



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.

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time • January 16, 2022

The Gospel reading for this Sunday is the first miracle in John's Gospel. Jesus helps, as his mother requested, but he does so in a way that is a lesson about God's love. In Jesus' time, the Jewish people performed purification rituals before eating anything. These cleansings were a sign that they wanted to be like God, completely free from sin. Jesus could have made the wine in bottles or wineskins, but he used the "six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings." (*John 2:6*).

This meant that once they were full of wine, the jars could no longer be used for cleansing. The symbolism in the miracle is that people cannot cleanse themselves. We don't purify ourselves in order to come to God. Rather, we go to God to be purified. God is the only one who can make us holy. God never forces mercy on anyone; it is offered to those who ask for it. The volume of the wine in the stone water jars symbolizes the extent of God's mercy. As there was more than enough wine for the wedding, God has more than enough mercy for all who need it. Wine is also a symbol of joy in the Old Testament. There is no greater joy than knowing that one has been forgiven by the Lord.

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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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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 17 - January 23

Mon.	5:00pm	Frances Dos Remedios †
Tues.	5:00pm	Pat Cauterucci †
Wed.	5:00pm	The Bon Family
Thurs.	5:00pm	Tito & Baby Ora †
Fri.	5:00pm	Recto & Lilia Ora †
Sat.	5:00pm	Tony & Ana Azca †
Sun.	8:30am 11:00am	Deanna & Alexis Perez (L) The Parishioners of St. Charles (L)

Please pray for the faithful departed
of our St. Charles Community.



*"Forgiveness is not an occasional act;
it is a permanent attitude."*

—Martin Luther King Jr.
(January 15, 1929 – April 4, 1968)

**Parishes offices will be closed on Monday,
January 17, in honor of Martin Luther King Jr.**

Flu season is upon us. If you are *not* feeling well and aren't sure if you should attend Mass, please stay home to prevent the spread of viruses to your fellow parishioners. If you have been diagnosed with COVID 19, please call the parish office.

**Masks are required in Church,
regardless of vaccination status.**



Remember in your prayers the people of our parish community who are sick, awaiting surgery, recovering or homebound: Adriana Hefel, Kevin Holden, Rosa Nikolic, Fr. John Sakowski, Connie Romeo, Susan Welsh, Greg Camp, Bill Eppler...and for all that are impaired by Covid19.

St. Charles 2022 Offertory Envelopes

The 2022 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.



As your pastor, and on behalf of our Holy Father Pope Francis, I personally invite you to participate in the input process for the upcoming Synod of Bishops on Synodality. This is an unprecedented opportunity for Catholics around the world to contribute to the thinking and discussions of the Synod of Bishops. The Archdiocese of San Francisco begins this process for all parishes this weekend by asking parishioners to complete the *Disciple Maker Index* survey. Since 2013 the *Disciple Maker Index* survey has served as a nationally recognized tool administered by The Catholic Leadership Institute in parishes throughout the United States and Canada. Local results of the *Disciple Maker Index* will provide a baseline of parishioner feedback from which the discussion content for the follow-up engagement sessions will be developed. (Engagement sessions will be offered in February and March throughout the Archdiocese.) We request 100% participation in the *Disciple Maker Index* survey between now and February 15. As your pastor, I encourage **ALL** parishioners to participate so that your voices may be heard.

To take the survey, go to our parish website at www.stcharlesparish.org or go to www.sfarch.org/synod and select "St. Charles Parish." If you prefer, you can complete the survey on paper; copies are available in the vestibule of the church near the side door entry of the parking lot. **Please take time to participate in this survey.**

For more information, on the synodal process and how to participate, go to www.sfarch.org/synod, or contact Kathy Fagliano at 591-7349 ext. 402 or kfagliano@stcharlesparish.org.

"the world in which we live, and which we are called to love and serve, even with its contradictions, demands that the Church strengthens cooperation in all areas of her mission."

— Pope Francis



Pray for Vocations

"There are different forms of service but the same Lord;" is your form of service to become a priest, deacon or consecrated religious?

For more information contact the Vocation Office at (415) 614-5684 or email: vocations@sfarch.org.



Join us January 22 for this annual event in support of the unborn. You are invited to start the day with Mass at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption at 10:30 am.

The **Walk for Life Info Faire** begins at 11:00 am at Civic Center Plaza. Stop by and say hello to us at the Human Life & Dignity table. The **Rally** will begin at the same location at 12:30 pm, with the **Walk** itself commencing at 1:30 pm. You are also invited to participate in prayer on the previous day, Friday, January 21. **St. Dominic's Church** (2390 Bush Street, San Francisco) will be hosting Vespers at 5:00 pm, followed by Mass at 5:30 pm and Holy Hour with Confessions from 6:30-7:30 pm. For full schedule and additional details, visit the *Walk for Life 2022 Schedule* | *Walk for Life West Coast* (walkforlifewc.com)



PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Almighty ever-living God,
who govern all things,
both in heaven and on earth,
mercifully hear the pleading of your people
and bestow your peace on our times.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Silent Retreats return to Vallombrosa

One-day retreats are on January 22, February 19, and March 26, 8:30am-5:30pm, and include a simple meal. \$45 per retreat.

- Saturday, January 22 focuses on the *Daily Prayer Life of Jesus and Mary*, based on the Psalms. Brother Agapetos, spiritual father at St. Patrick's Seminary and University, will lead the morning conference and meditations. Dr. Anthony Lilles, Dean of Academics at St. Patrick's, will lead the afternoon. All retreats include ample time for personal silent prayer. A Eucharistic Celebration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will conclude each retreat.
- Subsequent retreats: February 19, *The Spiritual Battle*, and March 26, *Discernment*.
- A 5-day silent retreat will be scheduled in May.

To register online visit Vallombrosa.org/calendar. To register by mail, send a check to Vallombrosa with your name, contact information, and your intended date(s) of attendance. By telephone, contact Deacon Peloso at 650-325-5614 and pay with a credit card.



Converging Roads Medical Ethics Conference
Health Care at the Service of Patient & Professional
Saturday, February 12, 2022

St. Patrick's Seminary & University | Menlo Park, CA

Presented by the St. John Paul II Foundation,
the Archdiocese of San Francisco, Region XI
of the Catholic Medical Association, and
St. Patrick's Seminary & University.

Continuing education credits for
healthcare professionals will be offered.
In-Person Registration: \$69-\$149 based
on CME/CNE inclusion.

Online Registration: \$39-\$119 based
on CME/CNE inclusion.

For more information, please visit
convergingroads.com or email
CR@forlifeandfamily.org.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In today's liturgy we hear about the wedding at Cana, Jesus' first miracle of water turned into wine. Wedding celebrations always require some savvy planning and people who have a talent for hospitality. Mary, mother of Jesus, has been recruited to resolve a very understandable crisis, and she does what she can to rescue the party. Over time, the written tradition of Jesus Christ's blessing at the marriage feast led the Church to establish a formal blessing for marriages. Called the *Nuptial Blessing*, this prayer is one of the most solemn of prayers in the Catholic tradition, similar to the prayers by which baptismal water and chrism are consecrated, the ordination prayer over a priest, and the Eucharistic Prayers over bread and wine. Thus, married couples have good reason to celebrate today's Gospel as a "mini-anniversary," especially with the clinking of glasses filled with good wine.