



BULLETIN

December 13, 2020 ~ Third Sunday of Advent

The Parish of St. Charles Borromeo, Resurrection and All Saints

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Bulletin for this week is found on the Parish website: sbrchurch.org.
- **Attention All Parishioners**, going forward please **Do Not** put any tape, staples, glue, or stickers on your offering envelopes. This makes it extremely difficult for the outside company that we use to scan your envelopes for a true reading of your offerings. Also, you must write in the amount you are giving, or you will not get the proper credit for your contributions.
- All of those wishing to attend Mass, both at SCB & RES must continue to call the Church office or register via the website before Fridays @ 3:30PM
- St. Charles Borromeo/ Resurrection Health Ministry would like to remind our Parishioners to get their flu vaccine.
- Prayer Service, Sunday, December 13th at 1:00 pm, on ZOOM:
ID # 893 4384 9873 / PASSWORD # 248326 / TELEPHONE # 646- 558- 8656



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Students celebrating the sacrament of First Holy Communion during the months of December and January are: (At St Charles) Deji Abe, Bernice Empole, Jonathan Bain, Luc Michel, Casey Sobande, Teniola Sobande, Cameron Toppin, Aiyana Lawrence, and Akyikwei Sowah-Robinson; (At Resurrection) Ray Morales, Emily Rivero, James Garcia, Chariel Castillo, Yamelly Castillo, Crismelly Santos, Anais Torres, Walter Matute, Gregory Reyes, Crystal Rosa, Mya Rubi Crisotomo

What legacy will you leave? What objects do you have that you plan to pass down in your family? Jewelry? Perhaps a punch bowl or a vase? We are often urged to make arrangements for the material possessions we have accumulated in this life to be passed on to others. We appreciate and cherish objects and the accompanying stories passed down to us. Through these, we provide for future generations and we connect with our past.

So, what about matters of faith and the spirit? What is the spiritual heritage that was passed on to you? For example, who taught you to pray? What is your favorite hymn? What spiritual legacy would you like to leave?

The Spiritual Legacy Guide© provides an easy way to document aspects of your faith life for posterity. You will find it on the Church's website. You may fill it out and give a copy to a relative for safe keeping. If you are a registered parishioner of St. Charles Borromeo and would like the Church to keep a copy of your completed Spiritual Legacy Guide© on file you will be able to so. If you are interested, you will also be able to state your preferences for a Catholic funeral. To access the Spiritual Legacy Guide, go to the Church home page. <https://schrchurch.org>.

The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** is the process by which adults become members of the Roman Catholic Church. **RCIA** is intended to serve: The unbaptized who would like to learn more about the Catholic faith, those baptized in another religion who think they might like to become Catholic, those baptized Catholic who have not completed the Initiation Sacraments or who have not been raised in the Faith. Join us on **Sundays 2:30pm to 3:30pm on zoom**. To explore this invitation, text or call **Deacon Hodge at 347.292.7766**, or email Dcn.Michel.Hodge@archny.org

Attention high school seniors! If anyone would like assistance with the college and financial aid application process, Gabby Lozano is a College Advisor offering FREE services to students and their families. Get tips on college research, information on opportunity programs, and help completing the FAFSA and TAP applications. This is a long-term process, and these services will be available now until June. If interested, please contact Gabby Lozano directly using the information below.

Phone: 1 (917) 473-0769 / Email: GabrielleLozano.gl@gmail.com

Now Hiring: Emergency Snow Laborers for Winter Season

Snow Laborers Crucial in Clearing Snow and Ice After Big Winter Storms;

New for this Season: Advance Online Registration Required

The New York City Department of Sanitation has announced that registration is now open for those interested in working as Emergency Snow Laborers for the upcoming winter season. Emergency Snow Laborers are per-diem workers who shovel snow and clear ice from bus stops, crosswalks, fire hydrants and step streets around the five boroughs after heavy snowfalls. Snow Laborers earn \$15 per hour to start, and \$22.50 per hour after 40 hours are worked in a week. To better allow for social distancing and COVID- related protocols, those interested in becoming a Snow Laborer must register for a 15-minute application at nyc.gov/snow. To comply with COVID-related safety protocols, potential Snow Laborers should wear a mask or face covering while at the registration appointment. Applicants should not attend the appointment if they have any COVID-19 symptoms, if they recently traveled to a state with high rates of COVID-19 transmission, or if they recently had close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID -19



Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



Sunday, December 13th ~ Saturday, December 19th

Third Sunday of Advent

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11, 1 Thes 5:16-24, Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Sunday 7:45 Mass – SCB

Rose Williams ~65th Birthday Blessings

Sunday (Spanish Mass) 9:30AM -RES

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Sunday 10:00AM Mass – SCB

Sharifa Cummings ~ Thanksgiving & Blessings
+Esmeralda Wilson

Sunday 11:15AM Mass-RES

Marion Woods~ Birthday Blessings

Flowers at the Altar this morning are

In Memory Of: ~ +Esmeralda Wilson ~

Anyone interested in having Altar flower donations in memory of their loved ones should contact the church office Mon.- Fri. – 10am-3:30pm for further information.

12/14 - Monday- Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Nm 24: 2-7, 15-17a, Mt 21: 23-27

8:30am- *Available*

12/15- Tuesday-Advent Weekday

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13, Mt 21: 28-32

8:30am- *Available*

12/16-Wednesday- Advent Weekday

Is 45:6b-8,18, 21c-25, Lk 7: 18b-23

6:30pm – +Ilda Morant

12/17- Thursday- Late Advent Weekday

Gn 49:2, 8-10, Mt 1: 1-17

SCB- 8:30am – Lana Morant ~ Birthday Blessings

RES-7:00pm- +Ana Cabrera (Spanish Mass)

12/18 -Friday- Late Advent Weekday

Jer 23: 5-8, Mt 1: 18-25

8:30am- +Peter Vanderhoeven

12/19-Saturday- Late Advent Weekday

Jgs 13: 2-7, 24-25a, Lk 1:5-25

8:30am - +Gerald Chisholm

SICK LIST ~ Ms. Angelique Barrow, Ms. Cindy Cain, Ms. Stacey Charland, Dorothy Jones, Mr. Herbert Jones, Ms. Mary Ingram, and Mr. Al Thompson

Message from the Pastor



Fr. Gregory Chisholm, SJ

REJOICE!

The Third Sunday of Advent offers Catholics a brief pause in the Winter darkness gathering around us. The Church calls this Sunday, Gaudete Sunday. “Gaudete” is a form of the Latin word which means to rejoice. On this Sunday the church colors go from violet and blue to rose. This Sunday we light the rose candle among the four candles of Advent. We take the time to remember how good it is for human beings to rejoice.

In the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians, which is used for the Second Reading at Sunday Mass, it states, “Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances.”

Paul is so correct in reminding us to rejoice. There is after all a tendency in each of us to focus on what is difficult and challenging, rather than what is hopeful. That human tendency reveals itself in the best of times. In a difficult time like we are experiencing now, the tendency to focus on the darkness is even more pronounced.

So, we tend to overlook that two of children celebrated their First Communions last Sunday and that two more will do so this Sunday. We don’t acknowledge that our music ministry gives beautiful express each Sunday to our hope and desire for God. We give ourselves over to the bad news without seeing the good things which face us daily and weekly. For example, men and women in our congregation gave of their time and gave of their treasure to relieve the suffering of those in need of food for Thanksgiving and even for Christmas. Others in our congregation continue to address the inequities in our culture and our political system by raising awareness through our Social Justice ministry. There are even people in our pews who gather regularly to pray for all of us between our Sunday Masses. Our Parish has not given into darkness or despair, so this Sunday we rejoice.

I read a poem by my favorite poet, Lucille Clifton, yesterday. She writes, “come celebrate / with me that everyday / something has tried to kill me / and has failed.” REJOICE, my people, REJOICE.

SCAMS

Several parishioners had contacted me recently about a **scam** involving Fr. Gregory Chisholm which was used to take financial advantage of parishioners. It seems that some unknown person tried to contact several parishioners through email. The email said the person was Fr Gregory Chisholm. The person asked the parishioners to send money as soon as possible to Fr. Chisholm by answering the email and following specific instructions. The email address used in the scam was revgregoryc35@gmail.com.

First let me assure everyone in the Parish that I will never reach out via email, letter or text message to anyone in the Parish to receive financial help for me personally. If you receive a note from anyone pretending to be me who asks for money for personal financial help, you should accept that the request is a scam designed to steal money from you.

There are only two email addresses that I use for correspondence with members of our parish. They are pastor@scbrchurch.org and scbrparish@gmail.com . If you receive something from that is different from these two email addresses, you have a right to be very suspicious. Please report any use of my name for illegal purposes to me immediately.

In addition, please be assured that neither Fr. George, Fr. Tom Fenlon nor Fr. Anthony would ever have a need to request money from parishioners for personal financial help.

Message from the Pastor



P. Gregory Chisholm ~ Mensaje del Párroco

¡Regocijo!

El tercer domingo de Adviento ofrece a los católicos una breve pausa en la oscuridad invernal que se reúne a nuestro alrededor. La Iglesia llama este domingo, Domingo de Gaudete. "Gaudete" es una forma de la palabra latina que significa regocijarse. Este domingo los colores de la iglesia van de violeta y azul a rosa. Este domingo encendemos la vela rosa de las cuatro velas de Adviento. Nos tomamos el tiempo para recordar lo bueno que es para los seres humanos regocijarse.

En la Primera Carta de Pablo a los Tesalonicenses, que se utiliza para la segunda lectura en la misa dominical, dice: "Alégrate siempre. Oren sin cesar. En toda circunstancia da gracias, porque esta es la voluntad de Dios para ti en Cristo Jesús. No apagues el Espíritu. No menosprecien las declaraciones proféticas."

Pablo es tan correcto al recordarnos que nos regocijemos. Después de todo, hay una tendencia en cada uno de nosotros a centrarse en lo que es difícil y desafiante, en lugar de lo que es esperanzador. Esa tendencia humana se revela en el mejor de los tiempos. En un momento difícil como el que estamos experimentando ahora, la tendencia a enfocarse en la oscuridad es aún más pronunciada.

Así que tendemos a pasar por alto que dos de los niños celebraron sus Primeras Comuniones el domingo pasado y que dos más lo harán este domingo. No reconocemos que nuestro ministerio de música da una hermosa expresión cada domingo a nuestra esperanza y deseo por Dios. Nos entregamos a las malas noticias sin ver las cosas buenas que nos enfrentan diariamente y semanalmente. Por ejemplo, los hombres y las mujeres de nuestra congregación dieron de su tiempo y dieron de su tesoro para aliviar el sufrimiento de los necesitados de comida para Acción de Gracias e incluso para Navidad. Otros en nuestra congregación continúan abordando las desigualdades en nuestra cultura y nuestro sistema político mediante la sensibilización a través de nuestro ministerio de Justicia Social. Incluso hay personas en nuestros bancos que se reúnen regularmente para orar por todos nosotros entre nuestras misas dominicales. Nuestra Parroquia no ha dado tinieblas ni desesperación, así que este domingo nos regocijamos.

Ayer leí un poema de mi poeta favorita, Lucille Clifton. Ella escribe, "ven a celebrar / conmigo que todos los días / algo ha intentado matarme / y ha fracasado." REGOCÍJATE, mi pueblo, REGOCÍJATE.

Estafas

Varios feligreses me habían contactado recientemente sobre una estafa que involucraba al P. Gregory Chisholm que se utilizaba para aprovechar financieramente a los feligreses. Parece que alguna persona desconocida trató de ponerse en contacto con varios feligreses a través de correo electrónico. El correo electrónico decía que la persona era el P. Gregory Chisholm. La persona pidió a los feligreses que enviaran dinero lo antes posible al P. Chisholm respondiendo al correo electrónico y siguiendo instrucciones específicas. La dirección de correo electrónico utilizada en la estafa fue revgregoryc35@gmail.com.

En primer lugar, permítanme asegurarles a todos en la Parroquia que nunca me comunicaré por correo electrónico, carta o mensaje de texto a nadie en la Parroquia para recibir ayuda financiera para mí personalmente. Si usted recibe una nota de alguien que pretende ser yo que pide dinero para la ayuda financiera personal, usted debe aceptar que la solicitud es una estafa diseñada para robar dinero de usted.

Sólo hay dos direcciones de correo electrónico que utilizo para la correspondencia con los miembros de nuestra parroquia. Son pastor@sbrchurch.org y sbrparish@gmail.com. Si recibe algo de lo que es diferente de estas dos direcciones de correo electrónico, tiene derecho a ser muy sospechoso. Por favor, informe de cualquier uso de mi nombre para fines ilegales a mí inmediatamente.

Además, tenga la seguridad de que ni el P. George, el P. Tom Fenlon ni el P. Anthony tendrían la necesidad de solicitar dinero a los feligreses para obtener ayuda financiera personal.