

ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO PORTLAND



Calendar

Today **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

(Zep 3:14-18a Ps Is12:2-6 Phil 4:4-7 Lk 3:10-18)

Masses 8:30 and 11 am

No c/r

FF classes 9:45 am

No Liturgy of the word for children

Our Lady of Guadalupe mass and celebration 11 am

Practice for family mass 1 p.m.

SVDP collection

Reconciliation series 9:45 a.m. PC

RCIA 9:45 a.m. PC

Youth meeting 12:15 p.m. PC

AA mtg. 7-9 Rm 15b

Mon: **Communion Service 8 a.m.**

(Nm 24:2-7,15-17a Ps 25 Mt 21:23-27)

Sewing ladies— 10-2 gym

Tue: **Mass 8 a.m.**

(Zep 3:1-2,9-13 Ps 34 Mt 21:28-32)

Holy hour 8:30 a.m.

Catholic Caucus* 1:15 pm

St. Charles Communal Reconciliation Service 7 p.m.

Reconciliation Holy Redeemer 7 pm Eng/Spanish

Reconciliation Immaculate Heart 7 pm

Wed: **Mass 8 a.m.** (0ls 45:6c-8,18,21c-25 Ps 85 Lk 7:18b-23)

Staff meeting 9 am PC

Admin. Council mtg. 7 pm PC

Reconciliation The Madeleine 7 pm

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

Thur: **Mass 8 am**

(Gn 49 2,8-10 Ps 72 Mt 1:1-17)

Share the Word— 8:45 am PC

Communion to the Sick 9:45 am PC

Ladies Night Out— 6 pm Roses at 1200 NE Broadway

Reconciliation St. Andrew 7 pm Eng/Spanish

Reconciliation St. Rose 7 p.m.

Fri : **Mass 8 am** (Jer23:5-8 Ps 72 Mt 1:18-25)

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

Sat. **NO morning mass**

(Jgs 13:2-7,24-25aPs 71 Lk 1:5-25)

St. VDP St. Charles Pantry open 11am—1 pm

Reconciliation 4-4:30 p.m.

Vigil Mass 5 p.m.

Blood Pressure Clinic after mass in the Parish Office

gym in use 6-9 pm

Parent's Night Out— 4-10 p.m. Rm 15a and b

Next Sunday: Fourth Sunday of advent

(Mi 5:1-4a Ps 80 Heb 10:5-10 Lk 1:39-45)

Masses 8:30 and 11 a.m.

C/R School families

FF

Liturgy of the word for children

Blood Pressure clinic after masses

Reconciliation series continues

Retirement fund for religious

Confirmation session

AA mtg. Rm 15b 7 p.m.



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, Chuck Keenan, Lauretta Karons, Raevyn Rasheed, MaryLynn Pierce, Mary Ellen Schmich, Ted Kaegebein, Ronnie Gluth, Gudy Menning, Ada Newsom, Rose Mapapalangi and Sally Gennett.

Death: Evelyn Masterson

Please pray for these parishioners.



Our St. Charles St.VDP served 58 families with food and clothes, 3 rent calls, 2 utility calls for a total of 206 people served. Each Saturday we offer free fruits and vegetables in our pantry farmers market.

In our pantry we can use flour, sugar, chili, cereal, toys for Christmas. Personal care items are always welcome.

A BIG thank you to Bob O'Harrow for coordinating the jolly team of gentlemen to pick up the generous donation from St. Rose. We were blessed with receiving 3500 pounds of food for our Christmas boxes.

We are starting to pack the Christmas Boxes Dec. 10. If you would like to help please contact Toni at 503 522-6316 or email tonischimming@msn.com

Without the love, support and prayers of the St. Charles community we could not provide for and do all that we are able to do for others.

HEALTHY KIDS: We have volunteers ready to assist families needing healthcare for their children under age 19. The only requirements are:
Birth certificate, indicating birth in the US (parents citizenship is not relevant) Social Security # (of child)
Documentation of family income for the past 2 months.

Questions can be directed to Alice McCarthy 503 282-8828 or the parish office.

SMALL CHURCH COMMUNITIES: We are taking names of interested people for new small church communities beginning the end of January. These groups meet twice monthly to pray, reflect and grow together in faith. For more information please contact Kathy Brown 503 545 8135 or you can email-joanw@stcharlespdx.org.

METROPOLITAN ALLIANCE FOR COMMON GOOD (MACG)

Things are cookin' at 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 Dec. 16, at 7 p.m.** Please come and learn about the structure of these 2 measures and what they mean in relation to human services and education.

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. 13— FOOD

Dec. 20 BEDDING



DECEMBER 13, 2009



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“Shout for joy, O daughter Zion!” the prophet Zephaniah declared. Like Mary, we should be glad and exult, for the Lord is in our midst. Discouragement and defeat are overcome as God renews us with love. “Cry out with joy and gladness,” the prophet Isaiah sings. We can be confident and unafraid because God, the Holy One, is a “mighty savior.” When we are weak, God gives us courage. When we are drained by sadness, God fills us with joy from the fountain of salvation.

Paul repeats the glad refrain: “Rejoice!” So that we will not forget it, he says it again: “Rejoice!” Though a guard stands watch over Paul, the peace of Christ protects his heart and mind. Paul urges us to dismiss anxiety and present our needs before God in prayerful petition. Then, like Paul, we will be released from the dungeons of worry and fear.

John the Baptist proclaims the coming salvation, speaking to each life situation: be honest, don't abuse one another, don't blame others for our misdeeds, and be satisfied with what we have. As we await the coming of Christ to cleanse us from sin, we are filled with anticipation of this happy day.

How can I practice the virtue of joy this Advent? In what ways can I bring joy to those who are despairing?

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

In today's Gospel different groups of people ask John the Baptist what they should do to be ready for the coming of Jesus. Each group asked the same question? “What must we do?” John told them that they should share with those who have less, and should be fair to others.

Do you have a program in your parish or community that gives gifts to people who don't have much? How can your family help? What other programs in your parish help the needy? How can you offer your time and talent in those organizations? What gifts has God given you that you can share with others?

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:

Happy Anniversary to Denis and Marguerite Reilly celebrating their 65th Anniversary Dec. 15th.

Happy Anniversary to Walt and Sandy Bossom on the occasion of their 40th wedding anniversary on December 20th.

LADIES NITE OUT: Our next night out will be Thursday, Dec. 17 at Rose's Restaurant on Broadway at 6 p.m. Hope to see as many as can come and celebrate the season.

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 Dec 6 week 23
\$6,019.00

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

Please continue to turn in your pledge cards.

THANK YOU!

CENSUS BUREAU HAS TEMPORARY PART TIME JOB OPENINGS.

There are business cards with the number to call at the entrance of the church and in the parish office, if you are interested.

THANK YOU: To all who worked on, in any way, and/or donated to our Treasure and Bake Sale. Especially to those who shopped. It was another success. The sale brought in around \$1500.00 which helps the Altar Society with the purchasing of the church needs.

A HUGE THANK YOU: to the Senior Luncheon committee and all who helped. It was a very nice afternoon, from the decorations (the room was beautiful) to the food, to the bingo and prizes and gifts and the good company.

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.

INCLEMENT WEATHER: We will follow the Portland Public School policy. If schools are closed or late opening we will do the same, and there will be no weekday mass or communion service. If you are advised to stay home because of weather please do so. The church offers dispensation from the obligation of Sunday Mass during times such as these.

IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY:

SHALOM PRAYER CENTER: Today you are invited to Taize Prayer Dec. 13, 7-8 p.m. Queen of Angels Chapel 840 S. Main St. Mt. Angel Or. Information 503 845 6773.

FRANCISCAN SPIRITUAL CENTER: Spirituality and Culture Mondays Dec 14 and 21 from 10—noon. Cost \$15 per session. 503 794 8542

ADVERTISERS OF THE WEEK:

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