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Third Sunday of Lent

March 8, 2015

Pastor: Rev. Anthony Alphonse ~ Diocese of Austin

A Lenten reflection from Fr. Alphonse:

Every thoughtful Christian instinctively recognizes that Lent is a very special, grace-filled and challenging time of the year.

This is one reason why many of us have probably experienced certain sentiments of dissatisfaction with past Lents. Many have also probably noticed a development in the meaning of Lent during recent years.

For older Catholics, much of the emphasis was on fasting and abstaining from certain foods, from alcohol and smoking, movies, etc.... along with some added spiritual exercises like daily Mass and/or spiritual reading. It was mainly an exercise in self-discipline that was hopefully related to the passion of Our Lord. But for the most part we hardly saw it as being related to the yearly renewal of the entire church. Nor did we place much emphasis on the personal renewal of our baptism or on personal conversion to Christ. Conversion, we thought, was for Protestants who had decided to become Catholics and were taking instructions in Catholic doctrine.

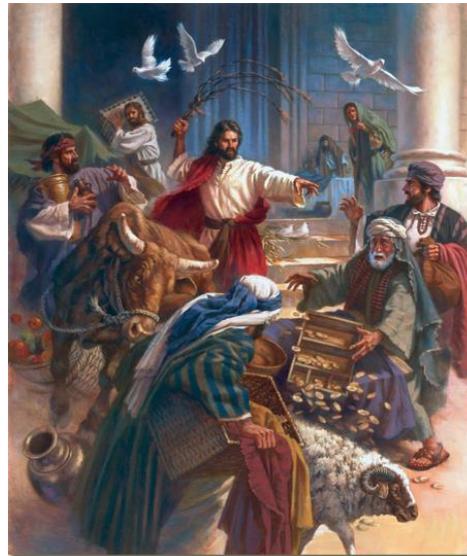
But now, more and more, we see personal conversion for ourselves as an ongoing, life-long process of turning to Christ and allowing Him to take over the direction of our lives. It is a life-long process of being filled with the ideals of the Gospel of Jesus. It is growing up in Christ. And it is not only for individual Christians but for the entire Church.

Lent brings us to a deeper appreciation and love for the greatest treasure we have as Christians, the Blessed Eucharist, the Mass. The Mass actually makes the entire redeeming life, work and sacrifice of Jesus present on our altars. It is hard for us to grasp the full implications of this reality, which is another reason why we need Lent so badly.

Day to Day, Lent leads us along the road of ever-growing appreciation of the historical life, death and resurrection of Jesus, now made present on our altars, so that we can take it to ourselves and add our own loving sacrificial life to it.

Mass Intentions

Sat. 3/7 OLOL	4:00 pm	Special Intention
	5:30 pm	Ruth Miller
Sun. 3/8	9:00 am	All Parishioners
Mon. 3/9	NO MASS	
Tues. 3/10	6:00 pm	Special Intention
Wed. 3/11	8:00 am	Deacon Ron Woods †
Thurs. 3/12	8:00 am	Albina & Edwin Jezek †
Fri. 3/13	5:30 pm	Mass & Stations of the Cross
Sat. 3/14 OLOL	4:00 pm	Special Intention
	5:30 pm	Special Intention
Sun. 3/15	9:00 am	All Parishioners



He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove

them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen and spilled the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. John 2

A person's soul should be clean like a mirror reflecting light. If there is dirt on the mirror his face cannot be seen in it. In the same way, no one who has sin within him can see God. (Wisdom from the Fathers)

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

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.



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.



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.

NEXT WEEKEND DIOCESAN SECOND COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

To all Men's Club members and those wishing to join the St Charles/Our Lady of the Lake Men's Club. We are having our monthly meeting on Thursday 3/12/15, starting at 6:30pm followed by a meal following the meeting.



Men's Club Taco Breakfast

Please join us this Sunday (3/8/15) for our monthly Taco Breakfast after the 9 AM Mass.



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.



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 Baptism please contact the office.

Office Hours

Tuesday and Thursday

9:00 am till noon

Mandatory Training for current Lectors, will be held on Saturday, March 14, 2015, at 10:00 am in the church. The training will last from 1 to 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 were unable to attend the first training session and can't make this one 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. 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	\$ 2861
Poor Fund	\$ 282
Our Lady of the Lake	\$ 742
Poor Fund	\$ 161

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.

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.



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.

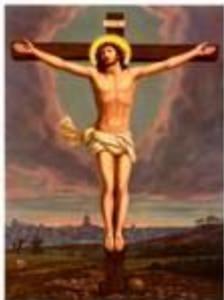
Your Pregnancy Center continues its work of standing in the gap for the unborn. Join with your Center in providing hope, help and healing for the moms and dads who need Christ-centered answers to the questions they have about new life! Please give generously to the annual baby bottle fundraising drive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



EASTER SERVICES 2015 ~ TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday ~ St. Charles

April 2nd ~ 7:00 PM - Mass, Lord's Supper, Washing of Feet, Transferring Holy Eucharist. Adoration from 8:30-midnight – in the Church (Coffee, Juice & Cookies available from 8:30 to midnight in Lee Hall)



Good Friday ~ St. Charles

April 3rd ~ 3:00 PM – Stations of the Cross ~ come walk as Jesus walked ~ followed by Celebration of the Lord's Passion and Veneration of the Cross — after the services we will have ~ Fellowship, Coffee, Juice and Hot Cross Buns - in Lee Hall.



Holy Saturday ~ St. Charles

April 4th ~ 8:00 PM - Service of Light, and Mass



EASTER SUNDAY

April 5th

9:00 AM ~ **St. Charles**

11:00 AM ~ **St. Charles**

11:00 AM ~ **Our Lady of the Lake**

**GOD
HAS BEEN SO
GOOD
2 ME!**

2015 LENTEN SCHEDULE

St. Charles: Rosary 5:00 PM

Mass & Stations of the Cross at 5:30 PM

Friday, February 20th

Friday, February 27th

Friday, March 6th

Friday, March 13th

Friday, March 20th

Friday, March 27th

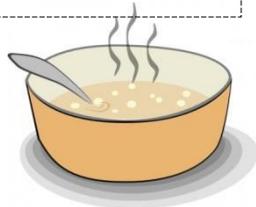


Come walk as Jesus walked... the way of the cross.

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.....

"Remember you are dust, and to dust you will return."

St. Charles Soup Suppers after Mass and Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings.



Altar Server Training:

Now that we are into Lent, we need to get ready for Holy Week. We will be having 2 altar server training meetings:

The 1st one on March 15th after the 9 am Mass. The 2nd one will be March 22nd after Mass.

These meetings are very important and ALL altar servers and those wishing to become altar servers need to attend at least one of these meetings (preferably both) to be eligible to serve during Holy Week. If there are any questions or concerns please contact Richard Collins or Chuck Woods.

My eyes are always on the Lord, for He rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor. Ps 25

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, families are asked to contribute coins to the boxes and to pray for the missionaries for whom the money is collected. Bring back your filled boxes on Easter Sunday.



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.*

REMINDER: The U.S. Catholic bishops call for all Catholics 14 years and older to **abstain** from meat on **Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent.**

As part of our **personal denial** we might choose to abstain from meat on one or two other days of the week as well. The Church gives us 2 days to fast but we might choose to fast one or two additional days a week during lent also.

God asks us to die to ourselves and resist temptation. But He is asking this so that we can clear out more space in our hearts for Him and for His grace. The discipline and self-sacrifice we take up during Lent are not ends to themselves. They are not here to prove our strength. Rather, we take them on so that we can become more fully alive in Christ, more able to reveal His love to the people around us.

This Lent, keep your eyes on the prize; a new life in Christ. WAU



Thank you God for the rain... Thank you God for everything! ♥

Our Lady of the Lake... Our Lady of the Lake...

Our Lady of the Lake will have Stations of the Cross after Mass each Saturday during Lent. Our Lady of the Lake will be having a Soup, Salad and Dessert Supper during Lent on February 21st, March 7th and March 21st after Mass. All are invited to attend - please let us know that you will attend and what you will bring. You may email Charles Okaly at cokaly@nctv.com or the signup sheet in the back of church.



OLL's library is ready for checkouts on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays from 3:00 pm to 3:45 pm before mass beginning in February. This would be good time to find some Lenten reading.

Rosary will be prayed at Our Lady of the Lake before Mass on **Our Lady of the Lake... Our Lady of the Lake...** Saturday at 3:30 pm, please join us.



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