

# ST. CHARLES BORROME0 PORTLAND - DECEMBER 24/25, 2011



Calendar



**Dec. 25 CHRISTMAS DAY Mass 10 :00 am**

( Is 52:7-10 Ps 98 Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18)  
 Caroling 9:30 am  
 Mass 10:00am  
 No Nursery

**Mon. Dec. 26 NO Communion Service OFFICE CLOSE**

( Acts 6:8-10;7:54-59 Ps 31 Mt 10:17-22)  
 CYO 3:30 pm Gym

**Dec. 27 NO Communion Service OFFICE CLOSED**

( 1 Jn 1:104 Ps 97 Jn 20:1a,2-8)

**Wed, Dec. 28 Mass 8 AM OFFICE CLOSED**

( 1 Jn 1:5-2:2 Ps 124 Mt 2:13-18)  
 Holy Hour 8 am  
 AA mtg. 7 pm Rm 15b

**Thur. Dec. 29 Mass 8 AM OFFICE CLOSED**

(1 Jn2:3-11 Ps 96 Lk 2:22-35)  
 Share the word 8:45 am PC  
 Comm. To sick 9:45 am PC

**Fri. Dec. 30 Mass 8 AM OFFICE CLOSED**

( Sir 3:2-6 Os 128 Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22,39-40)  
 Private Rental 5-10 pm PC  
 AA mtg. 7 pm Rm 15b

**Sat., Dec. 31 No Morning Mass**

( 1 Jn 2:18-21 Ps 96 Jn 1:1-18 )  
 Reconciliation 11am  
 Vigil mass 5 pm

Outside parish \*\*\*

## EPIPHANY PARTY POTLUCK LUNCH

Will be held, Sunday, January 8th after the 11 am Mass. Please bring a dish to share—come end the Christmas Season with your Parish family. There will be games and social time in the Parish Hall.

### ST. VINCENT de PAUL

This week the St Charles SVDP Conference Pantry helped provide food to 24 families for a total of 136 adults and children. In addition, a big "THANK YOU!" to all those who helped us create our 100 Christmas boxes for families within our parish boundaries:

St. Rose SVDP for sharing their Thanksgiving Food Drive, Dorothy Coughlin for providing Christmas Stockings from *The Oregonian*, and the SC parishioners and SC SVDP members for collecting and donating the food and toys, for helping pack the boxes and deliver them. Your time, energy and generosity made this Season better for 100 families. You all give witness to The Reason for the Season!



### SAVE THE DATE: upcoming events in the parish

- New Year :** Dec. 31 5 pm  
 Jan 1 8:30 am & 11 am  
 (Blessing of calendars)
- Epiphany:** Jan 7 & 8 5 pm, 8:30 am & 11 am  
 Blessing of church door.  
 Potluck after 11 am Mass  
 (Please bring treats to share)

## PRAYERS OF SPECIAL INTENTIONS

### Pray for our sick

*Jesus, we ask you to bring your peace and healing touch to those who are ill, or afraid or worried. Amen!*

**Sick:** Jenny Bailey (Bill Bailey's wife), Leslie Barbour, Jill Barrowcliff, Ruby Bigoni, Walt Bossom, Bev Brown, Leonardo Campoy Burpoi (Elna Oddy's brother), Jim Carl, Dave Dahl, Katakai Dois (son of Marcie Dois), Charles Falbo, Betty Fettig, Lee Gallet, Anthony (Babe) Galluzzo (Angie McKinney's father), Ronnie Gluth, Martin Hickey, Ken & Denise Hill (daughter & son-in-law of Sally Bennett), Than Hoang, Wes Jazskowiak (brother of Sr. Phyllis), Chuck Keenan, Barbara Keepes, Esther Klein, Loini Liufau-Eisenach (Zoranna Mapapalangi's mother), Rena Lopez, Michael Lynch (Ray Lynch's son), Shirley Lynch, Dorothy McNeill (Jaqui Thomas' mother), Theresa and Chester Miller, Marlene Mosbrucker (Willilah & Fr. Jack's sister-in-law), Jennifer Norman, Kelly Padgham (Jeanne Allen' grand-daughter), Sheryl Perry, L'orien Reilly, Joseph Rohleder, Bill Schmich (Michael Schmich's brother), Rita Schneider (mother of Ginny Doran), Thelma Spence, Bill Trump (Jeff Trump's brother), Judy Winchell, Doris Woolley Jim Zietlow (father of Kim Ellingson)

### Pray for our dead

*Eternal grant unto them O lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

### Pray for our military

**(SERVING IN IRAQ, AFGHANISTAN OR OTHER AREAS OF CONFLICT)**

*As a faith community, let us pray that God will protect all who serve our country. Amen*

Erich Kunrath( son of Egbert & Linda Kunrath)  
 Kerry Lynch (granddaughter of Bob & Ginger O'Harrow)  
 Matthew Spady (grandson of Marjorie Fuscus)

**For a daily prayer for peace in Iraq:**  
[www.prayercentral.net](http://www.prayercentral.net)



**FAMILY FAITH**

December 24 & 25 □ Christmas Eve/Christmas Day

Matthew 1:1-25 □ Luke 2:1-14 □ Luke 2:15-20 □ John 1:1-18

Each of the Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day have a different Gospel reading -- they all focus on a different part of the wonderful story of how and where and when Jesus was born. They tell us about angels appearing in dreams and talking to shepherds ... about Caesar Augustus asking for a census ... and of course about Mary and Joseph journeying to Bethlehem and how Jesus was born there in a manger. In these passages, Jesus is called the "savior of the world" as well as the "light of the world." **There are many things you can talk about with your kids, but here's a few questions to help you get started: As your family celebrates Christmas, does your family pay more attention to the ways our culture celebrates this holiday, or do you remember the glorious message of the angels of God? What tradition (s) can you build into your family celebration that will help you to bring the focus to Christ? Luke's story reminds us that when we hear the message of God, we need to respond. The shepherds believed that the message they heard from God was calling them to "come and worship." And so, they quickly went to find Jesus, Mary and Joseph. When you hear the message of the Gospel, do you respond with enthusiasm or do you see it as getting in the way of what you want to do? How can your family open your schedule to allow time to "come and worship"? Are you ready to allow the Light of Christ to dispel all the "darkness" in your life? Describe how you can allow the light of Christ to effect the way you live your life each day?**

**LITURGICAL SPIRITUALITY**

**SOLEMNITY OF CHRISTMAS**

God speaks in all manner of ways - ways as varied as the works of creation and the deeds of deliverance. God's most powerful word is "Jesus," who pierces the darkness, illuminating the whole earth with his healing light. Some are unable to hear the message. Others cannot accept the one who speaks of peace and justice. The Word of God is born in those whose ears are open.

God needs our voices too. How beautiful are those who carry glad tidings of salvation to the oppressed! How healing are the words spoken to those held bound! How comforting are the arms that enfold those in pain! Through our lips, all the ends of the earth will see the saving power of God.

**For Reflection:** Am I faithful to the words of Jesus? What words of joy can I announce today?

**BAPTISM**

We welcome with great joy Dominic Taylor, son of Alicia Riddle and Ajana Taylor who was baptized during the Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration on December 11<sup>th</sup>.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION**

Sessions for parents wishing to prepare for the Baptism of their child begin Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 12:15 in the Parish Center. Preparation consists of three sessions and culminates with the celebration of Baptism on February 5<sup>th</sup> during the 11:00 Mass. To register and for additional information, please contact Joan Winchester at 503 281-6461 or by email:

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**SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT**

No report this week.

Thank you for sharing your time, treasure, and talent with your parish family as God's faithful stewards.

**COME SEE OUR NATIVITY SCENES**

You may have noticed the table full of artwork in the entrance to the church. Children in Faith Formation have been working throughout Advent to create their own nativity scenes inside of shoeboxes to help our families and community celebrate the birth of Jesus.



Children may take home their creations on Epiphany Jan 8th.

**Neighborhood Prosperity Initiative (NPI)**

42<sup>nd</sup> Ave applied for and received a \$10,000 grant from PDC to fund the application process for the NPI. Six Eastside districts that include not only 42<sup>nd</sup> but the Cully neighborhood as well, have been invited into this application process and will receive funding if the applications are received by the due date and are completed as requested by PDC. Completing the application will mean some exciting improvements for 42nd Ave. from Prescott, North to almost Lombard St. The focus of this initiative is to develop a community driven decision making process to provide permanent physical improvement to commercial property in the district, and the award is a 7 year commitment of funds from PDC. 42<sup>nd</sup> Ave. is not in competition for this money as all districts who complete the application will be awarded.

Community input is required to successfully complete the application. We are asking you to save Wednesday evening, January 25<sup>th</sup> to attend an exciting community meeting. Watch this bulletin for further information.

**IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY**

**Rally for Life and Memorial Walk** Please join us Sunday, January 22nd at Portland Pioneer Courthouse Square from 2:30 - 3:30pm as we honor memories and call upon our nation and its leaders to give the little ones the protection they deserve.

These innocent little ones received no funeral or burial, yet their shortened lives are precious and they deserve to be remembered.