Reflecting on God’s Word

Going to the school of Jesus was not always easy for the disciples. Beginning with this event, Jesus begins to educate them about what it means to be his disciple. He starts with the basics: Who he is. Like a good teacher, he engages them in a discussion, asking two questions, going from the easier one to the more demanding one: Who do others say I am? Who do you say I am?

The first question gets a quick answer, but the second one gets only Peter’s response. By saying “You are the Christ” (Mark 8:29), Peter was naming Jesus as the long-awaited Anointed One, the one who would come to restore Israel’s political kingdom and overthrow the Romans. But this was not to be. Jesus counters Peter by speaking of himself as the Son of Man who must suffer, be rejected, be killed, and then rise after three days.

Peter is aghast at this and places himself in front of Jesus so that Jesus has to tell him to get behind him. Peter is blocking his way, like an obstacle, a stumbling block, an adversary (Satan), preventing Jesus from going in the direction he is heading. Peter had learned about a Messiah of power and prestige and Jesus was talking about a Man of pain and punishment. Peter wanted a political Messiah, not a suffering one. Peter saw the disciples taking part in the pomp and pageantry of a new age, and Jesus was speaking of denying oneself and picking up a cross.

But graduating from the school of Jesus means moving out of our comfort zone into a distressful district: a place where we take up the cross of self-denial and self-sacrifice. Of course, it all depends on how we answer his question: Who do you say that I am?

—James A. Wallace, C.Ss.R.

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Drivers Needed: There are members of our parish community who are unable to join us in celebrating Mass due to lack of transportation. If you are able to help by offering a ride, please contact Kathy Fagliano at 591-7349 ext. 402 or email kfagliano@stcharlesparish.org.

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

Next Weekend’s Special Collection Priest Retirement’s Fund 2018
It begins with a call...a call from Christ to live in a relationship with Him by serving His people. It is the a call that lasts a lifetime. It involves love of Church, commitment, sacrifice and service....It is the priesthood.

We are truly blessed by the men who have given their lives in service to thousands of families as a priest. As life begins to change in their later years, so too do their needs. Together we are invited to join and bless those who have blessed us by making a meaningful gift to the Priest Retirement Fund next weekend.

Have you ever wondered what happens to our priests after they retire from teaching, preaching, and serving on a regular basis? Where do they go? Who takes care of them? What do they need? Like us, they desire rest and have needs for care and medical treatment as they grow older. Unlike most of us, though, their modest salaries were never meant to provide for them after many years of service.

Your gift to the Priest Retirement Fund is a meaningful investment and true blessing for the care and comfort of our spiritual fathers as they enter the later chapters in life.

Thank you for your support of our faithful priests.

Please pray for the faithful departed in the Mass! To fill out an application simply go to our parish website at www.stcharlesparish.org...then go to the Ministries...then Altar Servers...there you find the Altar Server Application Form. Once the application is received, further information will be forwarded to you.

Any questions, contact the parish office.

San Carlos gives back!
San Carlos Day of Service
September 23rd, 10AM - 4PM
https://www.sancarlosdayofservice.org/
Join us for a one-day celebration of our wonderful city through acts of community service. Our city is unique in its vibrant identity and pride. We want to celebrate and grow our community through a day dedicated to giving back throughout San Carlos.
St. Charles parish will be participating again this year by collecting new, BPA-free plastic or stainless steel water bottles. There are plastic bins in church for the water bottle donations. The San Carlos Day of Service “headquarters” will be set up at the Burton Park bandstand throughout the day on September 23. We will have several “drop in” volunteer projects at Burton throughout the day.

Join with your friends and neighbors and give back to San Carlos!

Prayer for Catechists
O God, our Heavenly Father, you have given us the gift of these catechists to be heralds of the Gospel to our parish family. We lift them up to you in thanksgiving and intercede for them concerning their hopes and needs. May we be attentive to the presence of your Word in them, a Word that lifts up and affirms, calls forth and challenges, is compassionate and consoles. We pray that our parish family will always be blessed with those who have responded to the call to share in Christ’s prophetic mission as catechists. May we too be open to the universal call to service that Christ addresses to all of his disciples, contributing our gifts to the communion of faith, the Church. We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Is God calling YOU to be an Altar Server at St. Charles?
If you are a girl or boy in grade 4 or above and have been baptized Catholic and received First Communion and would like to serve the Church as an altar server, we’d love to have you!! It’s an important ministry and a great way to serve others while involving yourself more deeply in the Mass! To fill out an application simply go to our parish website at www.stcharlesparish.org...then go to the Ministries...then Altar Servers...there you find the Altar Server Application Form. Once the application is received, further information will be forwarded to you.

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St Charles Parish Fall Festival
September 28-September 30, 2018

Volunteer Opportunities: Our volunteer sign up website is up and running! Volunteering for a booth shift is a fun way to work towards service hours and give back to the St. Charles Parish community. Did you know that you can get DOUBLE volunteer hours for helping with clean up on Monday, October 1, 2018? Interested in joining the Festival Committee? There are so many opportunities to get involved. Reach out to our festival email list for more information. Please click below to sign up for your volunteer shifts! If it is your first time logging in, please use the password “tamarack” http://www.stcharlesfestival.org/

Prize Donations: Our fantastic booth chairs are seeking donations for prizes to run their booths. A few ideas:
- Time to clean out your cabinets? Dime Toss is collecting glassware for the dime toss booth. You can drop off your donation to Father Dave’s trailer. Gently loved stuffed animals, dollar store trinkets, packaged candy, silly string, and books are all amazing donations that can be used for the Surprise Wall, Treasures under the Sea, Candy Wheel, etc. Also needed are Electronics, gift cards, and larger items for our Prize Booth.

Plants: Plant donations for our Plant Booth will be accepted the week of festival. More info to follow.

Unsure of where your donation may fit. Feel free to email our festival team and we will make sure your donations are collected and delivered to the proper booth.

Sponsorship & Raffle: Raffle Tickets and Sponsorship Forms are being sent out via the mail this week. If you have any questions, please contact us. Need additional raffle tickets? No problem! Send us an email and we will get them out to you.

Entertainment: Our full event schedule will be published next week. On Friday night, “Shymanski’s Shrimp Invasion will be hitting the festival stage with an 11 piece ensemble”. On Saturday, “Jim Stevens and Friends” will be playing at our Pasta dinner in Borromeo and “Explorer” will play on our festival stage.

Questions? Please contact: festival@stcharlesparish.org

Baked Goodies Needed For Fall Festival
Do you love to bake? We need all types of baked goods for the Bake Booth. Please drop off your double wrapped creations directly to the Bake Booth during festival hours: 9/28 3-9pm, 9/29 1-9pm, 9/30 12-6pm or bring to the Borromeo Hall Kitchen, marked “Bake Booth.”

PLEASE DOUBLE WRAP ALL BAKED GOODS!
Contact Michelle Baeza with any questions at mishbaez@hotmail.com or call 650-670-7674.

Hospitality Sunday Coordinator
Are you looking for a fun way to connect with the parish community? Hospitality/Donut Sunday is a great way to do just that! We will work with you to get everything organized and ready to go! For more information contact the parish office at 650-591-7349 ext. 404 or email parishoffice@stcharlesparish.org.

Religious Education

K-4, Edge and Confirmation
Registration is still open
Registration forms and information are posted on the relevant webpages at www.stcharlesparish.org. Email any questions to Alison Spong (K-4) aspong@stcharlesparish.org or Tami Palladino (Edge/Confirmation) at tam@stcharlesparish.org

If you have ever thought about sharing your Catholic faith with children, Religious Education needs you! You do not need to:
- have a child in the program
- have a teaching credential
- be available every weekend

If you have any interest, we have the support and encouragement. Please contact Alison (650-591-7349 ext. 407 or aspong@stcharlesparish.org) if you have even a “glimmer” of interest—your call or email will make her day!

Looking for an easy (but much appreciated) way to help our parish community?
The Religious Education program needs kind adults for childcare. The time commitment is flexible and basically a little over an hour on some Sunday mornings and some Wednesday evenings. Please contact Alison Spong (aspong@stcharlesparish.org or 650-591-7349 ext. 407) if you are interested.

Engage your children and interact about how Mass nurtures our spirits and our lives!
Please have your child pick up a Step by Step (4-7 year olds) or Footprints in Faith (7-12 year olds) Gospel activity sheet (and a pencil) on the way into Mass. They can solve puzzles, complete searches, and connect to the Gospel message - all in the pew! Also please pick up a “Mass” Transit Card for your family. One side summarizes the readings, provides a prayer and asks a question – which you can read on your way to Mass (in “Transit”). As a family, you can answer the questions on the back and connect your faith to your everyday lives (on your way home). These resources are available at all Masses in the vestibule closest to the Rectory and in the grand entrance close to the Holy Water font.

Pianist Needed...
St. Charles Catholic Church seeks a skilled pianist and/or organist to join the music ministry team. The pianist/accompanist will play for choir rehearsals on Thursdays and two Mass on Sundays. Interested applicants should submit a resume and references electronically or by mail to:
Sara Murphy, Director of Music Ministry
St Charles Catholic Church
smurphy@stcharlesparish.org
800 Tamarack Avenue, San Carlos, CA 94070
After receipt of applications, candidates being considered will be contacted for interview and audition. For more detailed information, please see full job description on the parish website.

We’ve Moved!
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WORSHIP

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

WEEKDAY MASSES
Friday 6:00am Mass
Mon.- Fri. 8:30am Mass
Saturday
8:30am

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION
6:30, 8:30am & 7:00pm

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE
Saturday, 3:30–4:00pm
Anytime by appointment

EUCARHISTIC ADORATION
First Friday
9:00am—10:00pm

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
Baptism is available for all children of St. Charles Parish.
Prior to setting a date for the Baptism, parents are required to attend a Baptismal prepara-
tion session and may do so prior to the baby’s birth.

R.C.I.A. RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS
is a process by which adults prepare to enter fully into our faith community through Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY
It is required that a couple contact one of the parish clergy at least 6 months before the tentative wedding date to begin the preparation process.

Parish Office 591-7349
Office Hours Mon - Fri.
9:00am - 4:30pm

Sunday Parish Office
8:00am - 1:00pm
Rectory

St. Charles School 593-1629
Extended Day Care
593-1629 ext. 312

BULLETIN DEADLINE
Tuesday by 10:00am