

St. Charles Catholic Church

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Mission: Our Lady of the Lake Sunrise Beach



Pastor: Rev. Anthony Alphonse ~ Diocese of Austin

Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 29, 2013

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:00 pm at Our Lady of the Lake,
Sunrise Beach

Saturday 5:30 pm at St. Charles, Kingsland

Sunday 9:00 am at St. Charles, Kingsland

Weekday Masses

8:00 am Tuesday-Friday at St. Charles

Reconciliation

Before Masses and by appointment



YEAR OF FAITH 2012-2013

Mass Intentions

Sat. 9/28	4:00 pm	Special Intention
	5:30 pm	James Butts, Sr. †
Sun. 9/29	9:00 am	All Parishioners
Mon. 9/30	NO MASS	
Tues. 10/1	NO MASS	
Wed. 10/2	NO MASS	
Thurs. 10/3	NO MASS	
Fri. 10/4	8:00 am	In honor of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
		Bill Turlak †
Sat. 10/5	4:00 pm	Howard & Ann Freeman †
	5:30 pm	
Sun. 10/6	9:00 am	All Parishioners

When we pray the Creed each Sunday we are professing the core beliefs of our Catholic Faith. While those beliefs have not changed, the way we express and explain those beliefs are adapted to each age and generation. How do you appreciate the unchanging truths of our Catholic faith? Through study and adult education in what ways have you deepened your understanding of these truths?

Today's Gospel continues the lesson from last Sunday. Comfort and wealth made the rich man blind to poor Lazarus lying on his doorstep and also blind to his own need for God. Before God we are all as poor and needy as Lazarus. Since God has given us love, grace and mercy so freely are we not called to give to the materially poor the material gifts God has given us?

St. Luke's Gospel presents a tragic story of selfishness and arrogance in the person of the "rich man." The description of the poor man connects to Luke's Beatitudes, "Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours." The parable calls us to reflect on our relationship with each other and the goods of this world. Do we use the goods of this world to help and serve others or do we use others to serve ourselves? In what ways do you need to listen to and be convinced of Jesus' message to prepare for the Kingdom? The Epistle 2013

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2ND
CHOIR PRACTICE & GUITAR LESSONS 5:30 PM
CCE 6:30 PM ~ in church

TODAY'S GOSPEL REFLECTION FROM FR. ALPHONSE

In today's Gospel our Lord tells the parable of the rich man and Lazarus. A poor man named Lazarus: Jesus names the poor man, but not the rich one, thus reversing the order of the present society which treats "Mr. X" as a person but not the ordinary worker.

We also see that, on dying, Lazarus finds many friends: the angels and Abraham, the father of believers. The rich man, on the other hand, finds neither friends nor lawyers to relieve his situation: hell is isolation.

Some people would like to know what was the rich man's sin for which he was condemned to hell. Was it because he denied some crumbs from his table to Lazarus? But the Gospel does not say this. Instead it shows that the rich man did not even see Lazarus lying at his door.

All the parables of our Lord are based on everyday happenings. While we hope and pray that the case of the rich man described here is not an everyday occurrence, we cannot doubt but that such cases have happened and will happen again. This rich man is not in eternal torments because he was rich and even very rich, but because he let his wealth become his master and forgot God and his neighbor and his own real welfare, eternal life.

The Gospel, in its desire to save the rich as well as the poor, asks us to work with a view to removing the abyss which separates them.



St. Charles annual Ladies and Men's Club Garage and Bake Sale will be held next Friday October 4th from 8:00 am till 3:00 pm and Saturday, October 5th from 8:00 am till noon.

Donations will be accepted starting Monday September 30th thru Thursday, October 3rd from 9:00 am till 3:00 pm. Baked goods will be accepted Thursday, October 3rd till 4:00 pm. Call 830-598-5500 for more information or if you need donations to be picked up.

CATHOLIC CORNER: (a gentle Reminder of facts we've learned but perhaps have forgotten or not thought about in a long time)



St. Michael, the Archangel -

Feast Day - September 29th ~ Patron of grocers, mariners, paratroopers, police, and sickness. The name Michael signifies "Who is like to God?" and was the war cry of the good angels in the battle fought in heaven against Satan and his followers. Holy Scripture describes St. Michael as "one of the chief princes," and leader of the forces of heaven in their triumph over the powers of hell. He has been especially honored and invoked as patron and protector by the Church from the time of the Apostles. Although he is always called "the Archangel," the Greek Fathers and many others place him over all the angels- as Prince of the Seraphim.

In time of worry or danger or as we start our day it's comforting and prudent to recite the Prayer to St. Michael for protection:

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host - by the Divine Power of God - cast into hell, Satan and all the evil spirits, who roam throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4TH ~ First Friday ~ Jesus taught us to withdraw to a quiet place away from worldly distractions.. for an hour....to sit and talk to the Father telling Him our needs and hopes and worries and then in the quietness we listen.....
Mass and Adoration beginning at 8:00 am.

Mission Statement: We, the people of God of St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Kingsland, Texas and Our Lady of the Lake, Sunrise Beach, Texas form a faith community that challenges each to love and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ based on Faith, Hope and Love with no regard to race, gender, nationality, religion or social standing.

Praise the Lord, my soul!

Though our Lord Jesus Christ was rich, He became poor, so that by His poverty you might become rich..... Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

*Altar Flowers this weekend
donated to honor
The Sacred Heart of Jesus*



"Let us always meet each other with a smile, for the smile is the beginning of love." Blessed Teresa of Calcutta



NEWCOMERS OR VISITORS

Newcomers or visitors wishing to become members of St. Charles, please fill out a membership form located in the back of church and give the form to one of the greeters/ushers.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

St. Charles Parish \$1494.30
Our Lady of the Lake \$ 436.00

"Give and it shall be given to you... For surely the measure you measure with will be measured back to you." (Luke 6:38)

Precepts of the Catholic Church

1. Attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation, and benefit from the Sabbath day of rest.
2. Confess your sins at least once per year.
3. Receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter Season
4. Observe established days of fasting and abstinence.
5. Help provide for the needs of the Church.
6. Obey the laws of the Church regarding matrimony.
7. Participate in the Church's mission of Evangelization of Souls.

How many did you remember during Fr. Alphonse's homily last week?

The Highland Lakes Pregnancy Resource Center would like to thank all those St. Charles Parishioners who attended our Sept. 14th Beth Moore Simulcast fundraiser. Your support of the center through your attendance, donations and volunteer efforts is greatly appreciated. Thanks to your support and the Knights of Columbus we are currently in a position to begin the process for purchasing a much needed sonogram machine to replace our broken one. The sonogram machine is a critical tool in our pro-life efforts. Thank you again for being a voice for the unborn.

We welcome this weekend Fr. Anthony Nwudah as our celebrant. God Bless you.