

# SAINT CHARLES PARISH COMMUNITY

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**Second Sunday of Advent  
December 9, 2018**



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## Reflecting on God's Word

On most days since early October, the students in the college residence in which I live have been eagerly and insistently bouncing Christmas carols off walls and into hallways. It began with occasional songs on the piano. Soon after, the Christmas CDs were brought out, and a week later one of them came upon an old turntable and some Sinatra Christmas LPs. As they left for Thanksgiving vacation, they each reminded me that the radio would begin playing Christmas music all day long on the day after Thanksgiving. As a result of all this I've found myself wondering what it is that's driven these twenty-year-olds toward such early visions of Christmas sugarplums.

I've come to believe that beneath all the glitter draped and swagged with ribbons and bows over these days, deeper longings are at play, longings beyond desire for the newest iPhone, longings for community or healed relationships, longings too for peace among nations and for some sort of equality among people. Curiously, such deepened longings are never marketed by any hype. Yet like Christmas spirit, they just seem to sprout wherever the human spirit finds a niche. I suppose one could make the observation that a twenty-year-old's longing for Christmas is little more than leftover nostalgia for childhood Santas and once-upon-a-time daydreams. Maybe so. Yet Paul once wrote to the Philippian community that such urgings for goodness all begin with God and that ultimately *"the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus"* (Philippians 1:6). In other words, these deeper longings, they seem to be God's doing, and who are we to put them on a timetable?

—Rev. Joseph J. Juknialis

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## THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

**"The Light Is on for You!"**

*(In the Reconciliation Room in the church—this room is also used at the "quiet room" during Masses.  
It's the glass room on the right as you face the altar.)*

**Wednesday nights: Dec. 5, Dec. 12, and Dec 19**

**6:30pm-7:30pm**

**Saturdays, 3:30 – 4pm**

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## PARISH ADVENT SING

**Tuesday, December 18, 6:00pm, in the church**

*Come be inspired and enjoy the sounds of the season.*

This Advent Sing will be a wonderful display of our parish musical talents, including our K-8 class performances, parish choir performance, and new Tiger Band.


**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**  
**December 10 ~ December 16**

Mon.	8:30	Myrna Prego †
Tues.	8:30	Emilio, Lucia, & Joseph Bernal †
Wed.	8:30	Fran Maggio †
Thurs.	8:30	Matthew P. Curtis †
Fri.	6:30	—
	8:30	Patsy McGee †
Sat.	8:30	Matthew P. Curtis †
	5:00	Malgorzata Zalewski †
Sun.	5:00	—

**Rest in Peace**

Gerard Raney

*A gentle reminder: If you did not pick up your pictures of loved ones from the Blessed Sacrament Chapel in church, you may do so at the Parish Center.*

**Please pray for the people in our parish community who are sick, awaiting surgery, recovering or homebound, especially:** Patricia Snowden, Paula Neve, Alma Brennan, Yvonne Dioli, Terry Roman, Laurette Hollywood, Josie Heath, Armando Botello, Pat Boland, Eduardo Hernandez, Bob McCormick, Nicholas Jerrold, Rosie Maffei, Grace Wasmer, Nicholas Peters, Peggy Saunders, Carmen Esquivel, and their caregivers.

**Retirement Fund for Religious.**  
**This weekend's second collection**

This weekend we will take up the annual collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your gift will help defray some of the costs needed to care for our elderly religious and relieve the genuine financial crisis in many religious congregations. Whatever you give will be greatly appreciated. *Most importantly, please remember in your prayers the retired women and men religious living and serving in the Archdiocese of San Francisco.*


**Outreach to our Sister Parish**

We will be collecting donations of non-perishable foods, paper products (*including diapers*) and toiletries next weekend in outreach to our sister parish, St. Francis of Assisi. Thank you for helping to meet the needs of our East Palo Alto neighbors.

**St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Sharing Tree:** This Christmas season, our St. Vincent de Paul Conference is again providing an opportunity for our parish to provide comfort and joy to local struggling families and individuals, as well as assisting the St. Francis of Assisi St. Vincent de Paul conference, Catherine Center, Daughters of Charity families, and the Homeless Help Center. If you'd like to participate, simply select a paper ornament with the requested gift item noted on it, purchase the gift and return it to the front lobby by the tree **TODAY**. Thank you for your generosity in making Christmas-giving an opportunity to provide to those in need.

Merry Christmas and God bless,  
*St. Vincent de Paul Conference*

**Christmas Schedule**
**Masses on Christmas Eve**

Monday, December 24th

3:00pm—Family Mass

5:00 &amp; 10:00pm

**Masses on Christmas Day**

Tuesday, December 25th

8:30 &amp; 11:00am

*(no 5:00pm Mass)*
**Masses for Solemnity of Mary,  
 the Holy Mother of God**  
*Holy Day of Obligation*

Monday, December 31st

7:00pm—Vigil Mass

Tuesday, January 1st

8:30am Mass

**Christmas Play/Pageant Organizer(s):** We need a Christmas-spirited person or a group of Christmas-spirited people to help organize our St. Charles Christmas Play to happen during the 3:00pm Mass on Christmas Eve. It is always such a lovely event and so enjoyed by the children. We have resources from past performances and helpful materials but we just need someone or a small group to jump in - please contact me if you have any interest even if it is only a glimmer!

-Alison Spong - [aspong@stcharlesparish.org](mailto:aspong@stcharlesparish.org).

**Living God's Word**

Advent is about the very place from which all of our dreams begin—in God. It's where gorges of human pain and suffering are filled and where mountains of injustice are brought low. It's the way God begins to lead the people home to where it all began.

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**Catholic education is a gift for life!** St. Charles School takes pride in its commitment to academic excellence. An up-to-date curriculum fuses twenty-first century educational best practices with a rigorous traditional academic program. Teachers implement effective instructional strategies through cross-curricular and differentiated instruction, alternative assessments, and project-based learning. Primary emphasis is placed on critical thinking and problem-solving strategies that encourage students to analyze, hypothesize, evaluate, and synthesize, through thinking, listening, speaking, reading, and writing in all content areas. An integrated religion program ensures student knowledge of the Catholic faith *and* student life in living the faith.

St. Charles School is now taking applications for the 2019-2020 school year. If you are interested in learning more, schedule a tour by calling the school office at 650-593-1629 or online at [www.stcharlesschoolsc.org/admissions](http://www.stcharlesschoolsc.org/admissions). We look forward to learning more about you and your family!

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**Mark your calendars!  
Saint Charles Men's Club Crabaganza  
Saturday, February 9, 2019**

Planning is underway for Crab Dinner Extravaganza 2019 in 'Little Italy Borromeo'. 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 and dancing. Details to follow and reservations will open shortly so stay tuned. For more information, contact Gene Shimshock ([gene@shimshock.com](mailto:gene@shimshock.com)).

**St. Charles Parish Coat Drive  
Friday November 30th to  
Sunday Dec 23rd**



Bins will be located at the church entrances, school front entrance and school lower yard. Coats will be collected and delivered to the St. Anthony Foundation in San Francisco by TJ and Scarlet O'Brien.

**Our Lady of Guadalupe  
PRO-LIFE PROCESSION**

Sunday Dec. 16, 2018  
2:00-3:00pm



Join our rosary-praying procession beneath Our Lady's banner...starting at the statue of St. Matthew (*at St. Matthew's Church*) on El Camino Real & 9<sup>th</sup> Ave, in San Mateo...processing north on El Camino to Planned Parenthood (35 Baywood Ave) and Returning. [*Walk is about 1.5 mile round-trip*]

**Rain or shine!**

*Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Pre-born,  
Pray for us!*

**St. Charles Women's Club  
Baby Shower for Jesus  
Tuesday, December 11th,  
Borromeo Small Hall,  
7:00 PM**



**Bring a gift in honor of Baby Jesus' birth.  
All gifts will be donated to St. Francis House.  
Diapers always welcomed!**

**AWAITING THE SALVATION OF GOD**

The world does not seem big enough to contain the jubilation of the first reading. In the Gospel reading, the Roman empire isn't big enough, either. The great powers of Rome are named and made to stand waiting for the arrival of God's salvation. And we find Paul meditating joyfully on what really matters. According to Baruch, the city of Jerusalem is like a person standing on tiptoe looking for God's salvation, which is coming from the east. Those who were led away on foot, heads down, now come back, a proud people. Why, the very way is smoothed out. The path is lined with fragrant, lush trees. It can't get any better than this, can it? Well, yes, it can. For a voice calls out in the desert. Here is the beginning of the salvation of God.

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## WORSHIP

### SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday evening vigil  
5:00pm  
Sunday

8:30 & 11:00am, 5:00pm

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Friday 6:30am 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

### EUCCHARISTIC 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 preparation 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