

# SECOND SUNDAY

# OF Advent

A voice cries out:  
In the desert prepare the way of the Lord!  
Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!  
Every valley shall be filled in,  
every mountain and hill shall be made low.

Isaiah 40:3-4

DECEMBER 6, 2020

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### Mass Schedule:

Saturday: St. Charles Church:

Reconciliation 3:15-3:45 PM; Vigil Mass 4:00 PM

Sunday: St. Charles Church : 7:30 AM, 10:30 AM

Christ the King Mission in Bellevue: 9:00 AM

Weekdays: St. Charles Church: Mon thru Sat 8:00 AM

Tues/Thurs 5:00 PM

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Sacrament of Baptism: Parents or guardians of infants or children to be baptized should call the church and schedule a meeting with a priest or deacon at least one month prior to baptism date. Instruction class is on the second Saturday of the month. Baptisms are celebrated on the first Sunday of the following month.

Sacrament of Marriage: Call the church office at least six months prior to the anticipated date of the wedding.

Anointing of the Sick: Anytime during office hours. Call for an appointment.

Communion to the Sick: Please call the church office when someone is unable to attend Mass and wishes to receive Communion.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 3:15-3:45 PM and any time during office hours. Please call the office for an appointment.



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every mountain and hill shall be made low.*

—Isaiah 40:4

We are a Sacrificial Giving Parish, Giving of our Time, Talent and Treasure.  
Offertory contributions from November 22nd for St. Charles Church were \$6,043.00.

Contributions for November 29th for St. Charles Church were \$6,453.00.

Contributions from November 22nd & 29th toward the Building Fund were \$30.00

Offertory contributions from November 22nd from Christ the King Mission were \$446.00.

Contributions from November 29th from Christ the King Mission were \$511.00.

### The Light is On for You:

#### Advent Confessions

**Wednesday, December 9 - 6:30-8:00 PM**

**Wednesday, December 16 - 6:30-8:00 PM**

The Church encourages all Catholics to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation each Advent. In addition to our normal Saturday afternoon confession time, our parish will be open on the first three **Advent Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 PM**. Please take advantage of this opportunity to make a good Advent confession. Please also reach out to the Catholics you know that have been away from the regular practice of our faith and invite them to seize this chance to begin again.

*December 9, December 16.*

### Retired Fund for Religious is December 13

Help our elders. In good times and bad, senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have dedicated themselves to service and acts of mercy. Today, they pray for an aching world. Yet years of service for little or no pay have left their religious communities without enough retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please be generous!

### ADVENT GIVING TREE

St. Charles Church will sponsor an **Advent Giving Tree** which is placed at the entrance of the Church. Please pick a tag of your choice, purchase the gift and return your wrapped gift with the tag attached to the church and place under the Giving Tree. These gifts will be distributed in the Sunset/Grand Coteau area.

The **Healing Mass** will resume at **Christ the King Mission in Bellevue on Wednesday, December 16th**. A Rosary will be prayed at **6:00 PM** with the Healing Mass at **6:30 PM**

**A Day of Prayer for Women** at Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat House, Grand Coteau, La.

“Walking in the Sandals of Mary, Poor Woman of Nazareth”. Presented by: Fr. Lou McCabe, S.J.

**Tuesday, December 8th** from 8:30 AM; concluding with Mass at 2:15 PM. Cost is \$25. Pre-registration is required/limited capacity. To register, on website: [www.ourladyoftheoaks.com](http://www.ourladyoftheoaks.com). For more information, call the office at 662-5410.

### Feast of the Immaculate Conception is

**Tuesday, December 8th** and is a Holy Day. (Due to COVID, we are still dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass). Masses will be celebrated at **8:00 AM and 5:30 PM at St. Charles Church**.

**#iGiveCatholic** was Tuesday, December 1st. **THANK YOU** to all who contributed toward our goal to raise money for our new mixer for the sound system. Total funds directed to **#Giving Tuesday** were \$850.

### DIRECTOR OF SACRED MUSIC POSITION AVAILABLE—PART-TIME

Saint Charles Church is accepting applications for the position of Director of Sacred Music (DSM). The ideal candidate must be proficient in vocal, piano, and organ performance and in conducting a church choir for Catholic liturgical services. For a full job description of the position, please visit our website at [www.st-charles-borromeo.org](http://www.st-charles-borromeo.org). Interested applicants are asked to send their resumes to Fr. Mark Kramer, SJ at [matte@st-charles-borromeo.org](mailto:matte@st-charles-borromeo.org)

**St. Charles Borromeo Parish** has a page on **Facebook** which has been created as a means of communicating with our church parish members as well as a way to share information with others. Please “Like” our page!

### CONFIRMATION (11th Grade)

Happy Thanksgiving and first week of Advent!  
We will be resuming classes this weekend which will include our annual Safe Environment Seminar. Looking forward to seeing everyone back in class!  
**Next Session: Sunday, December 13 | 11:45-1:15 PM in the Religious Ed Building!**

### LIFENIGHTS - (9th & 10th Grade)

Happy Thanksgiving and first week of Advent!  
We will be resuming classes this weekend which will include a brief look into the season of Advent and what it means to us as Catholics.  
**Next Life Night: Sunday, December 13th | 5:30-7:00 PM in the Religious Ed Building.**



## GOD'S DELAY

In times of great difficulties scoffers taunt us, "Where is God? Why hasn't your Lord come to save you now?"

And we of faith respond much in the same way as Peter did in today's second reading: the "delay" of the Lord's second coming is not any type of punishment or failure to keep the divine promise, but a loving sign of God's patience. God is giving *everyone* the chance to seek repentance.

God does not make life more difficult. Rather, God lessens our burdens as once before for the Jewish exiles returning home to Judea after captivity in Babylon. It was God who personally led them, making a "straight highway" for them across the desert.

We join with our ancestors of faith, who hoped that they might see God's Chosen One before them and who eventually realized that the Lord was also walking with them side by side.

Members of the **Children's Ministry** will be making **Christmas Cards** for our shut-ins and those in the hospital or nursing homes. Fill out their information on the form provided and place it in the box marked Children's ministry.

*The Deadline is December 15th.*

### Minister Schedule for December 12-13

<b>Vigil-Lector</b>	Kristine Vallow
<b>Communion</b>	Deacon David Menard
<b>Communion-Gym</b>	Mary Ann
<b>7:30-Lector</b>	Zoe Noel
<b>Communion</b>	Perry Kennerson
<b>Communion-Gym</b>	Brenda Kennerson
<b>10:30-Lector</b>	Marvin Schwartzenburg
<b>Communion</b>	Rodi Aucoin
<b>Communion-Gym</b>	Amy Taylor

### Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe



On December 9, 1531 a poor Mexican Indian, Juan Diego, was walking by a hill near his village when he heard beautiful music. Suddenly there appeared a radiant cloud and within it a young Indian maiden dressed as an

Aztec princess. The young maiden spoke to the 57-year-old widower in his native language and directed him to visit the Archbishop of Mexico with a request that a chapel be built where she stood.

The archbishop demanded a sign of authenticity, and the maiden instructed Juan Diego to gather flowers from the top of the hill where they met. Even though December was too late in the growing season for flowers to bloom, Juan Diego was surprised to find Castilian roses, not native to Mexico.

On December 12, Juan Diego opened his cloak before the archbishop, the roses fell to the floor, and in their place the image of the young virgin was miraculously imprinted on the fabric. News spread quickly, and shortly thereafter an estimated nine million Indians converted to Catholicism.

Our Lady's appearance to a poor, humble man is a compelling reminder that God's loving embrace is all inclusive; and that our Church's preferential option for the poor is a Gospel imperative.

### New Guidelines for Baptisms in 2021

Baptism Instructions will be held on the second Saturday of each month. The Baptisms will be celebrated on the First Sunday of the **following** month. The paperwork must be completed & submitted by the 1st of the month, prior to the month of Baptism

### Sacrament of BAPTISM January Schedule:

Baptism Paper work due: Tuesday, December 1, 2020  
Baptism Instructions: Saturday, December 12, 2020  
Baptism Date: Wednesday, January 6, 2021

**Online Giving**-St. Charles has set up an online giving account for anyone wishing to make offertory payments online. Please visit our website@ [www.st-charles-borromeo.org](http://www.st-charles-borromeo.org).



*Welcome to Visitors and/or New Parishioners*