

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 29, 2024

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Saint Charles Parish Staff

Marta Rose, *Office Manager*

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Karey Fallon, *Migrant Ministry*

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Kevin Fallon, *Liturgical Ministry*

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

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



DECEMBER 28th SATURDAY 5:00 P.M.:

- Adele Stempien

DECEMBER 29th SUNDAY 9:00 A.M.:

- The Living and Deceased of Our Parish Family

JANUARY 1st WEDNESDAY 9:30 A.M.:

The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

- The Living and Deceased of Our Parish Family

JANUARY 2nd THURSDAY 9:30 A.M.:

- Nathan Hess

JANUARY 3rd FIRST FRIDAY 9:30 A.M.:

- Patrick A. Muench

JANUARY 4th SATURDAY 5:00 P.M.:

- The Living and Deceased of Our Parish Family

JANUARY 5th SUNDAY 9:00 A.M.:

- Mary Siewers
- Angelo & Carmen Said

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MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK:

Wednesday, January 1st 9:30 AM Mass:

Ushers: John McCormick, Bill Nottingham

Lector: Joyce Kulakowski

Eucharistic Ministers: Dennis Corbitt, Bob Wells

Saturday, January 4th 5:00 PM Mass:

Greeters: Lori McDonald, Diane Partin

Ushers: Bob Leffel, David Partin

Lector: Bruce Brinkley

Altar Server: Jeffrey Rathz

Eucharistic Ministers: Joe Murphy, Walter Roll,
Marge Surran

Sunday, January 5th 9:00 AM Mass:

Greeters: Pat James, Robert Toner

Ushers: Robert James, David Scott

Lector: Peggy Phillips

Altar Server: Bob Wells

Eucharistic Ministers: Thom Hoover, Eve Mlodynia,
Evelyn Pinili

Domingo, 5 de enero a las 4:00 de la tarde:

Lectores: Yuri Martínez, Leticia Rodríguez

Monaguillos: To be announced

Ministro de eucaristía: To be announced

DUE TO THE ABBREVIATED WORK WEEK, NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN WILL CONTAIN A SUMMARY OF THE FOLLOWING COLLECTIONS:

December 21 & 22:

Christmas Collections December 24 & 25:

December 28 & 29:

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/stcharlescapecharles

and enroll securely online

or text "Give" to 757-432-2040

Mass attendance December 21 & 22:

Saturday 79; Sunday 82 & 108

Christmas Masses:

December 24 & December 25: See Next Week' Bulletin

2025 UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS:

January 4-5 Preservation Fund

January 18-19 Respect Life Collection

February 1-2 Preservation Fund

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.

"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.

**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



A Prayer for The New Year

Lord Jesus Christ, the prince of peace, make all men and women witnesses of truth, justice, and neighborly love. Banish from their hearts whatever might endanger peace. Enlighten our rulers that they may guarantee and defend the great gift of peace. May all peoples of the earth become as brothers and sisters. May longed-for peace blossom forth and reign always over us all. **Amen.**

St. John XXIII

Information/Parish Events



Christmas Mass Schedule

Solemnity of Mary
Wednesday, January 1, 2025
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

This coming **Friday, January 3rd** 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.

Next Sunday, January 5th, the **Knights of Columbus** will have their "**Pancake Breakfast**" after the 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall. The cost is \$10.00 per person and children under 12 are free. All parishioners and visitors are invited to attend.



Información/Eventos Parroquiales



Christmas Mass Schedule

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.

El próximo **viernes 3 de enero** es el **primer viernes del mes**. Únase a nosotros para rezar el rosario antes de la misa de las 9:30 a. m., seguida de la adoración y bendición del Santísimo Sacramento después de la misa.

El próximo **domingo 5 de enero**, los **Caballeros de Colón** tendrán su "**Desayuno de Panqueques**" después de las 9:00 a.m. en el Salón Parroquial. El costo es de \$10.00 por persona y los niños menores de 12 años entran gratis. Todos los feligreses y visitantes están invitados a asistir.



JANUARY 2025

Birthdays and Anniversaries

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

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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Belonging to Two Families

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Adolescence can bring family life into an upheaval for both parents and adolescents alike. At its heart, adolescence is an urge for independence, a silent instinct to be part of the larger world. It is a calling sewn by God's Spirit into the very fabric of being human. At its best, family life can be the staging ground for that movement outward.

Hannah recognized this when she believed that her young son Samuel was chosen for a specific role in life. It moved her to bring Samuel to the temple to be raised there in growing service to the community. Ultimately Samuel became a charismatic leader of the Hebrew people who would anoint both Saul and David as king. That same calling seemed to take time

to unfold in the awareness of Joseph and Mary who wondered why Jesus stayed behind in the temple. "Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" asked Jesus of them (Luke 2:49). All of us are meant to live more than a life of satisfaction for ourselves or even the fulfillment of our parents' dreams.

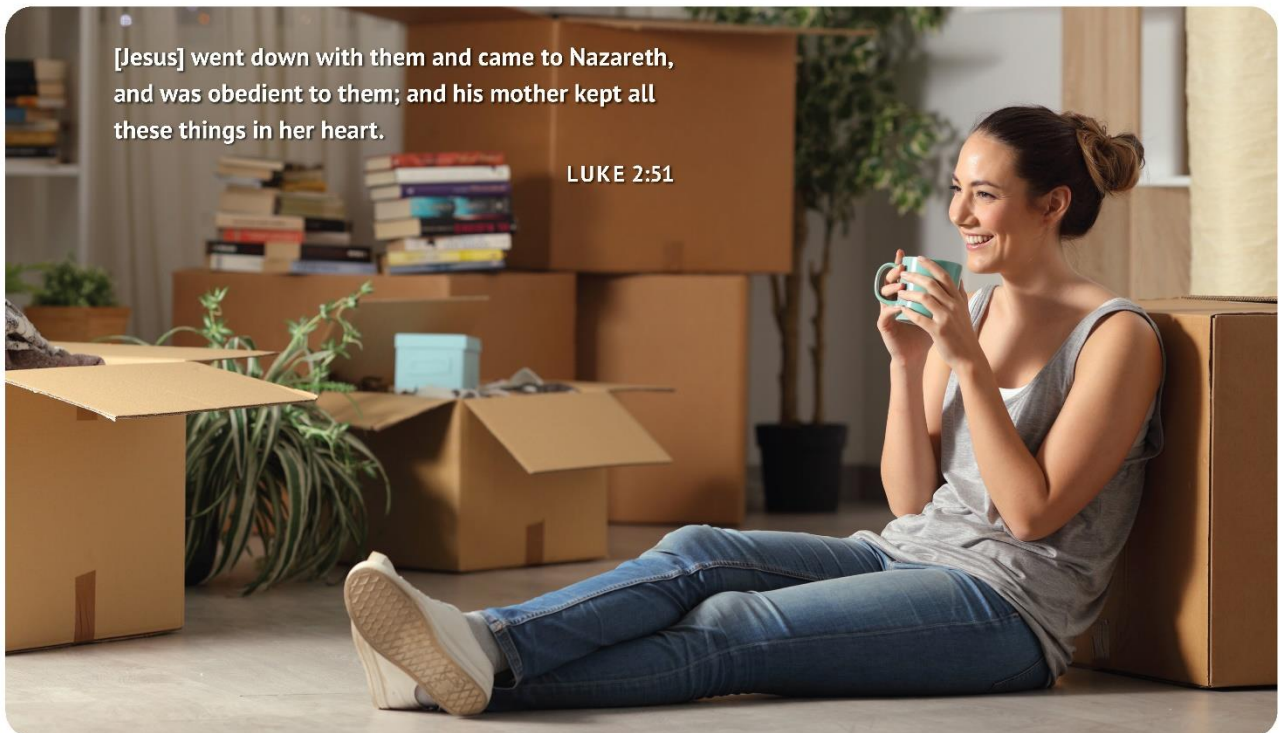
We may find ourselves asking a young person what they want to be when they grow up. A more valuable question might be what they think God wants them to be. While the Spirit of God does not usually ask us to be something contrary to our inclinations, the call of service to the needs of the human family is an added piece to the puzzle of what someone's life might look like. ●

Reflect

How has the call to serve God and God's people shown itself in your life?

[Jesus] went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart.

LUKE 2:51



Dear Padre,

If Jesus was a Jew, why are we Catholic and not Jewish?

Jesus was a first-century Jew, as were his first disciples. They continued their Jewish practices after Jesus' resurrection, but they believed and proclaimed that Jesus was the long-awaited Messiah, the fulfillment of Judaism. Such claims inevitably led to clashes with Jewish authorities, as when St. Stephen, the first martyr, was charged with blasphemy and stoned to death in Jerusalem in the year 36 (Acts 6–7).



ST. PETER PREACHING, BY MASOLINO / JORSIVO / SHUTTERSTOCK

Nevertheless, Jesus' followers initially saw themselves as reformers of Judaism—not founders of a new religion. The Acts of the Apostles traces the first thirty years of this community of believers, from Jesus' ascension in Jerusalem to Paul's imprisonment in Rome. It details the beginnings of their separation from Judaism, as when the Jewish disciples wanted to impose certain practices of Mosaic Law on the Gentile disciples—circumcision, for example (Acts 15:11). Acts and the epistles also chronicle the expansion outside of Jerusalem to the Mediterranean region, where, for example, in Antioch, the disciples of Jesus were called Christians for the first time (Acts 11:26). The first written reference to “Catholic Church” is from St. Ignatius of Antioch around the year 107. Catholic means “universal.” “The Church is catholic: she proclaims the fullness of the faith.... She is sent out to all peoples. She speaks to all men. She encompasses all times” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 868). ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR / DearPadre.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
December 30	December 31	January 1	January 2	January 3	January 4	January 5
<i>Octave of Christmas</i>	<i>Octave of Christmas</i>	<i>Mary, Holy Mother of God</i>	<i>Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church</i>	<i>Christmas Weekday</i>	<i>St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious</i>	<i>Epiphany of the Lord</i>
1 Jn 2:12–17	1 Jn 2:18–21	Nm 6:22–27	1 Jn 2:22–28	1 Jn 2:29–3:6	1 Jn 3:7–10	Is 60:1–6
Lk 2:36–40	Jn 1:1–18	Gal 4:4–7	Lk 1:19–28	Jn 1:29–34	Jn 1:35–42	Eph 3:2–3a, 5–6 Mt 2:1–12



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Every day, families have to learn to listen and understand one another, to walk together, to face conflicts and difficulties.... And this too helps...talk within the family, talk at table, dialogue between parents and children, dialogue among siblings. It helps us experience our family roots that come from our grandparents. Dialogue with the grandparents!

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