



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

May 25 ~ May 31

Mon.	8:30	Col. Paul G. McMahon USMC †
Tues.	8:30	Charlene Bernal (L)
Wed.	8:30	Florence Holland †
Thurs.	8:30	Abvelita Martinez †
Fri.	6:30	Emile Dufault †
	8:30	Susie Caturegli †
Sat.	8:30	Domingo Cruz †
	5:00	Henriette (Hank) Wise †
Sun.	7:30	Margarite O'Brien-Attabit †
	5:00	Gary Maack †

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

### Sick Relatives and Friends

Please remember in your prayers: Dawn Crecy, Fred Koehler, Christine Zika, Joe Vassallo, Barbara Peters, Yolanda Plut, Carmella Chellemi, Carmen Esquivel, Jim Mason, and Lois Clausen.

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 ~ \$9,617  
Catholic Communications Campaign ~ \$1,555  
**Thank-you!**

**Stewardship by the Book:** *Jesus is the perfect steward – watching carefully over all who had been entrusted to Him by the Father and then sending them all out into the world in service. May I similarly protect and wisely use the gifts entrusted to me!*

### St. Vincent de Paul Collection Next Weekend

Our St. Vincent de Paul conference depends on your donations in order to support individuals and families desperately affected during this difficult economic climate. Next weekend, May 30 and 31st, is the second of only four 5th Sunday St. Vincent DePaul collections for this year. We strive to assist many families and single adults by providing such things as food, clothing and furniture, rental assistance and utilities payments. We help anyone in need regardless of race, creed, age, disability, or gender, and 92% of our county's St. Vincent de Paul tax-deductible donations go back into services for the poor. Your generosity and kindness will be appreciated and put to great use. Please consider a donation next weekend. Thank you!

### MEMORIAL DAY

Your silent tents of green  
We deck with fragrant flowers;  
Yours has the suffering been,  
The memory shall be ours.

—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Parish Offices will be closed on  
Monday, May 25th in observance of Memorial Day.

### St. Charles recognizes the gift of marriage on June 28 at the 9:00 am Mass:

Couples who have recently celebrated an anniversary in multiples of five (i.e. 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, etc) are asked to contact Nancy Farrant at 591-7349 ext. 27 and say the number of years you are celebrating and if you will be able to attend the Mass and the reception to follow (in Borromeo Hall). The St. Charles parish community wants to celebrate you as you have been a witness to us in this holy sacrament of marriage.

## FAITH FORMATION

The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** is a process by which unbaptized adults become full members of the Roman Catholic Church. Although this process is for the unbaptized, we also include those who have been baptized in other traditions. It has been stated that the best kept secret in the Catholic Church is how to become a follower of Jesus. Many Catholics are not comfortable speaking about their faith, yet did you know that ALL Catholics are called to make known to the world the message of Jesus? The documents on the RCIA state that:

***“the faithful should remember that...the supreme purpose of the apostolate is that the Church’s message is made known to the world by word and deed and that his grace is communicated.”***

Therefore, consider inviting an unbaptized person to a function here at St. Charles, whether that be Wings, the Men’s Club, the parish picnic, and especially to Mass. Remember, it is your responsibility to welcome new members into the Church. It does not fall under one job description, rather it is in all of our job descriptions. To find out more about the RCIA process call Linda Burns, 576-3105 or Nancy Farrant, 591-7349 ext 27.

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

Liv Mariella Stevenson  
Isabella Ha-Ani Nardelli,  
Matthew Gregory Vairora  
Talin Lucas Robertson  
Dominic Ernest Perazzo

**Yahweh put out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me: "There I am putting my words into your mouth."**

*Jeremiah 1:9*

### What is a Catechist

**A catechist is...**One who faithfully believes in Jesus and is a witness to His message. One who is Sacramentally alive and willing to share enthusiastically his/her faith with the youth in our community. Are you such a person? If you are considering becoming a catechist or are a catechist, there are several opportunities for growth over the summer. Here at the office we have a special program that you can bring home. The program is called *Echoes in Faith*, and it comes in a DVD format that you can learn at your own pace. The program is open to new and seasoned catechists. For more information, call Nancy Farrant, 591-7349, ex. 27.

### We are in need of special ministers of the Eucharist and Lectors!

**Training for this Ministry: June 20, at 10:00-12:00 pm**

To consider this ministry, one must be a Catholic who has received the sacraments of initiation—Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist; and if married, celebrated the sacrament of Marriage in the Catholic Church. We are in need of persons who are willing to make a commitment to serve in one of the most important offices in the Church. We are short of ministers at the 5:00pm on Saturday, and the 7:30am on Sunday; please consider this ministry. To register, please call Nancy Farrant, 591-7349 ext 27.

**MEMORIAL DAY MASSES**

The Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of San Francisco invite you to share Memorial Day Mass on Monday, May 25th at 11:00am. Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop George Niederauer in the **mausoleum of Holy Cross Cemetery in Colma**. A shuttle will be available from the front gate at 10am until 1pm.

Other Masses being celebrated on Memorial Day, May 25th:

Rev. William Myers will celebrate an outdoor Mass at **Holy Cross Cemetery in Menlo Park** at 11:00am

Rev. Domingo Orimaco, Pastor of Our Lady of the Pillar Church in **Half Moon Bay** will celebrate an outdoor Mass at **Our Lady of the Pillar Cemetery** at 9:30am

Rev. Louis Robello will celebrate an outdoor Mass at **Mt. Olivet Catholic Cemetery** in San Rafael at 11:00am

You are invited to spend time this Memorial Day at your Catholic Cemeteries and join in remembrance and prayer for all who are buried in these sacred grounds. For more information please call 650-756-2060.

**FISH VOLUNTEERS:** Please pick up your calendars in church by June 1st. If you cannot find yours or if you have any questions, please contact Carolyn Ranken (593-3721).

**FISH NEEDS VOLUNTEERS:** If you can spare 1/2 a day a month to drive someone to medical appointments, we can really use you. The days are Mondays through Thursdays. For further information, call Carolyn Ranken (593-3721).

**VALLOMBROSA RETREAT CENTER IN MENLO PARK**

*Praying the Mystics: Teresa, John and Ignatius*

*May 29 through May 31, 2009*

Three great Christian saints and mystics—Teresa of Avila, John of the Cross and Ignatius of Loyola—were teachers of prayer whose practical wisdom can help us draw closer to God no matter where we are on the spiritual journey. On these retreat days, we will learn about their lives, spirituality, teachings on prayer and their “maps” of the journey toward union with God. **Carmen de la Vega Neafsey, MA and James Neafsey, DMin**, who have studied the lives and works of these Spanish mystics for over thirty years, will lead this retreat weekend.

**Sacred Dance for Healing—June 10, 2009**

We have danced in a circle since time began. This monthly circle dance is a way to come together to dance our gratitude for the grace of being alive and to remember the sacred in life and in each other. When we dance in a circle, we can remember our oneness with all peoples and all creation. **Holly Burn-Crain, MA, ADTR** has been leading Sacred Circle dance gatherings in the Bay Area for the past six years. She will lead our monthly circle dance sessions from 10 am to 12 noon. Free-will offerings are accepted.

Please call (650) 325-5614 or visit our website at [www.vallombrosa.org](http://www.vallombrosa.org) for information and to register for these retreats.

**Saturday prayer vigils continue  
at Planned Parenthood:**

**Please help.** We need at least 40 faithful pro life advocates to come out and quietly pray for one hour, one Saturday per month. Our prayerful intervention really works and God wants us to put our good intentions into action! Please contact Sandy Dillion with your preferred time commitment: (650) 574-3910 or [sansan@rcn.com](mailto:sansan@rcn.com).

**An Introduction to Social Networking Technologies:  
Online Job Recruitment Networks  
LinkedIn and Facebook**

*In today's tough job market, building an online presence can be critical to getting a job. Share online networking experiences and learn how other job seekers are forging valuable network connections with potential employers and contacts as well as uncovering job leads and openings using two of the most popular professional networking sites, **LinkedIn and Facebook**. Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, 7 – 9 p.m., in Fr. Lacey Hall at St. Matthias Church, 1685 Cordilleras Road, Redwood City. Sponsored by Edgewood Works, the employment support group at St. Matthias. Call (650) 906-8836 for more information.*



**Good News!** Our pledge total is now just under \$2.6 million or 74% of our target! The bad news is there are many of you we have not heard from. Please, if you have made a decision (*yes or no, big gift or small*) about your gift to the campaign call the parish or the volunteer who has been calling. The volunteer team has made well over 2,000 calls. We start the church roof project in less than a month. Your help will make a difference.

Please continue to pray for our parish and the success of this campaign.

**Campaign Volunteer Team:** Our next meeting is set for Wednesday, May 27 at 7:00 pm in the Hall.

**St. Vincent de Paul Society of San Mateo County** is participating in a statewide, “*Juvenile Justice Sabbath*” on May 24, 2009. A problem is that there are 220 youths (boys and girls) ranging in age from 11 to 17 years incarcerated in San Mateo County. Youth who are 14 years or older can be tried as adults. You can help by volunteering to provide weekly Communion Service and one to one visits.

For more information contact Martin Schuur, SVdP Jail Chaplain at 650-366-9847 or [svdpms@yahoo.com](mailto:svdpms@yahoo.com). Please consider a reform effort by emailing, writing or phoning your Assemblyman Ira Ruskin and/ or Senator Leonard Yee in support of Yee's bill, SB 399. The bill will allow review and re-sentencing of youth sentenced to life without parole before reaching the age of 18. After 10 years, they will be re-evaluated and possibly earn parole. Thank you for your consideration.

**What is Your Catholic IQ?**

- When Catholics speak of the Real Presence we mean that \_\_\_\_\_ (a) the pope is the vicar of Christ on earth (b) Christ is truly present in the Eucharist, body and blood, soul and divinity; (c) the holy spirit comes upon those who are baptized (d) God is all powerful and all knowing
- The Apostles James and John were known as \_\_\_\_\_ (a) sons of Zebedee; (b) Boanerges (c) Sons of thunder (d) all of these
- The brilliant thirteenth-century Dominican scholar who was St. Thomas Aquinas's mentor was (a) St. Augustine (b) St. Albert the Great (c) St. Thomas a Becket; (d) St. Patrick
- From the fifth century until recently, Western churches were usually built with the altar facing (a) north (b) south (c) east (d) west

*Look for the answers in next weekend's bulletin*

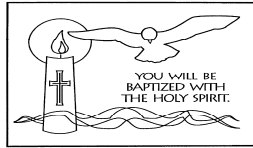
**Last weekend's answers to Catholic IQ**

- John the Baptist ate (B) *the diet of John the Baptist is described in Matthew 3:4 and Mark 1:6, locust and honey.*
- Which of the following saints was a martyr? (D) *St. Ignatius of Antioch, bishop and martyr, was martyred in Rome sometime between 98 A.D. and 117 A.D. His feast is celebrated on October 17.*
- The kerygma refers to the (A) *Kerygma is a Greek word used in the New Testament to describe the first oral proclamation of the gospel by the Apostles (see Acts of the Apostles 2:14-41)*
- Catholicism first came to the New World with explorers from (D) *Catholic missionaries first came to the New World accompanying Spanish explorers who settled in what is now the state of Florida around the year 1513.*

## The Ascension of the Lord

Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.

— Mark 16:16



### MISSION STATEMENT

Today we celebrate Christ's ascension into heaven and his commissioning of the disciples to carry on his mission in the world. First we hear Luke's description of those events in the opening verses of the Acts of the Apostles. Next we hear words of encouragement and guidance from the Letter to the Ephesians. Finally we hear Mark's account of the Ascension, foretelling the mighty words and acts the Christian community would do in Jesus' name.

Together these scriptures give us a vision of the mission of the church of Jesus Christ—a mission statement of sorts. Like mission statements in our parishes and corporations, this mission statement can help us set priorities and focus our activities. It can guide and support us as we strive to continue Christ's messianic mission on earth.



**St. Charles Parish Picnic  
Sunday, June 14th, 2009**

**St. Patrick's Seminary, Menlo Park**

**Join our Parish Community for a day of fun!  
Mass, BBQ, Games, Pie Baking Contest  
and an Ice Cream Social**

**Mass in St. Patrick's Chapel at 11:30am**

Tri-tip BBQ, hotdogs, hamburgers, beans,  
condiments and utensils will be provided

Please bring drinks, blankets, and  
portable lawn furniture

**(no tables or chairs will be provided)**

Last names beginning with A-L—  
bring appetizers to share

Last names beginning with M-Z—  
bring a side dish to share

Pie Baking Contest - Show off your baking skills. Our prestigious panel of judges will select a winner.

**For information or if you would like to help  
please contact Paul Carroll: 610-0339.**

Please complete the form below and included it with a check  
made out to St. Charles Church for the total amount.

**Yes, we will attend the Parish Picnic:**

\_\_\_ Adult @ 80 Cents \_\_\_ Child @ 60 Cents Total \_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_