

# ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO PORTLAND



## Calendar

### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Today **Masses 8:30 and 11 a.m.**

Is 61:1-2a,10-11 Ps Lk1 1Thes 5:16-24 Jn 1:6-8,19-28)

Celebration of our Lady of Guadalupe 11 am mass

FF classes 9:45 am

Liturgy of the Word for Children

RCIA 9:45 a.m. Parish Office

Greening of church 12:15 pm

Hospitality : Perkins, Bossom, and Devine families

Collection for Retirement for Religious

Christmas Party (Middle School & Hi School Youth) 12:15 PC/Rm 15b

Dung University 2 pm rm 15b

Mon: **Masses 8 a.m.** (Nm 24:2-7,15-17a Ps 25 Mt 21:23-27)

Practice for family mass 6:15 p.m. church

CYO—gym 3:30-8:30 pm

Tue **Mass 8 a.m.** (Zep 3:1-2,9-13 Ps 34 Mt 21:28-32)

Holy Hour 8:30 am

CYO—gym 3:30-8:30 pm

FF planning ministry mtg. \* 7 pm

Reconciliation at Immaculate Heart 7 p.m.

Wed **Mass 8 am** (Gn 49:2,8-10 Ps 72 Mt1:1-17)

Administrative Council mtg. 7 p.m. PC

AA mtg— Rm 15b 7:30 p.m.

Reconciliation at St. Andrew 7 p.m.

CYO gym 3:30-8:30 p.m.

Thurs. **Mass 8 am.** (Jer 23:5-8 Ps72 Mt1:18-25)

Share the Word 8:45 a.m. PC

Communion to the Sick -9:45 a.m. PC

Girl Scouts— 4-5 pm rm 2

Shining Star Christmas Assembly 10-2 pm gym

CYO 3:30-8:30 pm gym

Reconciliation at The Madeline

Fri **Mass 8 a.m.**(Jgs 13:2-7,24-25a Ps 71Lk 1:5-25)

DePaul gym 9:30-11:30 a.m.

CYO gym 5:30-8:30 pm

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

Sat. **No morning mass** (Is 7:10-14 Ps 24:1-6 Lk 1:26-38)

Ladies Breakfast 9 a.m. Roses on Broadway

St. Vincent dePaul St. Charles Pantry open 11-1pm

**Reconciliation 4-4:30 p.m.**

**Vigil Mass 5 p.m.**

Blood Pressure Clinic after mass

Next Sunday: **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

(2 Sm 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16 Ps 89 Rom 16:25-27 Lk 1:26-38)

FF classes 9:45 a.m.

Liturgy of the Word for Children 11 a.m.

RCIA 9:45 a.m. PC

Decorate church 12:15 p.m.

Practice for family mass 12:15 p.m.

Hospitality SCC (Salt and Light) Kathy Brown

St. Vincent dePaul collection

Blood Pressure Clinic after masses

\* indicates outside of parish



**ST. VINCENT DEPAUL:** During the past week the St. Charles St. Vincent dePaul helped 24 families with food & house wares and 3 rent calls for a total of 92 people helped.

On behalf of the entire St. Charles St. Vincent dePaul Conference, we thank you very much for the generosity you share so that we may bring God's gift of joy and hope to the many individuals and families we serve year round.

GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU....

Now it is on to packing Christmas boxes and delivering them by December 20th. If you can help with this project please contact Toni 503 287 1721. See bulletin elsewhere for items to bring for our St. Vincent dePaul for the last week of Advent.

Thank you for your continued support.

**ADVENT OUTREACH:** Thank you for your generosity to St. Vincent dePaul-next week (Dec 20-21) please bring toiletries—soap, lotion, toothpaste, toothbrushes, personal hygiene items, etc.

In addition to St. Vincent dePaul, we are collecting clean, gently used or new blankets and coats and NEW socks to be distributed to the homeless through the Soup Under the Bridge Ministry. Please place items in the barrel near the Parish Office.

### **PRAYERS OF SPECIAL INTENTIONS**

**Sick:** Bernadette Gruhler, Jill Barrowcliff, Joan Bruneau, Austen Schultz, Robert Jones, Teri Liberator, Alice McCarthy, Marie Tillman, Shirley McClendon, Albert Oddy, Toni Baker, Mike Barrows, Bette Eivers mother of Marilee Hankins and Anthony "Babe" Galuzzo father of Angie McKinney and Anthony Hanson.

Deceased: John Percich

Please pray for these parishioners.

### **YOUTH CORNER: YOUTH IMMERSION AND SERVICE—**

On the weekend of Nov 21-23 6 youth and 3 adults from our parish went on a rural immersion in the Hillsboro/Cornelius area. We met day laborers waiting for work and shared pan dulce and coffee with them. We visited a farm and learned about their labor force. In the evening we shared a communion service with residents of Campo Azul and heard stories of immigration. We ended the experience on Sunday with a conversation with a parishioner who shared his story of coming to the United States.

As a follow up, 20 of our youth and adults prepared and served a holiday dinner on Dec. 7th at El Centro Cultural in Cornelius. It was an all day event with plenty of food! The day laborers appreciated the festive gathering with conversations in Spanish and English and a feel of community.



DECEMBER 14, 2008

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The prophet Isaiah announces glad tidings to the dispirited and brokenhearted. God who is mighty does great things for us! God frees all those bound in physical, emotional, and mental prisons. God is a faithful bridegroom who has not forgotten his beloved bride. God is a gardener who makes justice spring forth from the barren ground.

“Rejoice always and in *all ways!*” Paul entreats. As we await the Lord’s coming, we should never stop praying and giving thanks to God. The Spirit invites us to grow and change, perfecting us in every way to make us a holy and *whole* people so that we can greet the Lord with joy when he comes.

John announces the glad tidings of the coming of the Lord. John is not the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet. He is simply a “voice” crying out in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord!” Like John, we are called to be messengers of good news. To a sad and weary world we proclaim: “My soul rejoices in God my Savior!”

***Am I a messenger of good or bad news? In what ways can I bring joy to someone today?***

**FAMILY FAITH SHARING:** We encourage parents to reflect on these questions at home each week with their children and families. Start talking. Share your faith!

The third Sunday of Advent is known as the Sunday of Joy, or Gaudete Sunday. Today’s reading, from John’s Gospel, again tells us about John the Baptist, who tried to help people prepare for the coming of the Messiah.

John reminds us that Jesus was sent to change our lives. How can we as a family change our lives so that we can be renewed with the presence of the Spirit?

***One of the problems that we all have, especially during this holiday season, is that we get so busy that we hardly think about what we are actually celebrating. Brainstorm some things you can do as a family that will help you keep more focused on Jesus this Advent season...things you can do both by yourself and some you can do with your family.***

***This week is filled with celebrations — take time to learn about some of the saints that are celebrated during this week, such as: Our Lady of Guadalupe, Saint Lucy, and St. John of the Cross.***

**THANK YOU:** A huge big thanks to the Senior Luncheon committee that served and hosted our 2nd Annual Senior Luncheon with a visit from Santa and Bingo with prizes, after a wonderful lunch of soup and homemade bread and homemade cornbread and fantastic homemade desserts. **IT WAS A WONDERFUL AFTER-NOON ENJOYED BY ALL WHO ATTENDED.**

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT**

	each week	YTD
Sac. Giv. needed	5,700.00	131,000.00
Sac Giv. (12/7)	6,151.00	99,808.00
(after 23 weeks) +	451.00	- 31,292.00

We need an average of \$5700.00 each weekend to meet the 2008-09 budgeted offertory income. We need an average of \$9043.00 each weekend to meet the 2008-09 total budgeted income. The additional \$3374.00 needed weekly comes from rentals, fundraisers, and other income. **Thank you for sharing your time, treasure and talents with your parish family as God’s faithful stewards!**

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

Col. Dan Kern, Joe DuFresne, AJ Asche, and Lindsey Jaszowski

**ST. CHARLES CHURCH  
INCLEMENT  
WEATHER POLICY**

**During inclement weather, especially icy conditions, please be extra prudent, and if we are encouraged to stay home we should follow that advice. The Church offers a dispensation from the obligation of Sunday Mass during times such as these. During the week if Portland Public Schools are closed, or on two hour late start, our office is closed, or will open two hours late, and there will be no weekday morning Mass or Communion Service.**

**FOR YOUR ADVENT PRAYER “FIVE MINUTES WITH THE WORD”.** Feel free to take one if you wish. These booklets are at the entrance of the church.

**LADIES NIGHT OUT:** December will be a BREAKFAST instead of dinner. We will meet at Rose’s Restaurant located at 1200 NE Broadway (near Lloyd Ctr) on Sat. Dec. 20 at 9 am. Please RSVP to Mary Lynn Pierce by Dec. 18th. We hope you can join us! If anyone needs a ride let MaryLynn know.

**RESOURCE BOARD** The large rolling bulletin board that is often in the main entrance of the church is for parishioners to post services, goods, community services that offer assistance and to offer volunteer services to fellow parishioners. Please feel free to leave your posting in the office or put it in the attached envelope and it will be added to the board. The board will rotate through the gym often during hospitality. During these tough economic times, let us support one another.