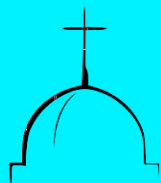




The Law of Love



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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

Rosary Group - Weekdays 8:30 AM -

Window Room

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. 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 and click on Jr High tab. Or email Kara at kara@GatheringMinistry.com

YAM (Young Adult Ministry) NEWS

Upcoming Events: LA Congress Feb 21-23. \$125.00. VRBO Lodging blocks from the Anaheim Conventions Center and registration. YAM Retreat: Date TBD - \$100.00 Featuring Father John and Bob Schrimpf discussing Jesus and the Young Adult. Next Social Nigh March 5th - more info soon. Meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Thurs 6-7:30pm in the Borromeo Room Thursday Feb 27th will be a special worship night. Follow us on Insta @scbyam. For more Information email Brandon & Stephanie Martinez at ba.martinez6@yahoo.com.

Register to be an Adorer:
www.adorationpro.org/saintcharlespl

Men's and Women's Group

Women: You will begin Feb 26th at 6:15 PM in our Parish Hall. During this 8 week session you will be studying "Women in the Bible" which is a study produced by Walking with Purpose. Please join us. Men: Saturday, Feb 29th at 6:15 AM we begin our own 8 week journey using the Best Lent Ever app. Be sure to download it onto your mobile device. Daily videos and inspirational messages.

Dynamic Catholic - Best Lent Ever

After all our Masses this weekend our Dynamic Catholic team will be handing out workbooks for you to use during lent. Go to DynamicCatholic.com/40days and sign up for the "Best Lent Ever" series. You will receive daily reflections that come to you right on your phone. You will be amazed and inspired at this wonderful

DON'T GIVE UP Chocolate FOR LENT

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Reflections by Bob Schrimpf - Pastoral Associate

My mom used to always say to me "You don't have to like everyone, but you do have to love them". Truer words were never spoken. I have lived a lifetime now of trying to love all those I come in contact with. I'm not always going to be loved back, but that's ok. I can't control what others are going to think or do. I can only control what I think and do. Jesus is giving us an important teaching. Do not return hate for hate, or take people to court, or resist being generous.

The Jewish people at the time were being taught the Law based on Old Testament readings. His audience could only love God by trying to obey the letter of the law. They never see the meaning behind it, they just do so to have the appearance of being 'good'. Jesus is taking that law and shining a spotlight on it. He is teaching the NEW law. The law of love which is behind all of the Old Testament teachings. In the light of His love, the law changes into a life-giving way to live instead of a bunch of rules. And rules without relationships lead to rebellion.

It was a simple request from an exhausted mom. I was 12 or 13 years old when she walked in from errands to find the kitchen in complete shambles. With 11 kids the kitchen was generally in shambles, as was the living room, dining room, and all bedrooms. I was the only one around at the time and she lovingly said to me that I should be willing to clean up the kitchen even if no one asked me to do so. More importantly, she mentioned how God sees all our unseen deeds and he blesses generous hearts. I really had never thought of serving my family in this way. I was much too selfish to even consider doing something I didn't have to do.

Something clicked inside me that day. I don't believe I jumped up and cleaned the entire house at that moment, but I did receive a gift of wisdom concerning generosity. It settled into my heart and for the first time, I began seeing the world in terms of my own selfishness. How many times it was all about me or about how I felt. I began doing little things for others without being recognized. Sometimes no one would ever know, but I knew and, I knew that God knew. It brought me immense satisfaction and joy. Who knew that serving would set me free to be what God created me to be?

The Gospel will end up saying that there is no reward for loving those who already love you, what credit is there in that? The real zinger comes with the final line. Jesus will state, "So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect." He doesn't say 'try to be perfect'. He is telling us to *be* perfect. If you love your enemies, go the extra mile, and forgive those who persecute you become like your heavenly father, perfect.

Parish Senior Fellowship "JUST 4 FUN" POTLUCK

Please join us and bring something to share on Thursday, February 27th at 11:30-2:30 in the Parish Center. All are welcome and a great place to socialize and meet other seniors at our parish for some fellowship.

A-H Salad; I-R Dessert; S-Z Main Dish
Beverages are provided

Online Giving:

Leave your checkbook at home and never miss a Sunday again. Please go to our website at 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.

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WIFI: UR Loved
PW: windowroom



Tech Corner

Life in the Spirit Registration Now Open

Adoration:
If you'd like to be an adoror, use the QR code to the left. Point your smart phone at the box!



St Charles will be offering a Life in the Spirit Seminar April 21st - June 9th. Parishioner Carol Inacio will be organizing the weekly evenings that will focus on personal spiritual gifts. Guest speakers, small groups, and personal reflection time will fill the evening. Men's and women's ministries will not be meeting during this time and are encouraged to attend this mini-retreat. Meetings will be held on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM in the Parish Hall. Please go online and find us under the "Parish Life" tab to register and get more information.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

On February 22-23, we will once again have the opportunity to be Christ to others. The Appeal is dedicated to the spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ in San Diego and Imperial Counties. Together as Catholics, the Appeal is a way we can all give through the Church to support a vital array of ministries, vocations and charities in the name of Our Lord through Catholic Schools, Religious Education Programs, Clergy and Seminarian Support and Catholic Charities. Each of our gifts, no matter the amount, really do make a difference in someone's life. Please prayerfully consider what you can give this year.

Knights News

The Knights are holding their annual St. Patrick's Day Party March 7, 2020. Adult tickets \$20.00 Children \$10.00. The event starts after the Saturday 4:30 Mass. Menu Corned Beef, Cabbage, Potatoes, Carrots and Dessert. Entertainment also. contact Bill Moore at (619) 222-7650 for tickets.



Giving Campaign

Thank you to all parishioners who have completed and submitted your Commitment Card to the church. As a reminder, all commitments need to be submitted to the church no later than Sunday, March 01 in order to be accounted for in the final Summary Report. Please complete and submit your card to the church even if you are unable to make a change to your current level of giving. For those registered parishioners not currently supporting the church with regular offertory gifts, please consider a monthly gift to support the needs of our parish.

Ash Wednesday Services:
8:00 AM - Academy Liturgy
6:00 PM Community Liturgy
Reconciliation Service:
March 14, 10:00 AM

Your Donations

Sunday
Basket: \$ 3,100.05
Online: \$3,352.75
Envelopes: \$2,500.00
Total: \$8,952.80



Mass Intentions

Sat, Feb 22, 4:30pm - Sr Rosalie Omens and Family †
Sunday, Feb 23, 8:00am - Randy Moore †
Sunday, Feb 23, 10:00am - Missa Populo
Tuesday, Feb 25, 8:00am - Dale Pearson †
Wednesday, Feb 26, 8:00am - Frances Cerroni †
Thursday, Feb 27, 8:00am - Jim Scovel †
Friday, Feb 28, 8:00am - Kathleen Feinberg †

Dream Window



Our Dynamic Catholic I-Team has created a space at the entrance of the Church where you can post your Dreams. Choose from any of the categories Tony went over with us in our books (if you missed it, please pick up a book from an usher or at the back of the church). Feel free to post your dream to the Window. We want to encourage everyone to join in.

Finance Council Announcement

Second Collection: Starting the first Sunday of each month we will be taking up a second collection once again for our academy and the children.

Commitment Cards: Remember, if you committed to a new giving amount to during our recent pledge campaign you must remember then to change your giving. Many people have auto drafts or give online. Both options require you to manually adjust to your new commitment level. Thank you to all who generously increased their giving and to those new parishioners who registered and have begun donating to our parish.

Fellowship To Start

Thursday, February 27th there will be a night of praise and worship in the Window Room from 600-730 PM. Our pastoral associate Bob Schimpf will lead us in a worship time which will be followed by a short teaching and reflection. Ages 18 and up are welcomed.

"Let everything that has breath worship the Lord" Ps 150

Development Update

5 architectural firms have been interviewed to assist us in developing a master plan for our parish. Once the development committee has had a chance to meet, we will then schedule to meet with and choose one of the firms. Once chosen, the firm will then begin work the plan for the campus and then conceptual drawings for the parish to see. We will also be looking to add a project manager who will coordinate the building phase. Finally we will choose a capital campaign company to assist us in our efforts to fund the new project.

FamilyCamp

July 09-12

See our website for St Charles Church and Academy Family Camp! Space is limited to the first 37 families to register. Enjoy beautiful Whispering Winds Catholic Camp. Zip lines, Escape Rooms, Mass, Great Food, and more... We will be joining St Columba and St Michaels for this amazing weekend. Go online to for more details and to register. Contact Patrick Tiernan for more info: tiernanpf@hotmail.com. Hurry - space is limited.