



And He went down with them and came to Nazareth,
and was obedient to them;
and his mother kept all these things in her heart.
And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor
before God and man. Lk 2, 51-52



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PARISH HOURS AND INFORMATION

SUNDAY MASSES

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5:00pm Spanish (U.Ch), 7:00pm Portuguese (L.Ch) No reservation required.

Sunday:

7:00am Haitian (L.Ch), 8:45am Spanish (U.Ch), 10:45am Portuguese (U.Ch), 11:00am English (L.Ch), 12:45pm Spanish (U.Ch), 5:00pm Haitian (U.Ch)

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Tuesday & Friday 7:00pm Haitian (L.Ch)

Wednesday & Thursday: 7:00pm Spanish (L.Ch)

Thursday & Friday: 7:30pm Portuguese (U.Ch)

Saturday (U.Ch) 8:00am Spanish (U.Ch)

U. Ch: Main Church L. Ch: Lower Church

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martes a jueves: 8:30 am-4pm;

viernes de 8:30am-1pm

CHURCH—OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

Monday-Friday: 7:30am-1:00 pm

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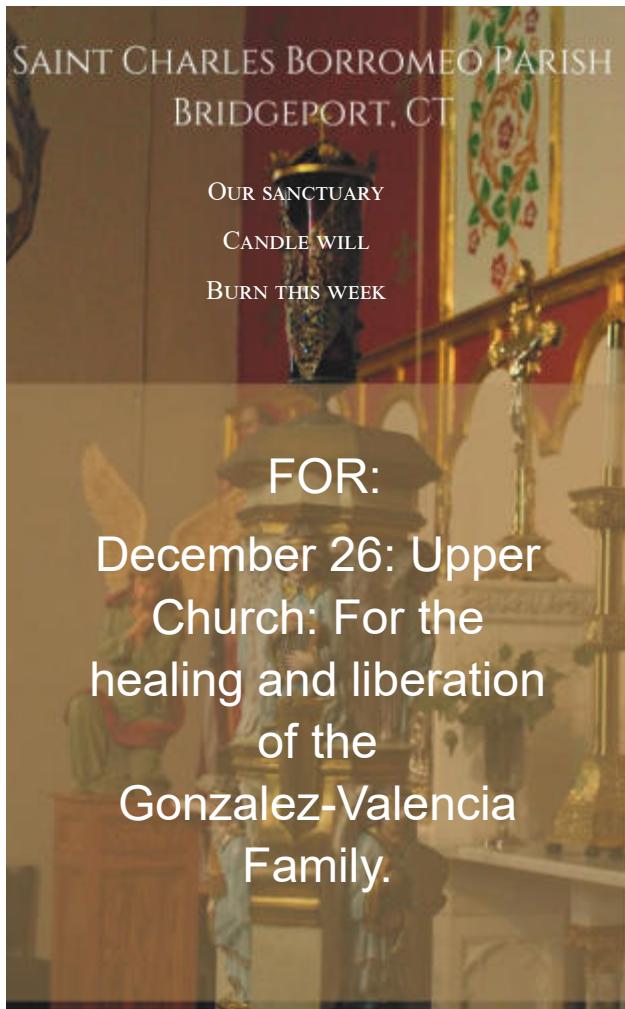
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Top Reasons to Register at a Parish

- A sense of belonging and identity in a parish community.
- It is a commitment to practice your faith.
- Registration enables the parish pastor and staff to get to know you better, to welcome you and to minister to you. This is especially important during a time of crisis so that the pastoral staff can attend to your spiritual needs and the needs of your family.
- Registration helps you stay connected with your parish and helps your parish stay connected with you. Providing your contact information is important so that parishes provide you timely updates via email, direct mail, phone, etc. Also, if you use offertory envelopes or online giving, you will also receive a year-end statement of your donations for income tax purposes. Once you are registered, please notify the parish office of any changes in address or phone number.
- Registered active members are eligible for sponsor/godparent validation.
- Registered active members are sometimes eligible to rent parish facilities.
- Census numbers may determine how many priests are assigned to a parish and how many Masses and enrichment programs are planned and scheduled.



Saint Charles Borromeo

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Christmas Mass Schedule	Horario de la misa de Navidad
Christmas Eve Friday, December 24, 2021 4:00 pm English (with religious ed children) 6:00 pm Spanish; 8:00 pm Portuguese; 10:00 pm Creole; Midnight Spanish;	Nochebuena Viernes, 24 de diciembre del 2021 4:00 pm Ingles; 6:00 pm Español; Medianoche Español;
Christmas Day Saturday, December 25, 2021 7:00 am Creole; 8:45 am Spanish; 10:45 am Portuguese; 11:00 am English (lower church); 12:45 am Spanish; 5:00 am Creole;	Día de Navidad Sábado, 25 de diciembre del 2021 8:45 am español; 11:00 am Inglés (iglesia inferior); 12:45 pm español;
ALL MASSES ARE IN THE UPPER CHURCH, EXCEPT WHERE NOTED This year, we are doing the Christmas novena and masses from December 15 to December 23 at 7:00 pm Spanish & (7:00 pm Portuguese in the lower church)	TODAS LAS MISAS SON EN LA IGLESIA SUPERIOR, EXCEPTO DONDE SE INDIQUE Este año estaremos realizando las novenas & posadas con el Padre Abelardo a las 7:00 pm con la Santa Misa. Los caballeros de colon estarán patrocinando nuestros encuentros con los refrigerios. Los esperamos en la Iglesia Mayor!
New Year Confessions Monday, December 13, 2021 at 8:00 pm Thursday, December 30, 2021 at 8:00 pm	

Merry Christmas!



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I want to wish each one of you and your families a Blessed Christmas. May Jesus be the light that lives in the center of your homes. Please know that I am grateful for your generosity and support! You are always in my prayers.

Fr. Abelardo

Pastor

Mass Intentions for this Week



Thursday December 23

7:30 am : Angelo Fernandez R. I. P. R/B Sally Fernandez.

A Special Thank You!



Thank you to everyone who supported this year's Holiday Toy Drive. With your help, we distributed nearly 800 gifts. We appreciate it from the bottom of hearts. Thank you for coming out and sharing in our love of the Christmas season!

Fr. Abelardo

TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE

Offertory Report For the Week of December 6th. —December 12th. 2021	
Online Giving	989.00
Sunday Offertory Collection	16,473.97
Weekly Offertory Collection and Others	225.10
Total Parish Collection	\$ 16,699.07
Last Year's Total Parish Collection	\$7,791.00

Your contributions, both monetary and in service, are important to our parish. Thank you for your generosity!

-Fr. Abelardo

SUPPORTING THE PARISH
DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME

Your offertory support at this time is CRITICAL. Your offertory gifts support parish staff, community outreach, various in-parish ministries, maintenance, and other components of parish life. It is critical to your parish's ongoing vitality. Please prayerfully embrace this opportunity to be an active pillar of our community by giving generously to the Saint Charles Operating Fund. You can use the donation tool on this webpage:
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To everyone at St. Joseph's High School that helps to bring the gift of Christmas gifts to our parish children. Thank you for your continued service's that you bring to St. Charles Borromeo church.

In Christ
Fr. Abelardo



From the Pastor's Desk

Dear brothers and sisters, Throughout the next few weeks, I will be inviting you to read and reflect on different letters and homilies from various saints. It is important as Catholics that our church know the life and thoughts of the Saints, since we are called to be saints. We will find in them a lot of wisdom and knowledge, but they will also be of great consolation to us.

Today I invite you to reflect on this paragraph from an address by Saint Paul VI, pope

(Nazareth, January 5, 1964)

In Christ,

Father Abelardo

Pastor

From an address by Saint Paul VI, pope

(Nazareth, January 5, 1964)

Nazareth, a model

Nazareth is a kind of school where we may begin to discover what Christ's life was like and even to understand his Gospel. Here we can observe and ponder the simple appeal of the way God's Son came to be known, profound yet full of hidden meaning. And gradually we may even learn to imitate him. Here we can learn to realize who Christ really is. And here we can sense and take account of the conditions and circumstances that surrounded and affected his life on earth: the places, the tenor of the times, the culture, the language, religious customs, in brief, everything which Jesus used to make himself known to the world. Here everything speaks to us, everything has meaning. Here we can learn the importance of spiritual discipline for all who wish to follow Christ and to live by the teachings of his Gospel. How I would like to return to my childhood and attend the simple yet profound school that is Nazareth! How wonderful to be close to Mary, learning again the lesson of the true meaning of life, learning again God's truths. But here we are only on pilgrimage. Time presses and I must set aside my desire to stay and carry on my education in the Gospel, for that education is never finished. But I cannot leave without recalling, briefly and in passing; some thoughts I take with me from Nazareth. First, we learn from its silence. If only we could once again appreciate its great value. We need this wonderful state of mind, beset as we are by the cacophony of strident protests and conflicting claims so characteristic of these turbulent times. The silence of Nazareth should teach us how to meditate in peace and quiet, to reflect on the deeply spiritual, and to be open to the voice of God's inner wisdom and the counsel of his true teachers. Nazareth can teach us the value of study and preparation, of meditation, of a well-ordered personal spiritual life, and of silent prayer that is known only to God. Second, we learn about family life. May Nazareth serve as a model of what the family should be. May it show us the family's holy and enduring character and exemplify its basic function in society: a community of love and sharing, beautiful for the problems it poses and the rewards it brings, in sum, the perfect setting for rearing children and for this there is no substitute. Finally, in Nazareth, the home of a craftsman's son, we learn about work and the discipline it entails. I would especially like to recognize its value demanding yet redeeming and to give it proper respect. I would remind everyone that work has its own dignity. On the other hand, it is not an end in itself. Its value and free character, however, derive not only from its place in the economic system, as they say, but rather from the purpose it serves. In closing, may I express my deep regard for people everywhere who work for a living. To them I would point out their great model, Christ their brother, our Lord and God, who is their prophet in every cause that promotes their well-being.

Ministry of Ladies Praying Among us



The ministry of Ladies Praying among us celebrated their 9th year anniversary on Saturday, December 11th, 2021. This time has been such a blessing for the women of our parish community.

De la oficina del Párroco

Queridos hermanos y hermanas,

A través de las próximas semanas, los estare invitando a leer y reflexionar sobre diferentes, cartas y homilías de varios santos. Es importante como católicos que conozcamos nuestra iglesia la vida y los pensamientos de los Santos, ya que nosotros estamos llamados a ser santos. Encontraremos en ellos mucha sabiduría y conocimiento, pero también serán de mucha consolación para nosotros.

Hoy Los invito a reflexionar en este párrafo De las alocuciones del papa Pablo sexto

(Alocución en Nazaret, 5 de enero de 1964)

En Cristo,

Padre Abelardo

Pastor

De las alocuciones del papa Pablo sexto

(Alocución en Nazaret, 5 de enero de 1964)

EL EJEMPLO DE NAZARET

Nazaret es la escuela donde empieza a entenderse la vida de Jesús, es la escuela donde se inicia el conocimiento de su Evangelio. Aquí aprendemos a observar, a escuchar, a meditar, a penetrar en el sentido profundo y misterioso de esta sencilla, humilde y encantadora manifestación del Hijo de Dios entre los hombres. Aquí se aprende incluso, quizás de una manera casi insensible, a imitar esta vida. Aquí se nos revela el método que nos hará descubrir quién es Cristo. Aquí comprendemos la importancia que tiene el ambiente que rodeó su vida durante su estancia entre nosotros, y lo necesario que es el conocimiento de los lugares, los tiempos, las costumbres, el lenguaje, las prácticas religiosas, en una palabra, de todo aquello de lo que Jesús se sirvió para revelarse al mundo. Aquí todo habla, todo tiene un sentido. Aquí, en esta escuela, comprendemos la necesidad de una disciplina espiritual si queremos seguir las enseñanzas del Evangelio y ser discípulos de Cristo. ¡Cómo quisiéramos ser otra vez niños y volver a esta humilde pero sublime escuela de Nazaret! ¡Cómo quisiéramos volver a empezar, junto a María, nuestra iniciación a la verdadera ciencia de la vida y a la más alta sabiduría de la verdad divina! Pero estamos aquí como peregrinos y debemos renunciar al deseo de continuar en esta casa el estudio, nunca terminado, del conocimiento del Evangelio. Mas no partiremos de aquí sin recoger rápida, casi furtivamente, algunas enseñanzas de la lección de Nazaret. Su primera lección es el silencio. Cómo deseáramos que se renovara y fortaleciera en nosotros el amor al silencio, este admirable e indispensable hábito del espíritu, tan necesario para nosotros, que estamos aturdidos por tanto ruido, tanto tumulto, tantas voces de nuestra ruidosa y en extremo agitada vida moderna. Silencio de Nazaret enséñanos el recogimiento y la interioridad, enséñanos a estar siempre dispuestos a escuchar las buenas inspiraciones y la doctrina de los verdaderos maestros. Enséñanos la necesidad y el valor de una conveniente formación del estudio, de la meditación, de una vida interior intensa de la oración personal que sólo Dios ve. Se nos ofrece además una lección de vida familiar. Que Nazaret nos enseñe el significado de la familia, su comunión de amor, su sencilla y austera belleza, su carácter sagrado e inviolable, lo dulce e irreemplazable que es su pedagogía y lo fundamental e incomparable que es su función en el plano social. Finalmente, aquí aprendemos también la lección del trabajo. Nazaret, la casa del hijo del artesano: cómo deseamos comprender más en este lugar la austera pero

Saint Charles Kids Corner

GROWING WITH THE Gospel CYCLE C

COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



Holy Family • Luke 2:41-52



GOSPEL

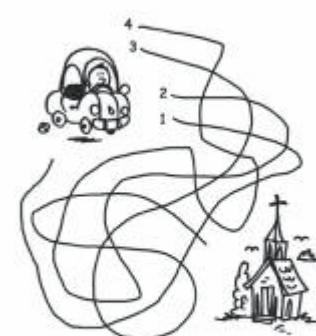
Imagine Jesus goes to your church today. After church, Mary and Joseph find him on the altar telling stories from the Old Testament to the priests and the Sunday School teachers. Mary and Joseph would be amazed. They would want Jesus to come home. Jesus would love his parents so much that he would go home with them. He will stay with them until he grows older, wiser, and stronger.

PRAYER

Lord, teach me your Bible stories so that I can teach them to others.

PUZZLE

Find the way that leads to church!



MISSION

I will always let my parents know where I am, so they won't worry.



After several weeks of community service St Charles Youth group took a day off to enjoy a much deserved day of fun. The Youth Group had a great day bowling. These kids deserved every bit of fun. Thank you for all your hard work!



Groups and Ministries

Mães que Oram
pelos Filhos

Segundas-feiras
8pm

Pelo Zoom



Terço das
Santas Chagas

Quartas-feiras
7:30pm

Pelo Skype



Quintas-feiras
8pm - Skype

Terço dos
Homens

Quartas-feiras
8pm

Pelo Whatsapp

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Família
Terço

Quartas-feiras
7:30pm

Pelo Skype

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GRUPO DE PAREJAS UNIDOS
EN LOS CORAZONES DE
JESÚS Y MARÍA

Tenemos el placer de invitarlos a compartir con nosotros,
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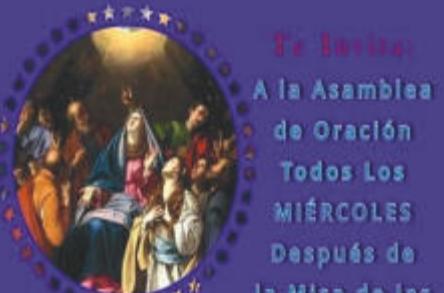
Días después de la misa de 12:45 pm
en la Iglesia de abajo.

Tendremos la exposición del Santísimo Sacramento, charlas,
testimonios y un compartir.

Vengan todos los que están cansados y cargados, que yo los
hare descansar. Mt.12,28

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DE PENTECOSTÉS**



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A la Asamblea
de Oración
Todos Los
MIÉRCOLES
Después de
la Misa de las
7:00pm



En la parte abajo de la iglesia

Youth Adult



All youth from 18-35 years old are invited
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