



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

October 12 ~ October 18

Mon.	8:30	John Frei †
Tues.	8:30	Jim & Isabelle O'Hearne †
Wed.	8:30	Brendan McDonald †
Thurs.	8:30	Silvestre Apruebo †
Fri.	6:30	Susie Caturegli †
	8:30	Walter & Adele Englert †
Sat.	8:30	Ruth Kavanaugh †
	5:00	Shirley & Dan Cobry †
Sun.	5:00	Esperanza Fajarda & Esperanza Vietri †

**Rest in Peace**

Kenny Stratz, Mary Barry &amp; Carmella Bonelli

*Sick Relatives and Friends*

Please remember in your prayers: Flip McDonald, Robert Conley, Greg Lanz, Gerry Rodgers, Betty Cirigliano, Kathy Marnell, Ibrahim Abedrabbo, Dawn Crecy, Joe Vassallo, Barbara Peters, Yolanda Plut, 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*

Last Weekend's Offering ~ \$11,860.50

Parish Education ~ \$2,185

**Thank you**

**Stewardship by the Book:** *In today's Gospel, Jesus asks the rich young man to give away all that he has in order to have treasure in heaven. But he is unable to free himself from his possessions, and so he goes sadly away. Does what I own keep me from following Jesus?*



Next Weekend's Special Collection  
**ONE SUNDAY FOR THE WHOLE WORLD**

**World Mission Sunday**

Society of the Propagation of the Faith

Next Sunday, Pope Benedict XVI calls every Catholic in the world to celebrate our vocation to be missionaries. It's **World Mission Sunday!** As Catholics around the world — here at home and in the Missions — gather at the Eucharist around the table of the Lord, we are to pray for the Church's worldwide missionary work. We pray for those awaiting the "Good News" of our Lord's great love for us and for the missionaries who offer the poor and suffering the light of Christ. And we are to offer financial help through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith for more than 1,150 dioceses in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Pacific Islands. Your generosity will help make a faith-filled difference around the world.

**FAITH FORMATION**

**REL. ED. K-5:** Classes begin today for all those in public school that registered for religious formation. The classes begin at 10:15am. After bringing your child to the assigned classroom, all parents are to meet in Borromeo Hall for orientation with Nancy Farrant, the Parish Catechetical Leader. If you have **not** registered, we are still accepting registrations, but you must see Michelle Baeza upstairs in the Pastoral Center, before bringing your child to a classroom.

**First Reconciliation & First Eucharist Sacramental Program of 2009-2010**

Children beginning the sacramental program must have been baptized in the Catholic Church, second grade or older, completed one full year of Religious Education, and be presently attending Religious Education classes or St. Charles School.

The first meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 21st, at 7pm in the church. **This is a parent only meeting; it is required for at least one parent to attend.** You will receive all information regarding the program including future meeting dates and requirements. If you have not already registered your child(ren) you will have the opportunity to do so at this time. You may also contact Barbara O'Rourke before October 21st, at 591-7349 ext. 33 to answer any questions or to receive the necessary registration materials.

**All St. Charles Parishioners are invited to a series of talks by Father Dave Pettingill**

November 10, **What Does the Modern Church Say About Hearing the Word of God?**

December 1, **What Does the Modern Church Say About the Modern Church in the Modern World?**

Talks will begin at 7:00pm in the Church.

**Anointing of the Sick**

We will be celebrating the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick on Sunday, October 25th at the 11:30am Mass. If you would like to participate in this very special sacrament please sit in the reserved pews at the front of the church. Family members may sit with you. Please arrive 15 minutes early to sign in. If you have any questions please contact Kathy Fagliano at 591-7349 ext 28.

*The anointing of the sick is administered to bring spiritual and even physical strength during sickness and is not limited to those who are gravely ill. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, "The anointing of the sick conveys several graces and imparts gifts of strengthening in the Holy Spirit against anxiety, discouragement, and temptation, and conveys peace and fortitude." (CCC 1520).*



Please join your fellow parishioners in Borromeo Hall after the morning Masses next weekend for refreshments and good conversation.  
*(Women's Retreat is hosting.)*

**Recycled Christmas Cards?** Charlie's Angels is asking for donations of any Christmas cards to recycle into ornaments. If you would like to contribute any cards, please bring them to the parish office or contact Tami Palladino: [tami@stcharlesparish.org](mailto:tami@stcharlesparish.org) or 591-7349 x 31.

## WINGS

Fall 2009 Season

### "WINGS on Prayer"

Wednesday evening, October 14th,  
7:00pm, Borromeo Hall

Mass & Blessings with Fr. John Sakowski,  
Parochial Vicar at St. Charles.

This season come and explore the diverse prayer opportunities available to us: Having a conversation with God, asking God questions, opening our hearts to His love. Join us while we seek out our spirituality and use different forms of prayer to come closer to God in a very personal way.

### St Charles' 17th Annual Women's Retreat Feb. 26 - 29, 2010

Mary da Silva Abinante and Sally Vance-Trembath will be the guest speakers for our 2010 Women's Retreat. Registration will start next weekend after all the Sunday Masses.

**No registration will be accepted without a \$50 deposit and a completed registration form.** If you'll be out of town have a friend sign you up. If you are in need of a partial or full scholarship, please send a note with your registration form to Lorie Boris at 1828 Carmelita Drive, San Carlos. All information will be kept confidential. For more information contact Joanna Ambrosio at 533-6276. The Retreat Committee will be hosting Hospitality next Sunday after the morning Masses.

### OPEN HOUSE at ST. FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL

Located at 1885 Miramonte Avenue, Mountain View on Sunday, November 1st from 9:00am until 1:00pm for parents and students. Tours leave from Raskob Gym every 15 minutes and last approximately 1-1/2 hours. You are welcome to join us when it is most convenient. You do not need to register to attend.

**Vallombrosa Center**, is sponsoring a lecture by Stanford Professor emeritus James Sheehan entitled "*The Political Problems of a Pilgrim Church*" as part of the series "*The Catholic Church in the World.*" The lecture is at 2PM, Sunday October 25, in the Library at Vallombrosa Center. Vallombrosa Center is located at 250 Oak Grove in Menlo Park. Admission is free; open to the public.

For more information contact Catherine Wolff at [catherine@vallombrosa.org](mailto:catherine@vallombrosa.org).

### THE REMARKABLE SALESMAN

Christopher Columbus was the world's most remarkable salesman. He started out not knowing where he was going. When he arrived, he didn't know where he was. And when he returned, he didn't know where he had been. And he did it all on a big cash advance and he received a repeat order.

—Anonymous

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FALL FESTIVAL WINNERS!

Judy Mulders (\$1,000)

Dayna Greene (\$500)

Winners of \$100:

Jim & Lisa Hora, Bill Forrest and Mike & Sheila McQuade.

Thank-you to all the parishioners  
who participated in our raffle.

What a great fun filled Fall Festival it was! Thank-you to everyone who in big and small ways helped to make it a success.



### Outreach to Our Sister Parish

We will be collecting donations of non-perishable foods, paper products and toiletries at the Saturday evening & Sunday morning Masses next weekend in continuing outreach to our sister parish community, St. Francis of Assisi. Thank you for helping to meet the needs of our East Palo Alto neighbors.

**ST. DAMIEN OF MOLOKAI RELIC:** Today, Pope Benedict XVI will canonize Father Damien of Molokai. A first class relic of St. Damien is traveling to Hawaii via the Bay Area, and will be present at St. Mary's Cathedral, Thursday, October 15th at 7:30p.m. for veneration.

For more information call 415-567-2020

Also canonized today were; Blessed Rafael Arnaiz Baron (1911-1938), a Spanish Cistercian, Blessed Francesc Coll y Guitart (1812-1875), a Spanish Dominican priest, Blessed Zygmunt Szczesny Felinski (1822- 1895), a Polish bishop, and Blessed Mary of the Cross (Jeanne) Jugan (1792-1879), a French religious.

### Vocation Retreat Day for Young Women Nazareth House

245 Nova Albion Way, San Rafael CA 94903

Sunday, November 8, 2009 from 9:00am to 4:00pm

Call Sister Fintan at (310) 216-8170 or Sister Linda at (415) 479-8282. E-mail: [Vocations\\_naz@yahoo.com](mailto:Vocations_naz@yahoo.com).

### WORDS OF WISDOM

The spirit of wisdom, as we discover in today's first reading, comes to those who pray for her. Wisdom, like the word of God, carries a message of consolation as well as of great challenge. The Letter to the Hebrews tells us that the word of God, infused with the wisdom of God, is "sharper than any two-edged sword." We cannot shrink from the wisdom of God, or from the word that has the power to penetrate our hearts and minds. Jesus, the living word of God, the embodiment of wisdom, has strong, deeply penetrating words for the rich young man who comes to him seeking answers to his most profound questions. Just when the young man thought he had done enough to fulfill God's commands, more was asked of him. This is no less true for us.

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## *Upcoming Events*

Oct. 11	<b>Religious Education Classes Begin RCIA</b> , 10:00am, St. Charles Room <b>Parent Orientation Meeting</b> , 10:15am, Borromeo Hall <b>Confirmation Mtg.</b> , 3:00pm, Borromeo Hall <b>Rite of Welcome</b> , 5:00pm, Church
Oct. 12	<b>Parent Orientation Meeting</b> , 3:15am, Borromeo Hall <b>Edge Gathering</b> , 7:00pm, Small Hall
Oct. 13	<b>Santa's Breakfast Committee Mtg</b> , 7:00pm, St. Charles Room <b>Consolation Ministry</b> , 7:00pm, Chapel
Oct. 14	<b>Children's Choir</b> , 3:15pm, Church <b>WINGS</b> , Borromeo Hall, 7:00pm
Oct. 15	<b>Light Weigh Gathering</b> , 7:00pm, St. Francis Room <b>Adult Choir</b> , 7:30pm, Church <b>Baptism Preparation Class</b> , 7:30pm, St. Charles Rm.
Oct. 18	<b>Hospitality Sunday</b> , Borromeo Hall <b>Family Mass</b> , Church, 9:00am

**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 9:00 AM, Mass. For more information, please call Nancy Farrant, 650-591-7349 ext. 27, or Linda Burns, (650)576-3105.

**Adult Confirmation:** Did you realize that you are not a fully initiated Catholic unless you have celebrated all three Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, & Eucharist? You can prepare to celebrate this Sacrament on Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at the Pastoral Center in San Francisco. If you are interested in more information regarding this preparation class, call Nancy Farrant, 591-7349, ex. 27.

### **What is Your Catholic IQ?**

1. Most older churches are built \_\_\_\_\_ (a) in the shape of a cross (b) in a circular shape (c) in the shape of a triangle (d) with spiral staircases
2. The artist who painted the ceiling of the Sistine chapel \_\_\_\_\_ Edward Steichen (b) Gus Sistine (c) Michelangelo (d) Sandro Botticelli
3. Pride, greed, lust, anger, gluttony, envy, and sloth are \_\_\_\_\_ the seven deadly sins (b) original sin (c) the corporal works of mercy (d) the spiritual works of mercy
4. The Second Vatican Council took place in \_\_\_\_\_ (a) the 1760s (b) the 1860s (c) the 1960s (d) the early 2000s

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

### **Answers to last weeks Catholic IQ**

1. The body of laws and legal principles that guide the life of the Catholic Church is known as **(d)** The Code of Canon Law was first issued in 1917 and revised in 1983.
2. During the Preparation of the Gifts, the priest washes his hands as an expression of his desire for **(b)** As the priest performs this ritual washing, he says, "Lord, wash away my iniquity; cleanse me from my sin."
3. The Acts of the Apostles describes the first Church council known as the Council of **(c)** The council of Jerusalem, described in Acts 15, concluded that Gentiles did not have to observe all of the Jewish dietary laws in order to be Christian
4. The celebration of All Saints on November 1 is technically considered a **(c)** A solemnity is a high-ranking celebration of an event in the life of Jesus, Mary, and the saints, observed throughout the Church. A feast is of secondary importance in the liturgical calendar. Memorials, celebrations of saints of lesser importance, are optional or only observed in specific dioceses.

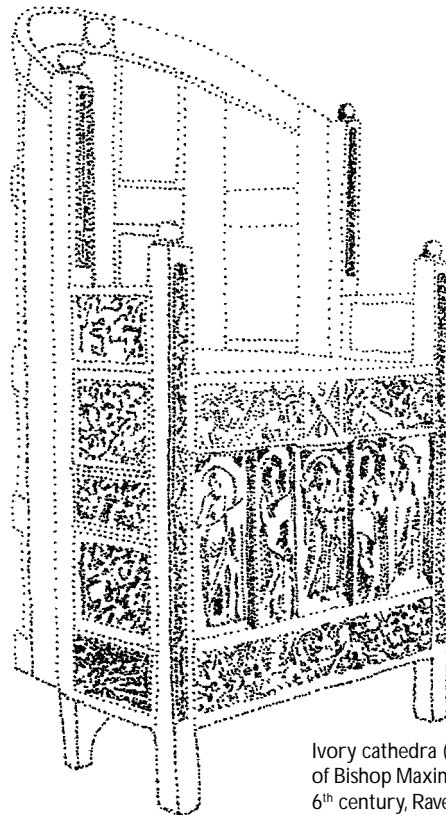
# Environment for Catholic Worship

## Part 4

### Assembly Seating and the Presider's Chair

American visitors to the great cathedrals of Europe are often surprised to notice how few of them have pews or fixed seating of any type. In fact, fixed pews in Christian churches came relatively late in our history—not until the 16<sup>th</sup> century and generally in the Protestant tradition where extended sermons became a central element of the service. They evolved from rows of chairs, to benches, to pews with sides, and finally to box-pews with doors to the aisle often “purchased” by a family for its exclusive use.

Today, there is a wide variety of seating choices for a parish when considering what is best. Flexible seating (chairs) allows the configuration of the assembly to be shaped according to the numbers expected and the rites to be celebrated. However, the demands of the physical rearrangement of the chairs between liturgies or seasons must be taken into consideration. Fixed benches with some flexible seating at the front is often a compromise that allows for some adjustment without the need to reconfigure the entire space. Because our liturgy has always included processions and movement, some congregations may choose benches with open ends instead of pews with sides that tend to restrict the flow and give a sense static enclosure.



Ivory cathedra (chair)  
of Bishop Maximianus,  
6<sup>th</sup> century, Ravenna, Italy

The configuration of the seating should allow everyone to take part in the active participation of the rites. The worship space is neither a concert hall nor a theater. We do not come as spectators. We come as the Body of Christ to join ourselves more fully to Christ in the Word and the Eucharist. There is no stage. Although we give prominence to the place for the Altar and Ambo, we are not passive onlookers to a performance given for our benefit. Instead, we join with Christ in offering ourselves in a sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Next time at Mass, notice that when the presider speaks the words of the Eucharistic prayer, he always uses the pronoun “we”, never “I”.

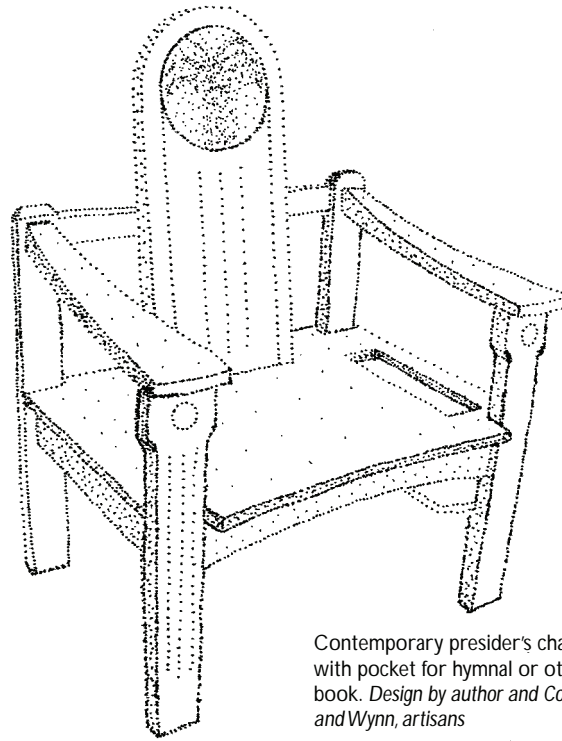
The priest celebrant presides at the Eucharist from a location where he can be seen and heard clearly by all present. Because in his person and role we acknowledge another presence of Christ in our midst, his chair should reflect the dignity of his role in the assembly, but it should not be distant or extravagant.

## Excerpts from Built of Living Stones

The general plan of the building should be such that "in some way it conveys the image of the gathered assembly. It should also allow the participants to take the place most appropriate to them and assist all to carry out their function properly." (RDCA ch 2, no 3) [30]

*The church building fosters participation in the liturgy.* Because liturgical actions by their nature are communal celebrations, they are celebrated with the presence and active participation of the Christian faithful whenever possible. (CIC 837 §2) Such participation, both internal and external, is the faithful's "right and duty by reason of their baptism." The building itself can promote or hinder the "full, conscious, and active participation" (SC) of the faithful. Parishes making decisions about the design of a church must consider how the various aspects and choices they make will affect the ability of all the members to participate fully in liturgical celebrations. [31]

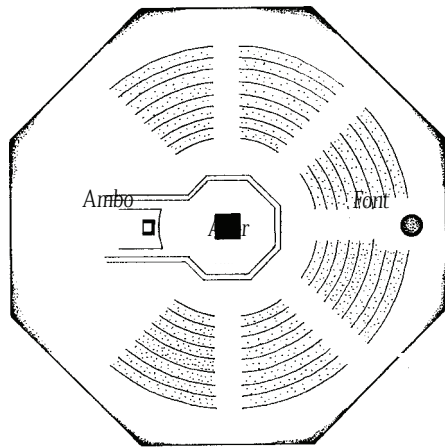
By its design and its furnishings, the church reflects this diversity of roles. The one who presides, those who



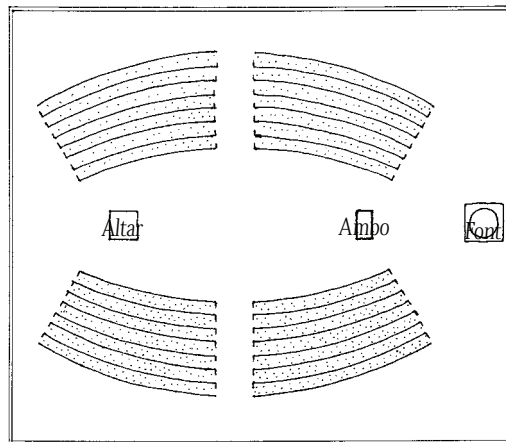
Contemporary presider's chair with pocket for hymnal or other book. Design by author and Condy and Wynn, artisans

proclaim God's word, the ministers of music, those who assist at the altar, and members of the congregation all play an integral part in the public prayer of the Church. The design of the church should reflect the unity of the entire assembly and at the same time insure that each person is able to exercise his or her ministry in a space that fully accommodates the ritual action called for by that ministry. [37]

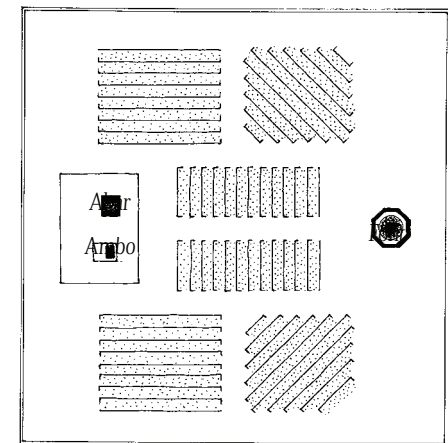
The chair of the priest celebrant stands "as a symbol of his [office] of presiding over the assembly and of directing prayer." (GIRM 310) An appropriate placement of the chair allows the priest celebrant to be visible to all in the congregation. The chair reflects the dignity of the one who leads the community in the person of Christ, but is never intended to be remote or grandiose. The priest celebrant's chair is distinguished from the seating for other ministers by its design and placement. "The seat for the deacon should be placed near that of the celebrant." (GIRM) In the cathedral, in addition to the bishop's chair or *cathedra*, which is permanent, an additional chair will be needed for use by the rector or priest celebrant. (CB 47) [63]



Central Plan with ambo, altar and font on axis



Antiphonal Plan



Sectional Plan