

The Vigil

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church

Mass Times:

St. Charles:

Wednesday 10:30am;
Sunday 8:15am AND 11:30am

Nativity:

Thursday 11am; Saturday 4pm;
Sunday 9:45am



March 24, 2019
3rd Sunday of Lent

Today's Readings

Exodus 17:3-7
(Water from Rock)

Psalms 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9
(The Lord Our Rock)

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
(God's Love For Us)

John 4:5-42
(Samaritan Woman)

Pastor's Pen



Third Sunday of Lent

The first reading from Exodus today sounds very familiar and reminds us of human nature. The Israelites have been delivered from the hands of the Egyptians. They have seen the Red Sea parted for them so they could escape the slavery of the Egyptians. They have seen Pharaoh and his armies defeated. Their problem is that they have forgotten all the ways God had blessed them and now they grumble and quarrel and complain in the desert. They wonder if God is with them or not.

This incident in the desert where the Israelites question God and quarrel among themselves because things didn't work out the way they expected seems like many of us. How quickly we have overlooked the blessings of this day already (i.e. we woke up and were able to get out of the bed, we were able to walk and get dressed, many of us have a job to go to and a car to drive us there, many of us have loving, supportive families who remind us how much we're loved and the list of blessings goes on and on). We usually just take these blessings for granted each day as if we're entitled to them but let us get a flat on the way to work or wake up with a cold or headache or realize the furnace is not working and we cry out to the heavens: "Why me. Lord?"

Lent is a good time to be more conscious of the many overlooked and unnoticed blessings that come to us each day. When we live in a spirit of gratitude, we will be less likely to complain and grumble about the minor irritations that come our way each day. I have been inspired by friends who are going through terrible life threatening illnesses and have reason to grumble and complain and ask, "why me, Lord?" but they don't. They talk about how blessed they are because they know deep in their hearts that the same God who brought them this far will be with them even if their illness results in death. I think when life brings us to our knees, we realize all is gift.

I wish I could say I don't grumble or complain or question God, but I do. I take my many blessings for granted and zero in on what I don't have or what's gone wrong during the day. I ask you to join with me in taking time each day to go over all the ways we have been blessed that day. We will find greater joy when we live in a spirit of gratitude. Let's not let the blessings pass us by this week and when we find ourselves complaining, let's stop and remember how good God has been to us!

Reminder: Stations of the Cross at 6pm at Nativity for next 3 Fridays with soup and talk by Jesse Cox.

St. Charles Mission Statement

St. Charles Borromeo, a diverse urban parish of Detroit, is rooted in Christ's Gospel and Catholic tradition. We strive to build a community of faith through education, worship, and evangelization. We are called to carry on Christ's ministry to our brothers and sisters, especially the sick and their families, the elderly, youth, and the disabled. With Mary as our example of unconditional love, we strive to welcome everyone to share joyfully in the peace, love and salvation of Jesus Christ. We acknowledge that it is the Holy Spirit who calls and empowers us, who strengthens and renews us, and who gives us the will to continue our mission, until Jesus comes again in glory.

Community

Pray for the
Healing Presence

Bobby Allen
Paul Andreovich
Marilyn Boomer
John Bozich
Shawn Burks
Liana Caruana
Ida Cherry
Gary Davila
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Ben Saxon
Marvin Sims
Len Stoehr
Thomas Sweeting
Mark Tamer
Rachel Thompson
Enza Trah
Anna Tyler
Sr Jolene Van Handel
Belinda Wilson
Shawn Wilson
Jenny White

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A
Delight!

Stewardship Thoughts

Today we hear about the Transfiguration. In this gospel passage, Jesus' appearance changes into something blinding and divine which is somewhat overwhelming for Peter, James, and John. Add to that the appearance of Moses and Elijah and the booming voice of God from heaven, and it isn't difficult to understand why Peter might have been baffled. The emphasis in this reading seems to be on the majesty and divinity of Jesus, but there is another story of transformation being told -- that of Peter, the disciple. Peter was a devoted follower of Jesus, but he was a bit of a slow learner, and that makes him very much like many of us. It took a major spectacle for him to understand who and what the Messiah really was! Consider your own progress as a disciple. Perhaps you, too, are a devoted follower of Jesus Christ. How then might you, like Peter, be transformed during this 40 day fast? Pray that God will reveal Himself in a unique way that allows you to more deeply understand Him and share your faith with others!

Capuchin News

Volunteer at the Capuchin Services Center - "We are in need of volunteers to sort clothing donations we receive at the Capuchin Services Center. Volunteers are needed Monday through Friday, between 9 am and 4 pm. The Capuchin Services Center is located at 6333 Medbury St., Detroit, MI 48211 (near I-94 and Mt. Elliott St.).

We encourage volunteers to come regularly as their schedule permits. Volunteers can choose to come in the morning from 9 am until Noon (or longer) or in the afternoon from Noon until 4. To schedule a time to volunteer please contact Candice Wroblewski, Volunteer Coordinator, at cwroblewski@cskdetroit.org or call 313-925-1370, ext. 206."

Marriage Coaching Help for Your Marriage

Couples who are experiencing struggles and challenges in their marriage can receive help through the Archdiocese of Detroit-sponsored Marriage Coaching Ministry. The Marriage Coaching program is a couple-to-couple mentoring program designed to assist couples to live out God's plan for their marriage.

Trained Coaching Couples will give the support and practical tools needed to help couples to restore and realize the fullness they desire and is intended for their Catholic marriage. The Marriage Coaching program consists of seven main coaching sessions and is strictly confidential and at no cost.

To learn more and get the help you need for your marriage contact: 313-237-4680, www.aod.org/marriagecoaching or familyministry@aod.org. All inquiries are strictly confidential. Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Detroit, Office for Marriage and Family.

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To learn more about Camp Sancta Maria or to register, visit CampSanctaMaria.aor.org.

Upcoming Events / Meetings

Free Senior Resource Fair at Coleman Young Recreation Center!

April 4, 2019, 10 am - 2 pm

Resources to enhance the lives of our senior community. Information on Health, Housing, Insurance, Mobility and more! For more information call 313-224-1100 or email Nancy Capers at CapersN@detroitmi.gov (2751 Robert Bradby Dr., Detroit 48207)

Day of Spiritual Reflection, April 6, 2019.

All are invited to a free day of Spiritual Renewal on Saturday, April 6, at St. Hugo of the Hills in Bloomfield Hills to encounter Jesus and let our hearts be captured by Him (*Unleash the Gospel*, Guidepost 2). Lent is a perfect opportunity to learn different ways to pray, grow your relationship with Jesus, and live as a dedicated disciple in the world. Presentations will include: *Deeping Our Prayer Life: With Eyes Fixed on Jesus*, Rev. Mario Amore, associate pastor, St. Hugo of the Hills; *Lectio Divina: Praying in Depth with the Sacred Scriptures*, Grace Seroka, spiritual director, Manresa Jesuit Retreat House; *Couples Prayer and Praying with Your Family*, Ken and Signe Castel, Couple Prayer Ministry; *Praying with Music*, Keir Ward, Co-Director, Youth Choir, Sacred Heart, Detroit. Bishop Gerard Battersby will celebrate Mass.

Buddy's Pizza "Slice for Life" Benefit, Monday, April 29, 2019

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Tickets available at Eventbrite.com

Adults - \$15.00 (Dine in or Carry Out)

Children - Ages 3-9 \$7.00 (Dine in ONLY)

Rectory Hours: Mon-Thurs, 10a to 3p

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March Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 24, 2019
Evelyn Seyboldt & John Smith

Wednesday, March 27, 2019
Lisa Little

Sunday, March 31, 2019
**Carl Ayoub
Victor Bianchi**

Wednesday, April 3, 2019
James Charles, Sr.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Mar. 25: Isaiah 7:10-14, 8:10; Psalm 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11; Hebrews 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38

Tues., Mar. 26: Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Psalm 25:4-5ab, 6 & 7, 8-9; Matthew 18:21-35

Wed., Mar. 27: Deuteronomy 4:1 5-9; Psalm 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Matthew 5:17-19

Thurs., Mar. 28: Jeremiah 7:23-28; Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Luke 11:14-23

Fri., Mar. 29: Hosea 14:2-10; Psalm 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 & 17; Mark 12:28-34

Sat., Mar. 30: Hosea 6:1-6; Psalm 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Luke 18:9-14

Sun., Mar. 31: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Did You Know... one of the longest running fund raisers for St. Charles is participating in the Kroger Community Rewards program? You can support this fund raiser by registering your Kroger Loyalty card and shop as usual. The best part???? It doesn't cost you anything extra!

Ready to go? Then go to: www.krogercommunityrewards.com

Click "Enroll", Enter the required information, then click Enroll again. On the next page, scroll to the bottom and click on "Community Rewards"

Enter your contact information and click "Save". On the next page enter **QB361** or St. Charles Church and hit Enter. Choose the correct organization, then click Enroll. You are now enrolled! (If you are having an issue with your password and or email address please call 1-800-KROGERS, press 5 for customer service, press 5 to speak to a customer service representative.)

On-Line Giving... To be sure that your online donation is included in your contribution amounts, we **MUST** have your email address. Please either call the rectory, send an email to the parish (stcharlesborromeodetroit@yahoo.com) or drop a note in the collection basket with your email address. Without the email address, your online contributions will not be added to your collection data or included in your year-end statement.

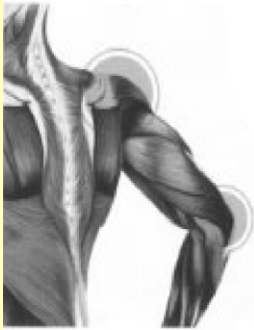
Weekly Collection

03/10/19

Envelopes	\$ 2,734.25
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Christmas	\$ 50.00
TOTAL	\$ 3,544.15

DID YOU KNOW

that it is illegal to carry a firearm onto any property or facility owned or operated by a church, synagogue, mosque, temple, or other place of worship, unless the presiding official or officials allow concealed weapons?



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