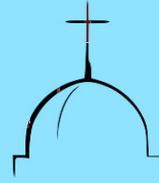




*Behold the Lamb!*



2nd Sunday  
Ordinary "A"

ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO  
PARISH & ACADEMY  
*You are loved*

January 19th  
2020



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### Weekly Services

Saturday Vigil Mass 4:30

Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

Communion Service Mon 8:00 AM

Tues - Fri Mass 8:00 AM

Adoration & Benediction -

Tuesday 8:30 - 9:30 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation-

Saturday 3:15 - 4:00 PM

or by appointment

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## The Gathering

All 9-12 graders are invited to attend our regular Monday night youth group meetings (Called The Gathering) from 7:00-8:30pm in the Parish Hall. If you have yet been able to come to a meeting we encourage you to attend! They are packed with fun and excitement and we promise you'll make great friendships. No registration required and friends are welcomed. Contact Nicky Knuff for more information at [Nicky@GatheringMinistry.com](mailto:Nicky@GatheringMinistry.com). March 13-15 Spring Retreat.



## Jr High Gathering

Jr Gathering (grades 7 & 8) meets at St Agnes in the youth hall from 6:30-8:30pm. All are welcomed! Upcoming meetings are January 13th and 27th - come join the fun! Find out more information online at [GatheringMinistry.com](http://GatheringMinistry.com) and click on Jr High tab. Or email Kara at [kara@GatheringMinistry.com](mailto:kara@GatheringMinistry.com)

## YAM (Young Adult Ministry) NEWS

Young Adults are heading to the LA Congress in Anaheim February 19-21. Register online or at one of our upcoming meetings. The LA Congress is packed with inspirational speakers and great workshops. Attended by thousands each year, it is an amazing weekend. Our weekly meetings are Thursday nights from 6-7:30pm in the Borromeo Room. Please Follow us on Insta @scbyam. For more Information email Brandon & Stephanie Martinez at



## Adoration Chapel Set to Open!

The finishing touches to our adoration Chapel are happening this week. Old wiring caused us to bring in an electrician and termites will have to be treated, but if all goes accordingly we will be opening at the end of this month. A new security system is no functional as is a remote control for the Cadiz gate. You will be able to access both through your smart phone. If you do not have a smart phone there are also keypads that function as a secondary entry system. New pews have been ordered and will take a few months to be made and delivered along with a newly constructed altar.

## Mens / Womens Group

As a follow up to our Dream Event, Saint Charles is currently planning our first parish wide Men's Retreat followed by a Women's retreat. The dates will be in the Spring time and will be designed for everyone to attend. Young and old alike. Our Men's Group is meeting Saturdays in the Parish Hall at 6:15am. Women are also in the Hall Wednesday evenings from 6pm-7:45pm. All are welcomed,

## FATHER JOE'S VILLAGES LADIES GUILD PRESENTS:

You are invited to "THE QUEEN'S LUNCHEON"  
Monday, February 17, 2020 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel  
2270 Hotel Circle North, San Diego 92108 (Mission Valley)



10:45 AM ----Silent Auction, Preview & Social Hour  
12:05 PM ----Entertainment, Luncheon & Drawing/Silent Auction

\$60 per person. Proceeds benefit the children at Father Joe's Villages.  
Reservations, donations, and information:  
[connie.sherry@gmail.com](mailto:connie.sherry@gmail.com) [bamba.martinez6@yahoo.com](mailto:bamba.martinez6@yahoo.com)

## Behold the Lamb!

Reflections by Bob Schrimpf

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away our sins! These familiar words of St. John the Baptist offer us a beautiful meditation. They are spoken every time we attend Mass when the priest holds up the Sacred Host. But is the Host really the body of Christ? The Lamb?

When I was 16 I attended my first retreat. It was run by a Priest in the LA diocese and I was enthralled by his stories and enthusiasm. One story, in particular, I will never forget. It was about a young Roman boy who, upon attending Mass in the catacombs, was tasked with bringing communion to the faithful that were in jail during the Valerian persecution. As he made his way, he was set upon and killed by a mob because he refused to show what he contained so close to his heart. Wrapped in a small cloth, it was the Eucharist and he gave his life protecting Jesus.

I never forgot how the priest impressed upon us how important the Eucharist was to the early church. It his was no symbolic piece of bread. Even more so how a young boy was willing to give his life in defense of this belief. As I grew I occasionally heard mention of this young saint, but only once or twice and nothing that really made the story stick out in my mind as I got older.

Fast forward 30 years. I was able to bring my family to Italy for a never to be forgotten 3-week trip. At one point we wound up exploring the catacombs outside Rome. I became separated from them and was a bit concerned. As I stopped to get my bearings, I suddenly remembered the story of the young boy martyr. I don't know why as I hadn't thought of it in all these years. But there it was in my mind. I had always wondered if it were a true story or if the priest had made it up to help him make his point? I tried to clear my mind and start looking for my family. It was getting late.

As I began to leave, I realized I was next to a large sarcophagus. If you know me, I love history and will read any plaque or monument I come across. So, I began reading the inscription on the tomb. To my great amazement, I found it was the tomb of St Tarcisius, THE young boy who was martyred 1700 years ago while protecting the Eucharist. I could hardly catch my breath and tears welled up in my eyes as my heart raced filled with awe and wonder. It was true! The story of the boy who sacrificed his life for the Eucharist! And only by God's great plan had I arrived at this catacomb and in this particular chamber, pausing just long enough to realize whose tomb it was. I eventually found my children and sat them down to tell them the story of the boy who gave his life for the Eucharist just as I had heard 30 years earlier.

John is going to exclaim boldly in front of the authorities and the crowd gathered that Jesus is the Lamb of God. That took faith on his part to proclaim it with such certainty. On the outside, Jesus looked just like any other man of his time. But John had been told by God that this was the Lamb, and he had seen a dove rest upon him. So, looking through the person of Christ John could see the divinity and he believed. Today, we also must look through bread we receive on Sunday, see the Lamb of God and believe!

## Saint Tarcisius

Tarcisius was a martyr of the early Christian church who lived in the 3rd century. The little that is known about him comes from a metrical inscription by Pope Damasus I, who was pope in the second half of the 4th century. The only positive information concerning this Roman martyr is found in a poem composed in his honour by Pope Damasus (366-384), who compares him to the deacon Saint Stephen and says that, as Stephen was stoned by a crowd, so Tarsicius, carrying the Blessed Sacrament, was attacked by a group and beaten to death.

## Tech Corner

### Online Giving:

Leave your checkbook at home and never miss a Sunday again. Please go to our website at [SaintCharlesPL.com](http://SaintCharlesPL.com) and click on the "Online Giving" tab. After a few bits of information you will be securely registered. Advantages to online giving: It is customizable, choose where your donations will be directed, give to multiple ministries (youth, school, building fund, and more... Online giving is the best way to help our parish plan for the future.

### Hearing Assistance:

Please download the "AudioFetch" app to your smart phone. Then, connect to our WIFI also labeled 'AudioFetch'. Now, sit back and clearly listen through your headphones from your phone.



[SaintCharlesPL.com](http://SaintCharlesPL.com)

WIFI: UR Loved  
PW: window room

## Mass Intentions

Sat, Jan 18, 4:30pm - James Boone †  
Sunday, Jan 19, 8:00am - Steven Davidson  
Sunday, Jan 19, 10:00am - Floyd Sahd †  
Tuesday, Jan 21, 8:00am - Peter Zinsli  
Wed, Jan 22, 8:00am - Astrid Shannon  
Thurs, Jan 23, 8:00am - Esther Koetter  
Fri, Jan 24, 8:00am - OPEN

## Special Thank You:

Mark Mahady at Andersons Nursery for his time and assistance in supplying our community with beautiful Poinsettias that have graced our Church this past Christmas season.



## Building and Grounds

Our newly formed Building and Grounds Committee met this past Saturday. A few hours were spent in walking the property and beginning to lay out a plan to care for our physical plant. We will be looking for parishioners who have specialties in plumbing, design, electrical, landscaping and more. Contact Rob Curtis at: [robertcurtis.stcharles@gmail.com](mailto:robertcurtis.stcharles@gmail.com)

### Adoration:

If you'd like to be an adorer, use the QR code below. Point your smart phone at the box:



### Your Donations

#### Sunday

Basket: \$ 4,403.45  
Online: \$1,949.50  
Envelopes: \$ 2,318.00  
**Total: \$8,670.95**



### Save the Date!

#### Mass In the Park Update:

Please mark your Calendars for May 31, 2020.

## Blessed by the Best Sunday

This week you will receive a brochure detailing the Blessed By The Best Program our parish will be participating in over the next few weeks. This informative brochure is intended to communicate how we, as a parish, want to advance our mission and how we are serving God's people in our community. **Commitment Sunday** for this program is Sunday, January 26. We encourage all parishioners to spend time in prayer and discussion with your family reflecting on how you are able to help us. We look forward to seeing all of our parishioners at Mass next weekend for this very important Commitment Sunday. If you have any questions regarding the Blessed By The Best Program, please feel free to contact the parish. Let's continue to Dream what could be.

## WELCOME! New Parishioners

The Saint Charles welcoming ministry will be hosting a reception just for you as we look to fully welcome you into our parish community. Please RSVP for this important night and bring the whole family. We will go over the welcoming package with you, introduce you to all our ministries, and answer all your questions. Generally Fr John stops in to personally welcome you and let you know that You Are Loved!

WHEN: Tuesday, 1/28 TIME: 6:00pm to 7:00pm

WHERE: Borromeo Room (side room - to the right of the Altar in the Church)

• Children are welcome \* RSVP to Mychelle Fernandez @ (619) 944-7940

### Senior Fellowship

"JUST 4 FUN" POTLUCK will be held this Thursday, January 23rd from 11:30-2:30 in Parish Center. All are welcome and it's a good time socializing with our community of seniors. Bring something to share:

A-H Main Dish

I-R Salad

S-Z Dessert

Beverages will be provided. If you would like to know more about this group please contact Sandy Findling at [chicagosandra@gmail.com](mailto:chicagosandra@gmail.com). We look forward to meeting you.

### Rachel's Hope

Rachel's Hope Healing Ministry Presents:

**"Christian Women Do Get Angry (and it's okay!)"**

*\*Confidential \*Casual group setting \*Fun and introspective exercises*

*\*Identify the sources and types of anger \* Scriptural aids*

When: Saturday, 3/14/20 – 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Where: Mission San Luis Rey – 4050 Mission Avenue – Oceanside, CA

Cost: \$25.00 – Includes snacks, lunch and materials

**Class Size Limited – Register Now!**

To register contact Leslie Brunolli (760) 224-2361 or Patti Smith (760) 305-8044 or you can send an e-mail to [rachelshope@outlook.com](mailto:rachelshope@outlook.com).

**Dream Event Follow Up:** Over 250 parishioners joined us for Tacos and Dreaming last Sunday. We were led by Tony Ferraro as our host. After beginning his career as a physics teacher Tony went on to found the only new K-12 Catholic School in his diocese. He also founded, grew and sold a technology information company. His role at Dynamic Catholic is 'Dream Manager' and he did a great job getting us to DREAM! There were 12 areas we were challenged to dream about and only a few days after the event we are already hearing wonderful stories about parishioners beginning to live those DREAMS. Please see our insert as a follow up to the Dream Event for those who were unable to join us.

**Dream Board:** Feel free to add your DREAMS to our 'Dream Board' at the entrance of the Church. It is anonymous, but we want to encourage you to dream. This parish can only be the best version of itself to the extent that each one of you is the best version of yourself.