



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

January 7 - January 13

Mon.	8:30	Lillian Cevasco †
Tues.	8:30	Peter Del Zompo †
Wed.	8:30	Robert Lefalu †
Thurs.	8:30	Paul Mechetti †
Friday	6:30	Susie Caturegli †
	8:30	Jesus Pimental †
Sat.	8:30	Gerald McGhee †
	5:00	Lou Romanello †
Sun.	5:00	Nicholas & Josephine Haloski †

*Rest in Peace* ~ James Francis Nacey

### *Sick Relatives and Friends*

Please remember in your prayers; Betty Murray, Zena Colombo, Susan Anderson-Baldwin, Honorato Campos, Pat Randig, Betty Cirigliano, Laura Healy, Angi DiPaola, Marita Alvarez, Carmen Esquivel, Mary Mara, James Dundon, and Seaton Fell-Holt.

If you are ill and would like members of the parish to pray for you, or if you are homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist, contact Kathy Fagliano at 591-7349 ext. 28.

### *Sacrificial Giving*

Christmas Offering - \$52,218  
 Sunday's Offertory Collection - \$9,213.50  
 St. Vincent de Paul \$5,150

**Thank you**

*Today's second collection will benefit parish education.*

**Stewardship by the Book:** Today we remember the three wise men from the East who came to pay homage to the infant Jesus, bringing him rich gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The gifts we bring – our time and service and some share of what we earn for the work we do – are equally precious in His sight

**St. Vincent de Paul of St. Charles would like to thank you** for your generosity with our most recent 5th Sunday collection. Because of your kindness, we were able to collect \$5,150. These funds will go towards buying sleeping bags for the homeless and food for the hungry. It will help pay for utilities, rent, gasoline and clothing so our neighbors in need can continue to basically function in their jobs and in their daily lives. Thank you and God bless you.

Join us..........

### Hospitality Sunday

Please join your fellow parishioners in Borromeo Hall after the morning Masses today, as the Italian Catholic Federation of St. Charles will be hosting hospitality.

## FAITH FORMATION

### **Attention First Communion Families:**

First Reconciliation is scheduled for Saturday, January 12th. There are two groups: 9:30AM and 12:00PM. You should have received a notice with your time. Please call or email one of us if you have any questions.

**See you on the 12th.**

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**Confirmation Candidates and Parents** (in phase 2-- those that will be Confirmed in Jan.) will have a meeting in the church on **Tuesday, Jan 8, 7:30 - 8:30**. Megan Pryor Lorentz, Associate Director for Youth Ministry and Catechesis will be our guest speaker for this evening.

Please pray for our Confirmation Candidates who will receive the sacrament of **Confirmation on Sunday, January 13, 2008** at the **5 pm Mass**.

**Candidates and Sponsors:** Rehearsal will be Thurs, Jan 10, 7-8:30 pm in the Church. **On Jan 13, please meet in Borromeo Hall by 4 p.m.**



**HEROES:** Called to save the world...God has endowed YOU with special abilities. At your Baptism God called you to use them to save the world. What have you done about that lately? Are you ready to take the call seriously? It might just mean changing the way you live. Join us for a special High School Retreat for those wishing to make a deeper commitment to live the Gospel message in their lives. February 23-24, 2008, Camp Redwood Glen, Scotts Valley, CA. (Meet at the parish Sat 8 am and return Sunday by 4 pm.) Cost: \$80. To register, contact Tami Palladino: 650-591-7349 x 31 or tami@stcharlesparish.org. Deadline to sign up is Jan 10, 2008. *This retreat is for all interested high school teens in 9-12th grade from St. Charles, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, St. Pius, and St. Matthias.*

### **St. Charles Men's Club January 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

Come spend an evening with us and watch the BCS Championship Bowl Game: LSU vs. Ohio State on the BIG SCREEN at Borromeo Hall this Monday January 7th.

Meet other members of the Men's Club, enjoy a great meal as we deep fry turkeys with all the fixin's to feast on. Doors open at 4:30. Kickoff @ 5 or so. Dinner will be ready around 7. We will go over the 2008 calendar of events and raffle off Stanford b-ball tickets. Men's Club events are open to all men of the parish and their guests.

**So, c'mon down and don't forget to bring a friend!**

**Sanctity of Human Life**

21st Annual Interfaith Memorial Service

For the Victims of Abortion

*"The Infant in my womb leaped for joy"*

Featured speakers:

Rev. Frank Pavone, *Mev. National Director, Priests for Life*  
Elder Walter Hoye II, *Progressive Missionary Baptist Church, Berkeley***Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption**

Gough &amp; Geary Streets, San Francisco

Friday Evening, January 18, 2008, 7:30pm

Interfaith Committee for Life

(415-664-3570)

**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 Saturday, January 19th, 2008, as we continue to peacefully proclaim our message in ever-greater numbers. Speakers include Dr. Alveda King of the Martin Luther King Jr. family. 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](http://www.walkforlifewc.com).

To organize groups or for other information contact us at (415) 586-1575.

**Adult Faith Formation**

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION AROUND SAN MATEO COUNTY:** To find out what is available just use the Web Site [www.increaseourfaith.org](http://www.increaseourfaith.org). For more information call Nancy Farrant, 591-7349 ext. 27.

**Have you thought about becoming a Catholic Priest?**

You are invited to attend a **Discernment Retreat**, 4:00pm on Friday, February 1, 2008 through 1:00pm, February 3, 2008 at St. Patrick's Seminary & University, Menlo Park, California, to better understand if a vocation to the ministry of God's priesthood is for you! Single Catholic men, 21 years of age or older, are invited to explore the possibility of a priestly vocation. The weekend is designed to provide the tools needed to help you determine if God might be calling you to a vocation to the priesthood. For further information, please see your parish priest.

**Quiz Dates! Catholic Singles Party**

Tuesday, January 15, 2008 at 6:30pm

Elephant &amp; Castle Bar &amp; Restaurant

424 Clay Street in downtown San Francisco

Enjoy appetizers and drink specials. Teams of 3 men and 3 women. After each round of questions, men move to a new table to meet more women. Cost? \$20 before 1/8/08 (\$25 thereafter). \$35 for walk-ins (space permitting). Open to all Catholic singles.

To register go to [www.quizdates.com](http://www.quizdates.com)

**WINGS DINNER JANUARY 23rd****7:00pm in Borromeo Hall**

All women of St. Charles are invited for a fun evening while we are served one of Carlos DeMarchena's delicious gourmet dinners of pork tenderloin in a mustard-orange glaze, garlic mashed potatoes, the chef's choice of vegetable, wine and two desserts! To cover costs we are asking for a donation of \$20.

**IT'S GETTING CLOSE!** Be sure reserve your seat by sending in the form below with your check **PAYABLE TO:** St. Charles Church and **MAIL TO:** 12 Don Court, Redwood City, CA 94062. Please respond by January 15th. If you have any questions, please contact Jean Harper at 365-5638.

**Yes, I will be attending the WINGS Dinner  
on January 23, 2008**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

**Bunko and Texas Hold'em Gaming Night  
January 26, 2008**

Test your luck and skill with a fun filled evening in Borromeo Hall. For more information, contact Kirby Kish (650-598-9863, [kjkish@yahoo.com](mailto:kjkish@yahoo.com))

**Save the Date****Men's Club Ski Trip 2008!**

Back by popular demand, the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Charles Men's Club Ski Trip is scheduled for Saturday, **February 23, 2008**. Don't miss this fun filled day at Sugar Bowl Ski Resort and have the opportunity to spend a day skiing, snowboarding, or simply drinking hot cocoa in the mountains. Open to all parishioners and their guests, this is always a great experience and a fun way to sneak in a day at the mountains without all the hassles. Busses leave the church early in the morning to the resort and return that evening. More details including prices will be forthcoming, but put it in your calendars now so you don't miss out!

**Anniversary Mass  
Saturday, February 9th  
10:00am**

Archbishop George Niederauer 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, February 9th, 2008 at 10:00am at St. Mary's Cathedral, 1111 Gough Street, San Francisco, CA. Special honor will be shown to those who are celebrating their 25th, 50th, or 50+ Wedding Anniversaries. Reception immediately following Eucharist. Registration forms are available at the parish office, or by download at [www.sffamilylife.com](http://www.sffamilylife.com). For more information please call (707) 552-3394.

## The Epiphany of the Lord



### 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 mystery has been made known that 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, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews?" (*Matthew 2:1-12*).

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The date we know as January 6 was established as the solstice in Egypt in 1996 BC, but the Egyptian calendar lost a full day every 128 years. Twenty centuries later the actual solstice had migrated to December 25. People still kept January 6 for the solstice celebration, but December 25, matching nicely with the Roman pagan feast of the Unconquered Sun, launched an extended solstice holiday. By the time of the early church, the whole period of twelve days was celebrated just about everywhere.

Christians began to celebrate Christ as the true light of the world in four themes: the Nativity, the manifestation to the Gentiles, the baptism of the Lord, and the wedding feast at Cana. That was entirely too much for one day to handle. A twelve-day season was ready to be adapted, so Christians borrowed from the pagan calendar for their own season of light. Thus early Christian celebrations of the Christmas season extended from one date for the solstice, December 25, to the older date, January 6. The darkest time in the Northern Hemisphere could now be filled with the Christian observance of the arrival of the Light of the World.



### THE WISE MEN COME TO BETHLEHEM

Today the Wise Men see the little child and Mary his mother.

With them, Lord,  
we wish to discover you in the midst  
of our brothers and sisters.  
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Today they prostrate themselves before you and adore you.

With them, Lord,  
we wish to adore your holy will for us.  
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

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