



**The Catholic Community of St. Charles Borromeo  
Parish welcomes you, God's beloved, and we wish you  
a very merry and blessed Christmas!**

Yes, you, whether you are a faithful parishioner, a Catholic who joins only once in a while, or a member of a different faith tradition, you are God's beloved. That is how God sees you, and so our parish community wishes you God's gift of Christmas peace.

- May you who are faithful parishioners rejoice in God's many blessings and know that you have been a blessing for others.
- May you who have come home from college or far away to rejoin your family for the holidays know you are always welcome at St. Charles, your spiritual home.
- May you who are visitors find here a community of welcome and a community that rejoices in praising God.
- May you who are members of the parish family, but of a different faith tradition or of no specific faith, know that we hold you in our hearts and ask for God's blessings on you.
- May you who have come with sadness in your heart or who have experienced great sorrow, pain, or hurt in the past, sometimes from the Church itself, experience this Christmas a new beginning of healing, hope, and peace.

At Christmas, God sent His Son to bring all of us to new life.

If you would like to explore this new life with us, I invite you to visit our website at [www.stcharlesb.org](http://www.stcharlesb.org) or give us a call so that we can meet with you: Fr. Mike or Fr. Val at (253)651- 1863 or any of our Pastoral Staff Members.

Sincerely,

Fr. Val

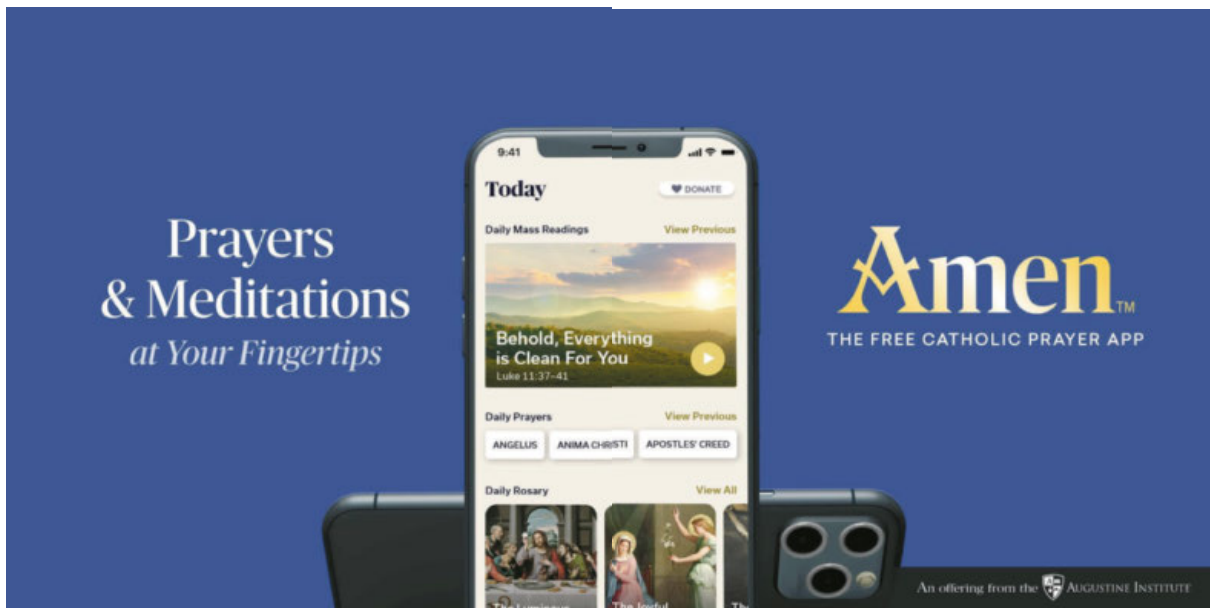
## CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SERVICES APPEAL FOR THE POOR COLLECTION

On the weekend of Jan. 8-9, we will have a collection for the Catholic Community Services Appeal for the Poor. Each year the annual CCS Appeal for the Poor informs parishioners about the work of Catholic Community Services and Catholic Housing Services. CCS/CHS are the official outreaches of the Catholic Church in Western Washington. Every day CCS/CHS serve over 111,000 poor and vulnerable people in Western Washington through more than 175 programs. This collection is used to support programs and services in your local area, and 92 cents of every dollar goes directly to serving those in need.

## FROM THE PAA

Christmas Greetings from the Parish Office. In keeping with giving the parish an update on our progress, the first stages of the demolition of the parish office will begin. As you can imagine, the office building is a complete loss. We have had one steering committee meeting and now know this will not be a quick resolution. As we go, we will keep all apprised as best we can. In this Holy season may we continue to praise the Word made flesh in the form of Christ the Child. Merry Christmas ~Matt Jordan, PAA  
Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come; The old has gone, the new is here! 2 Corinthians 5:17

## MISS OUR FORMED SUBSCRIPTION?



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## UPCOMING CALENDAR

**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

**(no 5:00 pm Mass) No Confessions**

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

## WELCOME COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU

We're looking for volunteers who want to help keep St. Charles a welcoming environment. The second weekend of the month (excluding December) is our Welcome Weekend where a member of the parish helps those who would like to join the parish or have recently joined the parish and provides them with a welcome bag. All it takes is about 15 minutes before and after your chosen Mass. one weekend a month. If you're interested, please contact Jessica at [jquan@stcharlesb.org](mailto:jquan@stcharlesb.org) or call the parish office.

## 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

## OUTREACH THROUGH PRAYER

“Where two or more are gathered in my name, there am I among them.” – Matthew 18:20

To submit prayer requests for the St. Charles *Prayer Line*, call 253-564-5185 or email [prayerline@stcharlesb.org](mailto:prayerline@stcharlesb.org).

If you have a prayer intention for the sick to be read at the *Prayers of the Faithful* during Mass, call Jessica Quan in the Parish Office, at 253-564-5185. This must be requested by an immediate family member.

If you would like to request a *Mass Intention*, visit the Parish Office.

## PARISH OFFICE

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** Open Monday–Friday  
9 am - 4 pm. Call (253)651-1863  
7112 South 12th Street; Tacoma, WA 98465

[saintcharlesb.org](http://saintcharlesb.org) |

[parishinfo@stcharlesb.org](mailto:parishinfo@stcharlesb.org)

Main: (253)651-1863

Emergency (after hours): 253-677-9827

Prayer line: [prayerline@stcharlesb.org](mailto:prayerline@stcharlesb.org)

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Join us in Feist Hall on Saturday, January 8, at noon to pray the rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy for family, Church, and Country. This is a very beautiful and meaningful hour and will make a difference in your life and for your family.

## FAITH FORMATION

St. Charles offers several opportunities in the area of Faith Formation. **Classes for children are in full swing but we will be taking a break for the holidays, Dec. 26 and Jan. 2. We return In Person on January 9.** 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](mailto:jclark@stcharlesb.org) Our phones hopefully will be up soon. Please be patient as our responses may be delayed.

**PARENTS:** We no longer need to take temperatures and when we return, ALL will be entering through the front entrance. Parents however, will still need to show proof of vaccination (once) to enter building.

## NEW BIBLE STUDY COMING IN JANUARY FOR MONDAY EVENINGS

We will be using the **Come and See** series from The St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology. The focus will be on the **Exile and Return** which will cover several books of the bible to include: Tobit, Judith, Esther and more. We will also intermix with this study some Apologetics from Catholic Answers using The Essential Catholic's Answer Survival Guide. We will begin January 3rd at 7:00 p.m. and meet in the Parish Center.

## NEW BOOK CLUB BOOK

Just in time for the holidays, our new book club book for our meeting in January is entitled, ***The Characters of Christmas-The Unlikely People Caught Up in the Story of Jesus***. It is by Daniel Darling. As you slow down, engage your imagination, and enter into the stories of these men and women, you'll see the most important character - Jesus Christ - with new eyes. We will meet at 5:30 p m on Wednesday January 26th, most likely in the parish center. For more information contact Jodie Clark at [jclark@stcharlesb.org](mailto:jclark@stcharlesb.org)

## New Bible Study coming in January (Wednesday mornings)

***Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life*** is a new and fresh look at Jesus—who he is, what he is really like, what he taught, and what he did for our salvation. This encounter with Christ will inspire and empower you to center your entire life around him as you come to know and love him in an ever deeper and more intimate way. This is a 10 week study from Ascension Press that will meet on Wednesday mornings at 9:45 beginning January 5th. (after daily mass) Location TBD

## OUR NEXT MASS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED WILL BE SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5<sup>TH</sup> AT 9:00 A.M.

We celebrate this mass on the first Saturday of the month. We pray for those who have had their funeral services here at Saint Charles Borromeo on the 3<sup>rd</sup> month, 6<sup>th</sup> month and year anniversary of their death up to five years. Our February mass will be honoring the anniversary of death for those who passed over in January and February. Names can be added to the list of the Faithful Departed by calling Tom East at 564-5185 or [teast@stcharlesb.org](mailto:teast@stcharlesb.org).

## WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

- ◆ Unwrap the gifts in your marriage on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter.
- ◆ It is a weekend for married Catholic Christian couples who value their relationship and desire a richer, fuller life together.
- ◆ Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences on:

Virtual: Feb. 18-20 (Pacific Standard Time) & Spokane at Immaculate Heart Retreat Center: March 11-13.

Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org)

Feel free to contact Jeff and Sandy Corneil at 360-930-2321 regarding the Virtual WWME Weekend Experience.

## THANK YOU FOR POINSETTIA PROJECT MINISTERS: A PART OF GRIEF MINISTRY AND OUTREACH TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

*Our mission is to extend the comfort and compassion of the Church to those members of our community suffering a loss due to death, and for the sick and homebound. A team of 18 volunteers began to deliver 115 poinsettias beginning December 7<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all who made this ministry possible.*



## TO JESUS THROUGH MARY! THE ROSARY PROVIDES THE WAY!

Pope Pius IX said, "Give me an army saying the Rosary and I will conquer the world!" The rosary is a very powerful prayer and has helped win many battles and brought about many miracles. Join your fellow parishioners every Sunday morning at 9:30am as we pray the rosary asking for our Blessed Mother's intercession for our Families, our Church, and our Country.



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

### NATIVITY HOUSE ADULT CLOTHING DRIVE



**JANUARY 8<sup>TH</sup> AND 9<sup>TH</sup>  
BEFORE AND AFTER EACH MASS**



**WARM CLOTHING ONLY PLEASE**  
(no dress/professional clothing needed)

#### BIGGEST NEEDS:



**COATS, GLOVES, HATS, SWEATSHIRTS, PANTS,  
SHIRTS, UNDERWEAR, BRAS, SOCKS, RAINGEAR,  
PONCHOS, SLEEPING BAGS, BACKPACKS, SMALL  
TARPS, HAND WARMERS, DEODORANT & SOAP**



**SORRY NO KIDS OR BABY CLOTHING NEEDED**

**CASH DONATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AND USED  
TO PURCHASE THE ABOVE ITEMS**





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thank you

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