



ST. CHARLES BORROMELO CATHOLIC PARISH
 CATHOLIC COMMUNITY WELCOMING ALL TO GROW AS DISCIPLES
 WEEK OF DECEMBER 22, 2024 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT & CHRISTMAS



**4TH SUNDAY
 OF ADVENT**

"Blessed are you who
 believed that what was
 spoken to you by the
 Lord would be fulfilled."
 - Lk 1:45

Example from the Lectionary for Mass ©2011, 1998, 1979 CCC, SLP

PARISH INFORMATION

St Charles Borromeo - 7112 S 12th St, Tacoma, WA 98465 253-564-5185
 Monday - Friday | 8:30 am - 4:30 pm saintcharlesb.org | parishinfo@stcharlesb.org

St Leo the Great - 710 S 13th St, Tacoma, WA 98405 253-272-5136
 Sun, Tues - Fri | 9 am - 4:30 pm stleoparish.org

SCHEDULE-ST CHARLES BORROMELO

MASSES

Saturday Vigil | 5 pm
 Sunday | 8 am, 10 am (Live Streamed), 12:30 pm
 Daily Mass Monday-Friday | 9 am

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays from 3 - 4 pm or call for an appointment.

PERSONAL PRAYER

Monday-Friday in Church | 9am - 4pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Fridays from 9:30 am - 4 pm in the Church

SCHEDULE - ST LEO THE GREAT

MASSES

Saturday Vigil | 5 pm
 Sunday | 10 am (Live Streamed)
 Daily Mass Tuesday, Thursday, Friday | 12:10 pm

4th Sunday Native American Mass | 1:30 pm

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays from 4 - 4:40 pm or call for an appointment.

PARISH CONTACTS

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SAVE THE DATE

On Saturday, May 31, 2025, you are invited to attend one of the three regional Masses for the Solemn Celebration of the 170th anniversary of the Archdiocese of Seattle. Watch the bulletin or St. Charles Borromeo website for more information.

USHERS NEEDED

Ushers are needed for all weekend masses. If you are interested, please contact Pat Gleason 253-564-5185 ext. 3018 for more information.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN THE PARISH OFFICE

If you are interested in volunteering in the parish office, please contact Cathy at 253-564-5185 ext. 3011 for more information.

A CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR MARRIED

Couples... want to give each other something really special this Christmas? Consider a gift filled with romance and excitement! That's just the beginning of what you will experience on a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend Experience**. The next local weekend experience is February 14-16, 2025 at the La Quinta Inn & Suites in Tacoma.

Register at <https://mrwwme.org/applyWeekend.php>

Early registration is highly recommended.

For more information, please feel free to contact Jeff & Sandy Corneil at 360-930-2321.

PARISH LIBRARY

The holiday season is upon us and the kids are on break. Come check out all the neat books and movies for kids and for families that we have in our Parish Library that would be great for a Family Movie Night or a Reading Marathon. Also, for our adults, you might check out our "Drinking with the Saint" book or our cookbooks with Fr. Leo for some great holiday cheer.

To Check Out Materials: The library is open every Sunday that we have Coffee and Donuts. Just place your name and phone number (legibly please) on the card enclosed with the item and drop it in the check out box. That's it. For more information, contact Jodie Clark at 253-564-5185. ext. 3036 or email at jclark@stcharlesb.org.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Facebook: saintcharlesb

Instagram: @saintcharlesb

YouTube: scbvideo

FAITH FORMATION - A FAMILY OF FAITH

Our parish Family of Faith program is for **ALL** families with children in Pre-K to 8th grade. This year's topic is Sacraments. **Registrations are ongoing year round** and forms can be downloaded from our website at www.saintcharlesb.weebly.com Sessions for parents meet from 11:15 to 12:15 in Feist Hall on **selected** Sundays. We have classes for kids only, on other Sundays. Calendars with class dates can also be found online as stated above as well as a downloaded. Come learn with us! We are currently on break and will begin our sessions again on January 5th for both kids and parents. May the love of the Christ child shine down on you all this holiday season. Merry Christmas!

Additional information on Faith Formation opportunities, parish events and interesting videos can be found on our website listed above. Contact Jodie Clark for more information at 253-564-5185 ext. 3036 or jclark@stcharlesb.org.

BOOK CLUB - NEW BOOK!

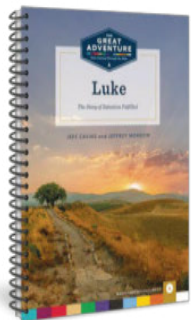
Get a hot drink (and box of tissues) and curl up under a blanket with our holiday read of *The Paper Bag Christmas* by Kevin Alan Milne. As one critic put it, "Milne's debut novel is the epitome of the true meaning of Christmas. It's an inspiring tale filled with heartfelt characters that will move readers to view Christmas in a whole new light." Join us, **Wednesday, January 29, 2025 at 5:30 pm in the Parish Center Parlor** to discuss and share our thoughts on this moving read. Books are available now in the parish office for a suggested contribution of \$10.00.



NEW BIBLE STUDY FOR THE NEW YEAR

***Luke: The Story of Salvation Fulfilled* from Ascension Press**

Join us for *Luke: The Story of Salvation Fulfilled* at St. Charles' campus beginning January 8, 2025, from 9:30 to noon, and continuing every Wednesday for 8 weeks. Suggested contribution of \$25.00. For more information or to register for the study, contact **Jodie Clark** at 253-564-5185 ext. 3036 or by email at jclark@stcharlesb.org



The Gospel of Luke takes you on a journey that begins with the foretelling of John the Baptist's birth and culminates in Jesus' ascension into heaven. Along the way, you will witness key moments in salvation history, including the Annunciation; the Nativity; Jesus' baptism; his public ministry; the Last Supper; and Jesus' suffering, death, and glorious Resurrection. The Gospel's powerful prose and beautiful details will deepen your desire to draw closer to Jesus and be transformed by his teachings.



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Presents an Opportunity for a morning of prayer for adults

We will pray with Lectio Divina, art & sculpture, music and journaling. Come join us on Saturday, December 21st. From 11 am - 1 pm in the Parish Center. The spaces are limited so please register with me, Debs Pokos, 253-564-5185 ext. 3047 or email at dpokos@stcharlesb.org.



Prayer Space materials

Are you looking for a unique gift for your children or grandchildren? Look no further.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is offering our Prayer Space materials to easily set up your own prayer space at home. It includes a storage box, cloths in all the liturgical colors, a CGS box of matches (for adults only), a candle snuffer that children love to use, a wooden cross made by our parishioner Paul Rising and blessed by Fr. Mike.

In the Atrium, we pass the cross around for each child to hold while they pray in our prayer circle. You can add your family bible, photos of loved ones, etc. There is a suggested contribution of \$20. Please don't let this get in the way of obtaining it. This is about building our domestic churches.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEARS MASS TIMES - ST CHARLES & ST LEO

St Charles Borromeo

Dec 24th 5 pm
Dec 24th 9 pm
Dec 25th 12 am (midnight)
Dec 25th 8 am
Dec 25th 12 pm
Dec 31st 7 pm
Jan 1st 9 am
Jan 1st 11 am

St Leo the Great

Dec 24th 7 pm
Dec 25th 10 am
Jan 1st 10 am

ONLINE GIVING

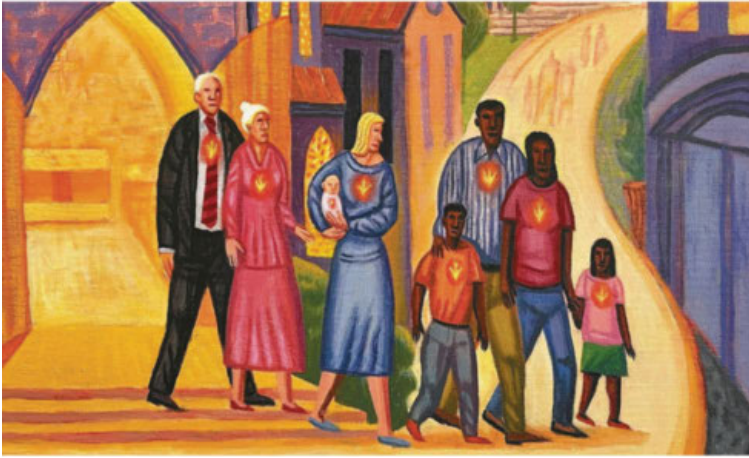
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OUR NEW YEAR GIFT TO YOU



In addition to our Advent gift, we wanted to help strengthen your journey through this Jubilee Year: Pilgrims of Hope. This short booklet invites us to explore the various ways the Mass fosters our hope in God's promise of salvation. As we celebrate the Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee year, this booklet enables the faithful to live in the hope of Christ's salvation more fully. The reflection questions at the end of each chapter encourage greater participation in the liturgy and in living out Christ's message of hope in our daily lives. **These booklets will be given out beginning January 1 on the Solemnity of Mary.**

SENIORS' MASS & LUNCHEON

Save the date for Friday, January 3! We're starting off 2025 with something new! For our next gathering, we will join the 9 a.m. daily Mass and will meet in the Parish Center to follow for brunch! Join us and connect with other men and women in our community 60 years and older.

No reservations are required and there is no fee to attend. Donations of cookies for dessert and a free-will offering will be accepted.

CATHOLIC IN RECOVERY

Join us Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Center Parlor.

Catholic in Recovery provides healing from addictions, compulsions, and unhealthy attachments. Meetings combine the spiritual principles of 12-step recovery and the sacraments of the Catholic Church. Join others in recovery as we overlap scripture from Sunday's Mass readings, liturgical themes, and recovery topics with honest discussion and prayer.

Confidentiality is protected. For more information visit www.catholicinrecovery.com or contact Catherine F. at (206) 227-6737 or cirstcharlesb@gmail.com

BUNDLES OF JOY QUILTERS

Join this wonderful ministry as they make baby quilts to encourage mothers who choose life and to support families in need, donating over 100 baby quilts each year. Come once or come regularly - no experience or special equipment is needed, everything is provided. All are welcome!

The Quilt Club meets the **first and third Saturdays of each month from 10 am - 1 pm in the Convent** located behind the school. Be a part of their amazing work next on **Saturday, January 4 & 18**. Contact Lois McNeil at 206-724-1240 for questions and information.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Each month, our group prayerfully knit or crochet shawls for those who need a symbol of love and comfort. The shawls are then prayed over by our priests and given on behalf of the St. Charles community.

No experience is needed, men and women of all ages are welcome.

Please join us at our next meeting on **Saturday, January 11 at 1 p.m. in the School Library. Please park in the school parking lot near the west entrance and garden. From there you can enter the walkway lined with gates to the main school doors.**

If you are interested or have questions, contact Denise Hirota at 253-503-3998.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

If you know someone in our parish or in the community within our parish boundaries that needs help for resources and/or referrals, please have them call our number and leave a message. The phone number for the SVdP Help Line is **253-426-3977**. Parishioners also may use this number to ask questions or to speak to one of our officers. Our next meeting will be **Sunday, January 5 at 11:15 am in the Parish Center, classroom 8B** if you wish to join and learn more. Thank you for the help and support you are continually providing. God bless you and your families.

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 ext. 3013 or email prayerline@stcharlesb.org. If you have a prayer intention for the sick to be read during the *Prayers of the Faithful* at weekend Masses, call Jessica Quan in the Parish Office, at 253-564-5185 ext. 3013. This must be requested by an immediate family member. If you would like to request a *Mass Intention* for a daily Mass, call or visit the Parish Office.

DO YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW NEED TO RECEIVE AN ANOINTING OF THE SICK?

Contrary to belief, an anointing is not just for those who are actively dying. One can receive an anointing if they are severely ill, are about to have surgery, are actively dying or any other emergency circumstances. Although we know that it is not always possible to give ample notice for an anointing, if possible we ask to not wait until the last minute so we can ensure priests are able to make it in time.

If you are in need of an anointing please call Jessica at 253-564-5185 ext. 3013. If you are in need of an anointing for someone who is actively dying (outside office hours), please call the emergency line at 253-564-5185 and press 3.

Attending Saturday or Sunday Mass and need an anointing? No problem. Fr. Michael and Fr. Marc welcome you to be anointed after any Mass! Just let them know before or after Mass of your request and they will meet you by the Baptismal font.

PARISH OFFICE & MINISTRY CENTER



These are pictures as of December 6th. Thank you to all who have prayed and donated to the rebuilding of our Parish Offices and Ministry Center!

Please keep those working in the construction area in your prayers.

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION - PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Our 2024 Spiritual Adoption prayer campaign most likely resulted in many lives saved due to our prayers and petitions. As we prepare for the coming of the infant Jesus during the Advent season, let us pray: "Jesus, Mary and Joseph, we thank you very much for all the unborn now living because of your love and intercession. Father, we comment to your love and mercy all babies and all people involved with abortion. Please quicken the progress of laws protecting life."

PRAY AND ACT FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS

Today, women in our own communities are pregnant, poor, perhaps without a home, and in great need. They may feel alone, scared, and overwhelmed, not knowing where they can turn for help. In challenging circumstances, expectant mothers are in need of a refuge of their own. Like the Holy Family, they are often reliant on the kindness and service of others.

This Advent may the story of the first Christmas inspire us to reach out to mothers in need. May we proactively seek to offer loving support and encouragement as they prepare to welcome their children. By answering this call, may we help mothers experience the joy, hope, and peace brought by the infant Jesus. And may we, too, share in and bear witness to the miracle of new life.

"Offer 1 Our Father, 3 Hail Mary's and 1 Glory Be"

PREGNANCY AID REQUEST

Pregnancy Aid of Tacoma serves the well-being of families with children in & beyond the womb by providing material and emotional support. At this time, we are in need of volunteers for M, W, & Sat. and the following items: newborn and size 3-6 diapers, Pull-Ups, baby wipes, 3-5T clothing, baby toiletries for layettes, maternity and nursing clothing, and monetary donations. We are open M, W, & Sat. @902 Market St. in Tacoma, from 10-1:30 pm. Please call ahead (253-383-4100)

LOCAL PREGNANCY RESOURCE CONTACTS

(CLIP AND CARRY THIS INFORMATION IN YOUR WALLET OR TAKE A PHOTO AND STORE IT IN YOUR

Please help women, men and families choose life and find life-affirming Pregnancy and Parenting Resources.

St. Charles' Gabriel Project

Karol @ 253-307-8542

Pregnancy Aid of Tacoma

253-383-4100

Facebook @Pregnancy&Family AID

Pierce&Outskirts pregnancyaidwa.org

Our Lady of Guadalupe Maternity Center

253-582-3384. Located in Lakewood.

Open Mondays and Fridays, 10am-12noon.

PREPARES of Western WA

206-737-9264

<https://preparesforlife.org>

CareNet Pregnancy Services

253-383-2988 (Tacoma) or 253-984-6222

(Lakewood) <https://www.care-net.org>

Next Chapter of WA (housing & support services)

253-310-6290

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