Saint Charles Parish

South San Diego/ Imperial Beach

December 16, 2012

Third Sunday of Advent (C)

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday:	8:00 AM & 5:00 PM (Vigil Mass)
Sunday:	7:00, 8:30, 10:00 AM,
	11:30 AM (Spanish),
	1:00 & 5:00 PM
Weekdays:	7:30 AM & 5:30PM
Holy Days:	5:30 PM

DEVOTIONS

Monday-Friday: Liturgy of the Hours (Morning Prayer 7:00AM; Evening Prayer 5:00PM)

Tuesday: To the Blessed Mother after 7:30 AM Mass.

First Friday: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after 7:30 AM Mass until 5:00 PM Benediction. Grupo de Oración at 7:00 PM.

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)

Saturday: 3:30 - 4:30 PM

& other days by appointment

BAPTISM

Contact the Parish Office. Pre-baptismal classes are required for Parents and Godparents.

MARRIAGE

Contact the Parish office. Nine-month notice required.

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San Diego, CA 92154

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Office Hours: Monday - Thursday
8:30AM-12:00PM & 12:30-5:00PM
Friday
8:30AM-12:00PM & 12:30-4:00PM
Saturday
8:30AM-12:30PM

Web Site: http://www.saintcharles.org

Bishop: Most Rev. Robert H. Brom
Pastor: Fr. James Bahash
Assoc. Pastor: Fr. Arnold Tadena
Fr. Burt Boudoin

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	Seodello (Sam) Martinez	429-3580
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Alicia Policarpio, Director
Paul Lopez, Coordinator of Hispanic Ministry
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Elena DeLaRosa, Coordinator of Children's Ministry
Marci Morrison, Youth and Young Adult Ministries

PARISH RELATED GROUPS & MINISTRIES

For more information please go to
http://www.saintcharles.org

OFFICE STAFF

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From the Pastor

This week the Church gives us a great treat in the readings, particularly the Gospel. We are blessed with a glimpse into the life and preaching of John the Baptist which is most timely as we prepare for the coming of Christ at Christmas. What catches my attention most are the sobering words of the Baptist:

"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

The One who is coming is no one to be trifled with. He is Holy, the source of holiness. Power attends him at his will and his sight pierces both body and soul. He calls us to account for our lives and he comes to separate the wheat from the chaff, the good from the evil. The good he will bring into his dwelling but the evil he will burn in an eternal and unquenchable fire. There is one line in the Baptist's words that do bring good reason for hope, if not a little of trepidation too. "He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire". Literally, he will dunk, drench, and soak us in the Holy Spirit. But we are also to be washed clean in fire. It's this last line that gets me.

To be made worthy of the Lord is to be tried and purified in the fire of his love. There is no Christian in the world who can be a worthy disciple unless he or she is purified from sin and selfishness. As we make our way through this world and prepare for the next each of us will need to be free from earthly and sinful attachments. It often feels like we are tested in fire when temptation comes or we try to overcome worldly and spiritual obstacles in front of us. But make no mistake, if we remain faithful, the same Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead will raise us to life. The best part is that we don't have to rely on our own power. Rather, we rely on the power of God which comes to us through the Spirit. This should give us great hope. As Saint Paul says in his letter to the Romans. "If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him?" It is the desire of the Lord that we all be saved and come to everlasting life. The trials we face in this life are nothing to be compared with the glory that awaits the Faithful. Rather, with the right attitude, they become tools for preparing ourselves for eternal life.

This is why we call today "Gaudete Sunday". Gaudete is a Latin word which means "Rejoice". Notice how even the priest wears a uniquely colored vestment today (hint: you'll know what I mean when you see it!) It is no ordinary day for we call to mind that our salvation is near at hand. I'll close with the words of St. Paul from the second reading:

Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again, rejoice! Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Mass Intentions for the week

DECEMBER 16-22

SUN 16	7:00AM	Thanksgiving Intentions of Dilan Family
	7:00AM	+John Bedard
	8:30AM	+Ignacio Martinez
	8:30AM	+William Thomas Irish
	10:00AM	+Guillermina & Arturo Fernandez Jr.
	10:00AM	Thanksgiving Rudy & Linda Aquino
	11:30AM	Happy Birthday Agustin Perez
	11:30AM	Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Guadalupe
	1:00PM	For the Intentions of Our Parishioners
	1:00PM	+Marcelino Malixi
	5:00PM	+Ilustre Aguilar
	5:00PM	+Petrolina De Vera
MON 17	7:30AM	+Bertha E. Rojas
	7:30AM	+Rodolfo Mones
	5:30PM	+Ignacio & Jesusita Ponce de Leon
	5:30PM	Happy Birthday Isaiah Guerrero
TUE 18	7:30AM	Happy Wedding Annv. Grace & Joe Sanchez
	7:30AM	+Audecio & Natividad Urquiza
	5:30PM	Happy Birthday Lara Fronda Vizon
	5:30PM	+Manuel Perez
WED 19	7:30AM	+Consulacion R. Reyes
	7:30AM	+Jim Gates
	5:30PM	+John R. Stingl
	5:30PM	+John M. Stingl
THU 20	7:30AM	+Ladislao & Piedad Urquiza
	7:30AM	+Purita Davey
	5:30PM	+Apolonia Lozano
	5:30PM	+Patricio and Eufrosina Ramac
FRI 21	7:30AM	+Leannell Benson
	7:30AM	+Fred Pardillo
	5:30PM	+Eugenio Del Rosario
	5:30PM	+John K. Farnsworth
SAT 22	8:00AM	For the Promotion of Life
	8:00AM	Happy Birthday Iggy Ponce de Leon
	5:00PM	For all the souls in Domaguin & Ritua Family
	5:00PM	+Milagros Abiog

Pray for ...

Our Parishioners in Poor Health;

Rosita Solis, Cora Jarmanila, Julito Dompor, Salvador Valencia, Francisco Lopez, Michel Morrison, Dolores Sipin, Helen Guintu, Milagros Vandiver, Bryan O'Donnell, Paul Bell, Andy Wong, Reynaldo Elbo, Rosina Rosales, Victor & Peggy Stewart, Dorothy Hernandez, Rosita Solis, Frances Baker, Jovita Esguerra, Paul & Mary Odermatt, Leticia Diaz, Porfirio Mendoza, Jean Sapida, Josue Bigornia, Romeo Veniegas, Larry Onia, Rodolfo, Leonore Haack, Elena Martinez, Rafael Martinez, Raul Martinez, Mary Martinez, Ronnie McGurk, Shane McGurk, Allison McGurk, Aiden McGurk, Philip Avila, Victor Stewart, Mariana Tadena, Frederick Weber, Bill Stoke, Claude Janowicz, Madhur Sairn, Lourdes Pecundo, Florendo Joya, Sylvia Masanque, and Luis Z. Rosas.

SCHOOL NEWS:

St. Charles Catholic School will be joining us for this Sunday's 10:00 am Mass. Students will be glad to give you a school information flyer as registration for the upcoming school year is now open. Feel free to stop by their information table on the West Patio. School tour appointments are now available. Tickets for the February 9th Roaring 20's Themed Dinner/Dance will be available. Please stop by and visit the table.

Students will be distributing the Union Tribune newspaper on December 30th. Donations of $1.00 are appreciated. Please look for them after all AM Masses on that day . Take advantage of the big discount and help our school fundraiser. Thank you in advance for your support.

The Spanish Marriage Encounter Group will host the Bake Sale, **TODAY** at the West Patio. Bond with fellow parishioners over a cup of coffee, delicious baked goods and other delicious foods. **The Boy Scouts** will host the bake sale next week December 23, 2012.

The Knights of Columbus will be outside the doors after all the morning Masses **TODAY** selling newspapers. Please support the **Knights**!

St. Charles is having a Christmas Craft Bazaar, **TODAY**, Sunday, **Dec 16th** 9-3pm in the Parish Hall. There will be lots of lovely handcrafted goods, food & fun. Get your Christmas shopping done at the St Charles Christmas Craft Bazaar. If you are a crafter and would like information on a booth, please contact the parish office @ 619-423-0242.

St. Charles New Year's Eve Dinner Dance
New Year's Eve Celebration sponsored be the Knights of Columbus on Tuesday, December 31, 2012. Doors open at 6:30PM, dinner served at 7:30PM, dancing from 8:30PM-1:00AM. Tickets at $15 per person, are available at the parish office or on the West Patio after all the Sunday morning Masses, and also by all Parish Organizations.

The Young Adult Ministry is hosting "The Giving Tree." Celebrate the true meaning of Christmas and give to our Parish families in need. Stop by the West Patio to pick a star from the tree and give a toy to a child in need. Monetary donations may be put in an envelope labeled "The Giving Tree" and dropped off in the collection basket at Mass. Last day to drop off toys is Sunday, December 16 at West Patio or Thursday, December 20 at Catechetical Office. Thank you in advance for your kind generosity!

South Bay Deanery
2012 Advent Penance Service

St. Charles, Imperial Beach	**Dec 17 - 7:00 pm**
Our Lady of Guadalupe, CV	Dec 18 - 7:00 pm
St. Rose of Lima, Chula Vista	Dec 19 - 7:00 pm

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASS: We are now accepting registration for parishioners aged 18 and older (not attending high school) for the preparation of the Sacrament of Confirmation. This special adult faith formation class will start on January 13, 2013 (every Sunday) until June 2, 2013, from 11:15am to 12:45pm at the Catechetical Ministry Center. The registration fee is $25.00. A copy of baptismal certificate is required. For more information, please contact the Catechetical Center at 619-575-2240.

The 2013 Calendars are here!!
Please pick up your calendar at the Parish Office during office hours.

INTERFAITH SHELTER: It is that time of the year again when St. Charles will host the Interfaith shelter. This year we will host the shelter from January 12th thru January 26th. Our Parish really comes through and makes the guests feel comfortable and welcome. Thank you to all. Through your help with lunch materials, dinners, overnight hosts and monetary donations our parish provides a valuable service to those who need a helping hand. Kevin Kuehn and Jack Cellano will again coordinate our parish to do its best to make this years' program a good experience for those who are there. Please see Kevin (997-7327) & Jack (253-2695) on the West patio after all Masses this weekend.

Capital Campaign Update - We Need You!

Thanks to the generosity of 233 families, we have received pledges totaling $724,242 - that's an average pledge of $78/month over 40 months. We are 45% of the way to our $1.6 million goal, so keep those pledge envelopes coming! St. Charles' Revitalization Plan includes a new Preschool, Rectory, Pastoral Center, Prayer Garden, Main Courtyard, Expanded Parking and improvements to our existing buildings. To schedule online contributions using your checking, savings or credit card, visit www.SaintCharles.org. If you have any questions, please contact Veronica at the Parish Office (619) 423-0242.

Collection Report for December 9, 2012 **$18,370.50**
May God bless you more for your sacrificial gift and ever generous support of St. Charles Parish.

Del Pastor: Esta semana la Iglesia nos da un gran premio en las lecturas, especialmente en el Evangelio. Somos bendecidos con una vislumbre en la vida y predicado de Juan Bautista que es muy oportuno al preparamos para el advenimiento de Cristo en Navidad. Lo que toma mas mi atención son las palabras sobrias del Bautista:

"Es cierto que yo bautizo con agua, pero ya viene otro más poderoso que ya, a quien no merezco desatarle las correas de sus sandalias. El los bautizará con el Espíritu Santo y con fuego. El tiene el bieldo en la mano para separar el trigo de la paja; guardara el trigo en su granero y quemara la paja en un fuego que no se extingue".

El que viene no es nadie que pueda ser jugado. Es Santo, la fuente de la santidad. El poder lo asiste a su voluntad y su vista perfora tanto el cuerpo como alma. Nos llama a justificar nuestras vidas y él viene a separar el trigo de la paja, lo bueno de lo malo. Al bueno lo traerá a su morada pero al malo lo quemará en un fuego eterno e inextinguible. Hay una línea en las palabras del Bautista que traen buena razón de esperanza, si no también un pequeño de inquietud. "Los bautizará con el Espíritu Santo y con fuego". Literalmente, sambutirá, empapará, y nos sumergirá en el Espíritu Santo. Pero también debemos de ser lavado limpios en el fuego. Es esta última línea la que me llega.

Para ser digno del Señor es el de ser juzgado y ser purificado en el fuego de su amor. No hay cristiano en el mundo que pueda ser un discípulo digno a menos que él o ella sean purificados del pecado y del egoísmo. Al avanzar por este mundo y nos preparamos para el próximo cada uno de nosotros deberá estar libre de fijaciones terrenales y pecadoras. A menudo se siente como si nos pusieran a prueba en el fuego cuando viene la tentación o tratamos de vencer obstáculos materiales y espirituales delante de nosotros. Pero no nos equivoquemos, si nos mantenemos fiel, el mismo Espíritu que levantó a Jesús de entre los muertos nos levantará a la vida. Lo mejor es que nosotros no tenemos que depender de nuestro propio poder. Más bien, dependemos del poder de Dios que viene a nosotros por el Espíritu. Esto nos debe dar gran esperanza. Como San Pablo dice en su carta a los romanos. ¿"Si Dios esta con nosotros, quién puede estar contra nosotros? ¿El que no reservó a su propio Hijo sino lo entregó por todos nosotros, cómo no nos dará también nos todo lo demás junto con él"? Es el deseo del Señor que todos seamos salvados e ir a la vida eterna. Los juicios que encaramos en esta vida no son nada comparados con la gloria que le aguarda al Fiel. Más bien, con la actitud correcta, ellos llegan a ser herramientas para prepararnos para la vida eterna.

De ahí que llamamos hoy "Domingo Gaudete". Gaudete es una palabra latina que significa "Alégrense". ¡Noten que hasta el sacerdote lleva una vestidura extraordinariamente de color hoy (insinuación: sabrá a lo que me refiero cuando lo vea)! No es un día ordinario puesto que nos recuerda que nuestra salvación está al alcance de nuestras manos. Cerraré con las palabras de San Pablo en la segunda lectura:

Alégrese en siempre en el Señor; se lo repito: ¡Alégrense! Que la benevolencia de ustedes sea conocida por todos. El Señor esta cerca. No se inquieten por nada; mas bien presenten en toda ocasión sus peticiones a Dios en la oración y la suplica, llenos de gratitud. Y que la paz de Dios, que sobrepasa toda inteligencia, custodie sus corazones y sus pensamientos en Cristo Jesús.

Servicio Penitencial de Adviento 2012

El servicio Penitencial de Nuestra Parroquia se llevara acabo **MAÑANA**, Lunes 17 de Diciembre, a las 7:00PM. Si no puede asistir ese día, habrá servicios en otras iglesias, la lista completa esta en la pagina 3 de este boletín.

El Grupo de Encuentro de Matrimonios tendrá venta de Pastelitos y comida **HOY** en el Patio. **Los Boy Scouts** tendrá venta el próximo domingo 23 de Diciembre.

!Los Calendarios del 2013 ya están aquí!

Favor de pasar a la oficina parroquial en horas de trabajo para recogerlo.

CLASES DE CONFIRMACION PARA ADULTOS

El Centro Catequético ya esa aceptando aplicaciones para la clase de confirmación para adultos. A cualquier parroquiano mayor de 18 que no asiste a la High School se les anima a asistir. La Clase será los domingos de 11:15AM a 12:45PM comienza el 13 de enero y termina el 2 de Junio de 2013. La fecha de la Ceremonia de confirmación será anunciada más adelante. La cuota de inscripción es de $25 que incluye libros de texto y materiales. Una copia de su certificado de bautismo es requerida para la inscripción. Para información adicional, favor de llamar a la oficina del Centro Catequético al 575-2240 durante horas de oficina.

Cena/ Baile de Año Nuevo de la Parroquia de San Carlos

Celebración de Año Nuevo patrocinado por los Caballeros de Colon. El martes, el 31 de diciembre del 2012. Las puertas abren a las 6:30PM, la Cena se servira a las 7:30PM, el baile de 8:30PM -1:00AM. Los boletos son de $15 por persona., ya están disponibles en la rectoría o también por todas las Organizaciones de la Parroquia.

¡Actualización de la Campaña Capital-Los Necesitamos!

Gracias a la generosidad de 233 familias, hemos recibido compromisos que totalizan $724,242 - que es un compromiso medio de $78/mes por 40 meses. ¡Estamos al 45% de la meta de $1.6 millones del objetivo, así que mantengamos ésos sobres de compromiso viniendo! El Plan de Revitalización de San Carlos incluye un nuevo jardín de niños, la Rectoría, Centro Pastoral, Jardín de Oración, Patio Principal, Expansión del Estacionamiento y mejoras a nuestros edificios existentes. Si tiene alguna pregunta, por favor contacte a Verónica en la Oficina Parroquial (619) 423-0242.

Colecta del 9 de Diciembre, 2012 **$18,370.50**

Que Dios los bendiga por sus generosas ofrendas y su eterna generosidad para la Parroquia de San Carlos.