



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

July 21 - July 27

Mon.	8:30	Carmen Esquivel (L) <i>(Happy Birthday)</i>
Wed.	8:30	Daniel Foster †
Thurs.	8:30	Norma Figone †
Fri.	6:30	Pietro Caturegli †
	8:30	Henry Dingli †
Sat.	8:30	Jim Mills (L)
	5:00	Maureen Lindores †
Sun.	7:30	Edward, Mary & Cal Hogan †
	5:00	Rick Finato †

Rest in Peace

Pam Foley & Mary Coffman

Sick Relatives and Friends

Please remember in your prayers: Solly Catiis, Janice Jones, Christine Zika, Stan Mitchell, Trish Barrett, Yolanda Plut, Carmella Chellemi, Zina Colombo, Jim Mason, Betty Cirigliano, Louise DeBarbrie, and Carmen Esquivel.

Are you are ill or homebound and 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.



Rides needed to Mass....Can you help?

If you are available to offer a ride to and from Mass to a fellow parishioner, please contact Kathy Fagliano at 591-7349 ext. 28.

Sacramental Giving

Offertory Collection - \$10,986.50

Mission Collection - \$7,059

Thank you!

Stewardship by the Book: *"Those who are just must be kind,"* says today's first reading. If our words and deeds are kind and selfless, we will be like the good seed in the Gospel parable and gathered as wheat in the Lord's harvest.



Peace starts with a smile...

Will you be traveling during the Summer?

Check out "Mass Times for Travelers" at 1-410-676-6000 or go to www.masstimes.org.

Faith Formation

Attention High School Teens: Our meetings on Wednesday evenings are going very well and we'd like to invite you to join us. We've decided not to use a book so there is no cost for materials. Our format includes dinner and dessert, prayer, praise and worship, a focus on the Gospel reading for the upcoming Mass through student-led reflection/discussion, and also time for individual reflection. Not only is it a good time on Wed. night, but by having already reflected on the Gospel, it makes the Sunday Mass come alive! You are welcome to drop in and bring a friend. 7-8:30 pm in the St. Francis Room. for more information call or email Tami, 591-7349 x31 or tami@stcharlesparish.org

CCD? RELIGIOUS EDUCATION? NO!

We now refer to it as *Catechesis*. Which means to *Echo God's Word*. It's not just about education, it's about being formed into the faith and we do that by "echoing the Word of God". **CATECHISTS! We need you!** We have several of our catechists who will be taking a leave this year. Our program for the children's religious formation depends on you. We have several openings in all grades. We have information and DVD's for you to take home over the summer so you can begin to have training right in your own home. There are also four workshops being offered in August. *(see below)* The catechists really enjoyed last summer's workshops. For more information please call Nancy Farrant, 591-7349 ex. 27 or email NFarrant@stcharlesparish.org. All catechists will tell you that they receive more out of it than they ever give. Watch your own faith develop through this process.

Finally, we will offer catechetical workshops on September 14th, 21st and 28th for all who are interested...specifically to prepare for and share about the upcoming year.

BASIC CATECHIST FORMATION

The Parish Catechetical Leaders of Deanery 11 (Southern San Mateo County) are pleased to present four workshops for new and experienced catechists. These sessions offer credit for certification and recertification. The sessions will be held two different days and at different locations to accommodate busy schedules.

SCHEDULE

Saturday 10 - 11:30am	Topic/Presenter	Tuesday 7 - 8:30pm
8/2/08 St. Denis, Menlo Park	What is the Big Deal about Mass & Liturgy and How we Worship? <i>(Sr. Celeste Arbuckle, SSS)</i>	8/5/08 St. Matthias RWC
8/9/08 St. Denis, Menlo Park	Scripture & Spirituality in our Sessions <i>(Victor Valdez)</i>	8/12/08 St. Matthias RWC
8/16/08 St. Charles San Carlos	Lesson Planning 101: For Beginners and Advanced Catechists <i>(Laurie Coulter & Sabrina Spence)</i>	8/19/08 St. Pius RWC
8/23/08 St. Charles San Carlos	Feast Days and Prayers with Children of All Ages <i>(Nancy Farrant)</i>	8/26/08 St. Pius RWC

Contact Nancy Farrant at 591-7349 ext. 27 or e-mail NFarrant@stcharlesparish.org

CYO FAMILY DAY**Sunday, September 7, 2008**

11:30 am Mass

12:30 pm Picnic and Activities

Saint Ignatius College Preparatory • 2001 - 37th Ave.,
San Francisco, CA 94116

CYO Family Day celebrates the support families have shown our CYO programs while also allowing parents to expose their children to a community that celebrates positive philosophies. The afternoon includes a picnic lunch, an opportunity to meet local professional and collegiate athletes including players from the San Jose Earthquakes and USF Men's Basketball team, bounce houses, swimming, obstacle courses, magicians, field games, an exciting raffle and much more.

Activity Pass \$10 includes unlimited access to all games, swimming, field activities and a CYO Family Day T-Shirt.

Meal Deal \$5 picnic lunch

Buy tickets online at cyo.cccyo.org

or call 415-972-1213 for more information

AN INVITATION TO JOIN THE CHURCH

St. Charles Parish invites you to reflect on your relationship with Jesus Christ and to consider participating in the journey towards full membership in the Catholic 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, call Nancy Farrant, 591-7349 ext. 27.

Women's Catholic Scripture Study starts again Sept 11, 2008

Women from parishes all around the Bay Area meet Thursdays from 10 am to noon at St. Mark's Parish in Belmont (ending in late May with holiday breaks for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter). We'll be doing an overview of Scripture using the book, **Understanding the Scriptures: A Complete Course in Bible Study** by Dr. Scott Hahn. This will be the perfect study for those new to Bible study as well as those who would like a deeper understanding of the "overall picture" of salvation history. This book is being used in Catholic high schools, seminaries, and parish Bible study groups. A high school teacher from Denver commented, "I have taught for twenty-two years in a variety of subject areas and have never had such an excellent textbook. This is Dr. Hahn's covenant-based perspective on salvation history with copious quotes from Scripture, the Catechism, and various Church documents. The layout is beautiful and the text is interspersed with some of the most beautiful religious art ever created." Registration fee is \$10. and there is an additional fee for the book and workbook. We'll also be studying select Scripture passages, so you'll need your Bible, too. The study involves home study questions, small group discussions, and a live wrap-up lecture. To learn more or to register, contact

Tami Palladino: tami@stcharlesparish.org or 591-7349 x31
or Christine Fenwick: cssbelmont@gmail.com or 704-7881.

STAND AND BE COUNTED:**NEW MEMBERS WELCOME**

Registering in a parish is a declaration of your desire to be part of a Catholic community and a commitment to the life of the parish family. To so clearly state your Catholic commitment in all its dimensions brings you advantages, recognition, and responsibilities of many kinds. Being a registered parishioner makes things much easier when it is time for infant baptism, school registration, weddings, when asked to be a baptismal or confirmation sponsor, and even funerals.

We are often asked to provide affidavits for baptismal and confirmation sponsors. We can only do this if a person is a registered, active, and contributing member in our parish. How do you know if you are already registered? A registered parishioner receives all parish mailings.

So, are you a registered parishioner at St. Charles? If not, please consider registering. Registration forms are always available at the church entrances. Please complete one today and return it this week if you would like to join our community.

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**CHURCH ETIQUETTE****What is it?**

- ♦ It's getting to Mass on time.
- ♦ It's silencing all cell phones.
- ♦ It's moving to the center of the pew so that others can fill in, even when they're late.
- ♦ It's placing the hymnal back in the book holder after Mass.
- ♦ It's putting the kneeler up after Mass.
- ♦ It's checking your pew and taking your tissues, books, Cheerios, purse, keys, hat, umbrella, camera, glasses, and scarf with you when you leave.
- ♦ It's leaving the designated handicapped parking spaces for those who need them.
- ♦ It's everyone appreciating those who do all of the above! **God bless and thank you!**

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Pastor Al

"Unless I sit up in the front pew, Pastor Al, I can't see much. Why don't you install some stadium seating?"

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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — You taught your people that those who are just must likewise be kind (*Wisdom 12:13, 16-19*).

Psalms — Lord, you are good and forgiving (*Psalms 86*).

Second Reading — The Spirit comes to aid us in our weakness (*Romans 8:26-27*).

Gospel — Jesus proposes parables to the crowds, teaching them of the reign of God (*Matthew 13:24-43 [24-30]*).



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THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS LIKE . . .

Jesus speaks in several parables today about the reign of God, including images from several groups of people in order to make his message clear to all who hear. The kingdom of God is like a man who sows good seed. The kingdom of God is like a person who plants a mustard seed. The kingdom of God is like a woman who adds yeast to her flour. All of these very human activities bring home the fact that the reign of God is already among us, working in small ways to bring about mysterious but very great results.

Good and evil are allowed to grow together until the end, lest the good be destroyed with the evil. There is a lesson for us here. It is not that we shouldn't oppose evil when we see it, but that in our zeal to make our world perfect by human force, we must be careful not to destroy the work that God is doing. It is not for us, but for God to judge what is to be kept and what destroyed, and even though we think we know the difference, we must be cautious not to disturb God's carefully planted goodness in others. Violence can never be the means of justice.

SMALL YET POWERFUL

Likewise, the reign of God is like something very small, almost unnoticeable until we begin to see the results. The tiny mustard seed, which can be planted by any person (even a child), grows to be a large tree, amazing to all. A tiny amount of yeast, when added to flour, becomes invisible until it begins to make the whole dough rise, doubling or tripling its volume, and becoming bread in the oven's heat.

Let us not judge what we see, but trust that God's work in the world is gentle and quiet, the results known only in the final chapter. We seek, in humility, to watch for the Spirit working in the ordinary activities of our lives.

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