

# 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 22, 2024



### Saint Charles Parish Staff

Marta Rose, *Office Manager*

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**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,

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**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 21st SATURDAY 5:00 P.M.:**  
 • The Living and Deceased of Our Parish Family
- DECEMBER 22nd SUNDAY 9:00 A.M.:**  
 • Lindy Seabrook
- DECEMBER 24th CHRISTMAS EVE 4:00 P.M.:**  
 • The Living and Deceased of Our Parish Family
- DECEMBER 25th CHRISTMAS DAY 9:00 A.M.:**  
 • The Breslin, Muench & Siewers Family
- DECEMBER 26th THURSDAY NO MASS:**
- DECEMBER 27th FRIDAY NO MASS.:**
- DECEMBER 28th SATURDAY 5:00 P.M.:**  
 • Adele Stempien
- DECEMBER 29th SUNDAY 9:00 A.M.:**  
 • The Living and Deceased of Our Parish Family

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**MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEKEND:**  
 (MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES IS ON PAGE 3)

**Saturday, December 28th 5:00 PM Mass:**  
**Greeters:** JoAnn Clark, Scottie Paschall  
**Ushers:** David Partin, Dick Surran  
**Lector:** Pat Hill  
**Altar Server:** Jeffrey Rathz  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Joe Murphy, Walter Roll,  
 Marge Surran

**Sunday, December 29th 9:00 AM Mass:**  
**Greeters:** Maureen Bochman, Maureen Donovan  
**Ushers:** Robert James, Bill Nottingham  
**Lector:** Chris Roll  
**Altar Server:** Bob Wells  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Eve Mlodynia, Rip Phillips,  
 David Scott

**Domingo, 29 de diciembre a las 4:00 de la tarde:**  
**Lectores:** Irma Jose, Mayela Clarke  
**Monaguillos:** To be announced  
**Ministro de eucaristía:** To be announced

**Collection for December 14 & 15: = \$ 2,568.00**  
**Total Offertory for December: = \$ 9,539.00**  
**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/stcharlescapedcharles](https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stcharlescapedcharles)  
 and enroll securely online  
 or text "Give" to 757-432-2040


**Mass attendance December 14 & 15:**  
**Saturday 76; Sunday 112/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](http://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](mailto: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"**  
The Saturday morning Men's Holy Hour is taking a break and will resume the second Saturday in January 2025, January 11. Have a Blessed Christmas.

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES:**

**Tuesday, December 24th 4:00 PM Mass:**  
**Greeters:** Kathy Apy, JoAnn Clark  
**Ushers:** Robert James, Dick Surran  
**Lector:** Kevin Fallon  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Maureen Bochman, Bob Crowley, Maureen Donovan  
**Wednesday, December 25th 9:00 AM Mass:**  
**Greeters:** Karen Leffel, Diane Partin  
**Ushers:** Pat James  
**Lector:** Susan Kovacs  
**Altar Server:** Robert Toner, Bob Wells  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Eve Mlodynia, Joe Murphy, Rip Phillips

## Information/Parish Events



### Christmas Mass Schedule

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

**Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day**  
**9:00 a.m. Eucharist of Christmas**

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**Feast of the Holy Family**  
**Saturday, December 28<sup>th</sup>**  
5:00 p.m. Vigil

**Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>**  
9:00 a.m.  
4:00 p.m. Spanish Mass

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**Solemnity of Mary**  
**Wednesday, January 1, 2025<sup>st</sup>**  
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

#### 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.

#### 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](mailto:joan.natali@outlook.com) or Mary Beth Briggs at 757-678-5036 / [marybethbriggs@verizon.net](mailto: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  
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# JANUARY 2025

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
						<b>Birthday:</b> Tammy Hedspeth
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
<b>Birthday:</b> Oscar Panuco Walter Roll Constance Welde	<b>Birthday:</b> Karalyn Schimek	<b>Anniversary:</b> Aaron & Jennifer Siegrist	<b>Birthday:</b> Bill Nottingham	<b>Birthday:</b> Jeanne Hollister	<b>Birthday:</b> Charles Kolakowski	<b>Birthday:</b> Norman Mitchell Clelia Sheppard
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<b>Birthday:</b> Valentine Evans Jose Palacio Servin		<b>Birthday:</b> Louis Weber		<b>Birthday:</b> Tara Ashworth	<b>Birthday:</b> Dominik Hartley	<b>Birthday:</b> Michael Stevens
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
<b>Birthday:</b> Thomas O'Connor Richard Surran	<b>Anniversary:</b> Louis & Louise Weber <b>Birthday:</b> David Graney Emmanuel Palacio Panuco	<b>Birthday:</b> Bernard Barrett Minerva Morales	<b>Birthday:</b> Veronica Diaz Mesina Ralph Orzo	<b>Birthday:</b> JoAnn Clark Alexandra Clarke Bernadine Neis	<b>Birthday:</b> Sofia Panuco Helen Walker	
26	27	28	29	30		
<b>Birthday:</b> Virginia Osmolenski	<b>Anniversary:</b> Fred & Robyn Lee	<b>Birthday:</b> Daisy Riley	<b>Birthday:</b> Lily Rose Riley			



The 12 days of Christmas in Christian tradition – or **'Twelvetide'** – signifies the time between Christmas until January 6, the Epiphany, which is the day when the three Magi arrived.

Twelfth Night is the traditional time when the Christmas tree and all the decorations are taken down.

In olden days the period was considered a time of rededication, personal renewal and worship. Gifts were also often given, especially to children as symbols of faith.

Since then, the tradition is mainly remembered in an old English (or perhaps French) carol called **'The Twelve Days of Christmas'**. 'On the First Day of Christmas, my true love gave to me.....'

Each gift over the twelve days is said to represent a fundamental of Christian faith.

1. **A Partridge in a Pear Tree.**

- The partridge in a pear tree represents Jesus whose birthday we celebrate on the first day of Christmas.

2. **Two Turtledoves**

- These twin birds represent the Old and New Testaments. In this gift is the complete story of the Christian faith.

3. **Three French Hens**

- These birds represent faith, hope, and love, but may also represent the Holy Trinity

4. **Four Calling Birds**

- These represent the four Gospels — Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

5. **Five Gold Rings**

- The gift of the rings represents the first five books of the Old Testament, known as the Torah or Pentateuch.
  - Genesis
  - Exodus
  - Leviticus
  - Numbers
  - Deuteronomy

6. **Six Geese a-Laying**

- These can be traced back to the first story found in the Bible, which is the creation of the world. Each egg represents the six days of creation.
  - God created the heavens and the earth
  - God created the sky and seas
  - God created the land and plants
  - God created the sun, moon, and stars
  - God created fish and birds
  - God created land animals and man

7. **Seven Swans a-Swimming**

- The swans represent the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit
  - Prophecy
  - Ministry
  - Teaching
  - Exhortation
  - Giving
  - Leading
  - Compassion

8. **Eight Maids-a-Milking:** The Eight Maids represent the 8 Beatitudes.

- Blessed are...
  - the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
  - Those who mourn: for they shall be comforted.
  - The meek: for they shall inherit the earth.
  - Those who hunger and thirst for righteousness: for they shall be filled.
  - The merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.
  - The pure in heart: for they shall see God.
  - The peacemakers: for they shall be called children of God.
  - They which are persecuted for righteousness sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

9. **Nine Ladies Dancing**

- These nine dancers were really the gifts known as the fruit of the Spirit
  - Love
  - Joy
  - Peace
  - Patience
  - Kindness
  - Goodness
  - Faithfulness
  - Gentleness
  - Self-control

10. Ten Lords a-leaping

- This represents the Ten Commandments

11. Eleven Pipers Piping

- Most people think of the 12 disciples but after Judas betrayed Jesus and left, only eleven disciples remained, and therefore, the Eleven Pipers Piping signify the 11 Faithful

12. Twelve Drummers Drumming

- The final gift is tied directly to the Catholic Church. The drummers are the 12 points of doctrine in the Apostles' Creed



# Good News!

December 22, 2024

*Fourth Sunday of Advent (C)*  
Micah 5:1-4a / Hebrews 10:5-10 /  
Luke 1:39-45

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**Most of the time we find ourselves backing our way into the will of God,** or maybe even feeling our way into it. There are times when the will of God is quite clear: Should I lie or tell the truth? Should I steal or not? Most often, however, the will of God is not so clear. Too often it becomes a question of how to negotiate an aspect of life that's been handed to us, often a reality we cannot escape. It may be an unwanted divorce, or a son or daughter in a questionable relationship, or an illness that dismantles one's life plans. On the one hand, it is not as if God hands out scripts that we are expected to live by. On the other hand, God is part of all that unfolds. Somewhere in the midst of that is the will of God, which is another way of saying somehow you and I need to negotiate what we never chose, but is now served up by life. Or is it served up by God? Or by our own doing? Or all of that? That's what I mean when I say we feel our way into the will of God.

It is what Jesus sorted out in the desert when he was tempted, "I come to do your will, O God." It is Elizabeth's story of an unexpected pregnancy in her old age. It is Mary saying "Yes" to an uncharted path. Living God's will seems mostly to be a sorting process. ●

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# Dear Padre

December 22, 2024

***Where does the Hail Mary prayer come from?***

The Hail Mary owes its origin to the rosary. The traditional story of the rosary was that Mary herself appeared to St. Dominic in the twelfth century and gave him the rosary with the promise that if he spread devotion to the rosary, his religious order would flourish. In the twelfth century, religious orders recited together the 150 psalms as a way to mark the hours of the day and the days of the week. In order to pray the psalms, though, people had to know how to read. People who didn't know how to read wanted to share in the practice, so the rosary, or praying on beads, began as a parallel prayer practice. It was a way that illiterate people could remember the Lord and his Mother throughout the day.

The first rosaries consisted of a string of 150 beads, and, much as we do now, a person would pass over each bead after saying a prayer, usually the Our Father. Later, people added the Archangel Gabriel's greeting—"Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee"—and later still, Elizabeth's prayer we hear in today's Gospel—"Blessed art thou among women." Finally this prayer was added in the sixteenth century: "Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death." ●

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