

ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO PORTLAND



Calendar

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

Faith Formation classes— 9:45 am
Liturgy of the Word Children
Nursery open
Sunday Hospitality school parents
Altar Society Treasure and Bake Sale
RCIA 9:45 a.m. PC
Adult Ed— 9:45 a.m. RM 3



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

Shining Star—gym 9-9:30 am & 1:10-1:25 pm
CYO— gym 4:45 pm—8:30 pm
Altar Society Advent Retreat 7 p.m. PC
RDM * 7 p.m.

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

Holy Hour 8:30-9:30 a.m.
Shining Star gym 10:45-noon
Communal Reconciliation— 7 p.m. St. Charles
CYO— gym 3:30-6:30 pm
MACG Catholic Caucus 1:15 p.m. *
Bereavement mtg.* 7 p.m.
Confirmation mtg. 6:30 pm PC

Wed. **Mass at 8 am**

Feast of Guadalupe
Staff mtg. 9 a.m.
Shining Star— gym 1-1:30 pm
Letter carriers 6:30 p.m. PC
Reconciliation at Immaculate Heart 7 p.m.
RCIA team mtg. 7 p.m.*
St. Vincent dePaul mtg. 7 p.m.
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
Reconciliation at The Madeleine 7 p.m.
CYO— 3:30-8:30 p.m. gym

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

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.
gym in use 11:30-4 Shining Star Christmas Party
Choir workshop 12-4 church/PC

Next Sunday

Third Sunday of Advent

MASSES 8:30 and 11 a.m.

FF classes
Liturgy of the Word for Children
Sunday Hospitality: Pastoral Council
RCIA
Nursery open
youth group dinner 5:30 pm
Retirement Fund for the Religious

PRAYERS OF SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Sick: Enid Ritter, Bernadette Gruhler, Jill Barrowcliff, Betty Welch, Conchita and Lorena Campoy, Austin Schulz, Ron Mowlds, Shirley Lynch, Joseph Brandes, Marsha Gruhler, Chris Hodes, Dan White, Bert and Cecilia Benson parents of Linda Solvason, Sr. Maria Madeline Amato, Irene Sark, Frank Mosley, Ashley and Arianna Reich, Mildred and Dianne Carter, and Bobby Berstler.

Please pray for these parishioners.

COMMUNION CALLS: The number of calls to the homebound has grown and we need more parishioners for this ministry. You will receive training. Let Father John know if you are interested.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Mon Is 35:1-10 Lk 5:17-26
Tue Is 40 1-11 Mt 18:12-14
Wed Our Lady of Guadalupe
Zec 2:14-17 Lk 1:26-38
Thur Is 41:13-20 Mt 11:11-15
Fri: Is 48:17-19 Mt 11:16-19
Sat: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 Mt 17:9a, 10-13
NEXT SUNDAY: Third Sun of Advent
Is 35:1-6a, 10 Jas 5:7-10 Mt 11:2-11

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL:

During the week of Nov 26-30 the St. Charles Conference of the St. Vincent dePaul Society made 26 food calls, and 2 utility calls for a total of 102 people helped. Many thanks to Jeanne Allen who has worked very hard for a long time in our food room, keeping shelves stocked and everything in order. We appreciate everything she did to help all of us. Bob O'Harrow, we pray that he is well and is getting some needed rest. He has been getting food from the food bank for many years. A big job!

Now for Christmas! On Monday Dec. 17, we need all kinds of vehicles to haul food from St. Rose. Also, that day we need people to tape boxes (bring strong tape). That week Dec 17-22 we need lots of help. Keep getting turkeys, chicken, ham etc. for our boxes. Any questions call Polly 503 284 7940. Thanks to you all.

Dear Parish Family:

The liturgy this weekend calls us to repentance and to creative ways of spreading the fire of love this Advent. It's a time to renew our caring especially for the needy, to end quarrels, to break silences, to make peace. I know it would be a "stretch" to participate in this Tuesday's Communal Reconciliation Service if you have not done so in the past. I encourage you—try it. You'll like it!

Let us pray for one another as we invite Christ more deeply into our thoughts, words, and deeds.

Peace to you, Fr. JOHN

THE ALTAR SOCIETY ADVENT REFLECTION:

All are welcome to join us for a quiet evening of sharing, prayers and music. We will gather in the Parish Center Monday, Dec. 10 at 7 p.m. Need a ride? Call Jan 503 287-1909. If you can, bring a package of infant disposable diapers. These will be distributed to those in need.

WINTER SOLSTICE: AN INCONVENIENT PEACE: The NE Inter-faith Peace Group is hosting a gathering for peace Friday evening Dec. 21 at Redeemer Lutheran Church on 20th and NE Killingsworth, 6:30-7:30 p.m. The evening will focus on the darkness of war and violence and the light of hope that we all long for. Please dress warm as part of the evening will be outdoors.

WE WELCOME THE NEWEST PARISHIONERS FROM THE LAST COUPLE OF MONTHS: Chris Bernier— David and Joan Fedak— Michelle and Tony Haun- Hood — Jocelyn Lamsen— Philip Millay— Lavidia Palacios — Scott and Cynthia Preece — Joanne and Steve Ungu— Mary Ellen and Justin Zucconi.

YOUTH CORNER: High School YOUTH PIZZA DINNER and Christmas Party Dec. 16 at Karen's House 5255 NE Mallory Ave at 5:30 pm. Please bring a "white elephant" gift wrapped for our gift exchange. Remember a white elephant gift is just something crazy around your house you are trying to get rid of. Wrap it up and see who gets it and note, you will leave with some interesting item as well!

Bring your homework with you also, if you want to stay after and do homework together.

Call Karen at (503) 493-8588 with any questions.



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A tree may be cut down, but with patience, a new shoot will sprout from the dead stump. In time a bud will flower, and eventually fruit will come forth. This is a model of our life in the spirit. God's sevenfold gifts can blossom and grow in our lives. What is true for a person is also true for the nation. When people refuse to judge by appearance — who is the most wealthy or most powerful — but judge with equity, God's reign will come. When a nation defends the rights of the poor, justice and faithfulness will encircle the land, and it will be a return to paradise. God's children will dwell together and will not be stung by the serpent again.

God's prophet surprises us in the desert places of our hearts, urging us to "Reform our lives!" He wakes us up by immersing us in a wintry bath. He lays an ax to the deadwood in our lives. Our crooked ways must be made straight; our rough ways smoothed. It is time to make a decision. We are sons and daughters of God — Muslims, Jews and Christians — who must give evidence that our lives are changed. Then peace and harmony will rule and wherever God's children gather we will praise God with one heart and one voice.

Do I listen to God's voice in my desert places? What can I do this Advent to reform 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!

Today is the second Sunday of Advent and our Gospel reading is from Matthew. Advent means "at the coming." It is the season when we prepare to celebrate Christ coming—Christmas! The first time Jesus came, of course, was when he was born in Bethlehem. He will come in the future, in glory, at the end of the world. Most importantly Christ comes to us, in the present, in the everyday moments of our lives. In today's Gospel, Matthew introduces us to John the Baptist who is preaching in the wilderness. John tells the people to repent, to change their ways, because "the king of heaven is at hand" — someone special is coming!

What does John mean by "repent"? He tells some Pharisees and Sadducees to, "produce good fruit as an evidence of (their) repentance." What does John mean by "good fruit?" Who is the one who is coming after John? What changes do you want to make this Advent—As an individual? As a family? At school? At work? At home? Make a family Jesse tree. Pray "Come, Lord Jesus, come, my heart is open" even during Advent.

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.

MARDI GRAS: Lent is so early this year. Ash Wednesday is February 6th. Do save Saturday February 2 for our Mardi Gras Party from 6-10 p.m., and the celebration of Marie Noonan's 100th Birthday.

RCIA-C: Welcome and blessing to those in RCIA(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and RCIC (Children) who participated in the Rite of Acceptance last weekend! Catechumens preparing for Baptism: Erick Moore, Joey Kocourek; candidates preparing for full communion L'orien Reilly, Mark Wilson, Cynthia Preece, Julion Oddy and Joseph Rosyion (who was unable to be with us) and preparing for Confirmation Brian Balsz and Chris Bernier.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

	each week	YTD
Sac. Giv. needed	5,712.00	131,376.00
Sac Giv.(12/2)	7,498.00	116,587.00
Shortfall	+1,786.00	- 14,789.00

(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 9– St. Charles parishioners- (8:30am)
- Dec 9- Peggy Chilton—(11 a.m.) deceased
- Dec 11- Helen Soder– ill
- Dec 12- Peggy Chilton– deceased
- Dec 13- Joseph Buccella deceased
- Dec 14- Ray and Rita McGrann—deceased
- Dec 15- for Vocations
- Dec 16- for the parishioners
- Dec 16- Chris Hodes– ill (11 a.m.)

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. Sign up sheets are out at the entrance of the church.

THANKS to Don Bryans for his layout of our parish Christmas mailing. If you do not receive a copy, please call the parish office so we can add you to our parish mailing list.

PARISH LIBRARY: The parish updated library will be ready for use beginning this weekend!! Guidelines for its use are posted there (the south side of the Parish Center)

OUR PARISH NURSES: begin Blood Pressure Screenings this weekend and every 2nd weekend of the month after all the masses. Go to the Family Room (formerly called the Cry Room) and you will be called into the former Bride's Room. We are grateful to Providence Hospital for their donation of 5 new blood pressure cuffs to the parish and 2 stethoscopes.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 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

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP: Christmas party, Sunday December 16, 12-2 p.m. in Room 15B. RSVP to Truls and Robin 503 281 3216.

ARCHBISHOP HOWARD SCHOOL: Christmas Tree sale this weekend.