

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 8, 2024



Saint Charles Parish Staff

Marta Rose, *Office Manager*

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Saint Charles Parish Ministries

Kevin Fallon, *Parish Council Chairperson*

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Karen Leffel, *Parish Council Secretary*

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Mike Strub, *Social Ministry*

OPEN, *Ecumenical Ministry*

Tara Ashworth, *Fundraising Ministry*

Judy Chuisano, *Homebound Ministry*

Karey Fallon, *Migrant Ministry*

Joan Natali, *Helping Hands Social Ministry*

Jeanette Orzo and David Scott, *Parish Life Ministry*

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

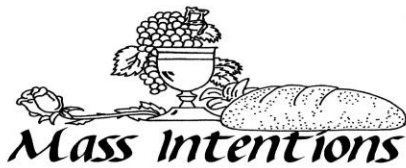
Thursday after 9:30 a.m. Mass

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



DECEMBER 7th SATURDAY 5:00 P.M.:

- The Living and Deceased of Our Parish Family
- Robert C. Leffel

DECEMBER 8th SUNDAY 9:00 A.M.:

- Lindy Seabrook

DECEMBER 9th MONDAY 9:30 A.M.:

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

- Anthony Tanner

DECEMBER 9th MONDAY 5:30 P.M.:

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

- The Living and Deceased of Our Parish Family

DECEMBER 11th WEDNESDAY 9:30 A.M.:

- Bill Briden

DECEMBER 12th THURSDAY 9:30 A.M.:

- Ante Pinili

DECEMBER 13th FRIDAY 9:30 A.M.:

- Elton Merritt, Sr.

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

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MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

Saturday, December 14th 5:00 PM Mass:

Greeters: Audrey Brinkley, Diane Partin

Ushers: David Partin, Dick Surran

Lector: Donna Campbell

Altar Server: Jeffrey Rathz

Eucharistic Ministers: Mark Clarke, Kevin Fallon,
Marge Surran

Sunday, December 15th 9:00 AM Mass:

Greeters: Pat James, Andrea Scott

Ushers: Robert James, Joe Murphy

Lector: Lori McDonald

Altar Server: Robert Toner

Eucharistic Ministers: Dennis Corbitt, Bob Crowley,
Peggy Phillips

Please note: NO Sunday 4:00 p.m. Mass on
December 8 and December 15.

Collection for November 30 & December 1:

= \$ 3,878.00

Total Offertory for December: = \$ 3,878.00

December Preservation Fund: = \$ 1,637.00

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 & December 1:

Saturday 73; Sunday 120 & 100

2024 UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS:

December 24-25 Catholic Charities

January 4-5 Preservation Fund

Sanctuary Light for the Month of December

For Peace on Earth and

Deceased Members of the Rydzewski Family



Given by Andrea Price

Immaculate Conception

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

MINISTERS AT 9:30 A.M.

Ushers: Robert James, David Partin

Lector: Luisa Gazzolo

Eucharistic Ministers: Dennis Corbitt, Bob Crowley

MINISTERS AT 5:30 P.M.

Ushers: John McCormick

Lector: Pat Hill

Eucharistic Ministers: Judy Chuisano

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

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

Jueves, 12 de diciembre a las 6:30 de la tarde:

Lectores: Yuri Martinez, Guadalupe Panuco

Monaguillos: To be announced

Ministro de eucaristia: To be announced

**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, 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.

Blessing of the Child Jesus
Please be sure to bring your Baby Jesus figurine from your nativity display to Mass the weekend of December 21 & 22 for a blessing.

Welcome
To Saint Charles Parish
Myrtle Stanley

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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. Coats may be donated until December 15th.

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



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.

CABALLEROS DE COLÓN

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. Se pueden donar abrigos hasta el 15 de diciembre.

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.

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 | | | | |



Jerusalem, take off your robe
of mourning and misery;
put on forever the splendor
of glory from God.

BARUCH 5:1



Coming Home

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Coming home can take place in many varied ways. Sometimes it's at the end of a long day when we come home to where we can be ourselves without any pretensions. Sometimes it's going back to the neighborhood we grew up in, to the old haunts that remind us of the dreams we had and how they now seem tucked in every niche. Sometimes coming home is what happens after many wanderings, after we've sown our oats and harvested little and now have nowhere else to go. That too is a coming home, back to where it all began, back to where we dare to hope that life might begin again.

All of this is how the Hebrew people found themselves coming home to Jerusalem after eighty years of exile, coming back to start anew with the hope that their God would once again be proud of them, back to where they could be as God intended them to be. All of that is what we do when we decide we will try to be the sort of person we'd always hoped to become. It's when we attempt a second effort at making a marriage work, or a job productive, or maybe simply putting the pieces of our lives back in some sort of order. It's all about coming back home to God's dream for us, a kind of second Advent, when God comes into our lives and is born once again. ●

Reflect

Have you wandered too far from the values of your true home? Can you find your way back?

Dear Padre,

If Christmas is on December 25, why is the Immaculate Conception on December 8, rather than sometime in March?

The doctrine of the Immaculate Conception asserts that Mary was free of the stain of original sin from the time she was conceived in her mother's womb. Jesus was also free of the stain of original sin and his conception by Mary is referred to as the Incarnation of Christ. Mary's Immaculate Conception is often confused for Christ's Incarnation.

In the Church's liturgical calendar, Mary's conception is celebrated on December 8; her birthday is celebrated exactly nine months later on September 8. Likewise, Christ's conception is celebrated on March 25 on the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord; his birthday is celebrated exactly nine months later on December 25.

Mary's Immaculate Conception was celebrated many centuries before Pope Pius IX defined it as dogma on December 8, 1854: "The doctrine that maintains that the Blessed Virgin Mary in the first instant of her conception, by a unique grace and privilege granted to her by Almighty God, in consideration of the merits of Jesus Christ the Savior of mankind, was preserved free from all stain of original sin, is a doctrine revealed by God and therefore must be firmly and constantly believed by all the faithful" (*Ineffabilis Deus*). In fact, eight years before, in 1846, the bishops of the United States had already adopted the Immaculate Conception as the patronal feast for Catholics in this country.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION BY PHILIP VEIT (1830) RENATA SEDMAKOVA / SHUTTERSTOCK

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
|--|---|--|--|---|---|--|
| December 9 <i>Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> Gn 3:9–15, 20 Eph 1:3–6, 11–12 Lk 1:26–38 | December 10 <i>Advent Weekday</i> Is 40:1–11 Mt 18:12–14 | December 11 <i>Advent Weekday</i> Is 40:25–31 Mt 11:28–30 | December 12 <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i> Zec 2:14–17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1–6a, 10ab Lk 1:26–38 or Lk 1:39–47 | December 13 <i>St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr</i> Is 48:17–19 Mt 11:16–19 | December 14 <i>St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church</i> Sir 48:1–4, 9–11 Mt 17:9a, 10–13 | December 15 <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i> Zep 3:14–18a Phil 4:4–7 Lk 3:10–18 |



YARA NARDI / CNS

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

By calling us to conversion, John urges us to go “beyond” where we presently are; to go beyond what our instincts tell us....

Let us ask for the grace to believe that with God things really do change, that he will banish our fears, heal our wounds....

Let us ask for the grace of hope....

HOMILY, ATHENS, DECEMBER 5, 2021