


MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
 January 5 ~ January 11

Mon.	8:30	Bill Teglia †
Tues.	8:30	Jenna Michele Lynn †
Wed.	8:30	Jenna Michele Lynn †
Thurs.	8:30	Peter Del Zompo †
Fri.	6:30	Pietro Caturegli †
	8:30	Birdie Nichols †
Sat.	8:30	Susie Caturegli †
	5:00	Eileen Carroll †
Sun.	5:00	Bud Thatcher †

Please pray for the faithful departed of St. Charles.

Sick Relatives and Friends

Please remember in your prayers: Bob Cook, Lisa Porter, Isabel Lara, John Meany, Barbara Peters, Solly Catiis, Yolanda Plut, Carmella Chellemi, Carmen Esquivel, Jim Mason, and Louise DeBarbrie.

Are you 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

Christmas Offering ~ \$53,238
 Weekend Collection ~ \$9,945.50
Thank-you!

This weekend's special collection benefits parish education.

Stewardship by the Book: The three wise men who came from the East to pay homage to the infant Jesus brought Him rich gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh as part of their worship. What gifts have I brought to this celebration to offer to the newborn Savior?

A Special Thanks...

St. Charles' St. Vincent de Paul Conference would like to thank our wonderful parishioners, extended family and friends for their great generosity this holiday season. By selecting wish list ornaments from the Giving Tree, you provided over 300 families from our sister parish, St. Francis, with Christmas gifts this year. You also enabled St. Vincent de Paul to provide 10 local needy families with Christmas gifts and food, as well as sweaters for Catholic Charities and gift cards for the Homeless Help Center. Because of your kindness, every one of these individuals and families participating has been provided for this holiday season.

Thank you ever so gratefully and Merry Christmas, your St. Vincent de Paul Conference.

The Concert on December 19th featuring the Adult Choir and the Children's Choir was a big success! We received \$641 in donations - thanks to you - our very generous audience. This will go to support the music program. We continue our celebration in song...we are in need of men in the Adult Choir, instrumentalists and singers in the Youth Ensemble and children, 3rd grade and up, in the Children's Choir. Come join the fun!! Contact Claire G. for more information at 591-7349 ext. 32.

K-5th Grade: Classes are on holiday and will resume Sunday, January 11th beginning our second trimester. Enjoy the holidays!

**Little Angels will be closed today.
 Sessions will resume next Sunday, January 11.**

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

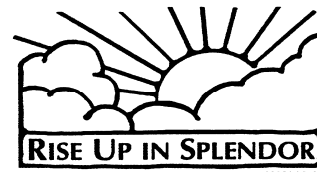
Delaney Jennifer Gibbons
 Quinn Rafferty Mitchell
 Andrew Leonard Mitchell

**Don't forget to pick up your offertory envelopes! They
 have been "relocated" to the Parish Center.**

To our St. Charles family...

You are the best! My beloved Stan loved hearing that you were always praying for him—he brought him much joy. Know that you really make a difference. With much love & gratitude. God is good...God is very good!

Gerry Mitchell & Family



***Have you ever thought
 about becoming a Catholic priest?***

You are invited to attend a Discernment Retreat to better understand if a vocation to the ministry of God's priesthood is for you. The retreat will be held at St. Patrick's Seminary and University in Menlo Park, (320 Middlefield Road.) Friday, January 16th at 4:00pm through 1:00pm Sunday, January 18th. All meals and lodging are provided at no cost. You must be a single male, twenty one years or older and sponsored by a parish priest or recommended by a Diocesan Vocation Director.

For further information contact the

Discernment Retreat Office at
 mary.verducci@stpatricksseminary.org
 by January 9, 2009.

ST. CHARLES SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

St. Charles students and teachers are preparing for our Open House on January 25th, 10:00 am- noon. We invite prospective parents and their children, current families, alumni, grandparents, friends, and all parishioners to visit and see the wonderful work of our students. We are proud of our instructional programs and have much good news to share! For more information about our school, please visit our website at www.stcharlesschoolsc.org or call the office at 593-1629. Tours are available by appointment.

Divorce Recovery Course offered by the Separated and Divorced Catholics of the Bay Area provides a chance to understand the emotional journey begun with the loss of a relationship. It will be held for seven Sunday evenings beginning January 11 and will meet at St. Stephens Church, O'Reilly Parish Center, 451 Eucalyptus, San Francisco from 7 to 9 p.m. The cost of \$45 covers book and materials. To register or for more information, call Vonnie at 650/873-4236 or Susan at 415/752-1308.

Junípero Serra High School An entrance exam will be given on Saturday, January 10, 2009 from 8:30am to 11:50am. Applications for next Fall's freshman class are currently available on the school's website at www.serrahs.com. Junípero Serra High School is located at 451 West 20th Avenue in San Mateo.

Anniversary Mass Saturday, February 14th at 10:00am
Bishop William Justice cordially extends an invitation to all married couples of the Archdiocese of San Francisco and beyond, to a Solemn Eucharistic Celebration and renewal of vows on Saturday, Feb. 14th, 2009 at 10am at St. Anne of the Sunset Parish, 850 Judah Street, San Francisco. Special honor will be shown those who are celebrating their 25th, 50th & 50+ Wedding Anniversary. Coffee and cake reception immediately following Mass. Registration forms are available at the parish office, or by download at www.sffamily.com. For more information please call (707) 552-3394.

VALLOMBROSA RETREAT CENTER**Jan 24, 2009****Sacred Healing Retreat Day: The Body as a Healing Temple**

This retreat day will focus on honoring our human body as a wonderful instrument of healing. The day will include the use of our senses, movements, yoga, breathing and intuition. *Sister Joan Prohaska, O.P.*

Jan 31, 2009**Caring Caregivers: A Retreat Day for Caregivers**

As medical technologies stretch out life spans, more and more family members are finding themselves caring for fragile, elderly relatives. This one day retreat will allow participants some time to recharge emotionally and spiritually. *Carol Kaplan, MFC*

Please call (650) 325-5614 or visit our website at www.vallombrosa.org for information and to register for the above events.

Greg Walton in Concert at St. Charles, Friday, January 9, at 7 pm in the Church

Greg is a contemporary Catholic musician coming from Nashville to lead our Confirmation retreat, but first he's going to treat the whole parish community to a special concert. For more information on Greg and to hear samples of his music, go to <http://www.gregwalton.com>.

Bring a friend! Let's pack the house!

Woman's Retreat Feb. 20 - 22

Balance Due January 7th

Double Room balance \$145 (each)

Single Room balance \$165

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. CA 94070.

**WALK FOR LIFE – WEST COAST 2008**

Make History—Join thousands of pro-life women, men, friends and families as we take our message to the streets proclaiming “*women deserve better than abortion.*®” Walk with us at the 5th Annual Walk for Life West Coast, January 24, 2009, as we continue to peacefully proclaim our message in ever-greater numbers.

Speakers include Diana Nagy, Singer, crisis pregnancy at 15 ended in adoption, Kerri Caviezel, adopted two disabled children, Rev. Clenard Childress, Director of LEARN, Karen Shablin, Feminists for Life, and Fr. Frank Pavone from Priests for Life. Join us as we proclaim a message of Life and Peace through the streets of San Francisco. The Walk for life will begin at 11am at Justin Herman Plaza (near the Ferry Building). For more information visit our website at www.walkforlifewc.com.

For more information contact us at (415) 586-1575.

VOLUNTEER!***Looking for Ways to Serve Others?***

Help patients and their families

Become a Mission Hospice Volunteer

Informational Meeting

Mission Hospice of San Mateo County will be holding an informational meeting for anyone interested in becoming a volunteer on Tuesday January 13, 2009, at their offices at 1900 O'Farrell street, Suite 200 in San Mateo. To accommodate different schedules the meetings will be held from 12-1:00pm and repeated again from 5:30 - 6:30pm.

For more information and an application visit our website www.missionhospice.org or call our Volunteer Coordinator Hank Nourse at 650-554-1000.

The Epiphany of the Lord

All kings shall pay him homage, all nations shall serve him.

— Psalm 72:11

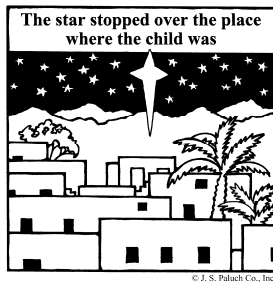
TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (*Isaiah 60:1-6*).

Psalm — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (*Psalm 72*).

Second Reading — The Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (*Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6*).

Gospel — Magi from the east arrived, looking for the newborn king of the Jews (*Matthew 2:1-12*).



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Where on earth would you go to honor the magi? Iran or Saudi Arabia, Tarshish or the Isles come to mind, but Cologne, Germany would be a good choice. There the Shrine of the Three Kings has been the centerpiece of the city's cathedral since the fourth century. Today it is the largest reliquary in the world: a gilded and ornamented triple casket gleaming high above the altar. In the fourth century, the supposed relics of the wise men were taken from Constantinople to Milan, where they remained until the German Emperor with the unlikely name Frederick Barbarossa (Red Beard) gave them to the Archbishop of Cologne. Ever since, pilgrims have streamed into the city to honor the magi, the first of all pilgrims, and thus the heavenly patrons of all who have some holy wanderlust.

This largest Gothic cathedral in Europe today was begun in the mid-1200s to house the relics. In medieval times, the relics in a city's possession were often the key to a sound international economy. The reliquary was last opened in 1864, and the remains of three men were indeed discovered. The cathedral is well worth a visit, with enormous twin spires forming the largest façade of any church in the world (it is the model for St. Patrick's in New York). Construction began in 1248 and ended in 1880, a six-hundred-year project. Today, it is a World Heritage Site, described by the U.N. as "an exceptional work of human creative genius." This great treasure of our tradition suffered fourteen direct bomb hits in World War II but did not collapse. It survived while the city burned around it, preserved, the townspeople say, by three heavenly patrons.

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