



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK January 21 - January 27

Mon.	8:30	Norma Figone †
Tues.	8:30	Vern Lefebvre (L)
Wed.	8:30	William Kerrigan †
Thurs.	8:30	Catherine O'Dea †
Friday	6:30	Susie Caturegli †
	8:30	Joseph L. Riccomini †
Sat.	8:30	Sebastian & Lucille Englert †
	5:00	Bob Maldonado †
Sun.	5:00	Joseph W. Folen, Jr. & Evelyn I. Robertsen †

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



**Parish offices will be closed Monday, January 21st, in observance of Martin Luther King Day.**

### *Sick Relatives and Friends*

Please remember in your prayers; Ida Figone, Betty Murray, Zena Colombo, Susan Anderson-Baldwin, Honorato Campos, 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*

Sunday's Offertory Collection - \$12,594.50

**Thank you**

### **Collection for the Church in Latin America Next Weekend**

Giving generously to the National collection for the Church in Latin America enables the local Catholic Churches throughout Latin America and the Caribbean to support the formation of disciples of Jesus Christ across generations, cultures and vocations. These essential funds assist in the formation of priests, religious, lay ministers, missionaries, pastoral agents, catechists, and youth ministers. Last year, as a result of your generosity, the Church in the United States was able to support 476 pastoral grants in 23 countries, as well as the work of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Department of Social Development and World Peace (now the Department of Justice, Peace, and Human Development) on behalf of the Church in Latin America. This year, we are asked to contribute generously again to this worthy Collection.

Further information can be found at [www.usccb.org/](http://www.usccb.org/)

***Stewardship by the Book:*** Today's responsorial Psalm is the theme song of the good steward: "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will." May I, too, stand ready to offer myself and my gifts in the service of God.

### Thank you. . .

The Environment Committee wishes to extend our heartfelt thanks to the many parishioners who so generously donated to our Christmas Decoration and Flower Fund.

We hope you enjoyed seeing St. Charles in all it's glory.

Thank you  
*The Environment Committee*

**Vincential Certification Course** - a great experience for growth and renewal - is coming Saturday, 2/16/08. Time: 8:30am-4:30pm. Location: Borromeo Hall. Lunch is provided. The course will give attendees tools needed to effectively serve the poor if they choose to participate in St. Vincent de Paul. Registration forms and agenda are available in the back of the church by the doors. Or you may call Anne Tartaglia at 650-593-5917 for more information.

RSVP deadline is February 10, 2008.

### **FISH NEEDS VOLUNTEERS**

FISH is run entirely by volunteers who provide transportation to medical appointments. You can either coordinate requests using your home phone, 1/2 a day a month, or be a driver 1/2 a day a month - Mondays through Thursdays. You can also be a substitute driver. If you do not want to commit to a calendar day. For more information, please call Carolyn Ranken, 593-3721.

### AN INVITATION TO JOIN THE CHURCH

***Do you have questions about the Catholic Faith? Are you searching for a deeper relationship with God?***

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) dates back to the earliest days of Christian communities when all members shared their faith with newcomers as a way of teaching them about the new life. This process welcomes anyone who has a desire to learn more about the Catholic Church, baptized or unbaptized, active members in other Christian denominations, or without religious training. If you are interested join us after the 9:00 Mass in the St. Charles Room. For information on the RCIA program contact: Linda Burns @ 576-3105, or 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.

**Women's Retreat February 22~24****BALANCE PAST DUE**

Double Room Balance \$145  
 Single Room Balance \$165

Make checks payable to **St. Charles Church**. Mail to:  
 Lorie Boris, 1828 Carmelita Drive, San Carlos, CA  
 593-7339

**TV TO AIR LIFE MARCH, PAPAL VESPERS**

EWTN will provide live coverage of the March for Life in Washington, DC marking the 35th anniversary of the tragic Supreme Court decision "legalizing" abortion, January 22 at 8:00am (4 hrs), with an encore at 7:00pm. EWTN also will telecast live as Pope Benedict XVI presides over Vespers in Rome on the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, January 25 at 8:30am with an encore at 2:00pm. EWTN is carried 24/7 on Comcast Digital Ch. 229, Astound Ch. 80, San Bruno Cable Ch. 143, DISH Satellite Ch. 261, and Direct TV Ch. 370.

(All times mentioned in the above notice are PST)

**Catholic Radio for the Bay Area** can now be heard on Immaculate Heart Radio's newest station AM 1260. Tune in now to hear the best in Catholic programming, and soon to hear *The Bishop's Hour*.

**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.

**WHEN ALL THE HUSTLE-BUSTLE OF THE HOLIDAYS ARE OVER....** Don't you and your spouse deserve a beautiful, romantic weekend away together? If you agree then you'll want to attend a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend**. Go to [www.sf.lovemoredeeply.org](http://www.sf.lovemoredeeply.org) or call Paul & Yvonne at 650-366-7093. **Next SF-WWME Weekend: April 18-20.**

**Marriage Help** –Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you too. For confidential information about, or to register for the Spring program beginning with a weekend on March 7-9, 2008 call (415) 893-1005 or email: or visit the website at [www.Retrouvaille.org](http://www.Retrouvaille.org).

**SCHOOL NEWS**

**St. Charles School's Open House** begins with the 9:00 Mass on Sunday, January 27th, and will continue at the school until 12:30 p.m. The Banana Seed Book Faire will be in the school Library from 10:00am-1:00pm. We are also having tours for new families at the school on January 15th @ 10:00 am, January 18th @ 8:30 am and January 22nd at 8:30 am. Please call the school office at 593-1629 if you interested in attending any of the tours.

**BUNCO AND TEXAS HOLD'EM TOURNAMENT**  
**SATURDAY JANUARY 26TH**

**7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. in Borromeo Hall**

Test your luck and skill with a fun filled evening of friendly gaming. You might be the winner that takes home the big prize! Pre-register today to ensure your spot in the tournament - the form is available at [www.stcharlesparish.org](http://www.stcharlesparish.org). For more information, contact Kirby Kish (650) 598-9863, [kjish@yahoo.com](mailto:kjish@yahoo.com)

**St. Charles Ski Trip - Feb. 23rd!**

Back by popular demand, the **4th Annual St. Charles Ski Trip** (sponsored by the Men's Club) 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. Prices are \$100 for adults, \$95 for teens (13-19), \$65 for kids (6-12), and \$85 for seniors (65+). Prices include transportation, lift tickets, and refreshments. (Bus ride only available for \$65). Reservations and checks are due no later than February 8th and can be dropped off at the Rectory are brought to the February Men's Club Meeting.

For questions or more information, please contact Greg Celotti at 650-740-1580 or [gcelotti@apr.com](mailto:gcelotti@apr.com).



*The Good Shepherd Prayer Group invites you to a*  
**Healing Mass**

*with*

Fr. Gene Wilson, CPPS  
 Tuesday, January 22 at 7:30pm  
 St. Raymond's Chapel

1100 Santa Cruz (at Arbor), Menlo Park

Anointing of the Sick and prayer for healing will follow Mass. Please come to this special evening expecting the Lord to bless you, and bring a friend.

## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The glory of the LORD shows through Israel, a light to all nations, that salvation may reach to the ends of the earth (*Isaiah 49:3, 5-6*).

**Psalm** — Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will (*Psalm 40*).

**Second Reading** — All those who call upon the name of the Lord are called to be holy (*1 Corinthians 1:1-3*).

**Gospel** — John the Baptist testifies: The one who comes after me, on whom the Spirit comes down and remains, is the Son of God (*John 1:29-34*).



A lamb was a familiar image for Jewish people in Jesus' day. It was part of the Jewish tradition that lambs be slaughtered for sacrifice, as a way for the people to return to God after they had separated themselves through sinfulness. Of course, Jesus reminded his disciples of this sacrifice at the Last Supper. His actions at that meal would forever bind his followers to the sacrifice he made for each of us. Jesus had become the new Passover Lamb.

John the Baptist recognized Jesus as this sacrifice. Upon his approach, John proclaimed Jesus the "Lamb of God." Having already seen the Spirit come down on Jesus, John knew that was the sign by which God had promised to indicate the chosen One. While it would remain unclear exactly what it meant to be the Lamb of God until after the Passion and Resurrection, John knew that this was the most fitting title for the one who approached him on that day at the Jordan River.

### IN SERVICE OF THE LAMB

We will grow only in service to one another. We may each be individuals feeling at times that we work alone, but in reality, as Paul explained to the Corinthians, we are united. We are united in God by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ, the Son of God. In our humanity, we may not be able to give as completely as Jesus did, but we strive nevertheless to carry one another in humble service. Through our obedience to God's will, we proclaim to the world Jesus' message of love for even the least by our words and actions as we lift up our brothers and sisters. As we find strength in the Gospel message and in the many exemplary lives of those who have gone before us, the service that we offer to others is truly that of Jesus himself, the Lamb of God.