



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

March 9 - March 15

Mon.	8:30	Carmine Narducci †
Tues.	8:30	The Deceased Members of the Barrett Family †
Wed.	8:30	George Howarth †
Thurs.	8:30	Anna & John Johnson & Family †
Fri.	6:30	Wendy Farley †
	8:30	Isabelle Browne †
Sat.	8:30	Bonnie Peters †
	5:00	Norma Figone †
Sun.	5:00	Antemira DeLorenzo †

Please pray for the faithful departed of St. Charles.

Anointing of the Sick

We will be celebrating the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick on Saturday, March 28th at the 5:00pm Mass. If you would like to participate in this very special sacrament please sit in the reserved pews at the front of the church. If you have any questions please contact Kathy Fagliano at 591-7349 ext 28.

Sick Relatives and Friends

Please remember in your prayers: Gerry Mitchell, Joe Vassallo, Bob Cook, Lisa Porter, Barbara Peters, Yolanda Plut, Carmella Chellemi, Carmen Esquivel, Jim Mason, Lois Clausen and Kathy Belding.

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 ~ \$12,778
Parish Education - \$2,824 **Thank-you!**

THIS WEEK IS CATHOLIC CHARITIES CYO "LOAVES AND FISHES" SUNDAY

Catholic Charities CYO receives no funding from the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal or directly from the Archdiocese, so let's support quality social services in our community by donating as generously as possible to help Catholic Charities CYO reach its spring goal of \$300,000. Every dollar contributed directly supports programs that provide relief for homeless families, ailing seniors, immigrants, the working poor, troubled teens, and many other clients in need. **Let's help change a life on Loaves & Fishes Sunday.**

Stewardship by the Book: Abraham was prepared to sacrifice his son, Isaac. St. Paul reminds us that God Himself "did not spare his own Son." Are my gifts to the Lord - of my resources, of my time, of myself - also sacrificial?

Outreach to our Sister Parish

Next weekend we will continue our outreach to St. Francis of Assisi, our sister parish. We'll be collecting donations of non-perishable food, paper products and toiletries after the Sunday morning Masses. Thank you for your continuing support of our East Palo Alto neighbors.

FAITH FORMATION

K-5th Grade Reminder: No classes on Sunday & Monday, March 8th & 9th

Cancelled

The Lenten Connection event scheduled for tomorrow evening has been cancelled.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

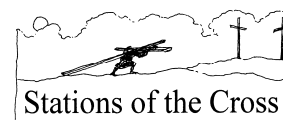
Communal Celebration of Penance with Individual Confession

Tuesday, March 10, 2008, at 7:00pm

We invite you to join us in prayer and celebration of this wonderful sacrament. This is an opportunity for us to gather and pray asking for God's forgiveness during this penitential season. May the grace of this season call us to conversion of heart in order to prepare to celebrate the Paschal Mystery.

Men's Morning of Recollection

On Saturday, March 21, the second annual Morning of Recollection for the men of the parish will be held here at St. Charles from 9:30am to 1:00pm. It will feature Mr. Stephen Mullin, the Parish Life Director of All Saints Catholic Church in Hayward. Steve is married with four children and the administrator responsible for the spiritual and temporal life of the parish and school. He has a degree in Theology from USF and has completed additional studies at Oxford University, St. Patrick's Seminary and Holy Names University. Please join us to hear Steve speak on "Living Our Faith Amidst the Chaos." In addition to our guest speaker, the day will include Mass and lunch. Please RSVP by March 16 to John Bisordi at 650.595.2164 or jvbiso@gmail.com.



Please join us for the Stations of the Cross following the 8:30am Mass every Friday morning during Lent.

Parish Blood Drive, Sunday, March 15

(sponsored by Charlie's Angels) 8 am to 1 pm in Borromeo Hall. Sign-ups will be after all Masses on March 8 or go to www.bloodheroes.com to sign up online. The sponsor code is: *stcharles*. Every two seconds someone in the United States needs blood. That's a big need! But only 5% of the eligible US population donates blood each year. This Lent, as we take up our cross and follow Jesus, is the perfect time to give blood for the good of others.

A NEW IDEA

Everybody thinks of changing humanity; nobody thinks of changing themselves.

—Leo Tolstoy

TV FOCUS ON TEENS & JOHN PAUL II

"Theology of the Body for Teens," a new series starting in March, features candid discussions about God's plan for love and life as a young person & airs Thursdays at 8:30pm & 11:30pm (30 min.). *"The Young John Paul II: Witness to Evil"*, spotlights the future pope's World Was II experiences. It airs March 28th at 5:00pm & 11:00pm & April 2 at 10:00am (1 hour). All times are Pacific. EWTN is carried 24 hours a day on Comcast Ch. 229, Astound Ch. 80, DISH Satellite Ch. 261 & Direct TV Ch. 370.

The Daughters of St. Paul invite you to mark your calendars and join them for the following events...

Three Lenten Wednesdays with the Daughters of St. Paul March 11, 18 & 25th ~ The aim of this three part series (beginning each week at 7:00pm) is to break open God's Word - its beauty and richness, by learning the prayer of Lectio Divina. This course will seek to help participants discover a method of reading Scripture which is meditative, reflective, and prayerful. By giving both theory and practice, Sr. Germana Santos, (presenter) will show us that even in uncertain times, God's Word is an anchor and His promise is the hope we long for. For more information call Pauline Books & Media, 2640 Broadway, Redwood City, CA 94063—(650) 369-4230.

"Work is more than a way to make a living; it is a form of continuing participation in God's creation."

U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2005

Employment Support Group

If you are struggling with job loss and/or looking for work, you are invited to attend a new support group at St. Matthias Church in Redwood City. The group meets on Monday mornings to share emotional, spiritual, and networking support and to hear job search advice from guest speakers. There is no cost to attend.

When: Monday mornings (*began Feb. 9 & is ongoing*)

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Place: Merry Room at St. Matthias Church
1685 Cordilleras Road
Redwood City, CA 94062

Contact (650) 366-9544 for more information.

The **Clothing Distribution Center at St. Anthony's** is in great need of clothes for children, women, and especially for men. You may drop your donations between 9:00am and 4:00pm. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

HAS SQUEEZING THE TOOTHPASTE TUBE FROM THE MIDDLE DOUSED FLAMES OF ROMANCE IN YOUR MARRIAGE? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend can rekindle the sparks you felt on your wedding day. For more information, call Paul & Yvonne at 650-366-7093 or go to sf.lovemoredeeply.org.

Next SF-WWME Weekend: May 1-3, San Mateo.

Rice Bowl Prayer

**Oh Loving Lord,
During this Lenten season I lift up my voice to you.**

**Instill in my heart the desire to hear your voice
In the voices of the poor, your people.**

May I find in their example the path to my conversion.

**Bless my Prayer, Fasting, Learning and Giving
In this season of grace.**

**May these actions answer the call
To transform our world.**

Amen

What is Your Catholic IQ?

1. When asked to remove the sign above the crucified Jesus that read *"Jesus Of Nazareth, King of the Jews,"* Pontius Pilate replied, (a) I am who am; (b) What I have written, I have written; (c) Now he belongs to the ages (d) See I make all things new
2. Which of the following is not considered one of the major prophets? (a) Hosea (b) Ezekiel (c) Isaiah (d) Jeremiah
3. The words *"You were sent to heal the contrite"* can be found in the (a) Eucharistic Prayer (b) Responsorial Psalm; (c) Penitential Rite (d) Gloria
4. The symbolic beginning of the Protestant Reformation took place when Martin Luther nailed his _____ to the doors of the Castle Church in Wittenberg. (a) doctoral dissertation; (b) 95 theses; (c) last things; (d) Augsburg confession

Look for the answers in next weekend's bulletin!

Answers from last weekend's Catholic IQ questions

1. The Tuesday before Ash Wednesday is sometimes called _____? **Answer D.** *Shrove Tuesday got its name from the practice of going to confession before Lent (shrive meaning, "to absolve". Mardi Gras is French for "fat" Tuesday, which originated from eating rich foods before the rigorous fasting of Lent.*
2. Elijah hears the voice of the Lord in ____? **Answer: D.** *It is sometimes called "a still, small voice." (See story in 1Kings 19:1-13.)*
3. The first Sunday of Lent catechumens (those seeking full initiation in the Catholic church) celebrate the "Rite of ____? **Answer: B.** *The Catechumens, become the Elect on the First Sunday of Lent by celebrating the "Rite of Election" at the local cathedral. They celebrate the "Rite of Sending" from their local parish.*
4. The name of the Roman emperor who persecuted early Christians was ____? **Answer: C. Nero, (37-68 A.D.) was vehement in the persecution of Christians.**



We would like to thank the parishioners of St. Charles for all of their support and prayers over the past six months. The surgery was successful and we are looking forward to a full recovery.

**Thank you again and God bless all of you!
John and Irene Meany**

Back again by popular demand!

You are invited to the **Ecumenical Choir Festival** being held at Trinity Presbyterian Church on, **March 22 at 7:00 pm.** Joining our own Adult Choir will be the choirs from the Epiphany, Trinity and First Baptist Churches here in San Carlos. Please join us for an evening of beautiful music. A reception will follow. Trinity Presbyterian Church is located on the corner of Brittan and Alameda. For more information, please call Claire Giovannetti at 650-591-7349 ex. 32.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Christians throughout San Mateo are invited to take part in the national 40 Days for Life effort this Lent. In addition to 40 days of prayers and fasting to end abortion in America, please consider volunteering to pray outside of Planned Parenthood, 2211 Palm Ave., San Mateo, for one or more hours during our vigil from 7am to 7pm throughout 40 days, and ask a friend or two to join you. For more information, or to volunteer to help, please contact: Jessica at 650 572-1468 or email 40daysforlife.com/sanmateo. All are welcome!

Building our Legacy, Celebrating our Faith, Answering the Call

A Campaign for St. Charles

Drawing from multiple sources within the parish community, parish leadership has generated a list of items that need to be addressed through this campaign. These include:

Replacing the roof of the church: The church roof has been in need of repairs for years. The spot repairs done over the years have been unsuccessful. This campaign will allow us to replace the whole roof and fully protect our house of worship.

Replacing school windows: The plan calls for the replacement of the original single pane windows in the school with energy efficient, weather-tight, dual pane windows.

Painting facility exteriors: It has been years since the facilities were last painted. The new paint will help protect the buildings.

Remodel of the church interior: The plan will repair the water damage from the leaky roof; replace the acoustical tile, remove the contact paper on the walls, move the altar closer to the assembly; replace the carpeting. We will convert one of the rooms in the back into two handicap accessible bathrooms and widen the entrance from the parking lot.

Landscaping: This will clean up the excavations around the back of the church. It will also improve the general look around the church by removing some plants and replacing them with low maintenance, drought resistant ground covering.

School Endowment: Our school currently has almost no endowment. Through this campaign we seek to create a true endowment that will help students with financial needs. It is our hope that this fund will make our school available to all who wish a Catholic education.

Help others in need: The plan calls for us to share 3% of the capital raised with Second Harvest Food bank and St. Vincent de Paul Society to help those hurt by today's economy.

The needs identified for this effort have been on the parish "*to do list*" for years and can no longer be ignored. Instead of running multiple, back-to-back campaigns, parish leadership has recommended we do one campaign to address the top needs of the parish.