

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO PORTLAND



Calendar

Today : Second Sunday of Advent

(Bar 5:1-9 Ps126 Phil 1:4-6,8-11 Lk 3:1-6)

Masses 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

C/R Salt and Light SCC

Altar Society Sale after masses

St. Nicholas visits Faith Formation

FF 9:45 am

Liturgy of the Word for children 11 am

Reconciliation Series begins 9:45 am PC

RCIA 9:45 am PC

Confirmation session 12:15 pm PC

Christmas flower collection

AA mtg. 7 p.m. Rm 15b



Mon: Communion Service 8 a.m.

(Is35:1-10 Ps 85 Lk 5:17-26)

Faith Formation planning mtg. * 7 p.m.

Sewing ladies— 10-2 gym

Tue: Mass 8 a.m. and 7 p.m

(Gn 3:9-15,20 Ps 98 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 Lk 1:26-38)

Immaculate Conception

Holy hour 8:30 a.m.

Bereavement mtg.*

RCIA team mtg. 8 p.m. PC

Wed: Mass 8 a.m. (Is 40:25-31 Ps 103 Mt 11:28-30)

Altar Society Advent Retreat & Lunch 10:30 a.m. PC

St. Vincent dePaul meeting 7 p.m. Rm 2

RDM mtg.* 6:30 p.m.

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

Thur: Mass 8 a.m. (Is 41:13-20 Ps 145 Mt 11:11-15)

Share the Word— 8:45 a.m. PC

Communion to the Sick—9:45 a.m. PC

Fri : Mass 8:00 a.m. (Is 48:17-19 Ps 1 Mt 11:16-19)

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

Sat. NO morning mass

(Zec 2:14-17 Ps Jdt 13 Lk 1:26-38)

Decorate for Our Lady of Guadalupe 9 a.m.

Altar Society church clean up day 10 a.m.

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

Reconciliation 4-4:30 p.m.

Vigil Mass 5 p.m.

Next Sunday: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

(Zep 3:14-18a Ps Is 12:2-6 Phil 4:4-7 Lk 3:10-18)

Masses 8:30 & 11 a.m.

NO Coffee and rolls (hospitality provided by Multicultural Ministry.

Faith Formation classes

NO Liturgy of the Word for children

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Practice for family mass

SVDP collection

Reconciliation series

RCIA

AA mtg.

* indicates outside of parish



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. 6 TOYS Dec. 13— FOOD Dec. 20 BEDDING

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, Evelyn Masterson, Chuck Keenan, Loretta Karons, Raevyn Rasheed, MaryLynn Pierce, Mary Ellen Schmich, Ted Kaegebein, Ronnie Gluth, Peggy Brandes, Ada Newsom and Gudy Menning.

Please pray for these parishioners.



Our St. Charles St.VDP served 25 families with food and clothes, 3 rent calls, 2 utility calls for a total of 110 people served.

In our pantry we can use sugar, cereal, ground coffee and toys for Christmas. Personal care items are always welcome.

If you would like to help sort, pack and deliver the Christmas boxes, please contact Toni Schimming. Without the love, support and prayers of the St. Charles community we could not provide and do all that we are able to do for others.

If you are interested in volunteering in our ministry contact Toni Schimming at tonischimming@msn.com or 503 522 6316.

PARISH NURSE MINISTRY:

Watch the website for our University of Portland Nursing students video.

Valuable information on Calcium, importance of breakfast plus nutritional content of donuts.

SMALL CHURCH COMMUNITIES: All registered parishioners should have received a letter promoting new Small Church Communities. **Do you enjoy scripture reflection? Would you like to deepen your faith through reflection and sharing? Want to get to know a group of 8-10 fellow parishioners in a deep and meaningful way?** Here's your chance! Groups will begin the end of January and meet twice monthly. For more information or to register, please contact Kathy Brown 503 545 8135 or emailjoanw@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 (the date has been changed) Listen for the announcement of the date when we receive the word. Please come and learn about the structure of these 2 measures and what they mean in relation to human services and education.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE: We will celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe on Sunday Dec. 13, at the 11 am mass with a multicultural mass followed by a celebration in the gym.





DECEMBER 6, 2009



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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In times of darkness, we await the new light of day. Then we can take off the sack cloth of mourning and robe ourselves in God's justice and glory. Though it may seem like an impossible dream, we try to remember the "great things the Lord has done for us." Though we went forth weeping, we will return to a joyful homecoming.

Though he was behind prison walls, Paul asked his community to rejoice. His prayer was that his experience of loss would teach them how to value what really mattered. When a harvest of justice ripened in them, they would stand before the Lord with a "clear conscience and blameless conduct." God would bring to completion the good work begun in each one.

Though the powers of the world threatened to destroy him, John the Baptist continued to proclaim God's message: "Make ready the way of the Lord." With Christ, the desolate valleys can be filled, obstacles can be overcome, and the twists and turns of our lives can be straightened out. Then together, we will rejoice at Christ's coming and see the salvation of God.

How can I practice the virtue of courage this Advent? Whom do I need to encourage today?

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

God spoke to a man named John who was living in the desert. After hearing God's word, John went around the whole area of Jordan telling people to turn away from sin, prepare a path for Jesus to come into their hearts.

Sin is like a roadblock on our path to God and can keep us from fully inviting Jesus into our hearts. Fortunately, we have a loving and merciful God who offers us forgiveness and healing from sin.

What are some things that are in the way of our path to God? What would you like Jesus to see in you? To whom will you offer forgiveness?

Go to your parish penance service as a family this Advent!

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 Nov 29 week 22
\$3,268.00

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!

ANNIVERSARIES IN DECEMBER: Congratulations to Denis and Marguerite Reilly who will celebrate their 65th Anniversary this month on the 15th.

If you are celebrating a December anniversary within 5 year segments and you want to be recognized, let the office know.

ALTAR SOCIETY: Our annual Advent Reflection and luncheon is next Wednesday, Dec. 9, beginning at 10:30 a.m in the Parish Center. Lunch will be provided. Barbara McCormick will be our reflection leader. Hope to see you all here.

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:

JESUIT HIGH SCHOOL: Placement test for 8th grade students Dec. 11 at 4:30 p.m. & Sat. Dec 12 at 9 a.m. \$20 fee for the test. Refreshments will be served.

SHALOM PRAYER CENTER: 840 S Main St. Mt Angel Or. Thomas Merton Retreat Dec 11 7-9 p.m. Dec 12 9:30-3:30 \$114.00 with a \$45 deposit includes breakfast and lunch.

FEAST OF SANTO NINO: Filipino Community of Mt. Angel Seminary invite you to Mass and the reception. January 16, 11 a.m. At Mt. Angel Seminary. All are invited to bring a dish to share at the reception. Information 503 845 3771.

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON: 3145 SW 192nd Ave. Hillsboro, Or. Mass of Remembrance on the Feast of the Holy Innocents, December 28, at 7 p.m. There will be a Rosary prayed just before the mass at 6:30 p.m. This mass is offered for all deceased children, especially those who have died before birth or baptism and for victims of abortion. Information 503 356 8269 or 503 844 4916.