

# St. Charles Borromeo

1315 Lomas Avenue - Livermore, CA 94550-6441

*“Not a Place Where...But a People Who...”*

“Together we share faith in Jesus, live the Gospel, and care for others.”

January 7, 2018



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## The Epiphany of the Lord

Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying,  
“Where is the newborn king of the Jews?  
We saw his star at its rising and  
have come to do him homage.”

Matthew 2:1-2

### Weekend Mass Times

Saturday 5:00PM

Sunday 7:30AM, 9:30AM & 11:30 AM

### Weekdays - Chapel

Monday through Thursday 9:00 AM

Friday- Communion Service 9:00 AM

**Holy Days** 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays, 4:00-4:30PM

### Anointing of the Sick

For Individual (non-emergency) Anointing  
call the rectory 447-4549 x105 for appointment

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### Hours & Information

Rectory:.....Mon-Thurs 9AM-5PM

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**To Reach a Priest after hours** for Medical or Pastoral Emergency : **447-4549 press option 9**

**Leave a clear message & phone number to call back.**

**Sacrament of Marriage:** Discuss with Pastor 6 months prior.

**Infant Baptism:** Call rectory office for info x101. Pre-Baptism Class required for parents & Godparents. **Next class date will be Sunday, January 7, 2018. Registration must be made by Jan. 3rd.**

**Bulletin Articles:** Email to Janie@stcharlesborromeo.org. Info for deadlines is found on page 6.

**Parish Website:** www.stcharleslivermore.org

St. Charles' 9:30AM Sunday Mass is now live-streamed for viewing at home live or during the week. Visit our website for the link.

Today's readings:  
January 7, 2018

**First Reading:**

Isaiah 60: 1-6

**Second Reading:**

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

**Gospel:**

Matthew 2: 1-12



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Next week's readings:  
January 14, 2018

**First Reading:**

1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19

**Second Reading:**

1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20

**Gospel:**

John 1: 35-42

**A Note from Fr. Mark:**

This weekend we continue our celebration of the Christmas Season by keeping the Epiphany of the Lord, sometimes called the Feast of the Three Kings. The Gospel from Matthew which we hear this weekend is full of wonderful, heartwarming and fascinating details all meant to tell us a story. One of the details is the gifts the magi bring: gold (the royal metal, fit for a king), frankincense (used in the worship of God), and myrrh (a resin or oil used in ancient times to prepare bodies for burial). Through these gifts, Matthew is giving us information about who the Christ Child is, and what he will do. As with the gifts of the magi, I am sure the gifts you both gave and received this Christmas were full of meaning and helped make your holiday heartwarming.

I would like to use my space in the bulletin today to thank all of you who reached out and gifted me this Christmas. I am always overwhelmed by the kindness, thoughtfulness and generosity of this community. As much as I would like, there are far too many of you to thank to send individual notes; so regrettably, this format will have to suffice.

Let me start with the week before Christmas, when I was sicker than I have been in decades. On the Monday and Tuesday before Christmas there was a surprising and very touching procession of people to the rectory bringing soups. It melted my heart. The rectory refrigerator was full of all kinds of delicious homemade soups meant to bring me back to health. Thank you. It was so wonderful to have easy meals to warm up in the busy days right before the holiday and not have to worry about shopping and cooking. We need to seriously consider publishing a cookbook of St. Charles soups! A happy consequence was I lost weight as well! Which meant I was ready for....

Once again the rectory dining room table was covered this year with all the Christmas homemade and store bought goodies you blessed me with. Chocolates, fudge, cakes, cookies, breads, muffins, party mix, popcorn, dried fruit, nuts, teas, wine (including herring in wine sauce!) and more, all came flowing in through the front door! I am still enjoying this amazing bounty. My taste buds thank you!

Of course, there were plenty of packages to place under my tree as well; almost all of which were Star Wars themed! In my world, Christmas doesn't feel like Christmas without some Star Wars thrown in! I smiled ear to ear as I opened box after box holding treasures from a galaxy far, far away. Thank you. The Force is strong with us!

Additionally, so many of you were generous with gift cards, cash and checks. Your thoughtfulness means so much to me. Perhaps most valuable though, was that along with so many of the gifts, you wrote cards and notes sharing with me your thoughts and gratitude for my ministry at St. Charles. Your support and encouragement for what is happening here at St. Charles is remarkable and very touching. Thank you. As always, may God, whose generosity is never out done, bless you in return for all your kindness to me.

Also, over the holidays many of you stopped to ask if I would be performing at the Bankhead this month. Happily, I can say "yes". I am a featured performer in Tri-Valley Reps production of "1776" opening next weekend. I'll put postcards with all the performance dates in the vestibule of the church.

Thank you all, once again, for making my Christmas so warm and merry. I am deeply grateful. As we keep this last week of the Christmas season may you encounter in new ways the great gift of God's love in your life.

Merry Christmas!

Sunday 01/07/18	<p><b>Epiphany of the Lord</b>                  Preschool 9:30AM                  Children's Liturgy of Word 9:30/11:30                  Confirmation 1 &amp; 2 Class 9:30AM                  FIAT Workshop 12:45PM  <b>Pre Baptism Class for Parents 1PM</b></p>
Monday 01/08/18	<p>Mass 9:00AM                  Environment Workday 9:30AM                  Private wedding 3PM                  Meditation 5:30 &amp; 7PM                  High School YM 7PM                  What Makes Us Catholic? 7PM RCIA 7PM                  Men's Club Meeting 7:30PM</p>
Tuesday 01/09/18	<p>Mass 9:00AM                  Staff Meeting 10AM  <b>LTA Meeting 1PM</b>                  Faith Formation Class 3:45PM                  Perpetual Help Devotion 7PM</p>
Wednesday 01/10/18	<p>Mass 9:00AM                  Faith Formation Class 3:30 &amp; 7PM                  Middle School YM 7PM</p>
Thursday 01/11/18	<p>Mass 9:00AM                  WINGS 9:30AM</p>
Friday 01/12/18	<p>Communion Service 9AM                  YM LinC Leader Lock-In 5:30PM—&gt; Sat. 10AM</p>
Saturday 01/13/18	<p>Private Baptism 10AM                  Wedding Rehearsal 2:30PM                  Covenant of Love Date Night 6PM  <b>Individual Reconciliation 4:00-4:30PM</b>  <b>Vigil Mass 5:00PM</b></p>
Sunday 01/14/18	<p><b>2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>  <b>2nd Collection: Seminary</b>                  Preschool 9:30AM                  Children Liturgy of Word 9:30/11:30                  Wedding 2:30PM</p>



- **For Medical or Pastoral emergencies**, call the parish number and choose option 9 (**emergency phone message**). **Leave a clear message and call-back number.** For non-emergency calls, please use Fr. Mark's office x 105.
- Donate your 2017 Christmas cards now for recycling into Giving Tree gift tags for 2018. Drop-off locations: Parish Office (during business hours—Monday-Thursday, 9-5) and the Keeley Center lobby. Look for the decorated boxes. Your donation is appreciated! Questions? Contact Phyllis Clearwater at 925-337-4299.
- Looking ahead: The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 15th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
- Church Humor: Where's my paper...  
 For all of us who are seniors...for all of us who know seniors...and for all of us who will be seniors some day... it pays to be able to laugh about it...

"Where Is My Paper?" The irate customer calling the newspaper offices, loudly demanded to know where her Sunday edition was.

"Ma'am," said the employee, "today is Saturday. The Sunday paper is not delivered 'til Sunday."

There was quite a pause on the other end of the phone, followed by a ray of recognition..."So that's why no one was in church today."



Rest in Peace

All the Faithful Departed



We honor those who have annual requests first. We would appreciate pre-payment on all Mass requests in 2018.

If you have a Mass that you do not wish to continue in 2018, please let Janie know. Thank you.

Sunday	01/07	Donald Kusko	7:30AM
Sunday	01/07	St. Charles Parish Members	9:30AM
Sunday	01/07	Mamie Di Mercurio	11:30AM
Monday	01/08	Don Kusko	9:00AM
Tuesday	01/09	Sam Taylor	9:00AM
Wednesday	01/10	Dan Lee	9:00AM
Thursday	01/11	Frank & Dolores Risolia	9:00AM
Friday	01/12	Communion Service	9:00AM
Saturday	01/13	Wyn Blanchard	5:00PM
Sunday	01/14	Jim Lynch	7:30AM
	01/14	Jean Van Arsdale	11:30AM



Patty Wiesner, Dino Ciarlo, Mike Feit, Rose & Bob Lyons, Jeff Perry, Norm Klino, Bob & Claudette Klein, Vaughn Brugman, Bob Shobar, Richard Flores, Bill Adams, Barbara Halco, Don & Alice Lynch, Lee Colvin, Tom Ramos, Beverly Bull, Joe Troiano, Molly Fisher, Yvonne Crawford, Joe Lennon, Lindsay Freeman, Rose Marie Litz, Eileen Hannigan, Patricia Potts, Larain DiMercurio, Fr. Dennis Steik, Jean & Kath Ferreira, Vince Foudy, Zig & Gretchen Piscotty, Dianne Stultz, Jim Leavitt, Gary & Susan Devine, Kim Swinkels, David Clarke, Anne Les



### “What Makes Us Catholic?”

Monday Evenings at 7:00PM in Pope Room

This ongoing meeting is for non-Catholics, Catholics who wish to prepare for Confirmation, and Catholics who just want to deepen their experience of their faith.

**01/08: Sacrament of Reconciliation:** “Everyone’s favorite sacrament” is not well understood by most of us. Life can deal some wounding blows in all ways. This sacrament is the offer of healing and love for a wounded soul.

**01/15: Sacrament of the Eucharist (may or may not have due to Holiday; check next week’s bulletin):** Every person needs intimacy. This need is embedded in human nature. Eucharist can be the ultimate experience of intimacy with God, but that experience can be buried under habit and distraction.



### January 2nd Collection Info

The 2nd Collection for January is to support the seventeen current seminarians of the Diocese of Oakland.

We will take up the 2nd collection at all of the weekend Masses on January 13/14. You may also use your white monthly tithing envelope throughout the month.

The formation program for a seminarian can be up to nine years long, depending on the seminarian’s prior education.

The cost to the diocese of educating our future priests is substantial and your generosity is appreciated.



### Monthly Grief Support Meeting Saturday, January 20, 10-11:30AM St. Ignatius Room of Keeley Center

This is an opportunity for anyone who has lost a loved one, to share their experience with others in a safe place. Expressing your feelings helps to process what you are going through. Please join us.

Parishioner, Claire La Scola, a retired RN and psychotherapist, facilitates the meeting. If you have not attended before, please either email [clairelascola@gmail.com](mailto:clairelascola@gmail.com) or call her at 925-447-9800.



### This Week with WINGS

Thursday, January 11, 2018  
9:30—11:30AM in Borromeo Hall

WINGS welcomes back Father Aidan McAleenan as our guest speaker this week. Since 2009 he has been the Pastor of St. Columba Parish in Oakland, a parish with a predominantly African American congregation with African American traditions and décor.

Father Aidan was born in Northern Ireland. He first shared his religious vocation with his parents and a local priest while serving as an altar boy at the age of 8. On his 19<sup>th</sup> birthday, he joined the Redemptorists Order and studied at the University of Galway, and at the seminary in Maynooth, Dublin. He left the Redemptorists and came to the United States on a work visa and worked in grounds maintenance, construction and as a special education teacher.

In San Francisco from 1986, he was an “illegal alien” for his first 5 years, unable to return to Ireland because his homeland was “war-torn”. Catholic Charities hired him in 1988 as an Administrator of a new AIDS hospice, overseeing its operation, and that of another facility in the Western Addition for five years before becoming an Administrator for a new complex for families in the Tenderloin. He then moved on to serve as a supervisor of approximately 10 facilities sponsored by Mercy Housing. Despite his admirable work as an administrator, Father Aidan’s calling for the priesthood continued to grow. He enrolled at St. Patrick’s Seminary in Menlo Park, and in June of 2005 at the age of 42, he was ordained to the priesthood at his parish church in Ireland, St. Patrick’s Church in Banbridge, County Down. Following his ordination, he served as parochial vicar at Christ the King Parish in Pleasant Hill.

Father Aidan embraces our theme “Walking in Faith”.

Questions: Phyllis 925-337-4299 or Janet 925-373-9346



### LTAA NEWS

Life Transitions for Ageing Adults Community will be presenting:

“The Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley: An Overview of Services and Programs” on Tuesday, January 9th, 1:00-2:30PM in Borromeo Hall. (This is the second Tuesday, due to the proximity of the New Year).

Greg Burns, from the counseling program, will discuss “Self-Compassion” from a Catholic perspective.

Amy Jones will discuss the 6-week program, “Finding Wellness”, which will begin on Tuesday, January 16th, 1:00-2:30PM in Borromeo Hall.

A limited number of places are available for “Finding Wellness”. Contact Molly Fisher, 925-449-8849 to register or for more information.

**NEW:** We have added a parish email for questions you might have concerning our Senior Services Resources or LTAA ministry.

Contact Molly via: [seniors@stcharlesborromeo.org](mailto:seniors@stcharlesborromeo.org).



### 2017 Giving Tree Thanks & Recap

Your overwhelming generosity brought Christmas joy to over 510 individuals. I and our recipients are always impressed with the quantity and quality of the gifts our parish donates.

Nothing can be done without the hearts and hands of many helpers. I am extremely grateful for the following people who helped make this year's Giving Tree run smoothly:

- Everyone who donated 2016 Christmas cards
- Phyllis Clearwater for artistically, carefully and lovingly making over 750 beautiful tags from the recycled Christmas cards
- Martha, Madhy and Marcos Garcia and their friend Aurelia for interviewing over 140 applicants for the Livermore Catholic Christmas programs and Martha for calling the 30 St. Charles Angel Network families to confirm delivery date and times
- Steve Clearwater for helping me set up the wooden tree
- Eight women from WINGS and my Small Faith Group for helping me put 841 tags on the tree
- Vince Foudy for handcrafting 10 cradles, hand-painted by MaryKay Feit and residents of Heritage Estates who also knit or crocheted blankets for the cradles
- Debra Johnson for making 9 quilts and 12 stockings
- Kids Bike Lane and Dennis Elchesen for awarding us 6 new bicycles and helmets
- Steve Clearwater for helping me pick up the donated bicycles and deliver 200 gifts to Tri-Valley Haven's "Holiday Shopping" Program
- Lt. Nick Doko and the officers, staff and truckers from the Nimitz Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Facility in Fremont for donating a quality assortment of dolls, bicycles, games, sleeping bags and toys that were given to Tri-Valley Haven, Detention Ministry and Angel Network children
- Several parishioners for donating jackets, clothes and extra gifts for Giving Tree recipients
- Carol, a caring friend of the parish for adopting a family of four
- WINGS for adopting a mother and her son, providing gift cards, clothes, toys and cash
- Mancini's Sleepworld for donating a bed, frame, pillows, mattress pad and set of sheets for the WINGS' adopted family
- Bob Lindberg, Mary Hengl, Phyllis and Steve Clearwater for sorting and verifying over 200 gifts with me for Tri-Valley Haven's warehouse program and organizing the gifts in the vestibule for the December 11th Reconciliation Service
- Dedicated members of the Social Concerns Committee and other parishioners for moving, sorting and verifying gifts for the remaining six recipient groups and for helping wrap and tag missing gifts for 24 recipients
- Parishioners and their families for delivering gifts to the Angel Network and Village High School families on December 18<sup>th</sup>
- Michele and Dick Shimada for helping me deliver 100 gifts and cookies to Vineyard/Hacienda
- Most especially, because the Giving Tree wouldn't be possible without all the generous parishioners who took one or more of the 841 tags, shopped for gifts or gift cards and wrapped and delivered their gifts on time. Parishioners donated 3 bicycles and helmets, a Chromebook and printer, strollers, car seats, a TV, rocker for an expectant mother, clothes, household goods, toys and \$4,445 in gift cards. WOW!

**May God bless you abundantly for your concern for those less fortunate and for being the best, most generous, willing-to-help and participate parish for all our Social Concerns projects!**

Mary Fair, Giving Tree Coordinator and the Social Concerns Committee



### Join a Small Faith-Sharing Group

During the weekends of **January 20-21 and 27/28**, the parish will again invite our members to join a small group for five weeks. Registration is for people who have not yet joined a group, or for anyone who wants to join or form a new group. Registration is by day of the week so that you can meet on a day that works for your schedule. You may also request women's or men's groups, young adults, seniors or young families (childcare provided if the group meets at St. Charles). Studies show that when members find best friends with whom they can share faith and life, he or she experience a significant strengthening of personal faith and life satisfaction. Join your fellow St. Charles members for five weeks this Lent. Your presence makes a difference, not only to the members of your group, but to the whole parish.



The Special Events Committee would like to thank everyone who attended this years Fall Dinner Dance!! It was so wonderful to see so many of our community come together to just enjoy time with each other, not to mention the great food and entertainment!! We would like to give a special thanks to Anne Marie Swift for creating such Beautiful baskets for our door prizes, as well as Larry and Margie Dino of Cuda Ridge for their basket donation! Thank you to Mary Fair for all your help with printing and advertising!

To put a large event like this together takes dedication and work, but is a lot of fun working with all the wonderful people on the Special Events Committee, however, there is always room for more!! If you love parties, or planning, or decorating, or baking, or just want to be with those who do.....We would LOVE to hear from you!!

We have a number of future events planned, and welcome your ideas! If you would be interested in joining us, please contact Karen Miller in the parish office, or email her at karen@stcharlesborromeo.org.



### St. Anthony Foundation of San Francisco Scarf Challenge 2017 Wrap-up!

#### Thank you, Scarf, Hat, and Card Makers!

Thank you, St. Charles parishioners and friends, for your warm response again this year to St. Anthony's 8<sup>th</sup> annual "Scarf Challenge." Due to your generosity, we delivered scores of scarves and handfuls of hats (more than 200 altogether) plus about 100 hand-made Christmas cards! Scarves and hats will continue to be offered by St. Anthony's throughout the winter season to individuals and families. They are a tangible reminder of the warmth of God's loving embrace and care for each recipient. Gratefully, Marcia Elchesen

To learn more about St. Anthony's ministries:  
<https://www.stanthonyssf.org>.



**Monthly Religion Chat: Wednesday, January 10th 5-6 p.m.**  
(doors open 4:30–6:30) at Hindu Community and Cultural Center, 1232 Arrowhead Ave., Livermore.

Topic: "What behavior will get you thrown out of your religion? How has it changed through the years?" Speakers: Gaurav Rastogi (Hindu) and Moina Shaik (Muslim). Program is free, all are welcome.

Interfaith Interconnect comprises nineteen Tri-Valley congregations, including St. Charles. Its mission is, "To enrich, inform and educate ourselves and others about the great diversity of faiths and cultures in our valley." For more information: Marcia 925-321-0730 or [interfaith.interconnect@gmail.com](mailto:interfaith.interconnect@gmail.com)



The following are the upcoming events for the Tri-Valley Young Adult Ministry. For more information, or to be added to the email list, contact them at [trivalleyYAM@gmail.com](mailto:trivalleyYAM@gmail.com)

**Wednesdays, Jan. 10,17,24,31 @ 7PM**—Faith/Bible Study at St. Raymond's in St. Raymond Room in Moran Hall.

**Saturday, Jan. 27 @ 12:30PM** — Walk for Life in San Francisco; Carpool details TBD. Email [trivalleyYAM@gmail.com](mailto:trivalleyYAM@gmail.com).

**Sunday, Jan. 28 @ 9AM**— Mass & Brunch @ St. Isidore

**Friday, Feb. 2 @ 7PM** - First Friday Adoration at St. Joan of Arc followed by a social and dinner (restaurant TBA).



#### Livermore Community Blood Drive

Friday, January 12, 1:00-7:00PM  
Asbury United Methodist Church  
4743 East Avenue, Livermore, CA

Every day, Bay Area hospitals need over 300 units of blood. If you're 17 or older and in good health (or 16 with parental consent) help save a life of someone who needs more time with their family by giving blood! Go to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and use sponsor code: **ASBURY925**. Call Tom Petty at 925-980-8164 for more information.

*Thank you for helping to save a life by giving blood!*



#### Bulletin Deadlines for 2017

Bulletin Date / Deadline (all 4PM)

January 14 was due January 4

January 21 is due January 9

January 28 is due January 17