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Fourth Sunday of Lent ~ Laetare Sunday

March 15, 2015

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A Lenten reflection from Fr. Alphonse:

During the Lenten season and throughout our life, prayer plays an important role. People who pray have a guiding star. Like a hidden, invisible pole it draws them on. Frequently, they are obliged to feel their way, but the goal they have in view fills their whole being, leading them along.

Step-by-step they discover that they have been created to be the dwelling place of Another. As they begin to listen to what is happening in their heart of hearts, they understand that they are unique. Through their praying they are being touched to the core, they are becoming someone else for other people.

Prayer is both struggle and surrender. It is also waiting, waiting for a way through, waiting for the walls of our inner resistance to break down. Just as we do, Christ in His earthly life experienced times of intense patience.

Prayer is an astonishing thing. It propels us elsewhere, out of ourselves. We can recognize Christ in our neighbor, and He is always alive within us, but He is elsewhere too, present in His own right.

We need Lent. In the midst of our busy lives, with worldly forces and temptations working hard to distract us from the call of Christ, the weeks of Lent are a gift. As we fast, pray, and extend our hands to the poor, we are imitating Christ, joining ourselves more closely to Him. He suffered and sacrificed; so do we. He lives in eternal joy; so will we, as we follow him in hope.

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)*

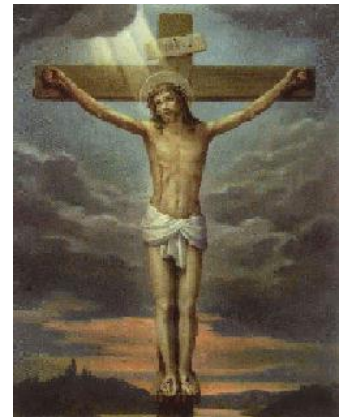
Mass Intentions

Sat. 3/14 OLOL	4:00 pm	Special Intention
	5:30 pm	Special Intention
Sun. 3/15	9:00 am	All Parishioners
Mon. 3/16	NO MASS	
Tues. 3/17	6:00 pm	Special Intention
Wed. 3/18	8:00 am	Special Intention
Thurs. 3/19	8:00 am	Rosie Groholski †
Fri. 3/20	5:30 pm	Mass & Stations of the Cross
Sat. 3/21 OLOL	4:00 pm	Pat Robertson †
	5:30 pm	Deacon Ron Woods †
Sun. 3/22	9:00 am	All Parishioners



"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may have eternal life" John 3:14

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in Him may have eternal life."



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.



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.

Diocesan Second Collection For Catholic Relief Services This Weekend Catholic Relief Services (CRS) was founded in 1943 by the Catholic Bishops of the U. S. to assist the poor and disadvantaged outside the country. Working under the auspices of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, CRS is administered by a board of bishops and lay people, and is staffed by men and women committed to the Catholic Church's apostolate of helping those in need.....

NEXT WEEKEND THE SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR OUR EASTER FLOWERS



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

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.**

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.

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

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is traditionally called **Laetare Sunday**. The Latin word can be translated, "rejoice." It announces to us that we are drawing ever closer to the feast for which we are preparing ~ Easter.

MARY, Mother of Jesus, you were Jesus' gift for us from the Cross. He gave you to us as our mother. Intercede for all our needs. Amen

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.

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 \$ 2720
 Our Lady of the Lake \$ 846

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

CATHOLIC CORNER: *(a gentle reminder of facts we once learned but perhaps have forgotten)*



The sacrament of Penance heals and saves the baptized person from sin. The sacrament of Penance is also called the sacrament of conversion, of Reconciliation, or of Confession.

Christ instituted the sacrament of Penance on Easter Sunday evening when he breathed on the Apostles and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." (Jn 20:22-23)

The sacrament of Penance forgives the sins of the baptized person committed after Baptism. The sacrament of Penance restores the gift of God's grace after it has been lost through a mortal sin. Penance reconciles us with the Church. Penance anticipates the Last Judgment because the sinner, who is guilty of a mortal sin, in celebrating the sacrament of Penance avoids the judgment of the damned. The sinner is freed from the risk of hell.

For those who are not guilty of a mortal sin, the sacrament of Penance strengthens and intensifies the life of God in them. The sacrament of Penance also helps all develop a sense of sin and helps in the proper formation of conscience. The sacrament of Penance is for all members of the Church, most especially for those who have sinned gravely after Baptism.

There is no sin too great to be forgiven. But one must ask for forgiveness.

The sin of presumption, which means that one assumes God will forgive, even without asking, or that one can be saved without God's help, is called a sin against the Holy Spirit. This sin cannot be forgiven because the one who commits this sin refuses to ask for forgiveness. Once the sinner asks, the sin can be forgiven.

The sin of despair, which means that one is convinced that his or her sins are so grave that God cannot forgive them, cannot be forgiven because the one who commits this sin refuses to ask for forgiveness. Once the sinner asks, the sin can be forgiven.

In the sacrament of penance, the sinner must have a sorrow for his or her sins, must confess them to a priest, and must do satisfaction for the sins.

After the confession of sins, the penitent must make satisfaction for the sins committed. All sins wound the sinner and many wrong others. One must do what is possible to repair the harm.

Stolen goods must be restored.

Compensation must be made for injuries.

Reputations, if harmed, need to be restored.

The sinner must do a penance to restore his or her own spiritual health. The penance is assigned by the priest. ...Outlines of the Catholic Faith

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**



2015 LENTEN SCHEDULE

St. Charles: Rosary 5:00 PM

Mass & Stations of the Cross at 5:30 PM

Friday, March 20th

Friday, March 27th



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

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



The sixth annual Baby Bottle Fundraiser is underway to benefit the Highland Lakes Pregnancy Resource Center. If you did not pick up a baby bottle to fill with your donation, empty bottles are available in the church entry. When you've filled your bottles return them by placing them in the basket at the Center's display in the entry. Thank you for standing in the gap for the unborn with your prayers and donations. If you are interested in volunteering to help the Center, please call Dolores Bacon at [325-388-0354](tel:325-388-0354).



Dear Lord, help me to embrace every opportunity that you offer me in Lent - whether chosen or not - to experience my poverty and helplessness, that I may approach you with a simple faith and total trust.....*The Magnificat*

Loving Father, help us to rejoice in the light that your Son gives us. Help us to be glad that he comes to save and not to condemn the world.....*The Magnificat*

PLEASE NOTE: on PALM SUNDAY ~ St. Charles will gather before Mass under the pavilion. Here we'll have blessing of the palms and a procession into Church *through the front door*. For anyone unable to participate in the procession, please just take your place inside church and an usher will bring you a blessed palm before Mass begins.

St. Paul the Apostle Rummage Sale, March 27-28

Don't miss the Giant Rummage Sale Friday, March 27, and Saturday, March 28, at St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church in Horseshoe Bay. The sale will offer hundreds of items ranging from golf and other sporting equipment to new and gently worn clothing and shoes, household and kitchen items, lawn equipment, toys, baby furniture, and household furniture and appliances. Sale hours will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 27 and 28, only. No credit cards and all sales are final. The sale will be held at the Finn Family Life Center, 201 Dalton Circle, Horseshoe Bay, TX 78657.



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.



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

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.*

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 Saturday at 3:30 pm, please join us.

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