

# ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO PORTLAND



## Calendar

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

(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

Practice for family mass 12:15 p.m.

Hospitality SCC (Salt an Light) Kathy Brown

Decorate church 12:15 p.m.

Blood Pressure Clinic after masses

Mon: **Communion Service 8 a.m.** (1Sm 1:24-28 Ps 1Sm 2 Lk 1:46-56)

CYO—gym 9 am

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

Holy Hour 8:30 am

CYO—gym 9am

Wed **NO morning mass** (2 Sm 7:1-5,8b-12,14a16 Ps 89 Lk 1:67-79)

Family Mass 5 p.m. Is 62:1-5 Ps 89 Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 Mt 1:1-25)

Caroling 4:30 p.m.

Midnight Mass at 10 p.m. (Is 9:1-6 Ps 96 Ti 2:11-14 Lk 2:1-14)

Caroling 9:30 p.m.

AA mtg— Rm 15b 7:30 p.m.

Thurs. **Mass 10 am.** (Is 52:7-10 Ps 98 Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18 )



Office closed

Fri **NO Mass or Communion Ser.** (Acts 6:8-10;7:54-59 Ps31 Mt 10:17-22)

Office closed

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

Sat. **No morning mass** (1Jn1:1-4 Ps 97 Jn 20:2-8)

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

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

**Vigil Mass 5 p.m.**

Choir party 12-4 gym and PC

Blessing of Calendars

Next Sunday: HOLY FAMILY

(Sir 3:2-7 12-14 Ps 128 Col 3:12-21 Lk 2:22-40)

Masses 8:30 and 11 a.m.

NO FF

NO Liturgy of the Word for Children

NO C/R

\* indicates outside of parish



### 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, Anthony “Babe” Galuzzo and Anthony Hanson.

Please pray for these parishioners.

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION:** it has been brought to our attention that a child in the 4th Grade Faith Formation class has head lice. For information about head lice go to [www.cdc.gov/lice/head/diagnosis.html](http://www.cdc.gov/lice/head/diagnosis.html)

### ST. VINCENT DEPAUL:

NO REPORT —we have been filling Christmas boxes.

A special thanks to AJ Java on 42nd for their donations of coffee to our St. Vincent dePaul.

Thank you for your continued support.

WE HOPE EVERYONE HAS A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS.

**EPIPHANY POTLUCK:** “Quest for the Light” is on January 4, from 5-7 p.m. Enjoy a stress free end to the Christmas season. The Twelve Days of Christmas ends on Epiphany . Our celebration will be a simple but festive potluck with songs and entertainment. Sign up starting this weekend, and let us know if you need a ride or can provide one — we want everyone to be able to attend.

**CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING!** Help support our youth and ease your Christmas cleanup! This year we are collecting trees for recycling on Jan. 2, Jan. 4, and January 11. The cost is \$5 per tree, and you can bring your tree to the church parking lot any time from 9 am to 3 pm. All the proceeds support our High School youth.

We need youth and adult helpers! Call Anne Holt at 503 252 2170 or the parish office 503 281 6461 to volunteer or provide help to keep our volunteers warm and toasty and nourished. Thank you for all your generosity!

Congratulations to Denis and Marguerite Reilly on their 64th Wedding Anniversary this month.

### 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.**

**TOWELS:** Where have all the towels gone. **Help—** we need terry type towels for the kitchen. They have disappeared. If you have any terry kitchen towels you would like to donate, please bring them to office. Thank you very much.



DECEMBER 21, 2008

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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God makes a covenant of fidelity with us, as strong as a rock that cannot be moved. God is a loving "father" whose kindness and mercy stand firm forever. God builds an everlasting home in which to dwell, not a magnificent temple or palace, but a virgin womb, a new tabernacle for a new covenant. Mary's child is called "Jesus, Savior, and Son of the Most High." His throne and kingdom will be without end.

Paul says that this mystery, hidden throughout the ages and manifested by the prophets, is fully revealed in Jesus Christ. The universal kingdom that Jesus establishes is for all people in search of love, truth and justice.

To those who are fearful, God's messenger says, "Do not be afraid. Nothing is impossible with God!" With the Virgin Mary who placed her life at the service of God we humbly answer, "I am the servant of the Lord. Let it be done as you say." "Ave Maria! Rejoice! O highly favored daughter!"

***Have I experienced the Lord's presence today? Do I give evidence that God resides in my life?***

**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!

On this Fourth Sunday of Advent, we hear a reading from the gospel of Luke. Here Luke tells us how Mary became pregnant with Jesus ... Mary is overcome by the grace of God and allows herself to become the human mother of Jesus. The coming of God into human form brings two gifts — the forgiveness of sins and an intimate relationship with God.

***What are some of the ways that God asks you to help "bring" Jesus to others? What gift of yourself will you give to others this Christmas?***

***Mary listened intently to the message of God and acted on it. What message have you chosen to listen to? How have you acted on that message?***

**CHRISTMAS EVE/CHRISTMAS DAY**

Each of the masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day have a different Gospel reading —they all focus on a different part of the wonderful story of how and where and when Jesus was born. They tell us about angels appearing in dreams and talking to shepherds..about Caesar Augustus asking for a census—and of course about Mary and Joseph journeying to Bethlehem and how Jesus was born there in a manger. In these passages, Jesus is called the "Savior of the world" as well as the "light of the world."

***As your family celebrates Christmas does your family pay more attention to the ways our culture celebrates this holiday, or do you remember the glorious message of the angels of God? What tradition(s) can you build into your family celebration that will help you to bring the focus to Christ?***



**SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT** (due to weather conditions there was no report for the bulletin .)

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

**For a daily prayer for peace in Iraq:  
[www.prayercentral.net](http://www.prayercentral.net)**



**CHRISTMAS DAY:** God speaks in all manner of ways — as varied as the works of creation and as mighty as the deeds of deliverance. God's most powerful word is the one who comes to dwell among us — Jesus, the creative and redeeming Word of God. Some are unable to hear God's word. Many ignore his words. Others cannot accept the one who speaks of peace, love, forgiveness and justice. To those who welcome his message, Christ is birthed anew in them and they become children of God.

God needs our words too. How beautiful are those who carry glad tidings of salvation! How healing are the words spoken to those in pain! How comforting is the message to the oppressed. The Word of God pierces the darkness, illuminating the whole earth with saving power. God speaks to us words of enduring love first spoken to the Son: "You are my child, my first born; this day I have begotten you."

***Am I a faithful messenger of good news? What "words" of peace and salvation can I announce today?***

