

# ST. CHARLES PARISH COMMUNITY

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*We are people of Faith, Community, & Service, centered in Jesus, we celebrate and worship through Roman Catholic traditions. As a community we welcome all cultures of God's people. We serve God's people through outreach and social justice.*

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## Wise Men See God in the Simple Things

*If you're on social media, you have probably seen a meme going around that features this quote: "God has a plan for your life. The enemy has a plan for your life. Be ready for both. Just be wise enough to know which one to battle and which one to embrace."*

*There were certainly two competing plans for the Magi: God's and Herod's. And, wise as they supposedly were, it wasn't entirely easy for the Magi to discern which was which.*

*After all, Herod posed as a friend. He offered the Magi hospitality and kindness. Though the Gospel doesn't say so, he probably flattered them and appealed to every moral weakness he could observe in them. In his palace, they must have felt great physical comfort — rest and tables of plenty on what was an otherwise long and treacherous journey.*

*But if the Magi were honest with themselves, I'll bet they would have admitted that, regardless of Herod's charm, they felt a gnawing sense of doubt while in his presence. When they looked upon the Christ Child, born in a stable without any of the comforts of the world or protections of wealth, they probably felt the opposite. They probably felt safe.*

*The Magi were lucky enough to have the right plan spelled out for them in a dream, but for the rest of us, it's enough to remember this: God's plan is often the one that leads us to places of great simplicity, great humility and great love. Let's have the wisdom to view power with suspicion, and innocence with admiration.*

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS      ©LPi

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St. Charles Church  
SUNDAY MASSES  
Saturday evening vigil, 5:00pm  
Sunday, 8:30 & 11:00am

WEEKDAY MASSES  
Monday-Friday  
5:00pm

St Matthias Church  
1685 Cordilleras Road, Redwood City  
SUNDAY MASS  
Saturday evening vigil, 5:00pm  
Sunday, 9:45am

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St. Charles' Parish Office - 591-7349  
Office Hours Mon - Fri., 9:00am - 1:00pm  
Sacrament of Penance  
Saturday, 3:30 - 4:00pm, or anytime by appointment  
Eucharistic Adoration  
First Friday, 9:00am - 10:00am  
Parish Center Chapel



WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

January 8- January 14

Monday	9:00am	Carmen Yulo †
Tuesday	5:00pm	Christina Esteban†
Wednesday	5:00pm	Robert Colaizzi†
Thursday	5:00pm	Frances Dos Remedios†
Friday	5:00pm	Arturo Villasenor †
Saturday	5:00pm	
Sunday	8:30am	Araceli Balitactac †
	11:00am	Parishioners of St. Charles

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

**T**he Parish Center Chapel is open daily from 9:00am-4:00pm for prayer and quiet visits. **When visiting, please enter and exit through the Grotto doors.**

**Remember in your prayers the people of our parish community who are sick, awaiting surgery, recovering or homebound:**

Doug MacGowan Joy K, Maria Umhofer, Mary Lough, Ben Macuga, Connie Romeo, Nancy Reynoso, Aggie Perry, Marcia Baumgarten, Luke Castricone, and Charles Attard.

### Prayer Shawl Ministry

This ministry is open to **all** who love to knit or crochet **"Gifts of Love."** We supply the yarn and you choose the gifts that you would like to create. ***This can be done in your home, on your own time, with no deadlines to meet.*** The next Prayer Shawl Ministry social is scheduled for Wednesday, January 10th from 10:00-11:30am. in the St. Charles Room.

If you know of someone who is going through a difficult time and could be comforted by one of our prayer shawls, please call Kathy Fagliano, Parish Minister to the Sick and Elderly, 591-7349 ext. 402.

***This weekend's second collection will benefit parish education.***

### Pray for VOCATIONS

**"For out of you shall come forth a ruler who will shepherd My people."** Is Christ calling you forth out of your comfort zone to serve Him in others as a sister, brother, or priest? ? Contact the Vocations Office at (415) 614-5684 or email [vocations@sfarch.org](mailto:vocations@sfarch.org).



### JANUARY SENIOR LUNCHEON

**PLEASE JOIN US ON JANUARY 10TH AT NOON FOR A DELICIOUS BRUNCH AS WE RING IN 2024 WITH YOUR FRIENDS FROM ST. CHARLES AND ST. MATTHIAS!!**

**ALL REGISTERED PARISHIONERS 60 YEARS+ ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO OUR MONTHLY LUNCHEON HELD ON THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT NOON IN BORRAMEO HALL.**

**TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT PLEASE RSVP TO KATHY FAGLIANO AT 650-591-7349 EXT. 402 OR [KFAGLIANO@STCHARLESPARISH.ORG](mailto:KFAGLIANO@STCHARLESPARISH.ORG).**

**CAREGIVERS ARE WELCOME.**

**ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY NOON, MONDAY, JANUARY 8TH.**

**IF YOU NEED A RIDE PLEASE CONTACT KATHY. WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!**

"The life of Jesus is a life for others.  
It is a life of service."

—Pope Francis



**Mark your Calendars!  
Saint Charles Men's Club Crabaganza  
Saturday, February 24, 2024**

**"Little Italy" in Borromeo is back! This must-do event of the Parish features a family style feast of pasta, salad, and mounds of fresh crab. Dinner will be followed by live music with the best dance band ever--Entourage. Details to follow and reservations will open mid-January so stay tuned. For more information, contact Gene Shimshock ([genes@shimshock.com](mailto:genes@shimshock.com)).**

*Come celebrate together a New Year of Christ's Love  
Women's Club Winter Dinner*

*January 17, 2024  
Borromeo Hall*

*6:00 pm for social and hor'dourves  
6:30 pm Dinner seating time  
\$40 per person*

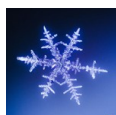
*RSVP by sending form below and check  
to be received by: January 8, 2024  
Questions: [StCharlesWClub@gmail.com](mailto:StCharlesWClub@gmail.com)*

*MAIL TO : Chris King, [227 Devonshire Blvd., San Carlos, CA 94070](mailto:227 Devonshire Blvd., San Carlos, CA 94070)*

*Name(s) Women Attending:*

*Email (or phone# if no email):*

*\$ Total check enclosed. \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Payable to: St. Charles Church*



### WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED Wedding Feast & Epiphany

**Question:** How are the feasts of the baptism of Jesus and the account of the wedding feast of Cana related to the Epiphany celebration?

**Answer:** The Epiphany season focuses on revealing Jesus to the world. Following the Christmas celebration, the liturgical year lays out a series of manifestation points in which Jesus is made publicly known. From its very beginning, the Christian community highlighted three events in the life of Jesus. These are the Epiphany, the Baptism of the Lord and the wedding feast at Cana.

The Epiphany discloses Jesus to the world of the Gentiles, represented by the magi from the East. The accounts of Jesus' baptism reveal his identity and mission, along with exposing him to those to whom he was sent to minister. The miracle of turning water to wine at the wedding feast of Cana, unique to John's Gospel, is the first public sign that Jesus performs, thus manifesting his public identity and his powers.

Today in the Roman Church, these are usually celebrated on three successive Sundays: Epiphany, the Baptism of the Lord which is usually the next Sunday, and the wedding feast of Cana, which is proclaimed on the 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time in lectionary year C. (We are in lectionary year B) These feasts connect around the concept of epiphany, public manifestation of Jesus to the world. They help us get to know more intimately who Jesus is and what he is about. Spend some time delving more deeply into your understanding of who Jesus is. Continue to cultivate these "epiphany" moments in your life.

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### **The Catholic Way : Discipleship: What It Is and How We Live It**

*Please start the new year off well by exploring how we are disciples in our everyday lives -  
9:45 to 10:45 a.m. in the Parish Center Chapel today Sunday January 7th!*

Part of our series - The Catholic Way: Believe-Pray-Live - no advanced preparation, attend any session.  
For questions, contact Alison - [aspong@stcharlesparish.org](mailto:aspong@stcharlesparish.org)



### **Many Hands Make Light Work**

It's not every day that you get the opportunity to clean and tidy up "God's house." The St. Charles Church Cleaning Crew is seeking additional members. If you would like to be a part of this special ministry or for more information, please contact Kathy Fagliano 650-591-7349 ext. 402 or [kfagliano@stcharlesparish.org](mailto:kfagliano@stcharlesparish.org).  
**Thank you!**

### **St. Charles 2024 Offertory Envelopes**

The 2024 offertory envelopes are available for pick up in the back of Church. If you do not know your envelope number please check the listing binder for your name. If you are not a regular envelope user and would like to be, or you cannot find your envelopes, please call the parish office at 591-7349 ext. 404 or email [parishoffice@stcharlesparish.org](mailto:parishoffice@stcharlesparish.org).



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