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Week of March 2, 2025 | 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SOCOTICE DOES NOT BEAR ROTTEN FRUIT. Luke 6:43

St. Charles Borromeo

Mass Schedule

Weekend Mass

Saturday Vigil - 5pm

Sunday 8am; 10am (livestreamed); 12:30pm

Daily Mass

Monday through Friday 9am

Reconciliation

Saturdays 3-4pm or call for appointment

Personal Prayer

Monday through Friday in Church 9am - 4pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Fridays 9:30am-4pm in Church





St. Leo the Great

Mass Schedule

Weekend Mass Saturday Vigil - 5pm

Sunday 10am (livestreamed)

Daily Mass

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 12:10pm

Native American Mass

4th Sunday of the month - 1:30pm

Reconciliation

Saturdays 3-4pm or call for appointment

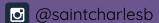
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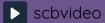
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Upcoming Events

Servant Supper Fundraiser

Join us for the St. Vincent De Paul Annual Servant Supper Fundraiser on Saturday, March 8th after the 5pm Mass. Help support this special ministry with good food and a great time. Tickets can be purchased in the vestibule on March 1-2. Contact Madonna at 253-988-5840 with questions.

• Tickets: Adults \$20

• Kids: \$10

• Families (2 adults and kids): \$60

Altar Server Training

If you are interested in serving at the altar and are in 4th grade or up, come join us for a training on March 19th from 3:15 to 4:30pm.

For more information, contact Adriana Julian:

pastroalministries@stcharlesb.org or 253-272-5136 ex. 106

Pilgrims of Hope

On March 2nd from 9 to Noon, we will celebrate the beginning of Lent by exploring the Jubilee Year, finding out what we can do to participate, and looking at various art and devotions that are focused on the pilgrimage theme. We will also have our usual crafts for kids, lenten devotional material and time for fellowship.

Scrip

Scrip is a major fundraiser at St. Charles Borromeo. We purchase gift cards at a discounted rate and sell them for face value, earning a small fee from each card. We keep many cards in inventory from restaurants, grocery stores, coffee shops etc. Please consider purchasing SCRIP after mass on March 8th and 9th.

Scrip can also be purchased in the school office

Monday 8:10-8:40 am & 2:45-3:15 pm; Wednesday 2:45-3:15 pm;

Thursday 2:45-3:15 pm; Friday 8:10-8:40 am

Lenten Salmon Bake

Gather with us on the following Fridays during Lent for a delicious salmon dinner sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Stations of the Cross will follow dinner at 7pm in the church.

March 7, 14, 21 & 28 and April 4 & 11

Adults: \$15

Children (6-12 yrs): \$5 5 and under: Free

Community Ignation Evening

You're invited to join us for prayer, reflection and community!

Bellarmine's Ignatian Evening Series is designed to foster growth in relationship with Jesus through Ignatian Spirituality, within the context of prayer and community.

March 11 - 6:30-8:00 PM - Orell Hall, ACE

Healing & Hope

Catholics in Recovery

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. Meetings take place on Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.

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

40 Days for Life

Join this year's 40 Days of prayer, witnessing and fasting starting March 5. To learn more or sign-up for a shift with fellow St. Charles' and St. Leo's parishioners, contact any of the Tacoma 40 Days for Life co-leaders:

Tammy 253.514.0415, Amy 253.861.6936, or George 253.961.5822

Spiritually Adopted Babies - Month 1

Our babies are in their first month of development. Their little hearts are pumping blood and they have tiny backbones. Most women don't yet know they are carrying a precious gift of life. Please join with hundreds of parishioners in saying a daily prayer to protect our Moms and babies. Your prayers are powerful. Thank you!

Our daily prayer:

"Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion."

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 <u>prayerline@stcharlesb.org</u>.
- If you have a prayer intention for the sick to be read during the Prayers of the Faithful at weekend Masses, call Cathy Lamet at 253-564-5185 ext. 3011. (This must be requested by an immediate family member.)
- To request a Mass Intention for a daily Mass, call or visit the Parish Office.

Project Rachel

If you are suffering from involvement with an abortion, you are not alone. Help is available.

Jesus is LOVE and MERCY. No one is beyond his healing and forgiveness. Find help at https://hopeafterabortion.com

Marriage Encounter

How can you say 'Brother, let me remove that splinter in your eye,' when you do not even notice the wooden beam in your own eye? You can only strengthen, renew, and rekindle your marriage sacrament by looking at yourself first. See how by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on: Oct 10-12, 2025 in Tacoma, WA, March 7-9, 2025 in Spokane, WA, April 4-6, 2025 in Beaverton, OR, April 25-27, 2025 in Everett, WA. For more information about Worldwide Marriage Encounter, please visit www.wwme.org. For questions, or to find out more about a Virtual Encounter Experience, feel free to contact: Jeff and Sandy Corneil 360-930-2321. Follow WWME on Instagram and Facebook!

Local Pregnancy Resources

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 Saturday volunteers and the following items: size 3-6 diapers, baby wipes, 3-5T clothing, and monetary donations. We are open M, W, & Sat. @902 Market St. in Tacoma, from 10:30am-1:30pm. Please call ahead (253-383-4100)

St. Charles' Gabriel Project: contact Karol at 253-307-8542

Our Lady of Guadalupe Maternity Center: Located in Lakewood. Open Mondays and Fridays 10am to Noon. 253-582-3384

PREPARES of Western Washington: 206-737-9264 or https://preparesforlife.org

CareNet Pregnancy Services: 253-383-2988 (Tacoma) or 253-984-6222 (Lakewood) or https://www.nextchapterwa.org

Announcements

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers willing to help with the arts and environment of the liturgy, including flowers, albs, and other organizational and cleaning tasks needed to keep our church looking beautiful. If you are interested in helping, please contact our Director of Pastoral Ministries, Adriana Julian 253-564-5185 ext. 3037.

Thank you to all of the volunteers who have answered the call and are now trained volunteers in the parish office. We are still looking for additional parish volunteers. If you are interested, please call Cathy 253-564-5185 ext. 3011.

Senior Bruncheon

Our March Brunch will be on March 7th beginning at 9am with Mass, and then a presentation by (drum Roll)
Fr. Dwight on his trip to the Holy Land a few years back.

Children's Choir

If you are 6 years or older, come join the St. Charles' Children's Choir. Choir practice begins on March 12 at 3:30pm. Please sign up in the vestibule.

SCB 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, March 7th at 11:15am 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.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

There will be no Prayer Shawl meeting in the month of March. Watch for more updates on our next meeting.

Millions of Monicas

Monica, we pray for our children to return to the practice of their Catholic faith, and for our children to always stay close to their faith.

Join us at St. Charles Borromeo Church on Thursdays at 12:30-1:30 pm to pray for our children.

Honduras Mission

Our Honduras Mission Team is back safely from their yearly trip. Thank you to all of our parishioners who made this trip possible.

The Honduras Mission Team, consisting of 27 people made up of 10 lay people, 6 doctors, 2 Physician Assistants, 6 nurses, 2 PTs, and 1 Pharmacist, would like to share our experiences in this year's mission trip. We were joined by 8 members of the Honduras Mission Group from Bethlehem Church of Pemberville, Ohio. Their team provides Sawyer water filters to each family along with follow up visits to monitor effectiveness, reinforce education on usage and maintenance of the filters and collect data to be scientifically analyzed. The water filter team saw, on average, 80 families each day. Overall we saw 1,043 people in five days made up of 496 'families'. We provided our patients with basic health care and examinations and a one month supply of medications and/or vitamins and chronic illnesses (diabetes and hypertension) received a 6 month supply at a cost of \$9.50 per person. Every family received a large tube of toothpaste and toothbrushes. We tended to two emergencies during the first two days- a fractured upper arm and an 8 day old foot wound that required debridement and antibiotics. Other notable conditions treated were: excise of a melanoma, drainage of an abscess, providing footwear for a woman born with two club feet, foot and toenail care for at least 15 severely ingrown toenails, provision of compression stockings for over 60 people, and clothes or a pair of shoes for every client. Two villages were provided with approximately 140 pieces of horse equipment which included 6 saddles. Members of our team enjoyed a competitive and fun game of soccer against our Honduran hosts and interpreters. We also enjoyed a "Bingo night" with children from the orphanage. Merchants from the Valley of the Angels visited the compound where we stay, providing us with an opportunity to do some 'tourist' shopping. We thank you, the parishioners, for your prayers and support of our mission endeavors. You are a major reason we are capable of providing the care these people deserve and need. If you are interested in joining our ranks we welcome you with open arms. Our next meeting is Tuesday, April 15th, 2025, at 7 PM in the parish center.

Or contact Jackie Murphy at (206) 730-8637.

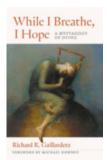
Growing in Faith





New Bible Study

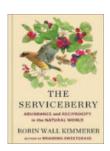
NEW BIBLE STUDY starting in March! As a Catholic, learn to know who you are and whose you are by studying the creed. Join us beginning Monday, March 10 in the Parish Center at 7:00 p.m. as we explore Bishop Barron's study on THE CREED. A suggested contribution of \$10 is asked for materials. Call Jodie Clark to register or for more information. Paul and Nancy Rising will be facilitating.



Book Club

Our next book is, While I Breathe, I Hope. It comprises deeply spiritual and personal reflections from the distinguished theologian, Richard R. Gaillardetz as he shares his thoughts and reflections on CaringBridge while moving through his final season of life. Rick offers wisdom for all in his poignant exploration of what it means to be a person of faith, entering the paschal mystery, ever hopeful for the life to come.

Books will be available in the parish office for a suggested contribution of \$10. Join us Wednesday, March 26th at 5:30pm in the Parish Center Parlor to discuss and share our thoughts on this moving read.



Joint Parish Book Study

Fr. Marc's joint-parish ZOOM book-study continues in March with a new text: Robin Wall Kimmerer's **The Serviceberry: Abundance and Reciprocity in the Natural World**.

Fr. Marc has already sent to previous group members an invitation to the new study, as well as to all those who participated in the recent St. Leo Transition and Change Retreat; these folks do not need to contact me or register for the new study. If you are not among these people and want to participate in the new book study, please email Fr. Marc at FrMarc@stleoparish.org

Fr. Marc will use your email to eventually send you a link to the study, which will take place from 6:30-7:30 Sunday evenings. Start date TBD.



Children's Faith Formation

Our parish's 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, usually the first of the month. 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!

TODAY we gather to attend the Religious Art Festival. We meet the following Sunday for our March lesson for both parents and kids. Come check us out. Enrollment is ongoing year round. 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

St. Leo & St. Charles Social Justice

Healthy Democracy

We are called to protect and promote healthy Democracy in the U. S. and Around the Globe - Pope Francis: Indifference is a 'cancer of democracy' (8/8/2024).

The following are excerpts from a US Catholic Conference of Bishops article on Democracy:

Pope Francis emphasized the critical role of Catholics in political life to combat the global decline of democracy, urging active participation, social solidarity and the rejection of indifference and exclusion. "As Catholics, in this regard, we cannot be content with a marginal or private faith," he said. Yet bringing one's faith into the public sphere means "not so much to be heard, but to have the courage to make proposals for justice and peace in the public debate."

https://www.usccb.org/news/2024/pope-indifference-cancer-democracy

IN THIS COUNTRY it is imperative that we engage the political process. Our expression of democracy is that of a representative form of democracy in a governmental system that has three co-equal branches of government – the Executive, Legislative & Judicial.

- Executive Branch: Responsible for enforcing the laws passed by Congress.
- Legislative Branch: Also known as Congress, is responsible for making laws, making a budget and managing the money (The Federal Purse).
- Judicial Branch: Responsible for interpreting the laws and ensuring that they are applied fairly and consistently.

By its statements and most recent actions, the current Administration (Executive Branch) is overstepping its authority by trying to control federal financing. Moreover, the Legislative Branch is ceding its authority over the Federal Purse – The responsibility and duty to finance the government!

This imbalance is disrupting our democratic system of governance and thereby against the call by Pope Francis to protect and make healthy democratic governments as they are the very frameworks protecting Human Rights and the Planet.

It is made crystal clear by the words of Pope Francis and Catholic Social Teaching that we are to make our voices and morals of our faith known to those in power. Democracy must be protected, and the right order of governance be restored to these United States of America. This is not about being partisan on this issue but Patriotic & Catholic!

I urge all of you to call your representatives, asking them to restore the co-equal branches of our government, protect human rights and the health of our land! It is time for us to be prophetic voices of justice and love.

Contact your representatives in Congress now:

https://www.congress.gov/contact-us

TEL#: U.S. Capitol Switchboard at (202) 224-3121.

Rick Samyn, Pastoral Assistant for Social Justice TEXT (253) 229-4114

CRS Rice Bowls

We are constantly reminded in the news, through all forms of communication, of the tragedies around the world and in our own communities. Do not be numbed into inaction. We are a people of faith and unwavering resolve for Justice! Let prayer and generosity be the actions WE take to lift others up and to help alleviate suffering and injustice.

Catholic Relief Services is efficient and effective. For more information on CRS and Rice Bowl please visit: https://www.crsricebowl.org/

Please pick up a Rice Bowl Box in the pews of the church or pick up one at the display. We will be collecting Rice Bowl Donation at Holy Thursday Liturgy. Also, learn more about the countries around the world that collaborate with Rice Bowl by making a great tasting meal from various countries. Please visit the display at the back of the church and pick up a recipe to try OR visit the CRS website.

Creator God,

You call us, as members of the body of Christ, to serve one another. This Lent, may we be your eyes, to see with compassion. May we be your hands and feet, to serve with love.

By encountering you in the Bread of Life, may we joyfully share bread for life with all members of our global family.

Amen

Empowered Leaders Organization - Advocacy Training Session

Through the upcoming training sessions, we are investing in an organizing/advocacy infrastructure for our parish, the community to address not only issues of food sustainability/security and ecological Justice but other issues as they arise over time. There is a need in these challenging and unstable times to be always prepared for the Work of Justice together, in all seasons and for all concerns voiced by the People and the Planet! Yes, our current focus is food justice and ecology/sustainability. The justice/advocacy structure that we are attempting to build is to be the scaffolding upon which organizing, and action takes place. It is to be sensitive to various concerns as they are realized through the community and relationships we forge in this work of justice.

So, take heart and be of good faith - join us on Sunday March 3rd from 11:00am to 2:00pm for our 1st major training session to build this needed "Scaffolding for Justice" we need to organize and advocate for justice! Location to be announced soon!

Discerning Role of Deacons & Exploring Women Deacons

Join fellow Catholics and Discerning Deacons as we continue the exciting conversation about this topic raised in the October 2023 synod, including exploration of restoring women as deacons in the Catholic Church. When: Tuesday, March 5, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Social with light fare at 6:30, program to begin at 7:00. Where: St. Bridget Catholic Church, 4900 NE 50th St., Seattle, WA 98105 Who: Whether you have been involved with Discerning Deacons in the past or would like to learn more, we welcome you to join in this conversation. This is a FREE event with a suggested donation of \$50, which you can make now when registering or at the event itself. For more information or to register, please visit: https://form.jotform.com/discerningdeacons/seattle2024 Also their flyers on the social Ministry kiosk regarding this event.



Lenten Activities

Ash Wednesday Mass Times

March 5th

St. Charles: 9am, Noon, 7pm St. Leo: 12:10pm, 5pm

Host a Lenten Small Group

LAST CALL -There is still room in several of our LENTEN SMALL GROUPS. If you can not join a small group, you can still do the study individually on your own, so plan on picking up a book at our Lenten Festival today or at the parish office. Lent begins March 5. Books are only \$5. For more information or to join a group, call Jodie at 253-564-5185. Ext. 3036

Restore

Restore, by Sr. Miriam and organized by Jodie Clark, will be happening at St. Charles, as well as other locations. It can also be used as a self-guided retreat experience. Our St. Leo family are welcomed to join us. For more information, contact Jodie at 253-564-5185 Ext. 3036 or jclark@stcharlesb.org

Or, you can create your own group with the Archdiocese of Seattle 2025 five-week small group reflection guide, Pilgrims of Hope, which aligns with the theme of hope during this Jubilee Year.

Link to guide: <u>Lent 2025 Small Group Reflection</u>

<u>Guide Eng.pdf | Powered by Box</u>, <u>Lent 2025 Small</u>

<u>Group Reflection Guide Spa.pdf | Powered by Box</u>

(Spanish version)

Lenten Adoration & Confession

Adoration and Reconciliation will take place on Tuesdays throughout the season of Lent from 6:30-8:00pm.

St. Charles Borromeo: March 11, 25 and April 1 St. Leo the Great: March 18 and April 8

Young Adult Soup Supper

Young adults are invited to a soup supper and discussion each Tuesday of Lent before Adoration & Reconciliation.

We will meet at St. Charles Borromeo on March 11 & 25 and April 8 and St. Leo the Great on March 18 & April 1 from 5:15-6:15pm. For more information, contact Candyce Ochoa:

cochoa@stleoparish.org or 253-272-5136 ex. 110

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