



ST. CHARLES BORROMEO CATHOLIC PARISH
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DISCIPLES

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 14TH- 21ST - THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Disciples are On the Go with the Risen Christ,

learning to relate with trust, care and compassion as He did, inviting all to
join The Journey of life with Peace, Joy, and Love.

- Jesus: Encounter Him, Again.
- Say YES to following Him, Again.
- Again and again, Be His Witness.

SCHEDULE

MASSES Saturday Vigil | 5 pm.
Sunday | 8 am, 10 am (Live Streamed), 12 pm.
Daily mass Monday–Friday | 9 am mass
PERSONAL PRAYER Monday-Friday in church |
9 am - 4pm.
RECONCILIATION - Saturdays from 3 - 4 pm.
Or call for appointment.
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Friday from 9-4 pm in the SCB Church

PARISH OFFICE

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Open Monday–Friday
9 am - 4 pm. Call (253)651-1863
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Prayer line: prayerline@stcharlesb.org

THANKSGIVING PROGRAM

This is an amazing tradition that allows us to make a significant impact on local families that may not otherwise be able to afford a holiday celebration and groceries. Monetary donations are still welcomed as we continue to shop for food and toiletries. We're so grateful for our amazing community and all the support you've given in the past and especially this year.

PARISH OFFICE UPDATE

We are currently awaiting the final report from the insurance company. The parish office front desk is located in the Food Bank. Our temporary phone number is (253) 651-1863. The phone number for the school office is (253) 651-0732.

IT IS WELCOME WEEKEND!

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a registered member of our parish, please stop by the Welcome Table after all Masses this weekend to pick up a gift bag and a registration form. Hospitality ministers will be available to answer questions. We warmly welcome you into the St. Charles Catholic faith community!

BOOK CLUB

Our new book club book for our meeting in November is entitled, **EUCCHARIST** and is by Bishop Robert Barron. We will meet at 5:30 p m on Wednesday November 17 in the parish center. For more information contact Jodie Clark jclark@stcharlesb.org

UPCOMING CALENDAR

Nov 27/28 - (Sat/Sun) 1st Sunday of Advent - Penitential / Healing Rite

Dec 7/8th - (Tues/Wed) Feast of the Immaculate Conception

(Archbishop Etienne is asking all Catholics without an excusing cause
(*illness, Covid issues*) to return to the celebration of Mass each Sunday and
Holy Day

Dec 7th Mass @ 7:00 pm

Dec 8th Mass @ 9:00am and 12:00 Noon

Dec 24th (Friday) Christmas Eve: Masses at 5:00pm, 9:00 pm and 12:00 Midnight

Dec 25th (Saturday) Christmas Day: Masses at 8:00am and 10:00 am

Dec 26th (Sunday) Holy Family: Masses at 8:00am; 10:00am and 12:00 Noon

Dec 31st (Friday) Solemnity of Mary: Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Jan 1st (Saturday) Solemnity of Mary: Masses @ 9:00am and 11:00am

Jan 2nd (Sunday) Masses at 8:00am ; 10:00am and 12:00 Noon

THE SYNOD

The Second Vatican Council re-introduced the notion of a Synods. On the universal scale it has been a meeting of Bishops selected from throughout the world to discuss a topic of theological or pastoral importance in order to prepare a document of advice or counsel to the Pope. But a Synods have also been called by Diocesan Bishops to listen the the people of a particular diocese

The Vatican Council also re-emphasized that the Church is first of all the People of God. Deacons, priests, bishops, especially the Bishop of Rome, the Pope, are at the service of the people. Very much like an Orchestra Director is at the service of the Orchestra in order to keep an orderly flow of the music. Thus the term “Holy Orders” is applied to the ordained for their role is to serve the People of God by focusing on the importance of Unity (The Bishop); the recalling the central stories of our faith (The Priest); and the importance of charity to those in need (The Deacon).

Now Pope Francis is calling for a world wide Synod. He is inviting all the baptized to join in prayer and sharing about how we as a people can best walk together in true love and care for one another as we move into the future.

One of the great lessons of Covid-19 has been “if we work together” we can safely move into the future despite life-threatening obstacles. The question before us as the Baptized, “How shall we now live, work and celebrate together as a sign of hope for one another and the world itself?”

We might ask ourselves, who do you mean by God's people? All of us gathered here, who come to mass on a regular basis, are obviously part of God's people, but how about people who may have drifted away from their journey with God, are they still part of God's people?

Absolutely, without a doubt, they are still God's people, for even though we may drift away from God, God never drifts away from us. Even though we may forget God, God never forgets us. As Jesus showed us by his very life, He is the Good Shepherd, who will always go searching for the lost sheep and rejoices when he has found his beloved sheep.

And so through this Synod, God is calling **all** of God's people, the committed and the uncommitted, those who are wealthy and those who are struggling, the young and the aged, those who find God's Church to be a place of refuge, as well as those who have been wounded by the Church.

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No matter where we are in our walk with God, near or far, we are still God's people, why? Because God has never stopped calling us by name. We may not always hear God's voice, for he speaks to us in the silence of our hearts, but if we are attuned to his voice through prayer, by embracing the silence and listening with the ears of our hearts, we realize that God is always calling us to himself.

Through this Synod, God is inviting us to gather with him, as God's people, to journey together because it is in the context of a loving community that we grow best and can become a beacon of hope and an instrument of his loving grace and mercy.

In this Synod, we are called to journey together, by encountering one another deeply, by praying together, by truly listening to one another, and discerning together the ways in which the Holy Spirit is leading us to **be** Church. To **be** Church.

That is to say, we as God's people have a say in becoming the Church God intends for this world, it is not simply the task of the Church's hierarchy to decide how we are called to be Church. It is our communal task, a task in which each of us must realize that I have an important role to play, simply because I am a child of God and we are God's people.

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The question is, what kind of Church are we called to **be**?

This is the question that the Synod process is asking us, all of God's people. And all of us are called to participate and to discern together, how is the Holy Spirit calling us to **be** Church today.

I wonder if this poor widow isn't the symbol of the Church we are being called to be in this world today.

Just like her, the Church today is in a rather precarious state. It feels as though, with each passing day, that the Church is losing its relevance in our world today. Less and less people are coming to Church, vocations to the priesthood and religious life is at an all time low. Many young people are more likely to be much more focused on their careers than developing a strong relationship with God and his Church.

So, what do we do? How do we reverse this trend? How can our Church be renewed? By building a big, shiny Church that people can't help but notice? The renewal of our Church, as has been the case at every age during the course of our Church history, will depend on two things.

The renewal of our own relationship with Jesus, and our effective proclamation of the Gospel. You see, these are the two small coins that Jesus is counting on us to offer in his treasury, so that **he** can renew and rebuild **his** Church today.

Perhaps in the eyes of the world these two small coins might seem insignificant, but in the eyes of Jesus they are more than precious.

Jesus will renew his Church, but he is counting on us to play our part.

You might ask, well how shall I renew my relationship with Jesus and proclaim the Gospel?

It will be through prayer of surrender - "not my will but your will be done" and through being very intentional in focusing our thoughts (imagination) our words (the story we tell ourselves and others) and our actions. Two small coins (prayer and being intentional), that'll be enough for Jesus to renew his Church.

FAITH FORMATION

St. Charles offers several opportunities in the area of Faith Formation. **Classes for children are in full swing but we still have room in many grades.** Our children's Religious Education program is both family and age level organized. It is offered on Sundays for children ages 4 (Pre-K) to 12 (6th Grade). **Note: Families expecting children to participate in First Eucharist and Penance should be enrolled in Religious Ed by their First grade year if not attending a Catholic School.** We also have a Catechesis of the Good Shepherd experience for children ages 3-6. We are meeting both in person and occasionally virtually. We practice social distance and children must wear masks.

Due to the fire you may best contact Jodie Clark at jclark@stcharlesb.org
Our phones should be up soon.



PARENTS: After this weekend, we will no longer need to take temperatures. We will continue to enter through separate entrances, wear masks and practice distancing. Also parents will still need to show proof of vaccination (once) to enter building. rson Nov. 7 and 14. Please remember to return your Water Bottle service project this Sunday.

SERVICE PROJECT-Many thanks to our religious ed families who participated in our October service project of filling water bottles with notes of encouragement, goodies, and toiletries for the homeless. In this photo we show some of our students who went above and beyond gathering extra goods and involving others.

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