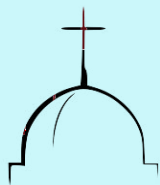




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2nd Sunday of Advent  
Ordinary "A"

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO  
PARISH & ACADEMY

December 8th  
2019

*You are loved*



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### Weekly Services

Sunday 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

## The Gathering

All 9-12 graders are invited to attend our regular Monday night youth group meetings (Called The Gathering) from 7-830pm in the Parish Hall. We recently returned from Ice Skating at Liberty Station.

## Ski N Boarding Trip Jan 1-5 - Rose Mtn

We are planning our epic Mtn Rose winter camp. First time skiers and boarders wanted! Mtn Rose is located in Reno Nevada. More info online as well as registration: [gatheringministry.com](http://gatheringministry.com). Space is limited and fundraising/scholarships available!

## Jr Gathering

Jr Gathering meets at St Agnes in the youth hall from 630-830pm. All are welcomed! Our Dec meetings are 12/02 and 12/16 - Christmas Party. Find out more 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 NEWS

Bishop McElroy requested this week from the young adult synod that by the end of 2022, each parish must have **25 percent of its leadership positions filled with young adults**. If you are between the ages of 18-39 you are considered a Young Adult! Follow us on Insta @scbyam. For more information, contact Brandon and Stephanie Martinez at [ba.martinez6@yahoo.com](mailto:ba.martinez6@yahoo.com).

### Don't Forget...

Operation Kringle (OK) - We need your homemade cookies (minimum 1 doz), Choc Chip, Sugar, or Oatmeal Cookies (please no nuts). Drop off at office or academy. Contact Eileen Deely for more info. (619) 225-0059. Dec 23 Deadline.

### Around the corner...

Our Lady of Guadalupe: Dec 12  
Christmas Services: 4:00PM & 6:00pm Eve, 9am Christmas Day.  
Men/Women Grps: 1st week of Jan  
Dream Event: Jan 12  
Commitment Sunday: Jan 26  
Mass at the Park: May 31

## Best Advent Evert

It's not too late to sign up for Dynamic Catholic's 'Best Lent Ever'. Beautiful reflections, short videos, and inspiring emails every day.



## TECH CORNER

Wifi: UR Loved  
PW: windowroom



## Collection Basket

Basket: \$4,001.39  
Online: \$3,547.00  
Envelopes: \$2,793.00  
Total: \$10,341.39



Thank you for your generosity.

## ONLINE giving

Have you signed up to be an online donor yet? It's fast and easy to do! Please go to our website at [SaintcharlesPL.com](http://SaintcharlesPL.com) and click on the "Online Giving" tab. A few bits of information and you will be securely registered. Advantages include custom giving to particular funds such as school or youth ministry and it greatly helps us plan for the

## Hearing Assistance

Download "AudioFetch" app to your smart phone. Connect to the 'AudioFetch' WiFi and listen clearly on



Want to turn your phone into an endless Catholic resource for prayers, daily readings, reflections, pod casts, and more? We recommended "Laudate". Download it and have an abundant app filled with resources and never miss a Mass reading again.

## Reform

Reflections by Bob Schimpf

Have you ever sat through a sales pitch or attended a self-help seminar with no intention of buying or changing your life? That was the state of mind the Pharisees and Sadducees had when they arrived on the scene in today's Gospel. John is out in the desert (reminiscent of Israel's 40 years of wondering before arriving in the promised land), wearing a camel-hair shirt (reminiscent of Elijah the prophet who was to announce the coming of the Messiah), and preaching of repentance. He was preparing the way for Jesus. When a guest comes you clean up. When the Lord is on His way you straighten up the entire house! The Pharisees and Sadducees were crashing a party with no intention of buying what John was selling and certainly not interested in changing their lives. It was simply a show for the people who were flocking to hear John, a voice crying out in the desert.

John was not only baptized in water, but he was also challenging the people to reform their very lives. In Luke's gospel, a stronger word is used for 'reform'. It is metanoia which is the root of the word, 'nous' is Greek for 'the organ of feeling a reason centered in the heart'. Luke, who writes in Greek, uses this distinct word meaning change of heart or repentance or more strongly (meta) a radical change of lifestyle.

The Pharisees and Sadducees came merely for show and John called them on it. They were worried about losing their power and wanted to make an appearance so the people would see they were also seeking God. Yet John sees right through their devious plot! "Show a sign that you are willing to reform!" he yells. There would be no signs because they were self-righteous men. They are likened to serpents, just like the one that caused Eve to fall from grace. Tough words.

How are we showing signs that we are willing to reform our lives? Early in my marriage my wife and I argued a lot. Many times I was stubborn and just needed to roar a little. Winning was also important, not being right. I had it all backwards. To save my marriage, and indeed make it thrive, I had to change. I had a metanoia experience one day listening to a preacher. My heart had to radically change so that I could learn to live with and love the person I had chosen to spend the rest of my life. Without this radical change of heart and repentance, my wife and I would have been in for a long and difficult marriage.

A voice is shouting in the desert of our hearts today: Prepare the way of the Lord! Do not be like the stubborn religious leaders of Jesus' day. Let us not be self-righteous and think these readings are for someone else. We are called to have a radical change of heart today and if you are open to the Holy Spirit He will give you the power to change.

## Dynamic Parish

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### Important Date! Dream Event January 12

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Dynamic Parish Survey. Your answers will assist us in evaluating the needs of our parish and creating a plan to move forward. Fr John is now placing a big emphasis on the next step in our growth as a parish. It's called the DREAM EVENT. Live and interactive, be sure to bring a smart phone to participate. Your answers will jump from your phones to live video screens giving everyone instant feedback! Food will be served in the courtyard prior to the event.

**Pre-Gathering / Food: 5pm - Courtyard DREAM EVENT: 6pm - Church**

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## CHORALE

### 2020 WINTER TOUR CONCERT

ANCIENT & TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS MUSIC  
GABRIELI • PRAETORIUS • SCHUBERT • SCHUMANN • VERDI • STRAVINSKY



7:00 PM • SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2020

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO CATHOLIC CHURCH  
2802 CADIZ STREET, SAN DIEGO, CA 92110

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



## Host Families Needed

You will be enthralled as 60 students from the University of Notre Dame come to St Charles to entertain. There is no cost for the event and it's a perfect night to invite family and friends. However, we could use help hosting these amazing students for one night. If you are interested, please contact the office or click on the link on our website to register as a host family. Thank you!

## Christmas Trees

We came close! The youth group pre-sold a ton of trees on Saturday morning. However, we still have a few extras. Stop by after Mass and we'll work you a great deal on our extra inventory. You may also purchase one for a Military Family if you are not in need of a tree this year.



## Women's Altar Guild

Congratulations to our fall raffle winners! Ron Cota won the grill package with utensils, wine, and \$100 Von's gift card. Joe Picone won the quilt basket with wine, coasters, chocolates, and \$100 Sprouts gift card. Thanks to the entire parish for generously supporting our sale and raffle.



For those who signed up, we'll be seeing you tomorrow Dec. 9 at our annual Christmas Luncheon at MCRD's Bay View Restaurant. Start time is 11:30.

Women's Altar Guild Members are invited to gather in the church Dec 24, after the 8 AM Mass, to help place the beautiful poinsettias and banners and other decorations for the Celebration of Christmas. It will take less than an hour of your time.

## Fishes and loaves

Loaves & Fishes ---Please continue with your generous donations to Loaves & Fishes. Suggested items are: Soup, Spaghettios, pork & beans, canned tuna, canned vegetables, oatmeal packets, razors, shaving cream, shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste, socks. Please place the donations in the basket in the back of the church. Thank you for your generosity.

Altar flowers have been donated in memory of George Gallagher. Envelopes for donations for Christmas flowers will be in the pews soon. Thank you for all your flower donations! St. Charles Borromeo Women's Altar Guild



## Gregg Doherty Retires

After his many years of faithful service coordinating ushers and greeters at the 8am Mass Gregg Doherty is retiring. We were blessed to have him on job for so many years. Well done Gregg! You are loved. Our best of wishes to Donna Kaspar who will be succeeding Gregg.



## Our Sunday Visitor - Commitment Sunday

January 26 is 'Commitment Sunday'. Father will be preaching in January about a vision for the future. We are "Blessed by the Best" to be a part of the Saint Charles Borromeo community and we are certainly Blessed by our Lord. We pray everyone would be excited to provide a parish for our grandchildren. Please be open to assisting us along the way. Together we can make St Charles shine for generations to come.

## Borromeo Room Nears Completion

You may have noticed we have walled off the old side chapel to make it available to the parish as a meeting room. It will be referred to as the "Borromeo Room". A painting of our beloved Saint Charles is being ordered to decorate the room along with furniture. The door is on order and will be installed next week.

