



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

August 18 ~ August 23

Mon.	8:30	Emile Dufault †
Wed.	8:30	Rick Finato †
Thurs.	8:30	Bob & Jan McMahon (L) 60th Wedding Anniversary
Fri.	6:30	Jim Maffei (L)
	8:30	Tess Ferrario †
Sat.	8:30	Daniel Foster †
	5:00	Anita Cruz †
Sun.	7:30	Mark Gavron †
	5:00	Ignacio Palomarez †

Please pray for the faithful departed of St. Charles.



Sick Relatives and Friends

Please remember in your prayers: Barbara Peters, Solly Catiis, Janice Jones, 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.

Sacramental Giving

Offertory Collection - \$9,897.50
Little Sisters of the Poor - \$5,864

Thank you!

Stewardship by the Book: In today's second reading, St. Paul tells the Romans, "God's gifts and his call are irrevocable." To what is God calling me today? What gifts are mine to share?

GOOD EXAMPLE

A faithful Christian, illumined by the rays of grace like a crystal, ought to illumine his neighbor with the light of good example, through word and deed.

—St. Anthony

St. Charles Church welcomes its newest members through the waters of Baptism:

Luci Alexandra Bentley
Sierra Reneé Hubert
Megan Elizabeth O'Connor
Brianna Ashling Walton

Faith Formation

SOS: THE CHILDREN OF ST. CHARLES ARE LOOKING FOR ADULTS WHO WILL HELP THEM LEARN MORE ABOUT THEIR FAITH.


Can you help? We have positions to fill in Kindergarten, third and fourth grades on Sundays. We need **catechists (teachers)** and **assistants**. Right now we are in desperate need in all classes on Mondays.

In September we will have training sessions on Sunday mornings for all new catechists and for those returning. It was our own patron saint, St. Charles Borromeo, who drew up a code of rules known as the **Confraternity of Christian Doctrine** and established it in every parish of his diocese, so that the children might be carefully and systematically instructed in the faith.

This was the beginning of what we now know as Sunday School, or CCD. If you are interested in sharing the tradition of St. Charles Borromeo, our patron saint, please call Nancy at 591-7349 ex. 27.

BASIC CATECHIST FORMATION

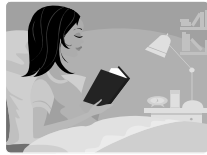
The Parish Catechetical Leaders of Deanery 11 (Southern San Mateo County) are pleased to present workshops for new and experienced catechists. There are two sessions left. The sessions will be held two different days and at different locations to accommodate busy schedules.

Saturday 10 - 11:30am	Topic/Presenter	Tuesday 7 - 8:30pm
	Lesson Planning 101: For Beginners and Advanced Catechists (Laurie Coulter & Sabrina Spence)	8/19/08 St. Pius RWC
8/23/08 St. Charles San Carlos	Feast Days and Prayers with Children of All Ages (Nancy Farrant)	8/26/08 St. Pius RWC

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

REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

If you are a new family in the parish with children we welcome you to register your child or children in religious formation. The Kindergarten through 5th grade meets either on Sunday morning from 10:15am until 11:15am or on Mondays in the afternoon from 3:30pm until 4:30pm. Registration forms are at all the entrances of the church. Please complete the forms and either return them to the parish office or mail them in. "The Edge" is our Middle School Program and includes 6th grade through 8th grade. The Edge meets on Monday nights. Our First Communion and First Reconciliation program is for children who are at least in the 2nd grade or older and have completed one year of religious education. High School students who are interested in becoming fully initiated in the Catholic Church through the sacrament of Confirmation or are interested in other high school opportunities may contact Tami Paladino, at 591-7349 x 31. For registration information contact Barbara O'Rourke, at Barbara@stcharlesparish.org, or call 591-7349 x. 34.



WINGS

A new season! A new format!

Come to enjoy fellowship as we explore and share our faith journey. These sessions will be based on readings from the book *The Return of the Prodigal Son* by Henri Nouwen. The evenings will begin promptly at 7pm and end at 8:30pm. The dates are: September 10, 17, 24 and October 1st.

If this sounds like something you are interested in please call Claire Donohue at 654-1815 or Allison Stastny at 369-2866 no later than Aug. 28th and get the details to purchase the book.

MARRIED COUPLES....Getting ready for school means lots of time spent on your children. After school begins, why not give yourselves some time together? Make a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! Call Paul & Yvonne at 650-366-7093 or go to sf.lovemoredeeply.org. **Next SF-WWME Weekend:** November 7-9, San Mateo.



Cathedral Festival of Flowers

www.cathedralflowers.org

Acclaimed flower designers and arrangers from throughout the Bay Area will come together at St. Mary's Cathedral this upcoming October 3-5 to create a breathtaking feast of color and scent. Come also for the **Little Flower Festival**, a showing of floral arrangements in the Cathedral Event Center (lower level) by parish liturgical art & environment ministers from throughout the Archdiocese. Festival hours are:

Fri, Oct. 3, 6-9pm (*Opening Gala*)

Sat, Oct. 4, 9am-7pm

Sun, Oct. 5, 8:30am-5pm.

FREE admission on Saturday & Sunday.

For more information on Opening Gala tickets and Mass times, when the exhibit will *not* be accessible, please call 415-567-2020.

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Upcoming Events

August 22	Altar Servers/Children's Choir Picnic <i>Raging Waters</i>
August 23	Basic Catechism Formation, Small Hall 10:00am
August 25	St. Charles School Begins Back to School Coffee, 8:00am, Borromeo Hall
August 28	Adult Choir, (<i>first rehearsal</i>) 7:30pm, Church
August 29	Back to School Mass, 8:30am
Sept. 3	Children's Choir 3:15pm, Church Back to the School Night, 6pm
Sept. 5	Eucharistic Adoration, 9:00am Chapel

CHAPERONES FOR ALTAR SERVER and CHILDREN'S CHOIR PICNIC NEEDED

On August 22nd the Altar Servers and Children's Choir will be having their annual picnic from 10:00am-3:00pm at Raging Waters in San Jose. We are in need of drivers and chaperones. If you can help, please call Nancy at 591-7349, or Caren Fior at 299-9544.



CALLING ALL SINGERS...

The ***Adult Choir** and the **Children's Choir** are both getting ready to start up the new year. The **Adult Choir** starts their rehearsals on **Thursday August 28 at 7:30pm** in the church and the **Children's Choir** (*open to all children in the parish from 3rd grade up*) starts on **Wednesday September 3, 3:15 to 4:15pm** in church. What a wonderful way for people of all ages to participate in our Liturgies. For more information, please call Claire at 591-7349 ex 32, or email her at CGiovannetti@stcharlesparish.org.

***Adult Choir:** *Have you ever thought about joining the Adult Choir here at St. Charles? This is a wonderful group of people who rehearse on Thursday nights (7:30) and sing at the 9:00 Mass. We perform an annual Christmas Concert and Ecumenical Choir Festival, and join with the assembly every Sunday to make a joyful noise! Won't you join us? There is ample time off with good behavior! For more information, please call Claire.*

Women's Catholic Scripture Study starts again Sept 11, 2008 Thursdays from 10am to noon St. Mark's Parish, Belmont

We will be 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. The study involves home study questions, small group discussions, and a live wrap-up lecture. A thirty minute DVD of the author discussing this book is available in the Parish Office. Stop by to borrow it if interested.

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.

Immaculate Heart Radio's September On-Air Pledge Drive will be held Wednesday, Sept. 3rd and Thursday, Sept. 4th - from 6am to 7:30pm each day at Mater Dolorosa School in South San Francisco. We need your help to answer phone calls, run errands, or help with hospitality. If you can help for an hour or a couple of hours any day, please call Debora Heinrichs at 916-535-0500 ext. 221 or e-mail her at dheinrichs@ihradio.org.

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Thus says the LORD: “Stand firm in justice; do what is right” (*Isaiah 56:1, 6-7*).

Psalm — O God, let all the nations praise you! (*Psalms 67*).

Second Reading — The gifts and the calling of God are unable to be revoked (*Romans 11:13-15, 29-32*).

Gospel — Recognizing the woman's great faith, Jesus said: “It shall be done as you wish” (*Matthew 15:21-28*).

MY HOUSE SHALL BE CALLED



A HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL PEOPLE
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CALLED TO ACT IN GOD'S NAME

“Let all the nations praise you!” (Psalm 67:4) today's psalm response exclaims. In the psalms and other Hebrew scriptures, this kind of invocation is actually an invitation to God to act, to intervene in human lives in a manner that will cause everyone—not just the Chosen People—to give praise. Stated a bit more strongly, it is something of a “put up or shut up” challenge to God, the sort of strong statement the psalmists of Israel, trusting in their intimate and loving relationship with God, were not afraid to make.

The Gospel has its own exclamation, announcing the appearance of the Canaanite woman with “Behold!” (Matthew 15:22) “Behold!” is a scriptural flag that tells us that God is about to act or announce something through an individual or a situation. In the case of Jesus, God was going to act through this woman, whom nobody among Jesus' followers would have believed to be an agent of the divine will. Like the psalmists, we might passively inform or perhaps even actively challenge God to do something so that everyone will come to belief, but God will always turn the tables on us. It becomes our calling, our duty (as it was for Jesus) to behold the situations and persons of our daily lives so that God can act through us, so the Kingdom can be announced through our living.

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*He who kneels before God
can stand before anyone.*

“Choices of the HEART” Vocation Discernment Retreat: All single Catholic women 18-45 years of age are invited to participate in a **Vocation Reflective Discernment Retreat** with Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, September 12-14, 2008, held at Seton Provincialate, 2600 Altamont Road, Los Altos Hills, California. For reservations or more information about the prayer, community, and ministry of the Daughters of Charity, please contact Sister Trang Truong at 650-949-8890.