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Second Sunday of Lent

March 1, 2015

Pastor: Rev. Anthony Alphonse

~ Diocese of Austin

Today's Gospel reflection from Fr. Alphonse:

The Transfiguration of Jesus is the center of today's Gospel. It is not by chance that Jesus brings Peter, James and John and invites them to go up the mountain with Him, just like Moses, who went up Mount Sinai to encounter the Glory of God.

Certain conditions of solitude dispose man to receive God's communications. Who is Jesus? Peter has already answered this question, but now it is the Father who gives the answer. Jesus is the Beloved Son. The eternal love of the Father can only be satisfied by the Son who shares His own Divinity. Moses and Elijah, two of the most popular and powerful prophets of the Old Testament, come to Jesus.

God had, many times and in many ways, spoken through the prophets, but now He gives all that He can give us by sending His own Son: *listen to Him* (Deut 18:19) as the prophet who gathers in Himself all the prophets.

In the transfiguration the apostles got a glimpse of Jesus' inner life and glory. Somehow, contemplation of the risen Christ became a new experience of God. This was so intense that they wished to stay there, just with Jesus, forgetting all the rest; they had discovered that the Lord was able to fill their lives. The God who transfigured Jesus, is waiting to transfigure us with the glory that comes from our being to God what Jesus is: *"My beloved child on whom my favor rests."*

LENTE PENANCE SERVICE ~ ST. CHARLES
 WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18TH... 5:30 pm
 FR. ALPHONSE AND 2 VISITING PRIESTS
 WILL BE AVAILABLE TO HEAR OUR
 CONFESSIONS

Mass Intentions

Sat. 2/28 OLOL	4:00 pm	Special Intention
	5:30 pm	Deacon Ron Woods †
Sun. 3/1	9:00 am	All Parishioners
Mon. 3/2	NO MASS	
Tues. 3/3	NO MASS	Auxiliary Bishop Danny Garcia Ordination
Wed. 3/4	8:00 am	Bill Turlock †
Thurs. 3/5	8:00 am	Bea Coates †
Fri. 3/6	5:30 pm	Mass & Stations of the Cross
Sat. 3/7 OLOL	4:00 pm	Special Intention
	5:30 pm	Ruth Miller
Sun. 3/8	9:00 am	All Parishioners



Jesus took Peter, James and John and led them up on a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white. Elijah appeared to them along with Moses. A cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved son. Listen to Him". Mark 9

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND FOR THE POOR

Men's Club Fajita Dinner: The Men's Club will be conducting their annual Fajita Dinner fundraiser on St Patrick's Day, March 17th. Social time will begin at 6:30 and the dinner will consist of fajitas, beans and all the trimmings. Tickets will be available after Mass at St Charles and Our Lady of the Lake at a cost of \$8.00 per person.



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.

Take-outs will be available if you cannot stay for the dinner. This is our first fund raiser of the year – please support our needy charitable organizations and people in our community. Last year the Men's Club distributed more than \$8000.00, in addition to joining the Knights of Columbus in providing holiday meals to over 60 families and 60 nursing home residents. Thank you for your generosity and continued support.

Ladies Club Meeting will be on March 9, 11:30am at Lee Hall. Please bring a dish to share for lunch. All ladies of St. Charles are welcome, as well as visitors or friends of ladies club members.



Men's Club Taco Breakfast
Please join us next Sunday (3/8/15) for our monthly Taco Breakfast after the 9 AM Mass.



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

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.

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 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.

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 Baptism please contact the office.

Office Hours

Tuesday and Thursday

9:00 am till noon

Send bulletin announcements by **5:00 PM** on **MONDAY** to 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.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

St. Charles	\$ 2522
Ash Wednesday Missions	\$ 673
Our Lady of the Lake	\$ 600
Ash Wednesday Missions	\$ 199

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.



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.**

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.



As we are praying for healing, we also face a crucial question: If I am meant to embrace this cross, will I do it out of a "noble" position of faith or through an "empowered" position of faith? There is an important distinction here: A "noble" person who accepts a cross does so with good intentions, trying his or her best not to complain or give to self-pity. While this is the right way to embrace the cross, if it is done solely out of our own noble intentions human strength, there will likely be some degree of discouragement, anger or self-blame attached. After all, crosses are downright heavy, and their burdens are just too painful to bear on our own.

This is where the "empowered" position of faith comes in. God wants to give us his own divine grace to help us embrace the crosses of life. Jesus once told St. Paul: "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." these words so moved Paul that he was able to write: "I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and constraints, for the sake of Christ; for when I am weak, then I am strong" (2 Cor 12:9-10)

Embracing a cross with the help of God's grace is quite different from nobly trying our best to accept a cross without grace. Those who embrace a cross through grace find themselves depending on God more and more each day. They find reserves of strength, trust, and surrender that they know are not their own but that come from a loving, merciful God. Rather than dwell on their own sufferings, they find themselves moved with compassion for other people, even as they themselves endure pain and difficulty. In short, they become more and more like Jesus.

This is the paradox of the cross: We accept suffering not because it is good and not because we like it but as part of our vocation as followers of Jesus Christ. These crosses can become opportunities for us to grow closer to Jesus and give him glory..... WAU

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.

