

St. Charles Parish Community

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The St. Charles Parish Community is a welcoming parish devoted to living out the teachings of Jesus Christ. Through the celebration of the sacraments, evangelization, and religious formation, we strive to grow in holiness, care for one another with compassion, and guide future generations in a deep and lasting relationship with God.

August 23, 2026 - Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor's Message

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Almost all of us carry a set of keys every day. We have keys to our homes, our cars, our offices, and even passwords that function as digital keys. We entrust our keys only to people whom we trust because whoever holds the keys is given access, responsibility, and care.

That image helps us understand this Sunday's Gospel.

In the region of Caesarea Philippi, surrounded by temples dedicated to pagan gods and many competing beliefs, Jesus asked His disciples a question that remains relevant today: **"Who do you say that I am?"** Peter answered with unwavering faith: **"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."** Because of that profession of faith, Jesus entrusted Peter with the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven and established him as the visible leader of His Church.

The "power of the keys" is often misunderstood. It is not about privilege, prestige, or control. It is about **service, responsibility, and stewardship.** Peter received the keys not to rule over people but to lead them to Christ, to open the doors of faith, to reconcile sinners, and to strengthen believers in their journey to heaven.

In a sense, each of us has also been entrusted with **"keys."** Parents hold the keys to the faith of their children. Teachers hold the keys to the minds and hearts of their students. Priests and deacons hold the keys to the Church's sacramental life. Ministry leaders, volunteers, and every baptized Christian have been entrusted with opportunities to open the doors of hope, mercy, kindness, and faith for others.

Here at St. Charles Parish, I see many people faithfully using these "keys." Our catechists open the door of faith for our children. Our liturgical ministers help open hearts to prayer. Our volunteers welcome newcomers, visit the sick, serve the poor, and make our parish a place where people can encounter Christ. Every act of service becomes another key that opens someone's heart to God.

As we continue our journey through this Jubilee period of **Remembering, Renewing, and Celebrating,** this Gospel invites us to ask not only, **"Who is Jesus for me?"** but also, **"What doors has He entrusted me to open?"** Perhaps it is the door of forgiveness within your family. Perhaps it is the door of generosity toward your parish. Perhaps it is the door of welcoming someone who feels alone or has drifted away from the Church. Each of us possesses a key that can help another person come closer to Christ.

This week, let us make a conscious effort to become **door-openers rather than gatekeepers.** Let us open the doors of our hearts, our homes, and our parish to those who seek hope, healing, and belonging. When we do so, we participate in the very mission that Christ entrusted to Peter and continues to entrust to His Church today.

May St. Peter, the keeper of the keys, pray for us, that we may faithfully use the gifts and responsibilities God has placed in our hands to open the way for others to encounter Jesus.

With my prayers,

Fr. Roy



WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS
August 24th - August 30th

Monday	5:00 pm	Nadia Vitlacil Holober †
Tuesday	5:00 pm	Adrian Dioli †
Wednesday	5:00 pm	Anita & Mariano Cruz †
Thursday	5:00 pm	Intention of the Presider
Friday	5:00 pm	Henry Arata †
Saturday	5:00 pm	Mirna Sazo †
Sunday	8:30 am	Rufina & Domenic Fernandes †
	11:00 am	Parishioners of St. Charles



Please pray for the faithful departed of St. Charles.

Remember in your prayers the people of our Parish Community who are sick, awaiting surgery, recovering or homebound:

Joy K., Connie Romeo, Marcia Baumgarten, Steven K., Walter Totten, Charles K., Bud Manthey, Rose Beall, Fuiva Liu, Rose Del Zompo, Bobby Feiner, Leonarda Brush, Connie Santos Afshar, Dede Waters-Masters, Fred Koehler, Jean Tech, Baby Eloise Lorraine Lett, Armando Ferrer, Darlene O'Neill, Mary Borg & Carmen Borg

If you are **ill** and would like members of the Parish to **pray for you**, or if you are **homebound** and would like to **receive the Eucharist**, please contact **Kathy Fagliano** at **650-591-7349** Ext. **402**.

San Francisco Archdiocese Vocations

Are you open to a vocation as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life?
If so, please call **Fr. Andrew Ginter, Vocations Director** at **415-614-5556** or email **Vocations@sfarch.org**

NEXT weekend's **Second Collection** will benefit **St. Vincent de Paul.**
Thank you for your support!



ANNOUNCEMENT

After listening to some of our parishioners who used to attend the 6:30 a.m. Friday Mass, we would like to **revive this tradition** by offering a **7:30 a.m. Mass** on the **First Friday of each month**.

On **September 4th,** the **first Friday of the month**, please join us for the **7:30 a.m. Mass** at the **Parish Office Chapel**.

After Mass, we will **gather for coffee** in the **Small Hall.**

We will then **return to the chapel** for a **Holy Hour**, during which our invited **Deacon, Dominic Peloso**, will preach on the devotion of **Eucharistic Adoration** and the **importance of spending time with Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.**

This gathering is also intended to introduce our **plan** for **seven hours** of **Eucharistic Adoration every Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

We hope you can join us for this special **First Friday** celebration. **See you then!**

Fr. Roy

Submissions for the Parish Bulletin should be emailed no later than 10:00am Friday morning, the week prior to publication.
Please email submissions or questions to: parishoffice@stcharlesparish.org



Faith Formation - Religious Education

We are not yet processing registrations for **CCD preparation** classes but have received inquiries. Information regarding registration, program start dates, and the upcoming schedule will be announced in a future parish bulletin and posted on our website. **Please look out for these updates.**

We are in the process of hiring a **Faith Formation Instructor** and will share additional details as they become available. Our apologies for the delay. ***- Faith Formation Ministry***

Curious About Becoming Catholic?

Are you, or anyone you know, curious about becoming a Catholic?

Or, if you are already baptized would you like to complete the sacraments of initiation by receiving the Eucharist, and being confirmed in the Catholic Church?

Adults are invited to join our upcoming **Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)** program for **St. Charles** and **St. Matthias parishes**. Participants examine their faith and learn about **Catholic** traditions and teachings. Participants receive the sacraments at the **Easter Vigil**.

Sessions are held each **Sunday morning at 11 a.m. at St. Matthias**. The **first session** is **Sunday, September 20th**. Please contact **Deacon Rich** at **rich@stmatthiasparish.org** for further information.

St. Vincent de Paul - 5th Sunday Collection

Next weekend on **August 29th & 30th** the **Second Collection** will be to support our efforts to help our San Carlos neighbors. Donations can also be made by depositing cash or checks into the **SVdP** boxes located on the wall at the church entrances or by donating online on the Parish website under Parish Groups, **St. Vincent De Paul Society.**

Thank you for your wonderful generosity. Please keep the local poor working and the work of our St. Vincent de Paul conference in your prayers.

A Word of Gratitude

Through the extraordinary generosity of our parishioners and personal friends, St. Charles Parish has been blessed to complete several important projects. None of these projects were funded from our regular parish operating budget. They were made possible through donations specifically given for these purposes. **Recent projects include:**

Carillon Bells — $5,599
Church Doors — $15,003
Ceiling Improvements — $7,188
Bronze Statue of St. Charles Borromeo — $21,682
Landscaping — $12,702
New Liturgical Vestments — $4,000

To all our generous benefactors, thank you!

Your generosity continues to beautify our church, enrich our worship, and strengthen our parish community. May God bless you abundantly for your generosity and stewardship.

If you ever have questions or concerns about what is happening at St. Charles, please feel free to speak with me personally. My door is always open. Transparency, honest communication, and mutual trust are important as we continue to build our parish family together.

Thank you for your prayers, generosity and continued love for St. Charles Parish.

Altar Servers at St. Charles Church

St. Charles Church welcomes new altar servers in our Masses. Parents of 4th graders and higher, if your child is interested in becoming an altar server, please contact **Caren Fior** (fiorcaren@gmail.com).

Servers will attend a training session prior to serving.

Please respect our neighbors and do not block their driveways especially during Saturday/Sunday Mass.

Online Giving:
Use your phone camera to open the online giving page using this QR Code.

ST. MATTHIAS PRESCHOOL

A high quality Early Education Program with a Hub of Play Based Academic Excellence, Creativity and Developmental Growth.

Now enrolling for School Year, children ages **3-5 yrs old.**
Preschool Hours: 7:30 am - 5:30 pm, all day - year round enrollments spots available!

For more information, please contact the Director, **Rosemary Juarez** at **Rosemary@stmatthiasparish.org** or **(650) 367-1320**

TURNING TO GOD'S WORD
serious Bible study for serious Catholics

Women's Catholic Scripture Study invites women from parishes all around the Bay Area to join us for our new study of the **Gospel According to Mark.**

We meet at **St. Mark Church** (325 Marine View Drive, in Belmont) on **Thursday mornings, 9:45 am to 12 noon** (9/17/26--5/13/27 with holiday breaks).

Participants read the lessons and answer home study questions, engage in lively small group discussions, and gather in the large group for inspiring talks. We also like to meet monthly for lunch and fellowship.

To learn more about us and to see a sample lesson, please go to www.TurningtoGodsWord.com, click on "Study the Bible" in the top menu, scroll down to "TtGW Study groups," scroll across to "California groups" and click.

To register or to ask questions, please contact **Tami Palladino**: **tami@theprayerpage.net** or **650-235-6974**

Old Bible? New Bible? No Bible? All welcome!!!

ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN FRANCISCO

The Archdiocese of San Francisco Priests' Convocation in Monterey, CA will take place on **September 21st–24th.**
All priests will be attending this event.
As a result, the **5:00 p.m.** weekday Masses during this period, will be replaced with **Communion services only**.
Deacon Ernest von Emster will be presiding.
Thank you for your prayers and your understanding.

- St. Charles Church -

SUNDAY MASSES:
Saturday Evening Vigil - 5:00 pm
Sunday - 8:30 & 11:00 am

ROSARY: Monday-Friday 4:30 pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

WEEKDAY MASSES: Monday-Friday 5:00 pm

- St. Matthias Church -

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SUNDAY MASS
Saturday Evening Vigil - 5:00 pm
Sunday - 9:45 am

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St. Charles School - (650) 593-1629

- Sacrament of Penance -
Saturdays - 3:30 pm - 4:00 pm
or anytime by appointment.

- Eucharistic Adoration -
First Friday of the Month: 9:00 am - 10:00 am
in the Parish Center Chapel