

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 15, 2024



Saint Charles Parish Staff

Marta Rose, *Office Manager*

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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

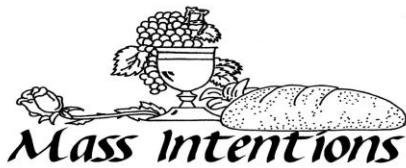
Thursday after 9:30 a.m. Mass

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



DECEMBER 14th SATURDAY 5:00 P.M.:

- The Living and Deceased of Our Parish Family

DECEMBER 15th SUNDAY 9:00 A.M.:

- Florence Manley Kellam
- Dante Waters
- Tess Woolaver
- Francisco Torres

DECEMBER 18th WEDNESDAY 9:30 A.M.:

- Odell & Esther Wood

DECEMBER 19th THURSDAY 9:30 A.M.:

- Mary Maserka

DECEMBER 20th FRIDAY 9:30 A.M.:

- Peter Lancho

DECEMBER 21st SATURDAY 5:00 P.M.:

- The Living and Deceased of Our Parish Family

DECEMBER 22nd SUNDAY 9:00 A.M.:

- Lindy Seabrook

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MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

Saturday, December 21st 5:00 PM Mass:

Greeters: Karen Leffel, Marge Surran

Ushers: Bob Leffel, David Partin

Lector: Kevin Fallon

Altar Server: Jeffrey Rathz

Eucharistic Ministers: Mark Clarke, Karey Fallon,
Walter Roll

Sunday, December 22nd 9:00 AM Mass:

Greeters: Lori McDonald, Andrea Scott

Ushers: Bill Nottingham, David Scott

Lector: Luisa Gazzolo

Altar Server: Bob Wells

Eucharistic Ministers: Judy Chuisano, Dennis Corbitt,
Thom Hoover

Domingo, 22 de diciembre a las 4:00 de la tarde:

Lectores: Perla Velazquez, Leticia Rodriguez

Monaguillos: To be announced

Ministro de eucaristía: To be announced

Please note: NO Sunday 4:00 p.m. Mass this Sunday.

Collection for December 14 & 15: 3,093= \$ 3,878.00

Total Offertory for December: = \$ 6,971.00

December Preservation Fund: = \$ 1,997.00

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 December 14 & 15:

Saturday 76; Sunday 129/No 4:00pm

2024 UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS:

December 24-25 Catholic Charities

January 4-5 Preservation Fund

The Collection at Christmas Masses will benefit Catholic Charities of Eastern Virginia

Please give to Catholic Charities collection at Christmas Masses. Catholic Charities of Eastern Virginia served more than 10,000 local families last year by providing: free diapers, children's clothing and parenting support; adoption services; eviction prevention and financial education; mental health counseling; Guardianship services for those with no one to care for them; and much more! Please visit www.cceva.org for more information on how your support will change lives! May God bless you and your family.

Sanctuary Light for the Month of December

For Peace on Earth and

Deceased Members of the Rydzewski Family



Given by Andrea Price

2025 My Gift to You Candles

The 2025 "My Gift to You Candle" request book is now available on the information counter. Information and request form(s) are in the pocket(s) of the book.

2025 Altar Flower Request Book

The 2025 Altar Flower Request Book is available on the information counter. We suggest at \$40.00 donation for each request.

**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.

1st Lieutenant Thomas Leffel – stationed at Fort Carson, Colorado. 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, 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, Evelyn Pinili



**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.**

Blessing of the Child Jesus

Please be sure to bring your Baby Jesus figurine from your nativity display to Mass NEXT weekend for a blessing.

Information/Parish Events



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

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.

There will be no 9:30 a.m. Daily Mass on
Thursday, December 26 or
Friday, December 27

Información/Eventos Parroquiales



Christmas Mass Schedule

Martes 24 de diciembre Nochebuena
(Villancicos a cargo de nuestro coro at las
15:30 h)

16:00 h Eucaristía de niños

Miércoles 25 de diciembre Día de Navidad
9:00 h Eucaristía de Navidad

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Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia
Sábado 28 de diciembre
17:00 h Vigilia

Domingo 29 de diciembre
9:00 h
16:00 h Misa en español

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Solemnidad de Maria
Miércoles 1 de enero de 2025
9:30 h

Solemnidad de la Epifanía
Sábado 4 de enero de 2025
17:00 h Vigilia con los Reyes Magos
Domingo 5 de enero de 2025
Misa de los Reyes Magos a las 9:00 a.m.
Misa en español a las 4:00 p.m.

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.

No habrá misa diaria a las 9:30 a.m.
Jueves 26 de diciembre o
Viernes 27 de diciembre



Helping Hands Christmas Meals December 2024

Dear St. Charles Parishioners:

Just a note to say "Thank You" to all who donated funds, who helped us with packing the food bags and those who helped up deliver the food bags the day before Thanksgiving!

We mailed out 30 Food Lion \$50.00 Gift Cards to those who could shop themselves for their families. And we delivered 25 bags of food. Each bag contained a fresh rotisserie Chicken, cans of Cranberry Sauce, Gravy, Cut Green Beans, Spam, Corn and Peas, and boxes of Instant Mashed Potatoes and Stuffing, along with a pie and some candies.

We are now preparing to deliver bags of food or Food Lion Gift Certificates to the 55 local family households in need this Christmas. We estimate that it will cost \$50.00 per household. We plan to deliver bags of food (the day before Christmas, Tuesday December 24th) to households that have a hard time shopping themselves. We will mail those families who can shop for themselves a Food Lion \$50.00 Gift Certificate this coming week, so they have plenty of time to shop.

If you want to donate to help with the purchases, please put "Christmas Meals" in the memo of the check or write "Christmas Meals" on an envelope with cash. That will insure it goes to our Helping Hands Meals Program. If you attend Mass, you can put your donation in the collection basket. If that is not an option for you, please mail your donation to St. Charles Church, c/o Fr. J. Michael Breslin, 545 Randolph Avenue, Cape Charles, VA 23310. **Donations should be made by December 20.** The earlier you send a donation, the better able we are to know if we can reach our goal. It also gives us enough time to purchase the Food Lion Gift Certificates and still get them to the families before Christmas so they can do their own shopping.

We will pack the food bags on Sunday, December 22 at 1:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. If you can help us, please let me or Mary Beth Briggs know. We will deliver the food bags on Tuesday, December 24, leaving from the Parish Hall at 1:00 p.m.

We will need help delivering the bags in a safe manner, so if you can donate some time, please contact Joan Natali at 757-331-4884 / joan.natali@outlook.com or Mary Beth Briggs at 757-678-5036 / marybethbriggs@verizon.net.

We will contact all who volunteer by phone/email to confirm their assignment(s), so make sure to give us your contact phone number/email address.

Thank you for any assistance you can provide for this project.

*Joan Natali, Co-Chair of St. Charles Helping Hands
Mary Beth Briggs, Co-Chair of St. Charles Helping Hands*

Joan L. Natali
110 Blue Heaven Rd
Cape Charles, VA 23310
(757) 331-4884 (H)

"O" Antiphons

The Roman Church has been singing the "**O**" **Antiphons** since at least the eighth century. They are the antiphons that accompany the *Magnificat* canticle of Evening Prayer from December 17-23. They are a magnificent theology that uses ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming Christ as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes, but present ones as well. Their repeated use of the imperative "Come!" embodies the longing of all for the Divine Messiah.

December 17

O Wisdom of our God Most High, guiding creation with power and love: come to teach us the path of knowledge!

December 18

O Leader of the House of Israel, giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai: come to rescue us with your mighty power!

December 19

O Root of Jesse's stem, sign of God's love for all his people: come to save us without delay!

December 20

O Key of David, opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom: come and free the prisoners of darkness!

December 21

O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice: come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.

December 22

O King of all nations and keystone of the Church: come and save man, whom you formed from the dust!

December 23

O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law: come to save us, Lord our God!

—From *Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers*

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				

Good News!

December 15, 2024

Third Sunday of Advent (C)

Zephaniah 3:14-18a / Philippians 4:4-7 /
Luke 3:10-18

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

There's something to be said for kindness. Often when we say to ourselves that something is an act of godliness, it's when someone is kind, especially when it seems to come out of the blue. It's what John the Baptist seemed to be thinking when he said we would be baptized with the Holy Spirit and with the sort of passionate fire that warms and gives off light. Henry James, the British novelist, once said that three things were important in life—the first, be kind; the second, be kind; the third, be kind. Long before Henry James said it, St. Paul wrote to the Christian community in Philippi: “Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near” (Philippians 4:5). God's presence seems to be nearer when someone is kind.

It is curious how in the darkest moments of life, the light of kindness shines more brightly. Natural calamities seem to bring out kindness toward those who suffer. So too, at times of personal tragedies or disasters, when others are grieving the death of someone they love, as well as countless other times when people find themselves lost in the dark. Little wonder then how during this time of year when the days are shortest, and the nighttime dark is longest, that the days of Advent and Christmas seem to be laced with kindness for one another. Then the veil that hides God from our eyes grows thinner, and we catch glimpses of “God with us.” ●

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Dear Padre

December 15, 2024

My family, friends, and coworkers seem to be uncomfortable when I tell them that I've been praying for them. Should I just keep it to myself?

There is nothing fundamentally wrong with telling people you have been praying for them. Most people are probably grateful for such care and support. But it can be a little tricky. If the person believes the praying is actually a judgment and not a blessing, it may provoke a less-than-grateful response. This is where honest discernment on your part is invited. Are you coming across as prayerfully concerned, or is there some criticism or judgment in what seems to be an innocent blessing? People are able to perceive the difference.

Another consideration—and this is not at all unusual as a response in the culture of today—is that some people are very defensive about any religious expressions and do not react favorably. Think, for example, about the different reactions to “Merry Christmas” or “Happy Holidays,” which can often provoke the familiar idiom “them's fightin' words.” My best advice is to keep praying for everyone, as no one truly understands or fully appreciates the power of prayer. That being said, temper your announcement when you suspect it will not be well received. This demonstrates a grateful and blessed heart, which is what you intend and hope for, after all. ●

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

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