

ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO PORTLAND



Calendar

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Today: **MASSES 8:30 AND 11 A.M.**

Faith Formation classes— 9:45 am
Rite of Welcome- 11 a.m. mass
Liturgy of the Word Children
Nursery open
Sunday Hospitality Administrative Council
Book Fair
Advent reflection— 9:45 am church
Confirmation mtg. 12:15 pm PC



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

Altar Society crafts 10 am
Shining Star—gym 9-9:30 am & 1:10-1:25 pm
CYO— gym 4:45 pm—8:30 pm

Tue **Mass at 8 a.m.**

Holy Hour 8:30-9:30 a.m.
Shining Star gym 10:45-noon
Staff mtg. 1 pm
CYO— gym 3:30-8:30 pm
FF commission mtg.* 7 pm
High School Youth Core team mtg. 7 pm PC
gym in use 7-9 p.m.

Wed. **Mass at 8 am**

Staff retreat day*
Office closed
Shining Star— gym 1-1:30 pm
AA mtg.— Rm 15b 6:30 pm.
CYO— gym 4:45 pm-8:30 pm

Thurs. **Mass at 8 a.m.**

Share the Word— 8:45 am PC
Communion to the Sick 9:45 a.m. PC
Shining Star— gym 1-1:30 pm
NO Ball
Pastoral Council mtg.—7 pm PC
set up gym for sale

Fri **Mass at 8 a.m.**

Immaculate Conception mass 7 p.m.
NO depaul gym 9:30-10:30 am and 10:40-11:30 am
AA mtg. Rm 15b 6:30 p.m.

Sat. **NO morning mass**

Reconciliation 4-4:30 p.m.
Vigil Mass 5 p.m.
Altar Society Bake & Treasure Sale— after mass

Next Sunday

Second Sunday of Advent
MASSES 8:30 and 11 a.m.
FF classes
Liturgy of the Word for Children
Altar Society Bake and Treasure Sale
Sunday Hospitality: School parents
RCIA
Nursery open

* indicates meeting away from St. Charles

PRAYERS OF SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Sick: Enid Ritter, Bernadette Gruhler, Jill Barrowcliff, Betty Welch, Conchita and Lorena Campoy, Austin Schulz, Ron Mowlds, Lauretta Karons, Shirley Lynch, Joseph Brandes, Marsha Gruhler, Chris Hodes sister of Toni Schimming and Dan White son in law of Jeanne Allen.

Deaths: Gary Christensen and Joseph Buccella

Please pray for these parishioners.

FOR IDEAS for celebrating Christmas in a more meaningful way as well as weekly Advent wreath prayers, check out our parish website: www.stcharlespdx.org

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Mon Is 4:2-6 Mt 8:5-11
Tue Is 11:1-10 Lk 10:21-24
Wed Is 25:6-10a Mt 15:29-37
Thur Is 26:1-6 Mt 7:21, 24-27
Fri Is 29:17-24 Mt 9:27-31
Sat: **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**
Gn 3:9-15,20 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 Lk 1:26-38
NEXT SUNDAY: Second Sun of Advent
Is 11:1-10 Rom 15:4-9 Mt 3:1-12

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL: During the week of Nov 19-24 the St. Charles Conference of the St. Vincent dePaul Society made 21 food calls, and 2 utility calls for a total of 84 people helped.

Many thanks to everyone for the generous giving at the Thanksgiving Day Mass. We collected \$1,590.55 and 225 lbs of food. We will be doing our Christmas boxes the week of December 17th, the week before Christmas. In our food room we need cooking oil, sugar and personal items and laundry soap. Thank you to everyone for all your help and support. During the month of November Shining Star School collected 500 lbs of food for our food room. We thank them very much!!

Dear Parish Family: Happy Advent season, as we answer our church's call to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ to us this Christmas, to remember that God was born among us, and to prepare for his second coming to us in our death and at the end of the world.

"Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming!" (Matt 24:42). To be awake means to live fully, to be about what is important in life. Let's make an effort to make this the best Christmas ever, concentrating on growing in our relationship with God and others and reaching out in love to others. How about sitting down with yourself or with the ones you share life with? Write down what you like about Christmases of the past, what did not go so well, and what left you empty and stressed. Now make a plan for this year and write it down. Pray for the Lord to help you make this a truly holy Advent and Christmas.

To be awake is to be aware of God's gifts in our lives, and aware of opportunities to be faithful stewards of those gifts. Blessings upon your Advent Season.

Peace to you, Fr. JOHN

ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS: The Altar Society will hold a **Holiday Bake and Treasure Sale after masses on Dec 8-9**. We are asking all bakers in the parish to donate their goodies. These items can be brought to the gym before masses. If you are interested in pricing and arranging items for the "treasure" part of the sale, please come to the gym on Friday, Dec. 7 at 9 a.m. We need many workers to make the sale a success. The funds raised will be applied to parish needs, such as new carpeting for the parish center.

THE ALTAR SOCIETY ADVENT REFLECTION: is scheduled for the Monday after the sale. It will be held in the evening **Dec. 10 at 7 p.m.** in the Parish Center. This will take the place of our December mtg. MaryLynn Pierce and Shirley Chilton are hostesses. Barbara McCormick will lead us in a spiritual preparation for the Christmas Season. It is suggested that each participant bring a package of disposable diapers to help St. Vincent dePaul provide this necessity to new mothers. **This event is open to all.** Please come. We especially welcome those who cannot attend daytime meetings.



DECEMBER 2, 2007
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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Do we rejoice as we enter God's house? Are we able to find peace there? From this earthly place, are we able to hear heavenly instruction for the whole world? If we are truly listening, then swords will become plowshares to plant crops of peace. Spears will turn into pruning hooks to reap a harvest of justice. No one will train for war or raise a weapon against another. Or have we become apathetic to the deeds of darkness?

We must arouse ourselves from our lethargy and put on armor, not for battle but for defense against worldly desires. The old clothes of our former lives must be cast off. Instead, we are to "put on" Jesus, our garment of salvation. Jesus warns us that it is later than we think. He compares himself to a "thief in the night," who comes when we least expect it. "Stay awake!" he cautions us. "You do not know the hour." We must pray that God's peace will reign in our places of worship as well as in our hearts and in our world.

Am I watchful for the Lord's arrival in the unexpected places of my life? What robs me of my joy and peace as I begin this Advent season?

METROPOLITAN ALLIANCE FOR COMMON GOOD(MACG):

In August, MACG lead a successful effort to pass a resolution at Portland City Council to "develop options to provide affordable health care services to uninsured workers of city contractors". In the 10 weeks since then, the council has been in communication with MACG leaders about the formation of the official committee, but nothing has been finalized and the committee still has not been convened! We need action. Commissioner Adams is supposed to be taking the lead on this issue, but he needs some encouragement. Please call and e-mail his office and tell him to get moving on the health care ordinance.

Commissioner Adams 503-823-3008
commissioneram@ci.portland.or.us

There is an exceptional opportunity to actually influence the affordability and accessibility of health care within the next 2 years through the SB 329, the Health Oregon Act—to develop a plan for universal health care in Oregon. How this plan evolves is going to be influenced by many people, including us. We need to plan our strategy, not just in the short term, but over the coming year and into the 2009 Legislative session.

On Dec 6, at St. Philip Neri Church 2408 SE 16th Ave. From 7-9 p.m., MACG will host a Leadership Institute focusing on how we can impact health care access in the next state legislature. This institute will be a formative one for laying out the important steps for MACG to be heard throughout the process.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CELEBRATION: The annual celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be held **Dec. 16 at the 11 a.m. mass.** The celebration will begin with a procession into the church for a multicultural mass and will continue with a potluck and music in the gym. This is an opportunity to pause in the busyness of holiday preparations and appreciate the gifts of the many cultures that make up our parish. You are invited to wear clothing that reflects your native culture, to bring flowers for the procession and to sign up to bring your favorite potluck dish.



SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

	each week	YTD
Sac. Giv. needed	5,712.00	125,664.00
Sac Giv.(11/25)	4,564.00	109,089.00
Shortfall	- 1,148.00	- 16,575.00

(after 23 weeks)

We need an average of \$5712 each weekend to meet the 2007-08 budgeted offertory income. We need an average of \$8381 each weekend to meet the 2007-08 total budgeted income. The additional \$2699 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 OR OTHER AREAS OF CONFLICT:

Michelle Sterling, Jason Ostrow, Kyle Vidan, Travis McGrann and Phillip Ballard

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

Mass intentions for this week:

- Dec 4- Irene Keller, deceased
- Dec 5- Riem family (thanksgiving)
- Dec 6- Earl Campbell, deceased
- Dec 7- Hoang Than family, (thanksgiving)
- Dec 8- Joseph Luckerth, deceased
- Dec 9- St. Charles Parish (8:30 am)
- Dec 9- Peggy Chilton –deceased (11 am)

INVITING ALL SENIORS: You are all invited to a Christmas Potluck **Dec. 17 at noon** in our gym. Please bring a dish to share. The parish will provide drinks and prizes for the games.

THANK YOU: Becky Miller, the daughter of Ray and Shirley Lynch, tends to our parish rose garden so faithfully, under the direction of her father Ray. We thank them for the beauty of the roses now in their winter repast.

PARISH LIBRARY: The parish updated library will be ready for use beginning the weekend of Dec. 8-9. Library Use Guidelines are posted there. There will be a check out book and you may check out 2 books per family for a month at a time. Thanks to all who donated books to our library from the Book Fair including the \$500 from the Altar Society for new books.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: This is a Holy Day for all Catholics and note there is a vigil mass at 7 pm on Friday Dec. 7. There is only the vigil mass and no Mass on Saturday the 8th, except the usual 5 pm.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Dec.8-9 Altar Society Bake and Treasure Sale after all masses
- Dec 11- Communal Reconciliation 7 p.m.
- Dec 12- Reconciliation- Immaculate Heart Parish- 7 p.m.
- Dec 13- Reconciliation- The Madeleine- 7 p.m.
- Dec 18- Reconciliation- St. Andrew- 7 p.m.
- Dec 19- Reconciliation- St. Rose- 7 p.m.
- Dec 21- Prayer Service Redeemer Lutheran- 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- Dec 24- Christmas family mass- 5 pm
Christmas vigil mass-10 pm
- Dec 25- MERRY CHRISTMAS
Mass 10 am