



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

November 23 ~ November 29



Mon.	8:30	Daniel Foster †
Tues.	8:30	Liana Giannelli Yates †
Wed.	8:30	Deceased Members of the Chellemi Family †
Thurs.	9:00	Stanley Mitchell †
Fri.	6:30	Pietro Caturegli †
	8:30	Sann Cirigliano †
Sat.	8:30	Angie Mei †
	5:00	Maxine Reed †
Sun.	7:30	Deceased Members of the Borg Family †
	5:00	Mano Panattoni †

Rest in Peace ~ Don Sciano

### *Sick Relatives and Friends*

Please remember in your prayers: Jo Kezer, Noreen Baker, Flip McDonald, Betty Cirigliano, Dawn Crecy, Joe Vassallo, Barbara Peters, 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*

Offertory Collection - \$10,560.17 - **Thank you**

#### **Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)** *This Weekend's Special Collection*

These days it is not hard to imagine having to choose between rent or health care, food or transportation, household bills or clothing for your children. For nearly 40 million Americans who live below the poverty line, the options are only diminishing. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) makes a difference in low-income communities by funding programs that address the root causes of poverty.

Thank you for your generosity.

#### **Your St. Vincent de Paul Conference's** **Last 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday 2009 Collection Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>**

California lost over 39,000 jobs in September alone this year. Our unemployment rate is over 12%\*, however, nearly 600,000 people have dropped out of the labor force and aren't counted in this figure. With more than 70 years of service in San Mateo County, St. Vincent de Paul volunteers provide emergency assistance of all kinds to San Carlos' working poor. The need is especially great this year. We visit homes, give food, prevent evictions, offer clothing and furniture, and assist with rent and utilities payments thanks to your generous donations. We help anyone in need regardless of race, creed, age, disability, or gender.

Employment Development Department Ctr. For Continuing Study of the California Economy

St. Charles' St. Vincent de Paul depends on year-round monetary donations in order to continue our work with the needy in the city of San Carlos. **Tax-deductible** monetary support can be donated year-round in many ways, such as

- ◆ Contributing during the 5th Sunday collections, which occur only 5 times this year. **This next weekend November 28th and 29th we will have Mass collections.**
- ◆ Inserting donations in the Poor Boxes located at designated exits in the church.
- ◆ Leaving monetary donations at the Parish office.
- ◆ Contributing as a memorial in the name of a deceased loved one.

Thank you for your time. Please keep the local working poor and the work of our local St. Vincent de Paul conference in your prayers.

As Luke 6:38 states, "Give, and it will be given to you."

Contact Kayte Mariani at 650-592-8765 for more information..

There will be one Mass at 9:00am on **Thanksgiving Day**. Traditionally we have taken a collection at this Mass to give to our sister parish, St. Francis of Assisi. We will do the same this year. There is always a very special sense of community at this Mass. Do try to join us. Perhaps there is a friend or neighbor who would like to be invited as well.

*You are invited to bring the bread or rolls and wine that will be a part of your celebration meal that day. Please keep these items with you in the pew—a special blessing will conclude our intercessory prayers.*

**Please be sure to bring your Advent candles to Mass next weekend so that they may receive a special blessing**

**Blessing of Advent Candles:** Sat/Sun, Nov 28/29 (*the first day of Advent*). Don't worry if you don't have your candles yet or if you forget yours because Charlie's Angels will have candles for sale at the doors of the church for your convenience (*and you'll be helping support our youth activities at the same time*). There will even be a limited amount of simple Advent wreaths available for those interested!

Parish offices will be closed  
Wed., Nov. 25, Thurs., Nov. 26 & Fri., Nov. 27th,  
for the Thanksgiving holiday.

**Fr. Dave Pettingill joins us**  
**for the last of the talks**  
**December 1st at 7:00 PM in the Church**  
*What Does the Modern Church*

*Say about the Modern Church in the Modern World*  
Once again Fr. Dave Pettingill will be here. With his warm, easy going style and expertise, Fr. Dave will help you to answer any questions you may have about Vatican II and its significance to Catholics today.  
For more information, call Nancy Farrant-591-7349 ex. 27.

### ***From the desks of Fr. Dave's sisters...***

#### **Archdiocesan Temporary Liturgical Modifications during this flu season:**

- ◆ The distribution of Holy Communion from the Cup is suspended.
- ◆ Out of consideration for their fellow communicants, all are encouraged to receive Holy Communion in the hand.
- ◆ The Sign of Peace should be offered without shaking hands.
- ◆ We, the faithful are requested to refrain from joining hands during the Lord's prayer.

These are temporary preventative measures during this flu season. Please remember the obligation to attend Sunday Mass does not apply to those who are ill.



### St Vincent de Paul Annual Thanksgiving Turkey Drive Today

It's not too late to donate a frozen turkey or make a monetary donation to help us feed 110 families this Thanksgiving. You may drop off turkeys or donations today in front of Borromeo Hall before and after the morning Masses until 12:30 pm.

Vallombrosa Center is presenting a **Thanksgiving Song and Prayer Service** at 2pm, today, November 22, in the Chapel on the Center grounds at 250 Oak Grove Ave in Menlo Park. Admission is free; open to public; reception to follow.

### WINGS

#### Winter Art & Wine Benefit

Friday, December 4, 2009

6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Borromeo Hall, St. Charles Church, San Carlos

Fine Art & Jewelry Show & Sale to benefit St. Charles Church Women's Group WINGS (*Women In God's Spirit*) including donation by artists of 15% of proceeds from sales.

\$10 Admission includes a glass of wine and hot & cold hors d'oeuvres.

Raffle to include original works of art & various gift baskets

Tickets available at the door or call

Michelle Baeza (650-670-7674) or

Esther Hilferty (650-592-0567)

### St. Charles School



The gift of a Catholic education is a treasure that provides faith formation, values-centered education, and high-quality instruction for all students! St. Charles School is now accepting applications for the 2010-2011 school year. We welcome all interested families to join us for a school tour, each taking about 45 minutes. Next available tours are Dec. 2nd, and Dec. 4th. To register for a tour please call 593-1629.

St. Charles School, mindful of its mission to be witness to the love of Christ for all, admits students of any race, color, and national and/or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded to or made available to students at this school. St. Charles School does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, and national and/or ethnic origin, age, gender, or disability in the administration of educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school administered programs.

### Christmas Remembrance Service, Saturday, December 12, 2009 – 11:00 am,

Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery in Colma invites you and your family to attend a very special Christmas Remembrance Service in memory of those who have died and in prayerful support for those who grieve on Saturday, December 13, 2009 at 11:00 am in All Saints Mausoleum Chapel. Rev. John Talesfore will officiate during this service. The names of those you wish to remember and your messages of love may be written on ornaments colored by schoolchildren. If you are unable to attend the service, additional ornaments are available at the cemetery office through December 31, 2009. These ornaments will be placed on Christmas Trees in All Saints Mausoleum during the service and will remain until January 7, 2010. Mass will not be offered. For more information, please visit our website [www.holycrosscemeteries.com](http://www.holycrosscemeteries.com) or call 650.756.2060.



### SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO ST. CHARLES!

21st Annual "Breakfast with Santa"  
December 6, 2009 ~ 8:00am to 11:30am  
Borromeo Hall

Reserve your spot to join the St. Charles Parish Community in welcoming Santa at our annual pancake breakfast. This event is guaranteed to put you in the Christmas spirit with activities for the kids, photos with Santa, a raffle, and a yummy breakfast served by St. Charles Kindergarten parents. Ticket order forms are available at the Church exits today.

Questions? Contact Elizabeth Mason at [elizabeth@bmason.com](mailto:elizabeth@bmason.com) or Katy Scott at [katyscott@comcast.net](mailto:katyscott@comcast.net)



Because of the great success of our inaugural **Giving Tree** program and thanks to your generosity last year, this Christmas season your St. Vincent de Paul Conference in conjunction with the San Carlos Rotary, is again providing an opportunity for our parish to help meet the needs of local struggling families and individuals. We are also helping the St. Francis of Assisi St. Vincent de Paul conference and the Homeless Help Center. From November 28th through December 20th, a Christmas Giving Tree bearing ornaments with gift requests for these families and individuals will be available in the church vestibule for selection. Simply select a paper ornament with the requested gift item noted on it, purchase the gift and return it to the vestibule by December 20, 2009. For your convenience, written instructions are available in the vestibule starting November 28th. Thank you for your generosity in making Christmas giving an opportunity to provide for those in need.

**Merry Christmas from  
your St. Vincent de Paul Conference**

### COMING TO EWTN

Actress Jennifer O'Neill tracks young people traveling to the March for Life in D.C. 2009, Nov. 27 at 7 PM. Also, the 30th anniversary of the death of Archbishop Fulton Sheen will be observed at a solemn Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York on Dec. 9 at 2:30 PM. EWTN can be seen on Comcast's "Expanded Basic" 229, AT&T 562, DISH 261, Direct 370, Astound 80. Program schedules are at the church entrances and [ewtn.com](http://ewtn.com).

**FISH VOLUNTEERS** - Your calendars for December, January and February are ready to be picked up in church. Please do so by Dec 1st; that includes, Linespeople, Drivers, and substitute drivers. If you have any questions, please call Carolyn at 593-3721.

**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.

Ready to share in the light of Advent?

It's Time to

"Lighten Up!"

**Parish Family Event**

**Monday, December 7th**

**6:47pm (Sharp!) in Church**

***\*Pizza preceding celebration at***

***5:30pm in Borromeo Hall***

We are bringing the **WHOLE COMMUNITY TOGETHER** (*yes that means YOU!*) for an exciting celebration of faith and family! This Celebration entitled "**LIGHTEN UP!**" promises to lighten up our minds, bodies, and souls as we laugh and are rekindled in the Light of Christ!

Hailed as one of the most creative and effective inter-generational Catholic speakers, Doug Brummel, and his 'cast of characters' will be leading us on a faith journey we won't soon forget! Young and old alike are captivated at the way Doug physically transforms himself into a wide variety of original characters who share the Light of Christ in a way that will "tickle your faith and nourish your soul!" Check out [www.dougbrummel.com](http://www.dougbrummel.com)

This celebration will begin at **6:47 p.m. Sharp!**

**FREE Admission! Memories made: priceless!**

**\*To RSVP please contact Michelle at 591-7349 ext 34 or [mbaeza@stcharlesparish.org](mailto:mbaeza@stcharlesparish.org). or fill out the coupon below and return it to the parish office.**

**Need childcare for the really little ones?**

**Contact Tami at 591-7349 ext. 31.**

**St Charles**

**ADVENT FAMILY CONNECTION 2009**

**Please let us know you are coming!**

Total number of people attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Family name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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

List individual first name(s) and age(s)

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Childcare: First name(s) and age(s)

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# Environment for Catholic Worship

## Part 10

### Art in the Service of the Liturgy

In a former convent, surrounded by a beautiful garden in a London neighborhood, Terebinth Trust was established as a Catholic social service agency to give safe shelter and counseling to women and their children fleeing abusive situations at home. The women were often unable to speak about their situations and were suspicious of living hopefully in light of their fears and past experiences.

As one way to help them surface their deep-seated feelings, the staff encouraged the women and children to paint. The results were simple, but astoundingly profound and beautiful images. When asked to describe their meaning, the women and children were able to speak for the first time about the trauma they experienced and what the future might hold for them.

There is something powerful in worthy art that reveals truth and beauty in a way that words alone cannot capture. Art placed in a liturgical setting has the power to help a community to remember and celebrate its relationship with God, who is beyond our complete understanding or ability to contain in words.

Unlike other ways in which we use art in modern life, liturgical art is not first about decoration. Images in a liturgical setting are another form of proclamation of the

message of the gospels—a visual parable—allowing us to see with new eyes. Just as the gospels call us to ongoing conversion and a change of heart, so too, images can confront our complacency and comfortable assumptions.

And unlike art that is created as a tribute to a famous person in society, worthy images of Mary and the saints can move beyond honor to give us some insight into the way in which they shared in the life and work of Christ and in the paschal mystery. We can see in these images a way in which we too might embrace Christ and become one with Christ in the Eucharist, as we are broken and poured out for those who are hungry and thirsty in our midst.

Since the liturgy is an action of Christ and the church, art in spaces for the Eucharist must foster, and never compete with, the principal symbols of the sacrificial meal and the full, active and conscious participation of all those present. The altar and the ambo will always be the most important furnishings in a space dedicated to the celebration of the Eucharist. Images and decorative elements should enhance and not detract from these central elements.

Parish communities have discovered that images can be placed in a variety of spaces throughout a church,

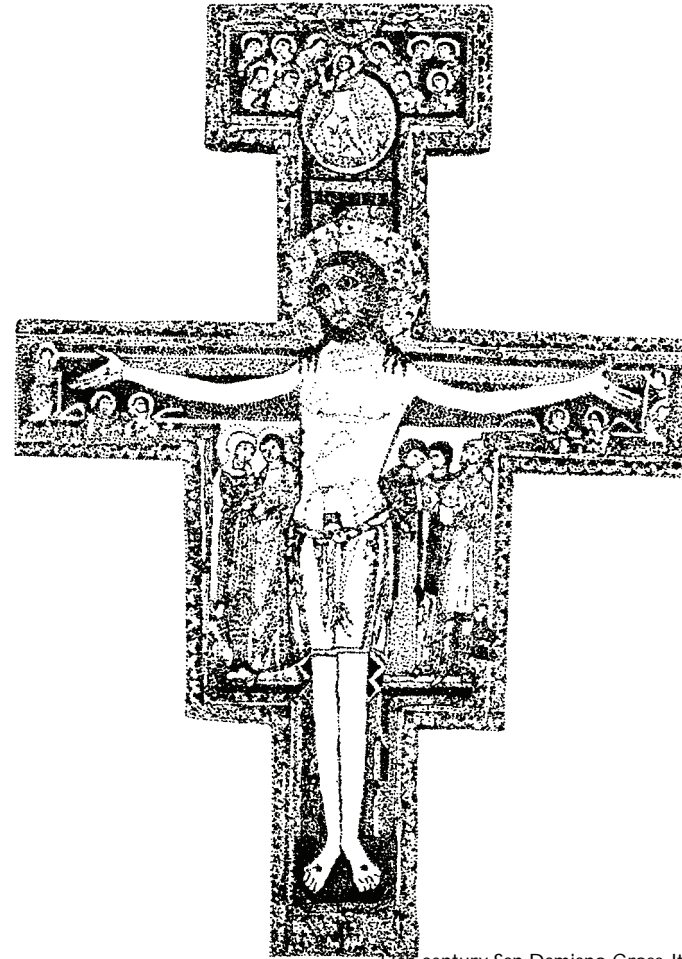


3<sup>rd</sup> century statue of the Good Shepherd

including the gathering space, devotional alcoves, chapels, meditation gardens and at the entrance.

On the walls surrounding the baptistery of a 3<sup>rd</sup> century house-church discovered in East Syria, an early Christian community painted primitive, but colorful depictions of stories from the old and new testaments to help them celebrate and remember what baptism means for the newly initiated and for the community. Images included Adam and Eve, the Samaritan woman at the well, the healing of the paralyzed man, St Peter's attempt to walk on the water and the three women who found the tomb empty. Also included was an image of the Good Shepherd, with a ram on his shoulders and a flock of sheep at his side.

Today, parish communities continue the long tradition of commissioning artists who create art that is truly beautiful and that communicates the weight of the mysteries that we celebrate. These images will not be trivial, but should, over time, unfold the truths that are revealed in the scriptures and the life of the living church.



11th century San Damiano Cross, Italy

## Excerpts from Built of Living Stones

Reflecting the awareness of the Communion of Saints, the practice of incorporating symbols of the Trinity, images of Christ, the Blessed Mother, the angels, and the saints into the design of a church creates a source of devotion and prayer for a parish community and should be part of the design of the church. (BB 1258) Images can be found in stained glass windows, on wall frescos and murals, and as statues and icons. Often these images depict scenes from the bible or from the lives of the saints and can be a source of instruction and catechesis as well as devotion. Since the Eucharist unites the Body

of Christ, including those who are not physically present, the use of images in the church reminds us that we are joined to all who have gone before us, as well as to those who now surround us. [135]

The placement of images can be a challenge, especially when a number of cultural traditions are part of a single parish community and each has its own devotional life and practices. Restraint in the number and prominence of sacred images (SC 125) is encouraged to help people focus on the liturgical action that is celebrated in the church. Separate alcoves for statues or icons can display

a variety of images through the year. Some parishes designate an area as the shrine for an image that is being venerated on a given day or for a period of time, such as the image of a saint on his or her feast day. [137]

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