

ST. CHARLES BORROMEEO PORTLAND



Calendar

Today : First Sunday of Advent

(Jer 33:14-16 Ps 25 1 Thes 3:12:4:2 Lk 21:25-28, 34-36)

Masses 8:30 and 11 a.m.

NO coffee and rolls

NO FF

NO Liturgy of the Word for Children

Blessing of Advent Wreath

AA mtg. 7-9 Rm 15b



Mon: Communion Service 8 a.m.

(Rom 10:9-18 Ps 19 Mt 4:18-22)

Sewing ladies— 10-2 gym

Tue: Mass 8 a.m. (Is 11:1-10 Ps 72 Lk 10:21-24)

Holy hour 8:30 a.m.

Staff Advent Retreat Day

Office closed

Advent Reconciliation at Holy Cross 7 pm

Wed: Mass 8 a.m. (Is 25:6-10a Ps 23 Mt 15:29-37)

Staff mtg. 9 a.m. parish office

Senior Luncheon— 11:30 a.m. PC

Pastoral Council mtg. 7 p.m. PC

AA mtg. 7:30 p.m. Rm 15b

Thur: Mass 8 a.m. (Is 26:1-6 Ps 118 Mt 7:21,24-27)

Share the Word— 8:45 a.m. PC

Communion to the Sick—9:45 a.m. PC

Fri: Mass 8:00 a.m. (Is 29:17-24 Ps 27 Mt 9:27-31)

set up and pricing for Altar Society sale 9 am

AA mtg. 7:30 p.m. Rm 15b

Sat. NO morning mass

(Is 30:19-21,23-26 Ps 147 Mt 9:35-10:1,5a,6-8)

St. VDP St. Charles Pantry open 11am -

Reconciliation 4-4:30 p.m.

Vigil Mass 5 p.m.

Altar Society bake/ treasure sale after mass

Next Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent

(Bar 5:1-9 Ps 126 Phil 1:4-6,8-11 Lk 3:1-6)

Masses 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

C/R Salt and Light SCC

Altar Society Sale after masses

St. Nicholas

FF

Reconciliation Series begins

Confirmation session

AA mtg. 7 p.m. Rm 15b



* indicates outside of parish

ADVENT OUTREACH: This year Faith formation will once again support our STVDP in a specific way. For the next 3 weeks, we invite you to bring the items listed on Sat. evening or Sun. and place them near the Advent Wreath in the church. Let's fill our pantry with items needed to support the families living in our community.

Dec. 6 TOYS

Dec. 13— FOOD

Dec. 20 BEDDING

PRAYERS OF SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Sick: Jill Barrowcliff, Joan Bruneau, Esther and Harold Klein, Harriet and Larry Strand, Scott Brown, Lee Gallet, Debra Hanson, Shirley Lynch, Tom Smith, Bob Jones, Bill Chilton, Martin Hickey, Ted Peterschmidt, Pat Kern, Evelyn Masterson, Chuck Keenan, Loretta Karons, Raevyn Rasheed, MaryLynn Pierce, Mary Ellen Schmich, Ted Kaegebein, Ronnie Gluth, Peggy Brandes, Ada Newsom and Gudy Menning.

Please pray for these parishioners.



Our St. Charles St.VDP served 23 families with food and clothes, 2 rent calls, 2 utility calls for a total of 107 people served. Big thank you to Boy Scout Pack 47 Troop 27, who worked hard sorting, stacking and packing all the food collected during last Saturday's St. Charles & St. Rose Christmas Food Drive.

In our pantry we can use everything for our shelves.

If you are interested in volunteering in our ministry contact Toni Schimming at tonischimming@msn.com or 503 522 6316.

SMALL CHURCH COMMUNITIES: All registered parishioners should have received a letter this week promoting new Small Church Communities. Do you enjoy scripture reflection? Would you like to deepen your faith through reflection and sharing? Want to get to know a group of 8-10 fellow parishioners in a deep and meaningful way? Here's your chance! Groups will begin the end of January and meet twice monthly. For more information or to register, please contact Kathy Brown 503 545 8135 or email joanvw@stcharlespdx.org.

METROPOLITAN ALLIANCE FOR COMMON GOOD

(MACG) Things are cookin' for MACG! We're registering kids for Health Insurance, we're working hard to receive a contract from Energy Trust of Oregon to retrofit homes to be more energy efficient. And half of these homes are right here in the Cully Neighborhood! And we're educating people on the upcoming January ballot measures 66 & 67. The first forum on these ballot measures will be held here, at St. Charles on Thurs. **Dec. 10 at 7 p.m.** in the Parish Center. Please come and learn about the structure of these 2 measures and what they mean in relation to human services and education.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE: We will celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe on Sunday Dec. 13, at the 11 am mass with a multicultural mass followed by a celebration in the gym.



IMPORTANT NOTICE: Olan Mills will be helping us with a new Parish Directory in January.

Pictures will be taken on Jan 27, 28, 29 and 30th. Times will be published at a later time.

Keep watching the bulletin for more information.



NOVEMBER 29



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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When God's people were taken to exile in Babylon, Jerusalem and the temple were destroyed; the king and kingdom were no more. With their glorious past and identity obliterated, the people began to doubt that God would fulfill the promises that gave them hope. The prophet Jeremiah implored them to be patient. Though the family tree of David seemed no more than a dead stump, it was about to come to life. A new king would spring forth, and the people would dwell secure in their land once more. They pray: "God my savior, for you I wait all the day."

Paul knew that before we can stand blameless and holy before our God, we need to learn how to live in a way that is pleasing to God. Our whole world may be shaken by forces that threaten to destroy us. We may be menaced by wars and natural disasters. We are in peril from self-indulgence, addictions, and anxiety. Yet by patient waiting and prayerful watching for our coming salvation, we can stand secure before our Lord. This Advent, as we strive to conduct ourselves in a way that is pleasing to God, we can take comfort in knowing that we are making slow but sure progress.

How can I exercise the virtues of patience and hope this Advent? In what practical way can I put these into practice?

FAMILY FAITH SHARING: We encourage parents to reflect on these questions at home each week with their children and family. Start talking.

Today's Gospel talks about the return of Jesus at the end of time. When some people see the signs of Jesus' return they will be afraid. But faithful believers have nothing to fear! Don't spend your time worrying, instead, continue to pray and behave in ways that are pleasing to God.

What are some things that can make our lives more pleasing to God? What are some behaviors that we need to change? How can we make more time in our lives to pray? What are some simple things we can do for others?

RECONCILIATION SERIES: Fr. Schwab will be leading a reflection on the Sacrament of Reconciliation three Sundays during Advent, beginning next Sunday **Dec. 6, 13, and 20th** at 9:45 a.m. -10:45 a.m. in the Parish Center. All are invited.

HELP! The towels from the kitchen are gone again. If you have any to spare, please bring them to the parish office. We could sure use them in the kitchen. **THANK YOU VERY MUCH.**

SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

Sacrificial Giving Nov 22 week 21
\$3,040.00

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

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

AJ Asche, John Jaszkwiaak, Randy Shelton and Cpl. Donlon McGovern.

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

SENIOR LUNCHEON: All senior parishioners are invited to a luncheon as a thank you for all the years of commitment you have given St. Charles. Please join us for a soup and bread lunch, treats, bingo and socializing this coming Wednesday. **Dec. 2, at 11:30 a.m. in the Parish Center.**

DVD: Fr. Agnelo's movie can still be purchased in the parish office.

Please continue to turn in your pledge cards. THANK YOU!

IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY:

SACRED HEART PARISH: "Quiet Joy" Dec. 4, 7:30 p.m. The theme this year is "Hope for our World". An evening of stories, scripture and song. No admission charge. Good will offering accepted. A reception to follow in Sacred Heart Villa. 3926 SE 11th Ave. 503 231-9636.

ST. CLARE PARISH: "A night before Christmas" Celebrating the joy of Christmas with songs, stories and prayer. An evening meant for the family. Caroling with your Filipino Seminarians and friends from Mt. Angel Seminary. Dec 12, at 7:30 p.m. 8535 SW 19th Ave. 503 845 3771.

ST. ANDREW PARISH: World Aids Day Mass Dec. 1 at 7 p.m. 806 NE Alberta Street. All are invited to this annual mass and anointing of the sick. Bishop Kenneth Steiner will preside and be joined by priests from throughout the Archdiocese. Reception to follow. All are welcome! Information 503 284 2613.

L'ARCHE NEHALEM: A Place to Call Home, people with and without developmental disabilities sharing life together— presents their 20th Annual Christmas Tree Benefit sale. Open until Dec. 20. Location Grocery Outlet parking lot on NE 44th and Hancock or Montavilla Safeway parking lot SE 82nd & Burnside. Come to visit Santa too from noon to 3 p.m. take home a tree, a candy cane and photo.

ECUMENICAL MINISTRIES OF OREGON: Earth Care Summit, **Feb. 1 2010** 721 NW 9th Ave. 5:30-8:30 p.m. Pre registration required \$22 before Dec. 31 \$25 after that. The event includes a dinner.

OUR LADY OF PEACE RETREAT HOUSE: 3600 SW 170th Ave. Beaverton Or. Dec. 2 Advent Day Retreat "The Days Are Coming—But Do Not Be Afraid"; Dec 4-6 Military/Veteran's Retreat \$120.00. Information 503 649 7127.

DEMONSTRATION: Dec. 5, at 1 pm against the World Trade Organization and its policies. The march begins under the Hawthorne Bridge.