Kick the New Year off right and join the Men's Club to watch Ohio State Buckeyes take on Florida Gators in the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl on the **Big Screen at Borromeo**. This is the BCS Title Game that will determine the National Champion! The special day for this event is **Monday, January 8th**. \$20 gets you admission, Enchilada dinner and a chance to win one of our ever-popular door prizes. "Doors open" at 5:00pm (kickoff at 5:30pm). So, get there when you can and don't forget to bring a friend!

**WINGS Winter Wednesday Dinner**

Come join your fellow women parishioners for a delicious dinner prepared by Chef Carlos Demarchena. Beat the winter blahs by coming to Borromeo Hall for a social evening on Wednesday, January 24 at 7:15. Suggested donation is \$20. RSVPs and checks are needed by Jan. 15 so please send your check to **Terry Mooney at 2641 Debbie Place, San Carlos, CA 94070**.

**Crab Cioppino Dinner**

**Enjoy an evening of delicious food  
and good friends as we continue to help  
our sister parish in Pass Christian, Mississippi  
Saturday, January 27, 2007 – Borromeo Hall**

**No Host Bar: 6:30 – 7:30 pm**

**Dinner: 7:30 – 9:00pm**

**Live Music & Dancing: 9:00 – 11:00pm**

**\$40.00 per Person**

*For event information contact Deb Surdel 598-9996, or for reservation information contact: Teresa Walker 591-1176*

**Look for flyers on the tables by the church doors.**

Please RSVP no later than January 19, 2007.

**2007 Family Ski Trip  
Saturday, February 24th**

Back by popular demand, the Men's Club Family Ski Trip. Join us on Saturday, February 24th. We'll be boarding buses and heading out to Sugar Bowl for a great day of family skiing without all of the hassles! Tickets, including lift tickets, breakfast on the bus (and après-ski refreshments) are Adult (\$100), Teen (\$95), Kids (\$65) and Seniors (\$85). All families of the parish and their friends are invited. To reserve a spot (tickets are going fast) or for more information, contact Greg Cेलotti at 650-740-1580 or [gcelotti@apr.com](mailto:gcelotti@apr.com) or email the Men's Club at [mensclub@stcharlesparish.org](mailto:mensclub@stcharlesparish.org) Don't miss this great family day event!

## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Beloved, we are God's children now;  
what we shall be has not yet been revealed.

— 1 John 3:2a

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Hannah conceived, and at the end of her term bore a son whom she called Samuel (*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** — See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God (*1 John 3:1-2, 21-24*) or *Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17]*.

**Gospel** — The boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. They found him in the temple, in the midst of the teachers (*Luke 2:41-52*).



### FAMILY LIFE

Family life is sacred, but it is not without trial. Perhaps this is the most important message we can glean from today's readings. If Jesus, Mary and Joseph can trip up sometimes—can disconnect—then we shouldn't find it surprising when such things happen to us as well. And parents everywhere (children, too) can probably relate to—and take some solace in—the Gospel's account of Mary and Joseph after Jesus explained why he stayed behind in the temple. They heard his words, Luke tells us, "But they did not understand what he said to them" (Luke 2:50). Amen! Nevertheless, Jesus does go back home with them, and continues to thrive under their care.

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### Prayer for the New Year

*O God of new beginnings and wonderful surprises, thank you for the gift of a new year. May it be a time of grace for me, a time to grow in faith and love, a time to renew my commitment to following Your Son, Jesus. May it be a year of blessing for me, a time to cherish my family and friends, a time to renew my efforts at work, a time to embrace my faith more fully. Walk with me, please, in every day and every hour of this new year, that the light of Christ might shine through me, in spite of my weaknesses and failings. Above all, may I remember this year that I am a pilgrim on the sacred path to You.*

*Amen*



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