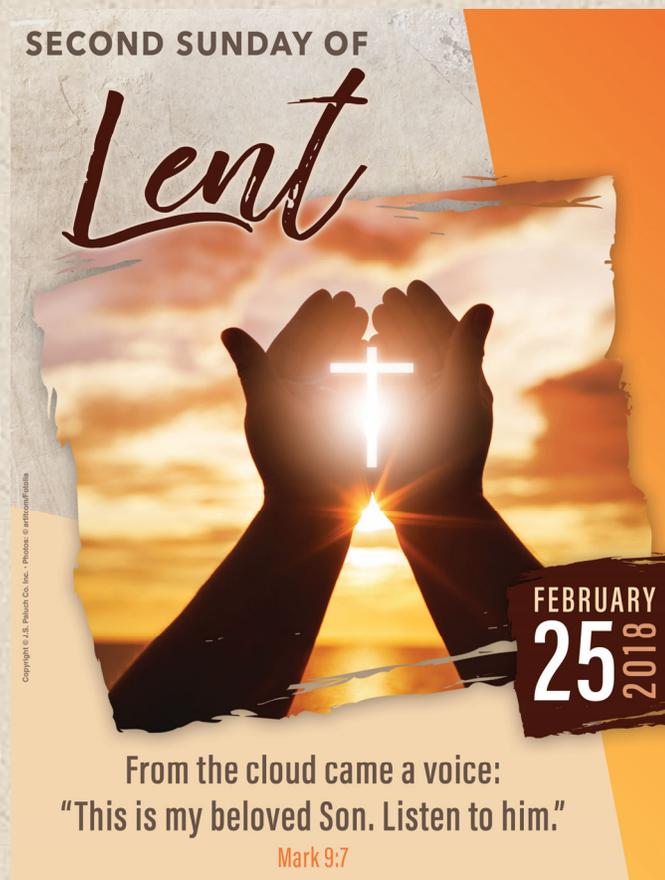


# St. Charles Borromeo

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.”



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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 April 8, 2018. Call parish office to register by March 27th.**

**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.

### **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

Today's readings:  
February 25, 2018  
**First Reading:**  
Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18  
**Second Reading:**  
Romans 8: 31b-34  
**Gospel:**  
Mark 9: 2-10



**Second Sunday  
of Lent**

**February 25, 2018**

Next week's readings:  
March 4, 2018  
**First Reading:**  
Exodus 20: 1-17  
**Second Reading:**  
1 Corinthians 1: 22-25  
**Gospel:**  
John 2: 13-25

*Pope Francis' Lenten Message 2018 – Part I*

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Once again, the Pasch of the Lord draws near! In our preparation for Easter, God in his providence offers us each year the season of Lent as a "sacramental sign of our conversion".<sup>[1]</sup> Lent summons us, and enables us, to come back to the Lord wholeheartedly and in every aspect of our life.

With this message, I would like again this year to help the entire Church experience this time of grace anew, with joy and in truth. I will take my cue from the words of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew: "Because of the increase of iniquity, the love of many will grow cold" (24:12).

These words appear in Christ's preaching about the end of time.... In reply to a question of the disciples, Jesus foretells a great tribulation and describes a situation in which the community of believers might well find itself: amid great trials, false prophets would lead people astray and the love that is the core of the Gospel would grow cold in the hearts of many.

*False prophets*

Let us listen to the Gospel passage and try to understand the guise such false prophets can assume. They can appear as "snake charmers", who manipulate human emotions in order to enslave others and lead them where they would have them go. How many of God's children are mesmerized by momentary pleasures, mistaking them for true happiness! How many men and women live entranced by the dream of wealth, which only makes them slaves to profit and petty interests! How many go through life believing that they are sufficient unto themselves, and end up entrapped by loneliness!

False prophets can also be "charlatans", who offer easy and immediate solutions to suffering that soon prove utterly useless. How many young people are taken in by the panacea of drugs, of disposable relationships, of easy but dishonest gains! How many more are ensnared in a thoroughly "virtual" existence, in which relationships appear quick and straightforward, only to prove meaningless! These swindlers, in peddling things that have no real value, rob people of all that is most precious: dignity, freedom and the ability to love. They appeal to our vanity, our trust in appearances, but in the end they only make fools of us. Nor should we be surprised. In order to confound the human heart, the devil, who is "a liar and the father of lies" (*Jn* 8:44), has always presented evil as good, falsehood as truth. That is why each of us is called to peer into our heart to see if we are falling prey to the lies of these false prophets. We must learn to look closely, beneath the surface, and to recognize what leaves a good and lasting mark on our hearts, because it comes from God and is truly for our benefit.

*A cold heart*

In his description of hell, Dante Alighieri pictures the devil seated on a throne of ice,<sup>[2]</sup> in frozen and loveless isolation. We might well ask ourselves how it happens that charity can turn cold within us. What are the signs that indicate that our love is beginning to cool?

More than anything else, what destroys charity is greed for money, "the root of all evil" (1 *Tim* 6: 10). The rejection of God and his peace soon follows; we prefer our own desolation rather than the comfort found in his word and the sacraments.<sup>[3]</sup> All this leads to violence against anyone we think is a threat to our own "certainties": the unborn child, the elderly and infirm, the migrant, the alien among us, or our neighbor who does not live up to our expectations.

Creation itself becomes a silent witness to this cooling of charity. The earth is poisoned by refuse, discarded out of carelessness or for self-interest. The seas, themselves polluted, engulf the remains of countless shipwrecked victims of forced migration. The heavens, which in God's plan, were created to sing his praises, are rent by engines raining down implements of death.

Love can also grow cold in our own communities. In the Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, I sought to describe the most evident signs of this lack of love: selfishness and spiritual sloth, sterile pessimism, the temptation to self-absorption, constant warring among ourselves, and the worldly mentality that makes us concerned only for appearances, and thus lessens our missionary zeal.<sup>[4]</sup>

*(Next week, Pope Francis; words on what we can do in the face of what he has described.)<sup>1</sup>*

Roman Missal, Collect for the First Sunday of Lent (Italian). <sup>2</sup> *Inferno* XXXIV, 28-29. <sup>3</sup> "It is curious, but many times we are afraid of consolation, of being comforted. Or rather, we feel more secure in sorrow and desolation. Do you know why? Because in sorrow we feel almost as protagonists. However, in consolation the Holy Spirit is the protagonist!" (Angelus, 7 December 2014). <sup>4</sup> *Evangelii Gaudium*, 76-109.

Sunday 02/25/18	<b>Second Sunday of Lent</b> <b>Lent Collection for Interfaith Sharing</b> Preschool 9:30AM Children Liturgy of Word 9:30/11:30 Confirmation 1 & 2 Class 9:30AM
Monday 02/26/18	Communion Service 6:30AM      Mass 9AM Meditation 5:30 & 7PM High School Youth Ministry 7PM What Makes Us Catholic? 7PM      RCIA 7PM
Tuesday 02/27/18	Communion Service 6:30AM      Mass 9:00AM Prayer Group 10AM Vineyard Care Center Mass 11AM <b>LTAA Senior Support Program 1PM</b> Faith Formation Class 3:45PM Pastoral Council 6:30PM Perpetual Help Devotion 7PM
Wednesday 02/28/18	Communion Service 6:30AM      Mass 9AM Faith Formation Class 3:30 & 7:00PM Middle School YM 7PM      Choir 7PM
Thursday 03/01/18	Communion Service 6:30AM      Mass 9AM WINGS 9:30AM
Friday 03/02/18	Communion Services 6:30AM & 9AM <b>Day of Abstinence from Meat</b> Fish Taco Meal 5-7:30PM
Saturday 03/03/18	<b>Individual Reconciliation 4:00-4:30PM</b> <b>Vigil Mass 5:00PM</b>
Sunday 03/04/18	<b>Third Sunday of Lent</b> <b>Lent Collection: Oakland Catholic Worker</b> <b>Cross Catholic Outreach</b> Preschool & Children Lit. of Word 9:30AM Confirmation 1 & 2 Class 9:30AM YM FIAT Workshop 12:45PM

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **For Medical or Pastoral emergencies**, call the parish number and choose option 9 (**emergency phone message**). **Leave a clear message and call-back number.** Fr. Mark's business extension is 105, and should be used for non-emergency communications.
- **Pre-Baptism Class for Parents and Godparents! We have set the date of Sunday, April 8, 2018 for our next class for parents and godparents.** Any adults considering having their child baptized at Mass on Sunday, May 6th or later in the summer should plan to attend this class. Call Janie at the parish office x101 to register for the class, or to get your questions answered. **Deadline to register is March 27.**
- Mark your calendar for our upcoming Lenten Parish Mission, lead by Mr. John Sablan. We will meet Monday through Wednesday, March 12-13-14, both at 10:30AM and 7:00PM. There will also be one session for the children of Faith Formation (check w/ Margaret for time and date). The theme is "If I Told You My Story: Seeking Jesus"

**Street Closures on Sunday, March 4**



The Livermore Half-Marathon route will result in **MANY** street closures, on normal routes to church!!! Plan to add time that morning for your travel (or consider going to 5PM Mass on Saturday)!! We will try and post the map on our website. Check it online at [www.stcharleslivermore.org](http://www.stcharleslivermore.org)



Rest In Peace

Beverly Godin, mother of Karen Halfon



Patty Wiesner, Dino Ciarlo, Mike Feit, Rose & Bob Lyons, Jeff Perry, Norm Klino, Bob & Claudette Klein, Vaughn Brugman,

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, LarainDiMercurio, Fr. Dennis Steik, Jean & Kath Ferreira, Vince Foudy, Zig & Gretchen Piscotty, Dianne Stultz, Jim Leavitt, Gary & Susan Devine, Kim Swinkels, David Clarke, Anne Les, David Scalcini, Monika Vasey, Carmen Moeller, Ann Huber



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	02/25	Mohamad Vajed	7:30AM
Sunday	02/25	St. Charles Parish Members	9:30AM
Sunday	02/25	Chon Lopez	11:30AM
Monday	02/26		9:00AM
Tuesday	02/27		9:00AM
Wednesday	02/28	Mary Minnogio	9:00AM
Thursday	03/01	Mr. & Mrs. Harold Wood	9:00AM
Friday	03/02	Communion Service	9:00AM
Saturday	03/03	James Cooper	5:00PM
Sunday	03/04	Norman & James Orient	7:30AM
	03/04		11:30AM



**“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.

**02/26: Intro to the Bible—How Catholics Use Scripture:** Catholics are often accused of not being bible readers. On the contrary, we are in many ways-worship, study, and prayer. But what is the bible? What makes it the word of God?

**03/05: How Catholics use Scripture in worship—including Triduum:** The primary place we hear scripture is at Mass. Why were these readings chosen? By whom? Why are the scriptures proclaimed on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday the most significant readings of the year?

**Welcome!!**

Father Phong Pham will be visiting our parish next weekend to speak at all Masses on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach which was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.

**Infant Pre-Baptism Class for Parents & Godparents**

The next Pre-Baptism Class for parents and godparents will be on **Sunday, April 8th at 1PM in the church.**

**Please contact the office at 925-447-4549 x101 to register for the class. Deadline to register is March 27th. This will be the only class until mid- summer.**



LTAAs Health & Well-being for Older Adults  
The Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley  
“Finding Wellness Program”

Tuesday, Feb. 27, 1:00-2:30PM, in Borromeo Hall  
Call Molly Fisher 449-8849 for info or to register.



**March 2nd Collection Info**

The Diocese asks us to support the Catholic Relief Services (CRS) with a second collection at all Masses on March 10/11. Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and Christ’s love and respect to all people here at home and abroad.

You may also contribute all month through your white tithing envelope, marking it on the 2nd Collection line.

As always, we appreciate your generosity.

**Easter Youth Choir and Band**

Singers and Instrumentalists, grades K-12, are invited to join in leading our music at the 9:30AM Easter Sunday Mass.

Rehearsals will be on Wednesdays, March 14th, 21st and 28th.

Grades K-5 5:00– 6:00PM

Grades 6-12 5:00—6:30PM

All of our young musicians must attend at least 2 of the 3 rehearsals in order to participate. Questions: Email our music director, Hannah Newell: [Hannah@stcharlesborromeo.org](mailto:Hannah@stcharlesborromeo.org)



**This Week with WINGS**

Thursday, March 1, 2018  
9:30—11:30AM in Borromeo Hall

Dominican Sister Carolyn Marie Monahan will speak at WINGS this week with a presentation entitled: *Women of the Church...Raising the Powers of Love Upward.*

Sister was born in Oakland and raised in San Leandro. She first encountered the Dominican Sisters at St. Elizabeth High School. In 1965 she entered the Mission San Jose Community. She holds a BA degree in Math, an MA degree in Pastoral Theology and an MA degree in Administration. She taught school up until 1977, and then began her ministry as Principal, and currently serves as one at St. Edward School in Newark. In August 2017, she celebrated her 50th golden anniversary of profession. Join us!

**Lenten Fast and Abstinence— The Church teaches that Catholics in good health are to observe the following practices during Lent unless for some serious reason they are unable to do so.**



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**~Fast—Catholics from age 18-59 are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On a fast day, one limits oneself to one full meal and two smaller meals, with no snacking between meals.**

**~Abstinence—Catholics of age 14 and older abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent.**

*Please note that if you are not within the above age ranges, you are not required to follow the guidelines for fast and abstinence. If you are pregnant, diabetic, or have other dietary restrictions, you should follow your health professional’s guidelines.*

Lenten Collections February 17 through March 29, 2018

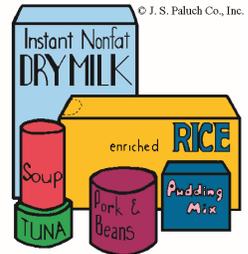
3rd Sunday of Lent — March 3-4

Oakland Catholic Worker

(www.oaklandcatholicworker.org)

Needs List: toilet bowl cleaner, Lysol, pine sol, tile cleaner, cleanser, dish washing soap (Powerballs and liquid), general cleaner like Formula 409, Windex, oven cleaner, sponges, scrubbing pads, general cleaning supplies, diapers (size 3), 25 lb bags of rice and pinto beans, sunscreen, lotion, chapstick, travel size conditioner and toothpaste.

In the tradition of the Catholic Worker movement, OCW bases its ministry of service on solidarity with the poor and disenfranchised. They offer transitional housing and other services, such as food distribution in the neighborhood and ESL classes for OCW guests and neighbors, to some of the most needy among us. They also host cultural and religious events throughout the year. Together with those they serve, OCW struggles to change the unjust structures of our society. To read more, go to St. Charles Social Concerns blog. http://stcharlesborromeo.org/socialjustice/



Monetary donations are also greatly appreciated by each of our Lenten Collections recipient groups. Please make checks payable to St. Charles and memo Lenten Collections or group name. (If no group is specified, cash and checks designated for "Lenten Collections" will be divided equally among the eight groups.)

Thank you for your generous support! If you have questions, please call Linda Nidever-Galles at 925-443-4943.



Interfaith Housing (IFH) Livermore Information Notice

Interfaith Housing (IFH) is a non-profit organization that owns and operates three apartment complexes for low-income seniors in Livermore. The Arbor Vista, Vineyard Village and Hillcrest Gardens communities have a total of 207 apartments with more than 600 names on their combined waiting lists.

St. Charles Borromeo is a founding member of IFH which is governed by volunteers from our church and seven other faith congregations: Asbury United Methodist, Congregation Beth Emek, First Presbyterian Church, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, St. Michael Catholic Church, and Unitarian Universalist Church.

The difference between market rate and affordable can be explained as follows. There are two seniors, each with a monthly income of \$1200. One pays \$950 a month for a market rate one-bedroom apartment and is terrified of becoming homeless with yet another rent increase. The other senior lives in one of our HUD-subsidized apartments and pays less than \$400 a month in rent.

IFH is in the process of acquiring land and hopes to build more housing. If you would like to know more about IFH, please contact one of the two IFH board members from St. Charles: Tim Marchi (925)895-5876 or Brian O'Reilly (925)858-5288.

Easter Memorial Flowers

A Beautiful St. Charles Tradition...

Once again, the beautiful cut flowers, plants and shrubs that will decorate the church for the Easter season can be memorial gifts provided by parishioners who wish to remember a special loved one.

Please complete the form below and place it with your donation in the collection basket, or send/bring it to the rectory office. (Mailing address 1315 Lomas Ave. 94550) Memorials will be acknowledged in the Easter bulletin if received by 10AM on March 19th (We have a very early print deadline.)

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_ (print clearly)

From: \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime or Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Offering: \$10 \_\_\_\_\_ \$20 \_\_\_\_\_ \$25 \_\_\_\_\_ \$50 \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_



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Names are published, but never the amount of the offering. Make checks payable to St. Charles Church.

Questions: please call Janie (ext. 101) at the rectory office 447-4549.

**Thank you to all of the men and women serving our country!!**

We pray for the safety of all extended family members of St. Charles who are serving in the military.

- Jared Boyd (US Marine Corps),
- William Bliss (US Army)
- Lisa Northway (US Army)
- Roy Eckroth (US Navy)
- Chris Johnson (US Air Force)
- Daniel Rowland (US Air Force)
- Christine Neuman (US Army)
- Joshua Leibovich (US Navy)
- Theresa Lewis (US Navy)
- Linda Havens (US Navy)
- Chris Woofter (US Air Force)
- Greg Felver (US Army)
- Carlos Santos III (US Army)
- Gregory Churlik (US Air Force)
- Cameron Lennier (US Navy)
- Jacob McKenzie Kirby (US Navy)
- Scott Stiehr (USAF)
- Weylin Leavitt (USAF)
- Garrett Northway (US Army)
- Christopher D'Ambra (US Navy)
- Sean Carano (US Marine Corps)
- Dominique Carey (US Navy)
- Adam P. Liby II (US Air Force)
- Tyler Marciel (US Marine Corps)
- Carson L. Fisher (US Air Force)
- Kyle Suggs (US Marine Corps)
- Timothy DeMartini (US Marine Corps)
- Cameron Kellogg (US Marine Corps)
- Manuel Smith (US Air Force)
- Jacob Metcalfe (US Navy)
- Thomas N. Tiemeyer (US Navy)
- Sarah Turner (US Air Force)
- Michael Stiehr (Air National Guard)
- Paul Stiehr (US Army)
- Zach Dolan (US Marine Corps)
- Collin Hennegan (US Navy)
- Jaclyn Hennegan (US Navy)
- Donnie Buchanan (US Army)
- Trevor Lynch (US Army)
- Philip Tadena (US Marine Corps)
- Joshua Noem (US Army)
- Kyle Roy (US Navy)
- Tyler Justin Godbey (US Navy)
- Michael D. Smith (US Air Force)
- Jonathan Villaneva (US Army)
- Tony Schwarz (US Navy)



\*\* If you have someone in your family to add to this list, send the name and branch of armed forces in which they serve to Janie@stcharlesborromeo.org.



**Join the Camp Shelly Tradition!**

Do you like to camp? Annually, a group of St. Charles families camps at Camp Shelly (operated by LARPD near South Lake Tahoe) the first weekend of August. For some families, this adventure has been a tradition for more than 20 years.

The goal is to fill the 25 camp sites with St. Charles families August 3-5, and there is room for a few additional campers. If you are interested in joining the group or more information, contact Chris Siegfried at csiegfried@yahoo.com or 925-518-5575 no later than Sunday, April 5.

To learn more about Camp Shelly, visit the LARPD website – LARPD.org.

**RETREAT FOR MEN:**

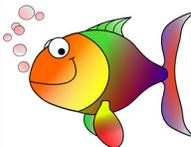
“Mercy...A Disciple’s Response...”

A Retreat on being a living example of Mercy

The Men’s Spiritual Network of St. Bonaventure Catholic Church in Concord is sponsoring a Men’s Retreat at San Damiano Retreat Center the weekend of March 2-4, 2018.

Their retreat master will be (none other than!) Fr. Mark Wiesner, Pastor of St. Charles Borromeo in Livermore.

For more information, call Matthew Remington at 925-672-4006 or Joe Talarico 925-680-7767. Registration forms are available online at <http://www.stbonaventure.net/parish-ministries/adult-faith/mens-spiritual-network>.



**Friday Fish Tacos**

The Knights of Columbus are hosting Friday Fish Taco Meals in Borromeo Hall on the first three Fridays in Lent: February 16, 23 & March 2 from 5:00PM-7:30PM.

Come and enjoy these fun, family friendly events. Fish Tacos, Grilled Cheese, Coleslaw, Tossed salad, Assorted desserts, coffee & tea. Other beverages are available for an additional cost.

Proceeds benefit local charities and our parish.

\$8 / person \$4/ child 4-8 yrs Free / ages 3 and under  
Family of 4 or more: \$28



**Bulletin Deadlines for 2018**

Bulletin Date / Deadline (all 4PM)

March 4 was due February 22

March 11 is due February 26

March 18 is due March 1

