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*First Sunday of Lent*

*February 22, 2015*

**Pastor: Rev. Anthony Alphonse ~ Diocese of Austin**

Today's Gospel reflection from Fr. Alphonse:

As we enter the Lenten season, we pay special attention to the *cross*...

The cross reminds us of the supreme law of Christian life; *Life and Salvation come through death.*

Through His cross, Christ motivates all the positive works of mankind and enables us to build the world as God's co-workers, while shunning all forms of evil.

In the Gospel the goal of Jesus' life is clearly expressed at the beginning of His public ministry. Jesus defeats sin first of all in His own person. Having proclaimed His union with sinful mankind by receiving the baptism of penance, Jesus resists the devil's attacks.

The Good News, that we are called to share in God's own life and joy presupposes, as a necessary requirement, repentance, the sincere desire to change our hearts.

On this, the First Sunday of Lent, we think of Christ. God's Son, fasting and praying in the desert before starting His mission on our behalf.

We pray for the discipline which will enable us to follow His example so that we, too, may be victorious over the evil one.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:  
**LENTE PENANCE SERVICE ~ ST. CHARLES**  
**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18<sup>TH</sup>... 5:30 pm**  
**FR. ALPHONSE AND 2 VISITING PRIESTS**  
**WILL BE AVAILABLE TO HEAR OUR**  
**CONFESSIONS**

**Mass Intentions**

Sat. 2/21	LOLO 4:00 pm	Special Intention
	5:30 pm	Dee Kusick †
Sun. 2/22	9:00 am	All Parishioners
Mon. 2/23	NO MASS	
Tues. 2/24	6:00 pm	Special Intention
Wed. 2/25	8:00 am	Senchak-Graham Families
Thurs. 2/26	NO MASS	Priest's Lenten Day of Prayer ~ Cedarbrake
Fri. 2/27	5:30 pm	Mass & Stations of the Cross
Sat. 2/28	LOLO 4:00 pm	Special Intention
	5:30 pm	Deacon Ron Woods †
Sun. 3/1	9:00 am	All Parishioners



Before he began his public ministry, Jesus spent 40 days in the desert. He prayed, fasted, confronted temptation, and prepared for the journey that was to come. During Lent, we imitate Jesus in self-denial. We pray, fast, and give alms. Using God's Word and centuries of spiritual practices and devotions, we can, little by little, set aside what distracts and harms us, open our lives to deep conversation to the Lord, and emerge ready to enter into the lasting joy of life with the Risen Christ. *OSV*

Don't forget our "Share the Harvest Food Wagon". When you are out doing your grocery shopping please consider picking up an extra item or two and bring when you come to Mass. *God Bless You.*



**WELCOME NEWCOMERS OR VISITORS:** Newcomers or visitors wishing to become members of St. Charles or Our Lady of the Lake, please fill out a membership form located in the back of church and give the form to one of the greeters/ushers.

## ***Children's Worship Bulletins***

**ASHES TO EASTER..** This year more than 51,000 little boxes have been distributed to parishes throughout the Austin Diocese so that families can take part in the Ashes to Easter campaign. During Lent, which begins with Ash Wednesday on Feb. 13, families are asked to contribute coins to the boxes and to pray for the missionaries for whom the money is collected.

Each week at St. Charles Mass, after the homily, our Cantor will lead us in singing "Let the Children come to me". At this time please send your children ages 3 to 12 to the altar where they can pick up their Bulletin. The bulletin contains a game or puzzle that corresponds with the day's Gospel. There is also a 'secret code' to use when they get home for more games. GREAT QUALITY FAMILY TIME...

**Ordination of Auxiliary Bishop Danny Garcia ...** Bishop-designate Garcia will be ordained bishop at a Mass ~ March 3 at 2 p.m. at St. William Parish in Round Rock.



The rosary will be prayed every Sunday at 8:30 a.m. Please join us each Sunday for this special prayer before the Mass.

### **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 at St. Charles**

6:00 pm Tuesday

8:00 am Wednesday - Friday

### **Reconciliation**

Before Masses and by appointment

### **The Sacrament of Baptism**

on the 3rd Saturday of the month immediately following the 5:30 pm Mass at St. Charles.

If you have questions or need to schedule a Come help the Knights raise money to help others in need.

Baptism please contact the office.

### **Office Hours**

Tuesday and Thursday

9:00 am till noon

**Mandatory Training** for current Lectors will be held on Thursday, March 5, 2015, at 8:45 am in the church. If you are unable to attend this training, another training session will be held on Saturday, March 14, 2015, at 10:00 am in the church. The training will last from 1 - 1½ hours. Each person should be prepared to read one reading of their choice from the Sunday Lectionary. If you are interested in becoming a Lector, please contact Lucille Moody at (830) 598 8973. To serve as a Lector is an honor and privilege and it is your responsibility to attend the training to meet your obligations to serve in this capacity. If you are unable to attend either training times to fulfill your obligational requirements, you will need to discuss this with Father Alphonse.

Send bulletin announcements by **5:00 PM** on **MONDAY** to [stcharles@nctv.com](mailto:stcharles@nctv.com). You **must** put in the subject line of email "**bulletin announcement**". This will help us and it will ensure your important information is not overlooked.

A secure locking mailbox has been placed on the wall by the rectory office door. A convenient place with easy access for Fr. Alphonse. Please drop any notes to Fr. A., reimbursement forms, mass intentions, flower requests, etc. in this box.



### **LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS**

St. Charles \$2257

Our Lady of the Lake \$ 898

We give back to the Lord only what He has first given us - we come into this world with nothing; we shall leave with nothing. Freely we have received of the Lord's blessings; let us graciously return to him the first and the best that we have.

**IN CASE OF EMERGENCY OR DEATH ONLY ~**  
**THE CHURCH EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBER**  
**IS 512-756-9003**

A QUICK JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE by Jeff Cavins, a noted Catholic biblical scholar. We will show and discuss this series each Wednesday morning, in Lee Hall, beginning Feb. 11, at 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.. With Lent coming, this would be a good way to focus on our Salvation History. This series is an overview of God's redemptive plan from Genesis through the resurrection of Jesus and the establishment of the Catholic Church. Lent is an excellent time to reflect on God's saving plan. If you are interested in attending, please sign up on the sheet on the table.

Won't you consider sponsoring a weekend in 2015 with flowers for the altar with your special intention? In thanks and adoration we bring to the altar fresh flowers each week. You can honor a loved one's birthday or anniversary or life or perhaps a special thanksgiving.

**St. Charles** available dates:

June 28, August 16, 30,  
October 4, November 8.

**Our Lady of the Lake** has sponsors for May 23, June 6, and August 22. All other dates are available at this time.



PLEASE HELP US FILL OUR 2015 CALENDAR FOR ALTAR FLOWERS. Forms can be found at the entrance of Church.



**WE ALL HAVE CROSSES.** When we look at the call to take up our cross, we tend to think of the way God asks us to accept and embrace the sufferings and hardships that come from living in this fallen world. While we have a difficult time understanding why a good God allows his people to suffer, we all know what suffering feels like, and we can understand how it can be linked to the cross.

This kind of suffering can be physical or spiritual or psychological. It can range from cancer to the inner wounds caused by someone who persecutes you because of your faith. It can come in the form of a stillborn baby or in the form of a healthy child who is not doing as well as he or she could do in school. It can come from our standing up for innocent life in a culture of death, or it can come from having to endure the pain of a broken relationship. Whatever its source, we all have situations in our lives that we could honestly call "crosses" that we have to bear.

It is important to see, however, that before we accept or embrace any cross we may encounter, we should feel free to ask the Lord to remove it from us. Yes, Jesus told us to carry our crosses. But at the same time he himself healed many people. He removed their crosses because of his love and compassion. Just as Jesus removed the crosses from these people, there are many instances where he wants to remove ours. He knows all about our suffering, and he is with us. He loves to heal us.

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**FLU SEASON:** For the sake of caution, the bishop recommends that the pastor of each parish suspend temporarily the distribution of the Blood of Christ at the Eucharist in order to prevent the spread of disease during the time of a flu outbreak. Likewise if you are accustomed to receiving Communion on the tongue, you will prevent spreading your saliva to the hand of the Communion minister by receiving Communion in the hand during times of flu outbreaks or when you or someone in your household has been sick.



**At the Sign of Peace,** you can offer a smile or a wave or a simple bow of the head to those around you. If you have come in direct contact with someone who has been sneezing or coughing, avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with your hands until you can wash them. This is a good practice at any time since germs can spread when we touch our eyes, nose, or mouth. Respect should be given to individuals who refrain from sharing a handshake at the Sign of Peace. This is at the discretion of each individual person.

Your Pregnancy Center continues its work of standing in the gap for the unborn. Join with your Center in providing hope, help and healing for the moms and dads who need Christ-centered answers to the questions they have about new life! Please give generously to the annual baby bottle fundraising drive March 7th & 8th and thank you for your prayers and support.



**FASTING** is not only a discipline of self control but it also serves as an aid to prayer. Just as our bodies hunger for physical food, so too do our souls hunger for God. By fasting we signify our oneness with the Lord, acknowledge our need for conversion and give witness to our solidarity with those less fortunate.

