



# ST. CHARLES PARISH COMMUNITY

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## ASCENSION of the Lord

Have you ever noticed how often we use “up” and “down” to judge things? Beethoven’s Ninth Symphony is “high” art, while professional wrestling is “low.” If I’m having a good day, I’m on “cloud nine.” A bad day means I am “down in the dumps.” A successful career is “moving up the ladder.” Failure in work or personal life can be “falling from the heights.” Life is filled with “ups and downs” — no one has the slightest problem understanding that means life has both “good and bad.” Now consider Jesus’ ascension. He ascends not just to some level slightly higher of goodness, but “above all the heavens,” to use the words of Saint Paul (Eph.4:10). That expression means to the source of all goodness. He has gone all the way down — to the farthest depths of human suffering, and death. And now he has taken our humanity all the way up into God. In doing so he has demonstrated what he says in the Gospel of John to the Father: “Everything of yours is mine.” He now reigns over every possible aspect of creation in and through his human nature. That’s what the ascension is all about.

So what? No matter what the lows and highs, ups and down we face this week, we are totally encompassed by the one who descended and ascended. So, we should happily and confidently entrust ourselves to him. He has shown us not only his power, but especially his love, in filling all our ups and down with his presence.

— Father John Muir

### 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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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

May 22~ May 28

Monday	5:00pm	—
Tuesday	5:00pm	Kathy Rodgers †
Wednesday	5:00pm	Frances Dos Remedios †
Thursday	5:00pm	Martin Lafferty †
Friday	5:00pm	—
Saturday	5:00pm	Carol D'Lima †
Sunday	8:30am	Marlene Muscat †
	11:00am	Parishioners of St. Charles

### *Rest in Peace*

Marisa Malatesta †

**Remember in your prayers the people of our parish community** who are sick, awaiting surgery, recovering or homebound: Noel Milligan, Ben Macuga, Nancy Farrant, Kathi Carolla, Nancy Reynoso, Ida Figone, Diane Masetti, Aggie Perry, Marcia Baumgarten, Joyce Banducci, Luke Castricone, Charles Attard, and Kevin Holden.



Rides for parishioners are needed for the 8:30am and 11:00am Sunday Masses. If you are able to offer a ride, please call Kathy Fagliano at 591-7349 ext. 402, or email her at [kfagliano@stcharlesparish.org](mailto:kfagliano@stcharlesparish.org).

## MEXICO MISSION 2023

**Next weekend** you will have the opportunity to participate in the **Mexico Mission Trip** by donating through our **second collection**. Your contributions will help to provide us with the funds needed to carry out our mission of *building hope* for those who are less fortunate. Please contact Carlos DeMarchena if you would like to find out how to support our mission trip. ([cfdemarchena@gmail.com](mailto:cfdemarchena@gmail.com))

### CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN

This weekend our parish will take up the Collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). This Collection communicates the Gospel through Catholic social media activities and enriches our faith through Internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of all proceeds remain in our archdiocese and support local needs, so please be generous in this collection. CCC equips us to share our experience of faith, worship, and witness with the world.

*We are not made to live like atoms, but together.*

—Pope Francis

World Communications Day, 2022



### Prayer for the Day

#### The Ascension of the Lord

*Gladden us with holy joys, almighty God, and make us rejoice with devout thanksgiving, for the Ascension of Christ your Son is our exaltation, and, where the Head has gone before in glory, the Body is called to follow in hope. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*



## CONFIRMATION

Registration is now open for our Confirmation program, both Year 1 and Year 2. Remember, if your student is just completing the Year 1 program, you still need to register for Year 2, which will begin in August. The registration link is on the parish website. Any questions can be sent to Kristin and Billy at [confirmation@stcharlesparish.org](mailto:confirmation@stcharlesparish.org).

## Pray for VOCATIONS

**“And I consecrate myself for them, so that they also may be consecrated in truth.”**

If you think God may be offering you the grace of serving Him and His people as a priest or in the consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office at (415) 614-5684 or email: [vocations@sfarch.org](mailto:vocations@sfarch.org).

**The St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Charles Parish extends deep gratitude to Lunardi's Markets (Belmont Plaza) for generously providing grocery bags essential to our distributing food to the needy of this community. Their support of our efforts in this regard is greatly appreciated and we encourage the patronage of those who help us help others**

***Stewardship Thought*** Jesus ascended into heaven, blessing His disciples and promising that they would soon receive the power of the Holy Spirit. We who have received that promised gift of the Spirit are now empowered to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth — to use our time and talents to spread the Good News of salvation.



*St. Charles Women's Club Social  
Inviting all women of St Charles  
and St Matthias  
Wednesday, June 14, 6pm-7:30pm  
Join after the 5pm Mass  
At the Grotto for Wine and Cheese  
Come mingle with old and new friends!*

### Famous Last Words

A fun way to waste an hour or two on the internet is to Google "famous last words." There are entire websites devoted to chronicling the last utterances of celebrities and historical figures. I think the fascination with parting words stems from the drama of a person's final moment on earth. We want to ascribe some kind of power and significance to the last words they say, especially if they are our loved ones, because it gives us something to carry with us in our grief.

In Jesus' case, every word he ever said had power and significance, but especially those he said before ascending into Heaven: "You will be my witnesses ... to the ends of the earth."

And then he was gone.

If I were one of the Apostles, I think a small anxiety attack would have commenced at that point. As much as they knew and believed that Christ was still with them, it must have felt awfully lonely standing there staring at an empty sky, with the mother of all homework assignments having just been handed down.

Stewardship is intimidating by nature. The baptismal call is an honor and a gift. But it is also a little scary bearing witness to Christ.

When we doubt ourselves, let's return to Christ's last words and cling to the faith he had in his Father's love for us. He says not "you will be witnesses" but "you are witnesses." We already have what we need. God is within us, and we take Him wherever we go.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS  
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### Importance of Belonging to a Parish

*The parish is where the Church lives. Parishes are communities of faith, of action, and of hope. They are where the gospel is proclaimed and celebrated, where believers are formed and sent to renew the earth. Parishes are the home of the Christian community; they are the heart of our Church. Parishes are the place where God's people meet Jesus in word and sacrament and come in touch with the source of the Church's life.*

*U.S. Catholic Bishops "Communities of Salt and Light:  
Reflections on the Social Mission of the Parish" 1993*

### Today is World Communication Day!

Speak with the heart: Veritatem facientes in caritate" (*Doing the truth in charity*) is the theme for World Communication Day 2023.

**"We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world"...**announced Pope Francis and the Holy See Press Office.

### A Time to Pause and Reflect

**Let us "spiritually" journey together!** We will reflect on God's messages to us, connect our faith to our daily lives and be inspired to share God's love with others. Please join us for conversation each **first and third Thursday of the month** from 7 – 8 p.m. in the **Parish Center Chapel**. *For all—no matter where you are in life and in your faith.* No advanced preparation required. Contact Alison (aspong@stcharlesparish.org) with any questions.



### Women's Retreat for Healing After Abortion May 26-28, 2023

Bilingual English and Spanish

Led by Father Vito Perrone, COSJ  
with Father James Liebner, SVD

The event will include Mass, the Sacrament of Reconciliation and counseling. It will be held at a confidential location.

To sign up or for details, visit [sfarch.org/rachel](http://sfarch.org/rachel), call 415-614-5567 or email [projectrachel@sfarch.org](mailto:projectrachel@sfarch.org).

*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.*