

Subject: **Saint Charles Caritas Ministry: February addendum, March 2026 schedule and 25 Year Service Anniversary**  
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Dear Friends of Saint Charles Caritas,

**God, thank you!!!**

**Proverbs 3:5-6: "Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding."**

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Greetings and blessed days to all. 🙏

Thank you so much to all benefactors, volunteers, sisters, priests, deacons, parishioners of St. Charles Church, and friends for making it all possible for many years the Saint Charles Caritas Ministry Mission. Special thank you to the core of volunteers, the Colina family, the Dominguez family, Janiley Camarista, Christine Phillips, Joe Bajo, Ken Bates, the Matthews and the Advisors.

We are honored and with great gusto to Bishop Michael Pham of the Diocese of San Diego will be presiding the Mass on March 15, at 10:00 am at St. Charles Church. You are all invited 🙏 for the Saint Charles Caritas 25 year of service anniversary for the charity missions that we are helping in Mexico, Philippines and the U.S. A.

**Narrative of Saint Charles Caritas:**

\*In 2001, the charity was founded by James Paul (aka Jim) and Merlyn Baker in 2001 with the blessings of Father Dennis Mikulanis who also loves the poor.

Jim, (Merlyn's husband) took a day off from his job and insisted that "Saint Charles" had to be part of the name changed, and Father Fernando Ramirez added the "Caritas". It became Saint Charles Caritas in 2002.

\*In Mexico, from the start, this charity was and still is helped the religious congregations in Tijuana and Ensenada in their charity missions such as children orphanages, homes for girls, homes for the elderly and many more.

In 2013, Jim started the "Homeless Help" program in the South Bay area despite the fact that he was bedridden. This project distributed food and hygiene products to the homeless. After Jim passed away this charity continued, until the covid-19 halted the distribution of food.

\*In 2019, the Philippine charity was started. Merlyn was vacationing in Assisi when she met Sister Babylyn Dulfo, SA (Society of the Atonement) of the Franciscan Sisters of the Atonement. She is a missionary nun from the Philippines who was helping the Catholic charities. Through Sister Babylyn, the charities in the Philippines started, first in Paliparan, Cavite.

\*In 2023, we extended the Saint Charles Caritas to many more charities run by religious missionaries nuns, priests in Mindanao region, Cagayan de Oro. The mission charities are teach the children to pray the rosary (in 2019 Paliparan Cavite). Two child development centers, home for girls and home for boys, catechism in Barangay Consolacion, oratorio children, rosary evangelization, and more. Sister Babylyn was instrumental to all the charities in the Philippines that the Saint Charles Caritas is helping, and currently in progress.

\*In the USA, to this day, this charity is also providing a small funding for the Pastoral Charity Funds of Saint Charles Church. It started during Father Fernando Ramirez time in 2002 as a pastor of St. Charles Church.

\*Back to where this charity started, when God called the Bakers, on that time, both not really wanted to run a charity it was because they have jobs on call. But, the Bakers cannot say no to God. The Holy Spirit provided the path to make it easier for the Bakers to run this charity.

\*To this day, the Saint Charles Caritas is run by Merlyn, the advisors, and volunteers, 100% of the donations all go to the charities, zero overhead costs, and no administrative layers. We are all volunteers.

Mrs. Baker is thanking God daily for all of you who shared your efforts, your treasures and your love of the poor, especially for the children and elderly.

**Thank you once again and May God showers you with His abundant blessings, graces and good health**



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***Saint Charles caritas schedule for March***

**March 14 & 15 Saturday & Sunday will be Caritas Days.** Please see the core of volunteers on Saturday and Nuns from Tijuana/Ensenada on Sunday all masses. 100% of your donations will be used for the charities that we re helping in Mexico, Philippines and US. We are all volunteers, zero overhead costs and no administrative layers. This charity is helping the following: children development center, home for girls, home for the elderly, 2 schools for child development centers, barangay 26 children, home for girls and home for boys, oratorio children, children in 7 districts with catechism Barangay Consolacion, pray the rosary children, students transportation allowance program, and pastoral charity fund of St. Charles Church.

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***Saint Charles Caritas Projects:***

\*\* Hygiene products such as face towel, bar of soap, toothbrush, tooth paste, men's comb, and girls hair tie in 1 gal. bag for 80 children for Pray the Rosary in Paliparan, Cavite.

\*\* TV and printer for Child Development Center Lapaz 1. This will be used in a classroom for educational purpose.

\*\* 40 kilos of assorted chicken monthly for Calabrian Children's Foundation, home for girls and home for boys

***Thank you so much to benefactors:***

\*\* Anonymous donor for the 40 kilos of assorted chicken for Calabrian Children's Foundation home for girls and home for boys. This has ended this March.

\*\* Sheila M & Vennie T for their donations for the Students Transportation Allowance Programs

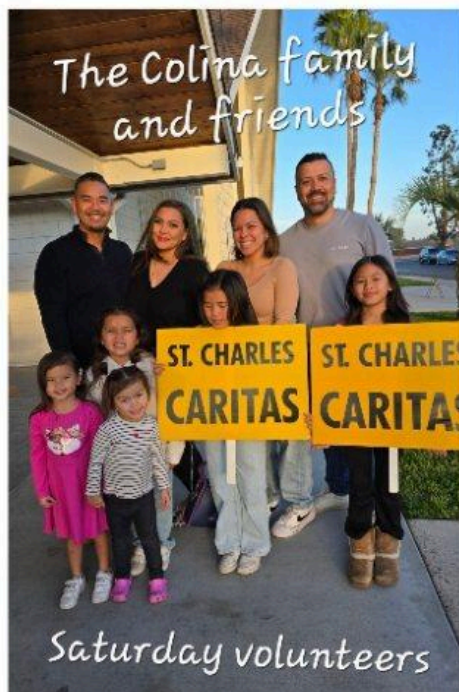
\*\* Dalene G for her continued donations of Children's Vitamins gummies

\*\* Rose R for her hand made clothes for the children

\*\* Elementary students at St. Charles School for donating many, many food cereals

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Right after the Sunday 1pm mass February Caritas Day, we bought basic foods and some hygiene products for the charity congregations from Tijuana and Ensenada charity missions.



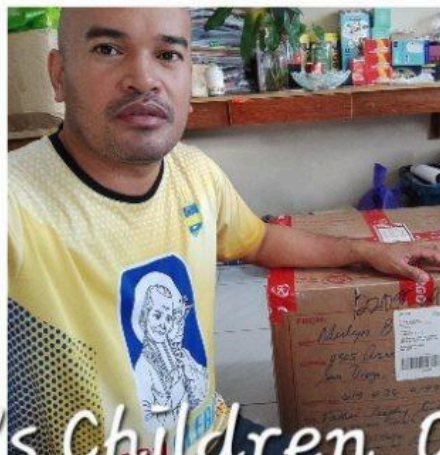
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02/01/2026, Sunday. Inside the LBC box received today for two Child Development Centers and Barangay 26 children run by Sister Babylyn Dulfo SA of the Franciscan Sisters of the Atonement. ❤️



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02/01/26, Sunday from Father Jeephy Simbajon of the Canossian Children's Oratorio. "Good morning po Nay Merlyn. Opo, dumating po kahapon ang box. Late afternoon ko na po siya nabuksan. Ok naman po yung box Nay, wala pong nasira sa mga laman. Maraming salamat po uli sa tulong para sa mga bata. God bless you all. 🙏"



Canonian's Children Oratorio  
with Father Jeephy. 02/01/26



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02/02/26 Monday from Sister Josephine Gosmo of the Sisters of Saint John the Baptist. "Good evening po Ate Merlyn. Today I received the LBC box. Thank you very much. God bless. 🙏"



Barangay Consolacion 7 districts  
with Sister Josehine 02/02/26

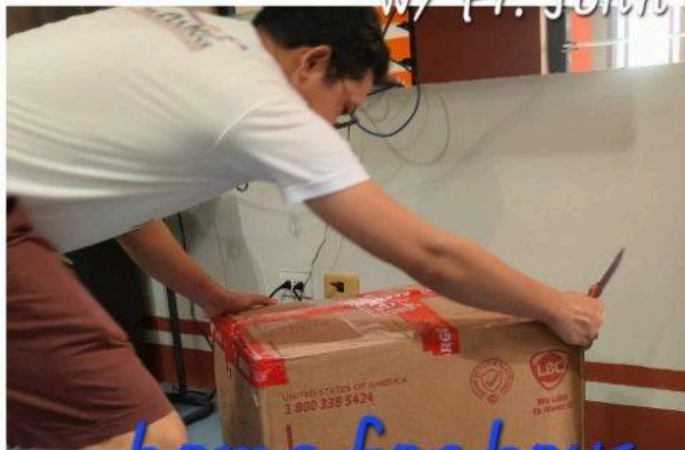


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02/02/26 Monday, from Sheila dela Torre through Father John Massillon, Calabrian Foundation, home for girls and home for boys. "Good evening ma'am, Thank you so much for the balikbayan box. God bless po 🙏🙏"



Calabrian Children Foundation  
w/ Fr. John 02/02/26



home for boys



home for girls



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Thank you so much anonymous donor for the 40 kilos of assorted chicken.



Calabrian Children's  
Foundation  
02/20/26 received  
40 kilos of assorted

home for girls



chicken

home for boys

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Please see below the February 2026 donations/disbursements. 100% are used for the charities that we are helping. We are all volunteers, zero overhead costs and no administrative layers. Thank you to all of you.

Donations received for the month of February 2026:

Caritas Days Feb 14 & 15, 2026.	\$	3,849.00
Donations dropped off in the church office, via mail out of town: February 2026. (\$500 is earmarked by a donor for the Students Allowance Program from Feb to June 2026)	\$	1,240.00
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Total Deposits	\$	<b>5,089.00</b>
		02/2026
**In Mexico		
* Casa de Cuna, Children Development Center run by the Sisters of the Sacred Heart	\$	(512.02)
*Santa Teresita, home for girls run by Sisters Sacred Heart of Jesus	\$	(512.02)

* (Asilo) Beato Juan Pablo II, home for the elderly 80 years old and above, run by the Sisters of St. Margaret of Mary of the Poor	\$	(512.02)
* Breakfast/ lunch/snacks Caritas Day Sisters; Snacks for Franciscan Residence Sisters, elderly and homebound ( <b>earmarked by donors</b> )	\$	(225.36)
**In Philippines		
* (1.) Child Development Center (CDC) Preschooler Children, San Juan 2 (2) Lapaz 1 children / Children in Barangay 26 and etc	\$	(345.09)
* Calabrian Foundation: Homes for boys and home girls c/o Fr. John Miller: 1 boxes of food shipment to CDO island.	\$	(346.93)
* Fresh chicken 40 kilos/month of August Calabrian Children's Foundation (home for girls and home for boys. ( <b>earmarked by a donor</b> remitted directly to Fr. John )	\$	(131.00)
* St. John the Baptist Barangay Consolacion Catechism and children from several districts run by Sister Josephine Gosmo	\$	(327.25)
* Canossian Sons of Charity c/o Fr. Jeephy Simbajon: Oratorio food items for poor children	\$	-
* Teach the Children How to Pray the Rosary/Feed the Children run by 2 teachers: 5 Sundays (catered food, taho and juice for 67 children)	\$	-
	\$	-
* LBC boxes shipment => 6 food boxes to Cagayan de Oro charities. At least 75 days to receive these boxes	\$	(503.00)
**In San Diego		
* Pastoral Charity Fund of St. Charles Church ( <b>not yet posted by bank</b> )	\$	(500.00)
	\$	-
**Special Projects: Mexico		
	\$	-
**Special Projects: Philippines		
* Students Transportation Allowance Program, 4 college students & 1 high school in CDO island ( <b>earmarked by a donors</b> ) Feb to June 2026 for \$500 plus \$100. \$10 fee to transmit.	\$	(610.00)
* 120 Hygiene items: bars of soap, face towel, toothpastes, tooth brushes, men's comb for Consolacion Barangay children (already shipped to Cagayan de Oro). The remaining items will be sent through LBC and Sister Babylyn will take of these for children who need the most.	\$	(742.09)
* 80 T-shirts for Teach the Children How to Pray the Rosary, Paliparan Cavite	\$	(186.64)
Other:	\$	-
Cartridge Toner, storage bags 1 gal (for hygiene items to children)	\$	(220.42)
		-
Total Expenses	\$	<b>(5,673.84)</b>
Grand Total Deposits/Expenses in February 2026 balance	\$	<b>(584.84)</b>

**God bless you and thank you!**

Sincerely,

*Merlyn Baker and Team*

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