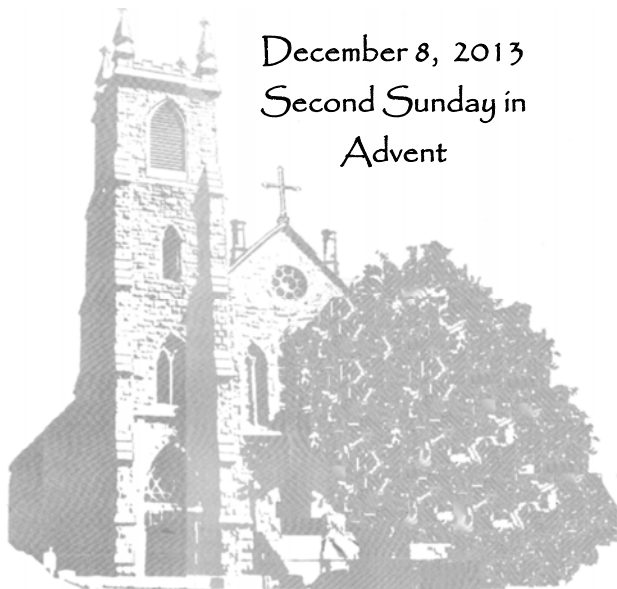


Saint Charles Borromeo

December 8, 2013
Second Sunday in
Advent



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Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m.

Brazilian Mass 12:00 noon

Rev. Almir Urbano, M. S.

Weekday Masses

(in the lower-level Chapel)

Tuesday - Friday: 9:00 a.m.

Bible Study

Wednesday: 9:30 - 10:15 a.m.

Holy Days

to be announced.

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If you are new to the parish, WELCOME!

Please introduce yourself. We want to know you and to serve you. We hope you will favor your parish with your prayers, your presence, your talents and your financial assistance - according to your means.

This Week's Mass Intentions

Saturday - Dec. 7	4PM - Rose & Edward Crepeau
Sunday - Dec. 8	9AM - Constance & Ray Pa-
Monday - Dec. 9	9AM - St. Charles Parishion-
Tuesday - Dec. 10	9AM - May Scrocco
Wednesday - Dec. 11	9AM - St. Charles Parishioners
Thursday - Dec. 12	9AM - Theresa Rossi
Friday - Dec. 13	9AM - James & Catherine Boyle
Saturday - Dec. 14	4PM - Yvette M. Paquette
Sunday - Dec. 15	9AM - Mariette & Roger Giguere



When life is normal and routine, we can get bored. But when an accident occurs, we long for the ordinary. The liturgical calendar is on to this dynamic of human life. There is ordinary time, but twice a year ordinary time gives way to what we might call extraordinary time. So we have Advent and Lent and the Easter Season following Lent. If we look at these extraordinary times in the Church's calendar, we can see that they emphasize key elements of our faith. Advent is the time when we prepare for the twofold coming of the Lord Jesus, first in the flesh as a baby entering into human history, and second as the judge of the world on the Last Day. Lent leads us into the last days of our Lord's life, his trial and suffering and death, and is followed by the celebration of his rising to new life at Easter. So these times remind us of the essential truths of our faith: the Incarnation, the Last Judgment, the Lord's life and his suffering and death, and his resurrection. And we who follow these times in the Church's calendar allow them to shape our lives, to give them their frame of reference. That is important. Without such a frame, our lives have no shape except the one given it by nature (the seasons) and by the popular culture, and the popular culture is not always a good reference. So, as we make our way through Advent once again, let us pray that we may be people who live in expectation of the Lord's two comings and allow our lives to be shaped by them.

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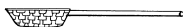


"The Word Among Us" booklets of daily Mass readings and meditations for the Advent season are still available at the church entrances. Please pick one up as a help for Advent prayer in preparation for Christmas.

Last Weekend's Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 2,548.00
Loose Money	\$ 372.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 1,100.00
Total	\$ 4,020.00

Thank you



Scripture for the week of December 8, 2013

8 SUN	Is 11:1-10/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12
9 Mon	Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
10 Tue	Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14
11 Wed	Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30 41
12 Thu	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Lk 1:26-38 or 1:39-47
13 Fri	Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19
14 Sat	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
15 SUN	Is 35:1-6a, 10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

"Behold the handmaid of the Lord, be it done unto me according to your word."

~Luke 1:38

Announcements



This weekend's **Second Collection** is for the **Retirement Fund for Religious**. Please be generous.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR MASS

SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve Mass - 4:00 PM

Christmas Morning Mass - 10:00 AM

New Year's Day Mass - 10:00 AM

Saint Charles Borromeo Religious Education Program presents... "A CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CONCERT" ...featuring the children of St. Charles Borromeo with special guests - the Sackett Street Alumni Guitar Ensemble on Sunday, December 15, at 3PM at St. Charles Church. Please consider bringing 1 jar of peanut butter or other non-perishable food item for Bryan's Food Pantry.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR NEWS: A new person is being sought to chair the Christmas Bazaar. Having held the position for three years, I have decided that it is time to put family first. Please contact Fr. Finnegan or me, Karolyn Baril (401) 762-5108 as soon as possible, if you are interested. Committee members need to plan accordingly, as shopping for the 2014 Bazaar begins on December 26th.

The Confirmation Class of 2014 needs your help! With the coming of the cold weather, the Confirmation Class wants to help our local shelters by coordinating a collection of the following necessities:

Deodorant	Soap	Toilet Paper	Shaving Cream	
Scarves	Hats	Gloves	Socks	Books
Toothpaste	Tooth Brushes	Dental Floss		
Mouthwash	Razors	Blankets	Washcloths	

There is nothing like helping others to put us in the Christmas Spirit. Won't you please help by purchasing some of these items and dropping them off in the collection boxes located at the church entrance? Thanks for your kindness! Yana, James & Joseph.

Please note: Because Dec. 8 falls on Sunday this year, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated on Monday, December 9. Although not a holyday of obligation, Mass will be celebrated at 9AM in the lower church.

DECEMBER MINI-RETREATS:

"LONGING FOR GOD" will be held at Sacred Hearts Retreat Center in Wareham, MA on Wednesday, December 11.

"IN GOD'S HEART" will be held at La Salette Retreat House in Attleboro, MA on Tuesday, December 17.

Both retreats, led by Peggy Patenaude of **Taking Time Out** are part of the monthly *Spirituality for Everyday Living Series*. Time: 10AM to 12:30PM. Fee: \$20. Pre registration is required. Contact Peggy at (508) 548-9149 or at timeoutretreats@comcast.net For more information and retreat descriptions, visit www.timeoutretreats.com

MOUNT ST. CHARLES ACADEMY PRESENTS LESSONS & CAROLS - An Advent Service of Prayer and Song on Sunday, December 8 at 6 PM at Precious Blood Church featuring Students of Mount Saint Charles Band, Chorus, Dance, and Hand bells. For tickets (free) call Main Office at Mt. St. Charles 769-0310.

ADVENT PARISH MISSION AT ST. JOSEPH CHURCH 1200 Mendon Road, will be having an Advent Parish Mission on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, December 9, 11 and 12 at 7PM. Mass and Mission Talk each evening. Rev. Robert E. Lacombe will preach the Mission, entitled "Church Approved Apparitions of the Virgin Mary and their Message to the Church." For more info please call 766-0626.

COME HONOR OUR BLESSED MOTHER on Thursday, December 12 - the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. A prayer service including the rosary with pro-life meditations and music will be held at 7PM at St. Agatha Parish Chapel located on Fairfiled Avenue, Woonsocket in the rectory building. Our Lady of Guadalupe has been declared the "Patroness of the Unborn." Let us join together to intercede for the protection of all human life.

PRAYING TOWARDS SUNDAY'S GOSPEL

Matthew 3:1-12

He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Not just a reed, blown in the wind,
John cried out in the desert, prepare!
Repent! Re-shape your lives.
Change your minds, change your hearts.
One is coming who brings the Spirit.

O Christ, meet us in the desert.
Talk to our hearts. Set us on fire
with flames that are God.

Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the rectory after your baby's birth to prepare for this initial Sacrament of spiritual life.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Confessions are available on Saturdays 3:00 to 3:30 p.m. or by appointment.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Please call the rectory at least six months prior to the date of your wedding.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick (and Communion Calls)

Please notify us if anyone is ill, in the hospital or at home and unable to get to church, especially those who are homebound and may wish to receive Holy Communion at home.



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