**St. Charles Borromeo**

1315 Lomitas Avenue - Livermore, CA 94550-6441

“Not a Place Where...But a People Who…”

“The shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them.”

John 10:3

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**Weekend Mass Times**

Saturday  5:00PM

Sunday  7:30AM, 9:30AM & 11:30 AM

(9:30AM Sunday Mass is live-streamed for viewing at home live or during the week. Visit our website for the link.)

**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

**Sacrament of Marriage:** Discuss with Pastor six months prior.

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**Hours & Information**

Rectory:............Mon-Thurs 9AM-5PM

Parish Phone.............925/447-4549

**To Reach a Priest after hours** for Medical Emergency ONLY 447-4549 press option 9

Leave a clear message & phone number to call back.

**Infant Baptism:** Call parish office for info x101. Pre-Baptism Class required for Parents & Godparents.

**Bulletin Articles:** Email to Mary@stcharlesborromeo.org. Info for deadlines is found on page 6.

**Parish Website:** www.stcharleslivermore.org
A Good Shepherd Leads by Following

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is often called “Good Shepherd Sunday.” This Sunday we are invited to reflect on and learn from the leadership quality of our risen savior Jesus Christ. Too often we associate the word “shepherd” to bishops and priests because they are officially our pastors. However, we find a much broader understanding that, not only the ordained but, all those “baptized” are leaders and so they are shepherds as well! We are called to celebrate our “priesthood of the faithful.”

In the gospel reading, we hear that the shepherd must enter through the “Gate” himself or herself if they want to lead the sheep **effectively**. A shepherd who scales over the fence is not legitimate but a stranger. The sheep cannot learn from or recognized such a behavior hence the sheep cannot follow. It means that even the leader must also be a learner and must follow some way of life familiar to sheep; the shepherd must learn to be a sheep too – a follower. You cannot possibly lead anyone if you don’t know what if feels like to be led, and/or to be misled; for you cannot give what you don’t have.

Pope Francis once said that “the shepherd must smell like the sheep.” While he spoke these words to the priests, he meant it for all us. When we were baptized, we were anointed with the oil of sacred Chrism and we were pronounced priests and priestesses, prophets and prophetesses, kings and queens, because Jesus, the Good Shepherd, is all of these. So, although we are not “ordained priests,” yet we are “general priests” by virtue of our baptism. The general priesthood comes with the responsibility to lead exemplary lifestyles for other people to follow, even as we ourselves learn from Jesus Christ. Our general priesthood is not ministerial which involves ritualized sacrifices like the Mass; if you are baptized you are a priest who must sacrifice in real, ordinary, and daily living. Christian leadership then has this quality of being both a “servant-leadership”: A true leader is a true servant!

In the first reading we see Peter and the disciples, after they had gone through baptism themselves, leading other people to accept the message of Jesus and receive baptism. The leader must not only talk and expect followers to walk; the leader must walk the talk, for the leader is the same as the one who is led: A good shepherd is one and the same as the good sheep. Concretely, what does this mean for us?

In this time when we are sheltered in place at home without the service of our “officially” ordained shepherds, we must realize that we are not only sheep to be led by others. We must now practice that legitimate part of us that leads. Our expert Faith Formation staff are laid off for obvious reasons. But, now is the time we must show that they really did give us something that can endure and survive their absence. Parents, volunteer Catechists, simple and ordinary members of the Church: you are now given the situation – sheltered-in-place – to sustain the faith of your family, children and neighbors who may be weaker.

It is the season when our children would have made their first communion, and many more would prepare for confirmation. Must teach them this understanding of our faith that leading involves following, and train them to embrace the servant-leadership style of Jesus Christ. We pray for them most importantly that they embrace the gift of Christian leadership; may they see themselves as both shepherds and sheep at the same time. But if we are to teach them effectively, and be good shepherds to them, we must also dedicate ourselves to life-long-learning; we must teach by our own following of Jesus’ love, passion and compassion. Happy Good Shepherd Sunday!
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- **For Medical Emergencies ONLY**, call the parish number and choose option 9 (emergency phone message). Leave a clear message and call-back number. For any non-emergency calls to Fr. Kwame use his office ext. 105.

Fr. Kwame will be celebrating the 9AM Mass, Monday-Friday, as well as the Sunday 9:30AM Mass. (Privately)

All requested Mass intentions will be honored. The Mass intentions for the Saturday and Sunday Masses will be honored at the 9:30AM Sunday Livestream Mass.

Follow along at www.stcharleslivermore.org/watch

We honor those who have Annual Requests first. If possible, we would appreciate all Annual Requests be pre-paid in 2020. Thank you!

Saturday 05/02 Darlene Wexner
Sunday 05/03 Dolores Hill-Muehl
Sunday 05/03 Margaret Mary Miller 9:30AM
Sunday 05/03 St. Charles Members
Monday 05/04 Laura Gaone 9:00AM
Tuesday 05/05 Stephen Michael Dayton 9:00AM
Wednesday 05/06 Matthew & Frances Ianiro 9:00AM
Thursday 05/07 Rosanna Stivers-Poco 9:00AM
Friday 05/08 Mary Frances Davis Ramos 9:00AM
Saturday 05/09 Karen Adams
Sunday 05/10 Rosa Gonsalves
Sunday 05/10 Lillian Settrini 9:30AM
Sunday 05/10 St Charles Members

Be sure to check your flocknotes for Zoom meeting ID’s and Passwords.
The Suba Orphanage project has 4 phases. Phase 1 was drilling the bore hole for a well and installing storage tanks for water. Phase 1 is now complete with the bore hole drilled, the water tested and found to be safe for drinking, and water flowing from the tap. Fr. Eliud reports that the children and families living near the orphanage enjoyed the water.

Phase 2 of the project is renovation of the dormitories and buying new beds and bedding. The renovation started with windows, doors and floors being replaced.

All work has now stopped due to a partial shutdown in Kenya because of the coronavirus pandemic. The children have been compelled to go and live with close relatives, again because of the pandemic.

Phase 3 will be construction of the kitchen and dining room. Phase 4 will be construction of the perimeter wall. Total time needed for phases 2, 3 and 4 is approximately 5 months. When work can resume is unknown.

In Fr. Eliud’s last email to the Suba Board, he wrote:
“We remain ever grateful to St Charles Borromeo parish for this, God bless. I always keep all parishioners of St. Charles in prayers. Let's all be united in prayers so as end this world's worst pandemic.”

Reported by Lisa Fisher
(Suba Board Member)

As of today, we have disbursed to Kenya $67,178.00 out of the fund we raised last year. This is another evidence of the fact that Saint Charles Borromeo is alive and well and thriving: doing justice and serving the needs of humanity locally and globally.

Here are photos of the project progress:
2nd Collections for May
The Diocese asks us to support two 2nd Collections in the month of May.

Catholic Charities of the East Bay (CCEB) on the weekend of May 17/18. CCEB helps people facing difficult circumstances including our children who face homelessness; and people fleeing violence in their homelands. Contact Stephanie Pippen at 510-508-1063 or spippen@cceb.org for additional specific information.

Catholic Communications Campaign on the weekend of May 23/24. Your contributions help to spread the Good News of God’s mercy and love to people around the country and around the world. Your gift also makes local impact because half of your donation stays in the Diocese of Oakland to support their communications project.

If you have 2nd Collection funds taken out through EFT or credit card, we will divide the funds equally between the two groups unless you tell us otherwise. Contact Mary at extension 101.

Letters sent to St. Charles...

Hi, I am Phil and Claire La Scola’s daughter. I live in Beaverton Oregon, but grew up in Livermore and was a long time parishioner at St. Charles. As a teenager I received the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Charles. I want to thank Father Kwame and the team at St. Charles for live streaming daily mass. It was exactly what I needed during this most challenging time and has become an anchor in my day. I have not been able to find a Catholic community here like the environment at St. Charles. I hope to be able to participate as fully as geographic distance permits. Again, thank you for making it possible for me to share in the community. Sincerely, Sharon La Scola

Thank you Father Kwame and team for your passionate, beautiful Easter Masses from St. Charles. Our family, my wife Kristine and our four children are tuning in and joining from St. Albert, Alberta, Canada. We have the volume turned up and know this has been a blessing to us here as well. Thank you. Your local parish looks like a beautiful and welcoming place to visit and perhaps one day we will. We are safe here and adjusting to this pandemic from home. We are growing through this. Our faith will survive and thrive. Thanks for leading with televised Mass.

With love and thanks, Joe and Kristine Fedyniak

Dear Father Assenyoh,
Thank you for your insightful service and homily. Please accept this donation as a small gesture of my appreciation.
Yours in Christ,
Ronald
Shreveport, LA

Father Kwame— you are the start to my Covid-schedule days’- always uplifting and inspiring— very helpful in coping with these times in a positive yet compassionate way. The Easter liturgy and entire Triduum were perfect! Hannah’s musical selections and beautiful voice really enriched all the liturgies! Thank you for being there in this difficult times.
Stay well! Stay Safe! Blessings, Diane
Attention Graduates !!!!!

Graduation time is upon us once again, and since many high school and colleges might not be having formal graduation ceremonies, we would still like to recognize all the hard working high school and college graduates in the May 31st and June 7th bulletins.

If you are graduating, or have a family member (including grandchildren) who is, please e-mail the below information to Mary (mary@stcharlesborromeo.org)
Please have it to Mary by May 17th.

Name: ____________________________
Graduating from: ____________________________
Degree or Future Plans: ____________________________

Submitted by: ____________________________ (relationship) ____________________________
Daytime phone or email (in case of questions) ____________________________

St Charles Tithing

Giving: This is not meant to lay financial burdens on you. We understand the economic hardships that this pandemic is causing the cash-flow and lifesavings of people. Here, we simply want to encourage you to consider doing this spiritual practice of “giving” to Saint Charles.
• On-line: www.stcharleslivermore.org/give
• Mail your checks or cash in tithing envelopes or drop them off thru mail slot in parish office.

FORMED

Everyone in our parish now has free, unlimited access to FORMED!
To sign up, go to the St. Charles web site and look for FORMED (under the “Grow” tab and scroll to the bottom). Signing up is easy from there!
You will have access to the FORMED web site 24/7 on your device. You can:
• Enrich your marriage with the award-winning video program Beloved.
• Help your children grow in faith and character with engaging children’s materials.
• Enjoy a vast library of eBooks to enlighten your faith.
• Listen to audio dramas or audiobooks to redeem your commute time.

How to get into Heaven

A teacher asked the children in her Sunday School class, "If I sold my house and my car, had a big garage sale and gave all my money to the church, would I get into heaven?"

"NO!" the children all answered.

"If I cleaned the church every day, mowed the yard, and kept everything neat and tidy, would I get into heaven?"

Again, the answer was "NO!"

"Well," she continued, "then how can I get to heaven?"

In the back of the room, a five-year-old boy shouted out, "You gotta be dead!"

FLOCKNOTE

If you are not receiving Flocknote yet and would like to be informed about all things St. Charles, you may go to our web site and sign up.
www.stcharleslivermore.org/flocknote