

ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO PORTLAND - DECEMBER 04, 2011



2nd Sunday of Advent

Dec. 4 Mass 8:30 & 11:00 am

(Is 40:1-5,9-11 Ps 85 2 Pt 3:8-14 Mk 1:1-8)
 RCIA 9:30 am Rm 12
 Nursery Open 11am Rm 15A
 c/r Pastoral Council
 Altar Soc Bake & Treasure Sale (After Masses)
 Faith Formation 9:45 am
 Confirmation Session 12:15 am Rm 15b
 Exchange Student 12:30 PC
 (Family Gathering)
 Gym In Use 4-7pm
 AA 6:30 pm Rm15b

Mon, Dec. 5 Communion Service 8 am

(Is 35:1-10 Ps 85 Lk 5:17-26)
 CYO 3:30 pm Gym

Tue, Dec. 6 Communion Service 8 am

(Is 40:1-11 Ps 96 Mt 18:12-14)
 MACG/HCAT Assembly 7 pm St. Andrew

Wed, Dec. 7 Mass 8 AM

(Is 40:25-31 Ps 103 Mt 11:28)
Staff Advent Retreat OFFICE CLOSED
 CYO 3:30 pm Gym
 AA Mtg. 7pm Rm15b

Thur, Dec. 8 Mass 8 AM

(Gn 3:9-15,20 Ps 98 Eph 1:3-6,11-12 Lk 1:26-38)
 Share the word 8:45 am PC
 Comm. To sick 9:45 am PC
 Senior Brunch 10 am PC
 CYO 3:30 pm Gym

Fri, Dec. 9 Mass 8 AM

(Is 26:1-6 Ps 27 Mt 9:27-31)
 AA Mtg. 7pm Rm. 15b

Sat., Dec. 10 No Morning Mass

(Is 48:17-19 Ps 1 Mt 11:16-19)
 SVdeP pantry open 10a -12 pm
 Reconciliation 4 pm
 Vigil mass 5 pm
 Blood pressure clinic after mass
 Our Lady of Guadalupe Setup (Gym & Church)

2nd Sunday of Advent Dec. 11 Mass 8:30 & 11:00 am

(Is 61:1-2a,10-11 Ps Lk 1 1Thes 5:6-24 Jn 1:6-8, 19-28)
 Faith Formation 9:45 am
 RCIA 9:45
 Nursery Open 11am Rm15A
 Blood pressure clinic after mass
 Youth Gathering 12:15am Rm15B
 Gym In Use 4-7pm
 c/r Small Church Salt & Light
 OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE 9am

***—outside the parish

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CELEBRATION

Do you have statues, rosaries or pictures of The Blessed Virgin Mary from other countries? You are invited to bring them for cultural displays of Our Lady in the gym for the Dec. 11 celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Bring them Sat. morning Dec. 10 or before Mass on Dec. 11.



SAVE THE DATE: upcoming events in the parish

- **Dec. 06** MACG Health Care Assembly
- **Dec. 11** Our Lady of Guadalupe MultiCultural Celebration

PRAYERS OF SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Sick: Jenny Bailey (Bill Bailey's wife), Leslie Barbour, Jill Barrowcliff, Ruby Bigoni, Walt Bossom, Jim Calabrese, Leonardo Campoy Burpoi (Elna Oddy's), Jim Carl, Bill Chilton, Dave Dahl, Katakei Dois (son of Marcie Dois), Betty Fetting, Lee Gallet, Anthony (Babe) Galluzzo (Angie McKinney's father), Ronnie Gluth, Martin Hickey, Than Hoang, Wes Jaskowiak (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 (Willillah & Fr. Jack's sister-in-law), Jennifer Norman, Sheryl Perry, L'orien Reilly, Joseph Rohleder, Bill Schmich (Michael Schmich's brother), Thelma Spence, Bill Trump (Jeff Trump's brother), Judy Winchell, Doris Woolley.

Please pray for these parishioners and all who are ill.

MACG Health Care Assembly December 6th

7- 8:30 PM St. Andrew Catholic Church
 806 NE Alberta St., Portland

Make Your Voice Heard for Affordable Quality Health Care
 What health care is going to look like for Oregonians depends on who has the ear of the Oregon policy decision makers this year. Will it be citizens or industry lobbyists? Oregon's chief policy maker, Dr. Bruce Goldberg, director of Oregon Health Authority will be there to hear our concerns and respond to our questions. A large presence is needed to show policy makers that we are serious and want health care that meets the needs of the most vulnerable and sets Oregon on the path to a system that works for all. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS;SIGN-UP AFTER MASS AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE OF THE CHURCH, OR EMAIL YOUR RSVP TO JOAN WINCHESTER at joanw@stcharlespdx.org.

INTERGENERATIONAL CHOIR

Want to sing for Christmas? Join our intergenerational choir for the 5 pm Family Christmas Mass on Christmas Eve. We need adults and kids. Contact Sr. Phyllis, Joan Winchester, or Meredith Murphy. Come, sing for Christmas. First practice is December on the 11th at 12:15 pm



THANK YOU

A BIG THANK YOU TO Robert Hankins and Sebastino Robagliati for keeping the leaves away from our doors.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL



This week the St Charles SVDP Conference helped provide food to 18 families for a total of 67 adults and children. The Pantry could use hearty soups, crackers and granola bars!

You can place all of these needed items in the SVDP Food Box by the main entrance door to the Church.

Wondering what Christmas gifts to buy? The Reilly/Gennett families solved that problem by deciding to NOT do a gift exchange! Every year they choose a charity to help and, for 2011 they chose to help SC SVDP! These wonderful families are donating new toys and gifts to the children of 20 families receiving Christmas Boxes from SC SVDP! We and those children are blessed to have these generous folks in our lives! There are angels among us...

Remember the Reason for the Season...



FAMILY FAITH Mark 1:1-8

On this 2nd Sunday of Advent, we hear a passage from the beginning of Mark's Gospel. These verses remind us of Isaiah's prophecy, which tells about the coming of the Messiah and is found in the Hebrew Testament. This text provides a rich and very colorful description of John the Baptist and his ministry, telling us how he baptized people in the Jordan River and told them about the "Mighty One" who was yet to come! It is a reminder to us of our commitment to our own baptism, that wonderful sacrament through which we were welcomed into our faith community. *Advent is a great time to recommit ourselves and our families to practicing our faith. Remember St. Nicholas Day is just around the corner. Take time to learn what this great saint actually did to earn the place of honor in this season of preparation. How can we prepare our home (and heart!) so that each of us can be ready for the presence of Jesus in our life?*

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

It was hard for God's people to maintain hope as they awaited their return to their homeland. They believed that the debt for their sins had been paid in the exile and that therefore they deserved pardon. God accepted their suffering as atonement, saying: "It is enough." Like a shepherd who tended his weak and wounded flock, God would safely carry the people home.

Peter reminds us that by living good and holy lives, we will hasten God's reign of truth and love. Though God will not delay in bringing it to fulfillment, God shows generous patience to all who struggle along the way.

John the Baptist announced the good news: "Make straight the way of the Lord!" John was God's mighty voice, yet Jesus' words and deeds were more powerful. Whereas John stressed judgment, Jesus spoke of salvation. John preached a baptism of repentance by water, but at Jesus' coming we are immersed in the purifying grace of the Holy Spirit. We rejoice in hope as we await the coming of Christ's kingdom of justice and peace in every moment of our lives and at the end of the age.

For Reflection: How am I using my time this Advent? Am I growing in holiness and devotion?

ALTAR SOCIETY UPDATE AND NEWS

On the 8th of December, the St. Charles Altar Society will be selling crafts at the Madeline Market Place Holiday Bazaar in their Parish Hall from 3—8 pm. If you have the opportunity to stop and shop or just look, we would be happy to see you.

Just a reminder to remember to bring your money donation for the Adopt-A-Family to our December 14th Meeting, which will be our Advent Retreat Day, more about that later. Or, you can give your donation to Jo Martens anytime before then. And again, thank you.

PRAYER CORNER FOR OUR SERVICE MEMBERS SERVING IN IRAQ, AFGHANISTAN OR OTHER AREAS OF CONFLICT:

- Erich Kunrath (son of Egbert & Linda Kunrath)
- Kerry Lynch (granddaughter of Bob & Ginger O'Harrow)
- Randy Shelton II (grand nephew of Sr. Phyllis)
- Matthew Spady (grandson of Marjorie Fuscus)

For a daily prayer for peace in Iraq: www.prayercentral.net

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Week 22 Nov. 22, 2011 \$ 3033.00

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

THANK YOU

A big thank you to the St. Charles community who stepped up to collect food at St. Rose or helped by bringing in bags of donated food items to fill the Christmas Food Boxes this year. The St. Rose organizers were pleased to see so many St. Charles parishioners this year. They were able to cover more neighborhood streets and bring in more donations thanks in part to our St. Charles volunteers. Thank you for a job well done!

EUCHARIST MINISTERS

Our team of Legacy Emanuel Catholic Hospital Eucharist Ministers comfort sick Catholic adults and children in a very meaningful and God filled way. Please call Barb at 503-288-1027 or Paul at 503-239-3441 to learn more about this valuable ministry. Emanuel Hospital and Eucharistic minister training support is provided.

Minister to the sick, walk a lot, and have a multicultural experience every time.

Neighborhood Prosperity Initiative – 42nd Ave. Has been invited to apply for this 7 year permanent improvement program that will bring a substantial amount of money to help further the vision of 42nd between Prescott and Killingsworth. This is VERY exciting. Please mark your calendars for the first visioning session: Jan 11th, 7:00 pm in our gym.

IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY

L'Arche Portland is pleased to announce its **22nd Annual Benefit Christmas Tree Sale** beginning Friday, November 25th and running daily through Monday, Dec. 19th. Locally grown, freshly cut noble and doug fir trees will be sold in both the Hollywood and Montavilla neighborhoods at NE 44th and Hancock in the Grocery Outlet parking lot, and at SE 82nd and Burnside in the Safeway lot.

2011 Christmas Tree Lighting and Holiday Bazaar, Thursday, December 8, 2011, 3-8PM The Madeleine Parish Hall, 3123 NE 24th Avenue. All are welcome as The Madeleine Parish continues their year-long Centennial Celebration with good food, good friends and great shopping at the annual Christmas Tree Lighting and Holiday Bazaar. More than 50 artisans and merchants will be on hand to offer everyone a very local start on their Christmas shopping. And, Santa will be making a special appearance.

Central High School, St. Mary's Academy & LaSalle College Preparatory High School Placement Tests All interested eighth grade students should plan to take the placement Exam Dec. 3 & 5. Visit the school's individual website for more information.

Annual Pancake Breakfast at the Franciscan Montessori School, 14750 SE Clinton, Dec. 4, 8am to 12 pm. Benefits the School Scholarship.

The Christmas Chorale Concordia Univ.'s 61st Annual Christmas Tradition will be held Fri., Dec. 9 & Sat., Dec. 10 at 7 pm and on Sun. Dec 11. at 3 pm. For more info please visit website www.cu-portland.edu/christmaschorale or call 1-800-752-4736