

ST. CHARLES BORROME0 PORTLAND



Calendar

Today **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 classes 9:45 am

Liturgy of the word for children 11 am

Blood Pressure clinic after masses

Reconciliation series continues 9:45 am PC

Retirement fund for religious

Confirmation session 12:15 pm PC

AA mtg. Rm 15b 7 p.m.

Greening of the Church 12:15 p.m.

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

(Sg 2:8-14 Ps 33 Lk 1:39:45)

Sewing ladies— 10-2 gym

Practice for family mass 6:15 pm

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

(Sm 1:24-28 Ps 1 Sm 2 Lk 1:46-56)

Holy hour 8:30 a.m.

Decorate the church 4 pm

Wed: **Mass 8 a.m.** (Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 Ps 25 Lk 1:57-66)

Share the Word 8:45 am PC

Communion to the Sick 9:45 am PC

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

Thur: **Christmas Eve**

(Is 62:1-5 Ps 89 Acts 13:16-17,22-25 Mt 1:1-25)

Caroling 4:30 p.m.

Family Mass 5 p.m.

Caroling 9:30 p.m.

Mass 10 p.m.

Fri: **MERRY CHRISTMAS** (Is 52:7-10 Ps98 Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18)

Caroling 9:30 a.m.

Mass 10 am

Office closed

Gym in use

Sat. **NO morning mass**

(Acts 6:8-10;7:54-59 Ps 31 Mt 10:17-22)

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

Reconciliation 4-4:30 p.m.

Vigil Mass 5 p.m.

Blessing of calendars

PC and gym in use 11-4 pm.

Next **Sunday: HOLY FAMILY**

(Sir 3:2-7,12-14 Ps 128 Col3:12-21 Lk 2:41-52)

Masses 8:30 and 11 am

NO C/R

NO FF

Blessing of calendars

AA mtg. 7-9 Rm 15b

* indicates outside of parish



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, and Ada Newsom,

Please pray for these parishioners.



Our St. Charles St.VDP helped provide food to 10 families for a total of 72 adults and children. Many other families received free fruit and vegetables from our pantry farmers market. We helped 3 families with rental assistance so they were able to stay in their homes and we paid 2 utility bills.

A big thank you to all of the St. Charles community and friends of the party that helped deliver 125 Christmas Boxes and toys to families in need. A special thank you to Suzie Schreiber and her "little people" who for the 19th year brought toys to share with SVDP.

In our pantry we can use flour, sugar, peanut butter, chili, cereal and toys. Personal care items are always welcome. You may place these items in the food box at the entrance of the church or deliver them to the pantry on Saturday. It is open most Saturdays from 11-1 p.m.

If you would like to help please contact Toni at 503 522-6316 or email tonischimming@msn.com

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 citizenships 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.

BAPTISM Sessions for parents wishing to prepare for the Baptism of their children begin Jan. 19th. Preparation consists of three sessions and culminates with Baptism during the 11:00 Mass on Feb. 7th. To register or for more info. Contact Joan Winchester 503 281-6461 or email her at joanw@stcharlespdx.org.

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 may email joanw@stcharlespdx.org.

ADVENT OUTREACH: This year Faith formation will once again support our STVDP in a specific way. 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. 20 BEDDING



DECEMBER 20, 2009

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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Israel longed for a king like David, a mighty warrior who would vanquish the enemy and restore the nation to its former glory. The prophet Micah said that the savior of God's people would not come from Jerusalem, the city of David, but from David's birthplace, the insignificant town of Bethlehem. He would be a humble shepherd to his flock, not ruling by might but by God's strength. "Shepherd of Israel, come and save us," the psalmist entreats. "Show us your face and we shall be saved."

God comes in unexpected ways. God is manifest in shepherds instead of kings; in a village, not a metropolis and in a simple girl, not a regal queen. Mary is our model of faith and obedience to God's will. Filled with grace through the Holy Spirit, she brings forth her holy child to the world. "Blessed are you among women," we pray, "and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus." In her presence, new life stirs within us and we are filled with joy. We too are blessed because we trust that the Lord's promise to us will be fulfilled.

How can I practice the virtue of humility as I wait for the Lord? Do I need to exercise the virtue of trust today?

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

Mary went to the hill country of Judah to see her cousin, Elizabeth, who was going to have a baby. When Mary greeted Elizabeth, the baby in her womb began to move and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She said to Mary, "God has blessed you more than all other women and has blessed the baby in your womb. The Lord has blessed you because you believed in his promise."

We honor Mary because she became the Mother of Jesus by saying "yes" to God. Mary's faith and trust in God is what makes her special.

How can we say "yes" to God, as Mary did, and bring Jesus to the world?

CHRISTMAS DAY: God speaks in all manner of ways, ever unfolding throughout the limitless universe. God speaks in the radiant dawn, the opening bud, the waning moon, and the falling leaf. God's voice is heard in human laughter and tears, in shouts of victory, murmurs of love, and in the rattle of death. And God's voice is heard in a baby's cry.

The fullness of God's word is found in Jesus. Jesus' voice is God's voice, speaking words of peace, love, forgiveness and justice. Not everyone will listen; many ignore these words. Some speak words of hatred and division. Those who welcome Jesus' words become like Jesus — a child of God.

God needs our voices too. We must be messengers of good news, speaking healing words, shattering the chains of oppression, and announcing a future full of hope. Through our lips, the glad tidings of God's saving power will be heard to the ends of the earth. All who receive God's word hear words first spoken to the Son: "You are my child; today I have begotten you."

What words of love does God want me to speak? How can I announce the good news this Christmas Day?

SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

Sacrificial Giving Dec 13 week 24
4,932.57

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:

John Jaszowski 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.

EPIPHANY PARTY – Jan. 3rd after 11:00 Mass in the gym. Let's celebrate Epiphany together! Bring a holiday treat or snack to share. (no donuts that day) We will spend about an hour together having fun as we begin to conclude the Christmas season.

INCLEMENT WEATHER: During inclement weather, especially icy conditions, please be extra prudent, and if we are encouraged to stay home, do so. 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 morning Mass or Communion Service.

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.

IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY:

NORTH CATHOLIC ALL SCHOOL REUNION: July 2010 will be 40 years since North Catholic High School was destroyed by fire. An all school reunion is being planned for July 10, 2010 at De LaSalle North Catholic High School (the old Kenton Grade School) on Interstate and Lombard. Information website NorthCatholicReunion2010.com or NCHSR-reunion2010@gmail.com.

ADVERTISERS OF THE WEEK:

Rose City Cemetery and Funeral Home— 5625 NE Fremont St. 503 281 3821.