



FIRST

Sunday
OF

Advent

NOVEMBER 28, 2021

ST. CHARLES PARISH COMMUNITY

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We, the Church, enter into Advent and the new liturgical year with a call for a watchful confidence. Our readings were originally addressed to communities undergoing great loss and confusion. Jeremiah speaks confidently of God fulfilling the ancient promises to Israel, even during a time of foreign invasion. Paul speaks of God leading the Church into holiness, while the community longs for the coming of Jesus. In the Gospel passage from Luke, Jesus speaks of powerful signs and of great confusion to come, but emphasizes that we may look forward knowing that God brings not cause for despair, but hope. We celebrate Advent to remind each other of God's faithfulness. We are to be watchful, to see how God is stirring up our world. God disturbs both our pride and our complacency, and brings us healing and justice. We prepare ourselves to welcome Jesus, confident that God indeed fulfills all these divine promises.

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

November 29 ~ December 5

Mon.	5:00pm	Pat Cauterucci †
Tues.	5:00pm	Mary Sambitan †
Wed.	5:00pm	Lauren Zanetti Holmes (L) Michelle Yun Zanetti †
Thurs.	9:00am	Frances Dos Remedios †
Fri.	5:00pm	Frances Dos Remedios †
Sat.	5:00pm	Colin Walker †
Sun.	8:30am	Frances Dos Remedios †

Please pray for the faithful departed of our parish community.

Remember in your prayers the people of our parish community who are sick, awaiting surgery, recovering or homebound: Dorothy Bieniek, Patrick Boland, Rosa Nikolic, Marissa Malatesta, Fr. John Sakowski, Connie Romeo, Rose Del Zompo, June Chichizola, Susan Welsh, Greg Camp, Isobel Englert, Jill Leader, Bill Eppler...and for all that are impaired by Covid19.

An Invitation to Pilgrimage to Medjugorje with Fr. Samuel Musiimenta May 9-17, 2022

\$2,849 per person, based on double occupancy

Please contact Deacon Dominic

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for more information.

Extended 7-day trip to Poland (May 17-23) available upon request.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The next Prayer Shawl Ministry social will be held this Wednesday, **Dec. 1st, from 10:00-11:30am** in the St. Charles room. This ministry is open to all who love to knit or crochet "**Gifts of Love**" for those with a special need. 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. If you would like to donate yarn, please bring it to the parish center and be sure to put your name on it so we will know who to thank!! *If you would like to make a monetary donation please make checks out to St. Charles Church, and mail to Diana Balestreri at 1406 Greenbrier Road, San Carlos. Thank you. "I assure you, as often as you did it for the least of my brothers, you did it for me" Matthew 25:40*

Next weekend's second collection will benefit parish education. Thank you for your continued support.

Thank you to our wonderful parish, and school families, and the business community, for their support during our annual Thanksgiving Turkey Drive. Because of you, we were able to provide food for Thanksgiving meals to 129 local families here and at St. Matthew's. Thank you to our parish for providing cash donations and gift cards, to our school's 3rd Graders and 6th Graders for their lovely artwork, to our parish office for their support and efforts, and to Trader Joe's for providing grocery bags. Because of your generosity, many families were able to have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Your St. Vincent de Paul Conference

St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Sharing Tree Ends December 12, 2021



During Advent, our Sharing Tree is once again in action! Every family deserves to share in the joy of the season without having to choose between holiday cheer and a warm meal or safe place to sleep. Our Sharing Tree Fund Drive provides what we give to local families and individuals in need during this season, and COVID-19 again presents various challenges in hosting volunteer groups to sort and distribute gifts. So, this year donations will be limited to cash donations, Target gift cards, or Safeway gift cards in order to keep our volunteers and our families safe.

If you would like to donate money safely and easily to help St. Vincent de Paul purchase gifts and gift cards for our local families, Catherine's Center, St. Francis of Assisi parishioners in East Palo Alto, and the Homeless Help Center, go to www.stcharlesparish.org/sharingtree by December 12th to donate online...

OR, you can bring your cash donation (including checks made out to St. Vincent de Paul) to the church office, or mail it by December 12th to St. Charles Parish, 880 Tamarack Ave., San Carlos, Ca. 94070

OR, you can purchase Safeway or Target gift cards in \$25 increments and either mail them to the address above or drop them off at the parish office by December 12th. (*Mark that it is for the SVDP Sharing Tree*)

We are excited to spread cheer this year via safe gift card distribution. Gift cards will also allow families to personalize shopping for each child online, via curbside pickup, or in-store. Join us today and help us reach our goal of gifting over 300 gift cards for families in need. Thank you for your generosity and love!

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St. Matthias Book Club Series

Racial Justice and the Catholic Church, written by Reverend Bryan N. Massingale, theologian and racial justice scholar, addresses the thorny issue of racial justice past and present. **Father Massingale** is Professor of Theological and Social Ethics, as well as the Senior Ethics Fellow in Fordham's Center for Ethics Education. Prior to his appointment at Fordham, he was Professor of Theology at Marquette University. Massingale writes from experience and conviction that the Catholic faith and the black experience make essential contributions in the continuing struggle against racial injustice. This discussion series, offered as a "book club" by the Justice & Charity Commission of St. Matthias Church, seeks to educate participants about Catholic teachings on racism and about racial justice within the Catholic Church. Participants are asked to purchase the book before beginning the program. This six-week, virtual series will include prayer, reading, reflection, and discussion about the book.

Mondays: Dec. 6, 13, 20 and Jan. 10, 17, and 24
Google Meet, 7:00 - 8:00 pm.

Technical support will be provided for all participants. For questions, or to register, contact the St. Matthias Parish office at (650) 366-9544 or email sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org.

St. Charles Parish Coat Drive

Please donate warm coats (new or gently used) for people in need, especially as the weather is turning colder. Bins will be located at the church entrances, the school front entrance, and the school lower yard from **November 28 to December 19**. Your donations will be delivered to the St. Anthony Foundation in San Francisco by Scarlet O'Brien and Zack Beals.



First Friday Eucharistic Adoration
December 3
Parish Center Chapel
One hour - 9:00am - 10:00am



Music for Today
First Sunday of Advent

Opening: *Ready the Way* BB#52
 Preparation of Gifts: *Waiting in Silence* BB#50
 Communion: *Come Lord Maranatha* BB#65
 Final: *Save Us O Lord* BB#662

1st Reading

Jer 33:14-16

The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and Judah. In those days, in that time, I will raise up for David a just shoot; he shall do what is right and just in the land. In those days Judah shall be safe and Jerusalem shall dwell secure; this is what they shall call her: "The LORD our justice."

Responsorial Psalm

R. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths, Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior, and for you I wait all the day.

R. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Good and upright is the LORD; thus he shows sinners the way. He guides the humble to justice, and teaches the humble his way.

R. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

All the paths of the LORD are kindness and constancy toward those who keep his covenant and his decrees. The friendship of the LORD is with those who fear him, and his covenant, for their instruction.

R. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

2nd Reading

1 Thes 3:12—4:2

Brothers and sisters: May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we have for you, so as to strengthen your hearts, to be blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones. Amen. Finally, brothers and sisters, we earnestly ask and exhort you in the Lord Jesus that, as you received from us how you should conduct yourselves to please God and as you are conducting yourselves you do so even more. For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus.

Gospel

Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Jesus said to his disciples: "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth nations will be in dismay, perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand. "Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap. For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth. Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man."

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Act of Spiritual Communion...My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.