

Saint Charles Borromeo

Catholic Church

Catholic Diocese of Richmond

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Saint Charles Borromeo Parish is a Catholic Community of Faith which is dedicated to prayerful worship of our Lord and Savior, providing a welcoming place to others, Christian service to all our neighbors and grateful stewardship of our earthly home.

Mass Schedule (subject to change)

Saturday Evening Vigil Mass

5:00 PM

Sunday Masses

9:00 AM English

4:00 PM Spanish

Daily

9:30 AM (Wednesday – Friday)

Holy Days

Please call for schedule

Welcome to Our Parish

We are happy to welcome you with great joy to our Faith Community! New Parishioners are requested to register. Please fill out a Parish registration form so we have a record of you and your family. We also welcome you to become an active member of the Parish. Please obtain a registration form from the rear of the Church or the Parish Office. Also, if you are moving, please notify the Parish Office.

December 1, 2024



Saint Charles Parish Staff

Marta Rose, *Office Manager*

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Jose Palacio, Adela Montalvo-Palacio & Leticia Palacio,
Hispanic Ministry

Karey and Kevin Fallon, *Religious Education Ministry*

Rob Harris, *Facilities Management*

Adoration – First Friday after the 9:30 a.m. Mass

Marriage – By Appointment:

At least 6 months prior to the marriage

Baptism – By Appointment

R.C.I.A. – Deacon Don Donovan,

Home: (757) 678-9019, Cell: (757) 999-1172

Reconciliation – By Request and

Before First Fridays on

Wednesday 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and

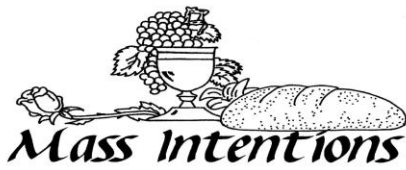
Thursday after 9:30 a.m. Mass

Religious Education – September through May

Parish Council – 3rd Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

Parish Office Hours – Tuesday–Thursday 10:00 am-3:30 pm

Saint Charles Church is open for prayer Wednesday through Sunday during the hours of 9:00am and 5:00pm



Mass Intentions

- NOVEMBER 30th SATURDAY 5:00 P.M.:**
 • The Living and Deceased of Our Parish Family
- DECEMBER 1st SUNDAY 9:00 A.M.:**
 • Betty Brown
- DECEMBER 4th WEDNESDAY 9:30 A.M.:**
 • Tony Holman
- DECEMBER 5th THURSDAY 9:30 A.M.:**
 • Joan Woolaver-Watson
- DECEMBER 6th FIRST FRIDAY 9:30 A.M.:**
 The Breslin and Siewers Family
- DECEMBER 7th SATURDAY 5:00 P.M.:**
 • The Living and Deceased of Our Parish Family
- DECEMBER 8th SUNDAY 9:00 A.M.:**
 • Lindy Seabrook
- DECEMBER 9th MONDAY 9:30 A.M.:**
 THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF
 THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
 • Robert C. Leffel
 • Anthony Tanner
- DECEMBER 9th MONDAY 5:30 P.M.:**
 THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF
 THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
 • The Living and Deceased of Our Parish Family

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MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

- Saturday, December 7th 5:00 PM Mass:**
Greeters: Audrey Brinkley, Karen Leffel
Ushers: Bob Leffel, David Partin
Lector: Dick Surran
Altar Server: Scottie Paschall
Eucharistic Ministers: Thom Hoover, Walter Roll,
 David Scott
- Sunday, December 8th 9:00 AM Mass:**
Greeters: Maureen Bochman, Maureen Donovan
Ushers: Pat James, Bill Nottingham
Lector: Joyce Kulakowski
Altar Server: Robert Toner
Eucharistic Ministers: Eve Mlodynia, Rip Phillips,
 Bob Wells
- Domingo, 8 de diciembre a las 4:00 de la tarde:**
Lectores: To be announced
Monaguillos: To be announced
Ministro de eucaristía: To be announced

Collection for November 23 & 24: = \$ 3,490.00
 Total Offertory for November: = \$ 15,375.00
 November Preservation Fund: = \$ 2,200.00

Saint Charles Church depends on your weekly support for operating expenses. Average weekly collection needed for 2024-25 budget is \$4,230.00.

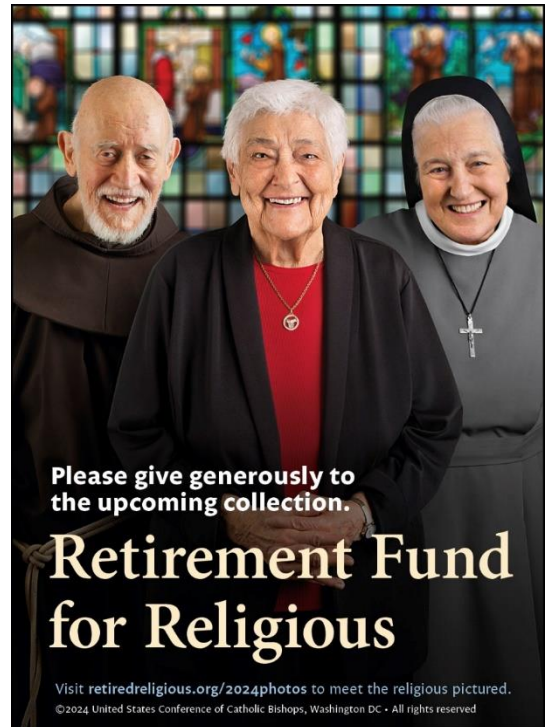
All checks (unless otherwise noted) should be made out to "Saint Charles Church".

You can visit
giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stcharlescapecharles
 and enroll securely online
 or text "Give" to 757-432-2040

Mass attendance November 23 & 24:
 Saturday 74; Sunday 97 & 99

2024 UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS:

12/7-8 Retired Religious
 12/24-25 Catholic Charities



Please give generously to the upcoming collection.

Retirement Fund for Religious

Visit retiredreligious.org/2024photos to meet the religious pictured.
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Sanctuary Light for the Month of December
 For Peace on Earth and
 Deceased Members of the Rydzewski Family



Given by Andrea Price

**Pray for Peace and Protection
of Members of Our Uniformed Services**

Lord, bless the men and women of our military as they answer the call to serve our nation and defend our freedom. Protect them, particularly those in harm's way. Most of all let them know your love: that you are with them, and that you will never forsake or abandon them. We ask this in the precious name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. **Amen.**

Petty Officer Garrett Hedspeth, USCG, Stationed in Destin, Florida. Nephew of Tammy Hedspeth.

2nd Lieutenant Thomas Leffel – stationed at Fort Moore, Georgia. Son of Bob and Karen Leffel.

Admiral Erik Eslich – Son-in-law of Sherry and Ron Wrucke.

SPC Patrick P. Podlaski – Nephew of John Woolaver is now stationed at Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

Master Sergeant E7 Samuel David Fallon – Son of Kevin and Karey Fallon.

1st Lieutenant PA Jason Hill – Son of Grover and Pat Hill.

Staff Sergeant Maribel Surran – now stationed at Fort Carson, Colorado. Daughter-in-law of Dick and Marge Surran.

SPC Marisol Surran – now stationed at Fort Bliss, Texas. Granddaughter of Dick and Marge Surran.

Captain Samuel Davis McQuitty – Grandson-in-law of Peggy and Rip Phillips. Stationed at Fort Cavazos, Texas.

Lieutenant Colonel Tracy Martin – Son-in-law of Bob and Sue Panek.

Captain Katherine Lee – Daughter of Patricia and Robert James.

Staff Sergeant Dustin Goard, SERE Specialist – Son-in-law of Mike and Deirdre Purcell.

Captain Kevin Rech – Son of Kevin and Judy Rech.

Major Clay Lewin – Son of Kurt and Sally Lewin and Grandson of Maureen and Don Donovan.

Captain Sean Mitcham – Son of Denise Mitcham.

Please let us know the name of your loved one serving in the Armed Forces. E-mail to: bulletinscc@gmail.com

Healing Prayer

LORD, You invite all who are burdened to come to You. Allow Your healing hand to heal me. Touch my soul with Your compassion for others. Touch my heart with Your courage and infinite love for all. Touch my mind with Your wisdom, that my mouth may always proclaim Your praise. Teach me to reach out to You in my need and help me to lead others to You by my example. Most loving Heart of Jesus, bring me health in body and spirit that I may serve You with all my strength. Touch gently this life which You have created, now and forever. **Amen.**



Megan Thurston, Grace Buczny, Judy Adams, Matthias Ronning, Eleanor Tross, Denise Kladis, Jon Antal, Val Evans, Jeanette Scott, Andrew Porche, Sara Colanthia Carignan, Angelo Collins, Jr., Liam Scott, Theresa Brady, Al Orlick, Kristin Huggins, Dorothea Rose and Elizabeth Grace Hubbard, Diane Cioffi, Sarah Stansberry, Marjorie Briden, Roberta Romeo, Jennifer Eder, Hunt Addison, Patricia Keane, Louise Weber, Roger Smith, Guy Doughty, Mike Strub, Bev Stetar, Chris Bannon, Billy Powell, Sherry Lawson, Michael Gazzolo, Eve Mlodynia, Marge Surran, Rita Loomis, Karen Webb, George Coates, Joan Natali, Kay Trower, Chica Golibart, Marta Rose, Charles Dumouchelle, Wilhelmina Holman, Mike & Kathleen Kurgan, Judy Rech, Mary Beth Briggs, Marion Simonsen, Bernard Barrett, Terry Strub, Dick Surran, Sue Panek, Karen Foley

Hispanic Ministry "Holy Hour"
every Friday from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

"Men's Holy Hour" is the second and fourth Saturday of the month. This hour of prayer, instruction, and fellowship begins at 6:00 A.M. in the Church.

DECEMBER CALENDAR
Immaculate Conception

Monday, December 9 Masses will be at 9:30am & 5:30pm

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Wednesday, December 12, there will be procession at 6:00pm with Mass at 6:30pm.



Your gift donation(s) should be returned by the weekend of December 7 & 8. Thank you for your generous contributions.

Information/Parish Events

Advent Wreaths and Candles

Wreaths and candles are available for purchase after all masses. A wreath and candle set is \$20.00; wreath only is \$15.00; box of candles only is \$5.00.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Because of the extremely generous support of the friends and families of the Knights of Columbus Council and the Belles of St. Charles, the **Ultrasound Initiative** for the Accomack Northampton Pregnancy Center has reached its goal. The Council received 50% of the cost of a new ultrasound machine. The application for matching funds has been submitted to the State Deputy for review and submission to the Supreme Council. Thank you for your unbelievable response to this life saving effort.

Coats for Kids – Please leave a new coat for a child in the box in the back of the Church. Thank you for the incredible generosity you have shown in the past.

Peanut Sales – Order forms are on the counter in the back of the Church. Orders will be taken through December 1st.

This Friday, December 6th is the First Friday of the Month.

Please join us for recitation of the Rosary before the 9:30 a.m. Mass, followed by Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass.

++Penance for First Friday++

Wednesday, December 4th 5:30 to 6:00 p.m. and

Thursday, December 5th after 9:30 a.m. Mass

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Additional Penance Dates for Christmas are:

Wednesday, December 18th 5:30 to 6:00 pm.,

Thursday, December 19th after 9:30 a.m. Mass and

Saturday, December 21st at 4:00 p.m.

Christmas Poinsettias

We are suggesting \$15.00 per plant which can be designated "In Memory of" or "In Honor of" your loved ones. Please place your envelope in the collection basket. If needed, extra envelopes are located on the back counter.

Información/Eventos Parroquiales

Coronas y velas de Adviento

Se pueden comprar coronas y velas después de todas las misas. El juego de corona y vela cuesta \$20,00; la corona sola cuesta \$15,00; la caja de velas sola cuesta \$5,00.

CABALLEROS DE COLÓN

Gracias al generoso apoyo de los amigos y familiares del Consejo de los Caballeros de Colón y las Belles of St. Charles, la **Iniciativa de Ultrasonido** para el Centro de Embarazo Accomack Northampton alcanzó su meta. El Consejo recibió el 50% del costo de una nueva máquina de ultrasonido. La solicitud de fondos de contrapartida se envió al Diputado de Estado para su revisión y presentación al Consejo Supremo. Gracias por su increíble respuesta a este esfuerzo para salvar vidas.

Abrigos para niños: deje un abrigo nuevo para un niño en la caja que se encuentra en la parte trasera de la Iglesia. Gracias por la increíble generosidad que ha demostrado en el pasado.

Venta de maní: los formularios de pedido se encuentran en el mostrador que se encuentra en la parte trasera de la Iglesia. Se aceptarán pedidos hasta el 1 de diciembre.

El viernes 6 de diciembre es el primer viernes del mes. Únase a nosotros para rezar el rosario antes de la misa de las 9:30 a. m., seguido de la adoración y bendición del Santísimo Sacramento después de la misa.

++Penitencia para el primer viernes++

Miércoles 4 de diciembre de 5:30 a 6:00pm y

Jueves 5 de diciembre después de la misa de las 9:30am

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Las fechas adicionales de penitencia para Navidad son:

Miércoles 18 de diciembre de 5:30 a 6:00pm,

Jueves 19 de diciembre después de la misa de las 9:30am y

Sábado 21 de diciembre a las 4:00pm

Flores de Pascua navideñas

Sugerimos \$15.00 por planta, que puede designarse como "En memoria de" o "En honor de" sus seres queridos. Coloque su sobre en la canasta de recolección. Si es necesario, hay sobres adicionales en el mostrador trasero.



Christmas Mass Schedule

Tuesday, December 24th Christmas Eve
(Carols by Our Choir at 3:30 p.m.)
4:00 p.m. Children's Eucharist

Wednesday, December 25th Christmas Day
9:00 a.m. Eucharist of Christmas

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Feast of the Holy Family
Saturday, December 28th

5:00 p.m. Vigil
Sunday, December 29th
9:00 a.m.
4:00 p.m. Spanish Mass

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Solemnity of Mary
Wednesday, January 1, 2025st
9:30 a.m.

Solemnity of the Epiphany
Saturday, January 4, 2025
5:00 p.m. Vigil with The Three Kings
Sunday, January 5, 2025
9:00 a.m. Mass with The Three Kings
4:00 p.m. Spanish Mass

What is Advent?



Sunday, December 1, 2024 - Tuesday, December 24, 2024

Beginning the Church's liturgical year, Advent (from, "ad-venire" in Latin or "to come to") is the season encompassing the four Sundays (and weekdays) leading up to the celebration of Christmas.

The Advent season is a time of **preparation** that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and to the anniversary of Our Lord's birth on Christmas. From the earliest days of the Church, people have been fascinated by Jesus' promise to come back. But the scripture readings during Advent tell us not to waste our time with predictions. Advent is not about speculation. Our Advent readings call us to be alert and ready, not weighted down and distracted by the cares of this world (Luke 21:34-36). Like Lent, the liturgical color for Advent is purple since both are seasons that prepare us for great feast days. Advent also includes an element of penance in the sense of preparing, quieting, and disciplining our hearts for the full joy of Christmas.

As we prepare for Christmas, the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* notes some differences to the Mass that should be observed during the season. For instance, the priest wears violet or purple during Advent, except for the Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) when rose may be worn (GIRM*, #346). Aside from what the priest wears, other aesthetic changes in the Church can include a more modestly decorated altar.

The final days of Advent, from December 17 to December 24, we focus on our preparation for the celebrations of the Nativity of our Lord at Christmas. In particular, the "O" Antiphons are sung during this period and have been by the Church since at least the eighth century. They are a magnificent theology that uses ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming of Christ as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes, but of present ones as well.

Advent devotions including the Advent wreath, remind us of the meaning of the season. Our Advent calendar (linked below) can help you fully enter into the season with daily activity and prayer suggestions to prepare you spiritually for the birth of Jesus Christ.

<https://www.usccb.org/resources/2024-advent-calendar>

***General Instruction of the Roman Missal**

DECEMBER 2024

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		Birthday: Cynthia Mitchell	Birthday: Kevin Webb Michael Ziegler			
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Anniversary: Ralph & Jeanette Orzo		Birthday: Luisa Gazzolo Roberto Reyez Moutoy	Birthday: Sixta Alvarez	Birthday: Jonas Panuco		Birthday: Michael O'Brien
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Birthday: Alicia Brady Katherine Eastmond	Birthday: Fred Lee David Scott	Birthday: Charlie Apy Maureen Donovan				Birthday: Emanuel Said
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Birthday: Terri Britles Guadalupe Panuco Lawrence Riley	Birthday: Rodolfo Clake Jennifer Delaroderie Pablo Perez		Birthday: Kimberly Heath Daniel Rodriguez	Birthday: Mary Rose Cunningham Edward Stetar	Birthday: Sabina Brown	Birthday: Karen Gliedman
29	30	31				
Birthday: Johanna Ashworth	Birthday: Randy Rodriguez Blanca Rodriguez	Birthday: Ryan Webb				



The Waiting Time

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Advent is a time of hope but also a time of waiting. Different than wishing, hope is the belief that, one day, all will be well. Teenagers eagerly wait to be out on their own, believing then all will be well. Students are eager to graduate and get away from papers to write, books to read, and exams to take—then all will be well. Some singles long to find a partner, marry, and settle down, believing—then—all will be well. Always there is the faith that, although life may not now be what we wish, the future will bring a time when all will be well. We are inveterate people of hope.

Yet life is a process that cannot be rushed. Author Annie Dillard once watched a butterfly hatch from a cocoon. A bit impatient, she decided to gently warm

the cocoon and so hasten the process. It worked, except by rushing the process the butterfly's wings were undeveloped, too weak to fly. All that we hope and long for in life must happen at its own pace, faithful to the process.

How, then, do we negotiate the waiting? The Gospel's encouragement is to pray, but not for what we want. Rather, we are to pray for the strength to stand with hope before the Son of Man, trusting that God will bring forth the goodness we need. Though it may be different than what we seek, it will be what we need. ●

Reflect

How can you better enjoy times of waiting?

May the Lord make you
increase and abound in love
for one another and for all...
to be blameless in holiness
before our God and Father at
the coming of our Lord Jesus
with all his holy ones.

1 THESSALONIANS 3:12–13



Dear Padre,

I've been Catholic all my life, but I don't understand Advent. It's too much like Lent and seems an odd way to prepare for the birth of a baby.

In a society that is primarily secular, one skill of the believing Christian is the ability to balance competing realities. From a secular perspective, Christmas is part of the period identified as the “holidays,” beginning with Thanksgiving until New Year’s Day, when it abruptly ends and stores begin advertising Valentine’s Day.

For Christians, Christmas is the day we celebrate the birth of Jesus, the great promise fulfilled after centuries of waiting and expectation. The creative energy of the Father is displayed in wonder and awe as the angels sing and people of good faith gather to celebrate. We join our ancestors in anticipation of this event through the liturgical season of Advent, a time of waiting and preparation.

The Christian holy day is a singular day, the feast of the Nativity of the Lord—Christmas—but the Church continues the celebration of God’s life and love through the days that follow, culminating in the Baptism of the Lord, the beginning of the public ministry of Jesus.

We are invited to hold the secular and the liturgical experiences in an integrated balance. We can celebrate the secular holidays and we can enter the liturgical season that helps us contemplate something much grander and more spectacular. ●



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Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSSR / DearPadre.org

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
December 2	December 3	December 4	December 5	December 6	December 7	December 8
<i>Advent Weekday</i>	<i>St. Francis</i>	<i>Advent Weekday</i>	<i>Advent Weekday</i>	<i>Advent Weekday</i>	<i>St. Ambrose,</i>	<i>Second Sunday</i>
Is 2:1-5	<i>Xavier, Priest</i>	Is 25:6-10a	Is 26:1-6	Is 29:17-24	<i>Bishop and</i>	<i>of Advent</i>
Mt 8:5-11	Is 11:1-10	Mt 15:29-37	Mt 7:21, 24-27	Mt 9:27-31	<i>Doctor of the</i>	Bar 5:1-9
	Lk 10:21-24				<i>Church</i>	Phil 1:4-6, 8-11
					Is 30:19-21,	Lk 3:1-6
					23-26	
					Mt 9:35-10:1,	
					5a, 6-8	



STEFANO DAL POLOZZO / CNS

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Vigilance means this: not to allow our hearts to become lazy or our spiritual life to soften into mediocrity. Be careful because we can become “sleepy Christians”—and we know there are many Christians who are asleep, who are anesthetized by spiritual worldliness....

This is a sad life going forward this way since there is no happiness.

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