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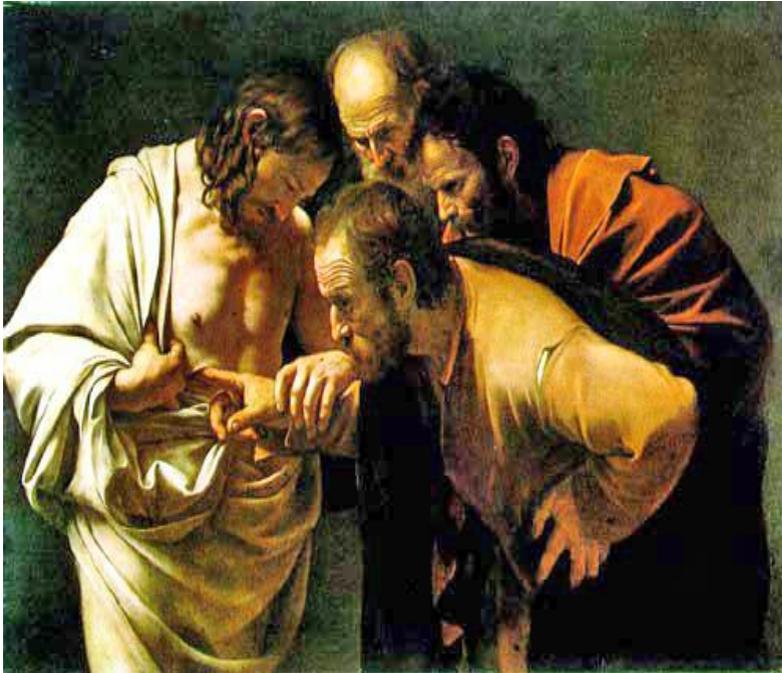
Mission:
OUR LADY OF THE LAKE
120 RR 2233
Sunrise Beach, TX 78643

Second Sunday of Easter ~ Divine Mercy Sunday

April 12, 2015

Pastor: Rev. Anthony Alphonse ~ Diocese of Austin

This week's Gospel reflection from Fr. Alphonse:



You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord; blessed are those who have not seen me, but still believe! (Jn 20:29)

In the Gospel, Thomas got his Christ-experience in the community. In the community he became a believer because there he met Jesus. Yes, we need the community more than ever, for we, too, meet Christ in the community. The community becomes thus the center of the encounter and we have to make the discovery that Jesus lives there.

Jesus appears in the midst of those who accept Him, those who are gathered in His name.

Peace, happiness, and brotherliness is there where Jesus is. Once we realize the conditions for His coming to us, namely, avoiding sin and evil, He takes away all fear from us and gives us the joy of His presence. In such a community all will be one of heart and mind; one member will carry the burden of another and make life pleasant and worth living.

The question is: *"Is our faith founded on Jesus the Risen Lord?"* True faith demands total commitment, total determination.

Easter is not over and done with by some feasting and singing of "Alleluia". The Risen Lord, in fact, comes to us every moment of our life. If we are selfless and Christ-centered and build up a community of prayer, love and forgiveness, we will shed on all around us, in abundant measure, the peace and joy of the Risen Lord.

Mass Intentions

Sat. 4/11	OLOL	4:00 pm	Jo Tankersly †
		5:30 pm	Mary Louise Fritz †
Sun. 4/12		9:00 am	All Parishioners
Mon 4/13		NO MASS	
Tues. 4/14		6:00 pm	Special Intention
Wed. 4/15		8:00 am	Mary Turlak †
Thurs. 4/16		8:00 am	Pearl Trojanowski †
Fri. 4/17		8:00 am	E. J. Michal †
Sat. 4/18	OLOL	4:00 pm	Shane & Kaitlyn Emerson
		5:30 pm	Robert Timrick †
Sun. 4/19		9:00 am	All Parishioners

Diocesan Second Collection this weekend will be for Seminarian and Priest Education....

Alleluia, He is Risen Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

ASHES TO EASTER..... If you did not return your Lent box on Easter, please bring it during the week or by next Sunday.



Please join us for brunch ~ Sunday, April 19th after Mass in Lee Hall as we celebrate with Fr. Alphonse the 23th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood. (April 23)

“Preach the truth as if we had a million voices, for it is silence that kills the world.”

—St. Catherine of Siena



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

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



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 Men's club will have their TACO Breakfast this Sunday April 12th following the 9 AM Mass.

Care of the poor is a basic Catholic Christian value for all of us. We touch the Lord when we serve the poor. In the end, the Great Judge will say that's what it's all about.

(Matthew 25)

NEXT WEEKEND THE SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR THE POOR FUND.

Love to pray - feel often, during the day the need for prayer, and take trouble to pray. Prayer enlarges the heart until it is capable of containing God's gift of Himself. Ask and seek, and your heart will grow big enough to receive Him and keep Him as your own....



Blessed Teresa of Calcutta

Wisdom of the Saints...St. Francis de Sales...

Do not look forward to what may happen tomorrow. The same everlasting Father, who takes care of you today, will take care of you tomorrow, and every day. He will either shield you from suffering or give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace, then, and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations.

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

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.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Holy Thursday	\$ 542
Good Friday	\$ 413
Holy Saturday	\$ 306
Easter Sunday	\$3316
Our Lady of the Lake	\$ 936

The Offertory is more than the “collection of money.” Our offerings represent ourselves and our dedication to God. God loves a cheerful and generous giver. We have freely received an abundance of his blessings; let us freely and humbly return thanks to him by giving of our material gifts.

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.

Please drop any notes to Fr. Alphonse or reimbursement forms, mass intentions, flower requests, etc. in the secure locking mailbox that has been placed on the wall by the rectory office door.



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)*

**Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska ~
The Humble Instrument**

Sister Faustina was a young, uneducated, nun in a convent of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Krakow, Poland during the 1930's. She came from a very poor family that struggled on their little farm during the years of World War I. She had only three years of very simple education, so hers were the humblest tasks in the convent, usually in the kitchen or garden. However, she received extraordinary revelations or messages from Our Lord Jesus. Jesus asked Sr. Faustina to record these experiences, which she compiled in notebooks. These notebooks are known today as the *Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska* and the words contained within are God's loving message of Divine Mercy.

Jesus said to Sister Faustina:

"Say unceasingly this chaplet that I have taught you. Whoever will recite it will receive great Mercy at the hour of death. Priests will recommend it to sinners as their last hope of salvation. Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this Chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My Infinite Mercy. I desire that the whole world know My Infinite Mercy. I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those who trust in My Mercy...." (Diary 687)
 "...When they say this Chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between My Father and the dying person not as the just judge but as the Merciful Savior".

Faustina wrote that Jesus told her she was to paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the signature: "Jesus, I trust in You". I desire that this image be venerated, first in your chapel, and then throughout the world. I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish. Not knowing how to paint, Faustina approached some other nuns at the convent in for help, but received no assistance. Three years later, after her assignment to Vilnius, the first artistic rendering of the image was performed under her direction. In the same 22 February 1931 message about the Divine Mercy image, Faustina also wrote in her diary that Jesus told her that he wanted the Divine Mercy image to be "solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter; that Sunday is to be the Feast of Mercy". In November 1932, Faustina returned to Warsaw to prepare to take her final vows as a nun. On 1 May 1933 she took her final vows in Kagiwniki and became a perpetual sister of Our Lady of Mercy though the Divine Mercy message is not new to the teachings of the Church, Sr. Faustina's *Diary* sparked a great movement, and a strong and significant focus on the mercy of Christ. Pope John Paul II canonized Sr. Faustina in 2000 making her the "first saint of the new millennium." Speaking of Sr. Faustina and the importance of the message contained in her *Diary*, the Pope call her "the great apostle of Divine Mercy in our time."

Today, we continue to rely of Saint Faustina as a constant reminder of the message to trust in Jesus' endless mercy, and to live life mercifully toward others. We also turn to her in prayer and request her intercession to our merciful Savior on our behalf.

The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy using our Rosary:

1. Begin with the Sign of the Cross, 1 Our Father, 1 Hail Mary and The Apostles Creed.
2. Then on the Our Father Beads say the following:
Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.
3. On the 10 Hail Mary Beads say the following:
For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.
(Repeat step 2 and 3 for all five decades).
4. Conclude with *(three times)*:
Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

<http://www.divinemercysunday.com/chaplet.htm>

Implementation sessions for Pastoral Plan

Last January, the Diocese of Austin began the process to develop a new Pastoral Plan by hosting listening sessions, focus groups and surveys. We are now ready for the next step, which is to design an Implementation Plan. To do this, we are inviting all priests, deacons, religious and lay people to attend a consultation session.

All sessions will be offered in English and Spanish and will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. as follows:

- Monday, April 13 - St. John the Evangelist Parish in Marble Falls
- Thursday, April 16 - St. John the Evangelist Parish in San Marcos
- Thursday, April 23 - St. Louis Catholic School in Waco

Please [register if you plan to attend](http://www.austindiocese.org/2015-pastoral-plan-community-gatherings) at <http://www.austindiocese.org/2015-pastoral-plan-community-gatherings>.



**FR. ALPHONSE
WILL CELEBRATE
A NOVENA OF
MASSES FOR
THE WOMEN IN OUR
LIVES THAT WE LOVE
OR APPRECIATE.
SIGN UP YOUR**

**MOTHERS, GRANDMOTHERS,
GODMOTHERS,
SISTERS, WIVES,
DAUGHTERS,
GRANDDAUGHTERS,
GODDAUGHTERS,
AUNTS,
MOTHER-IN-LAW, SISTERS-IN-
LAW, GIRLFRIENDS,
COUSINS AND
FRIENDS
BOTH LIVING
AND DECEASED.**



**CARDS ARE AVAILABLE AT EACH
ENTRANCE OF THE CHURCH.
PLEASE COMPLETE THE
INFORMATION ON
THE OUTSIDE
ENVELOPE AND
GET IT BACK TO
THE CHURCH OFFICE
OR PLACE IN THE
COLLECTION BASKET.**



**NINE MASSES WILL BE OFFERED
~ for their intentions or in their
memory.**

Jesus I trust in You.....

Children's Worship Bulletin

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....

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.*



*"In the evening, when I was in my cell, I became aware of the Lord
Jesus clothed in a white garment. One hand was raised in blessing, the other was touching the garment at the breast. From the opening of the garment at the breast there came forth two large rays, one red and the other pale. In silence I gazed intently at the Lord; my soul was overwhelmed with fear, but also with great joy. After a while Jesus said to me, 'paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the inscription: Jesus, I trust in You.'*



Some time later, Our Lord again spoke to her:
"The pale ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous; the red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls. These two rays issued forth from the depths of My most tender Mercy at that time when My agonizing Heart was opened by a lance on the Cross... Fortunate is the one who will dwell in their shelter, for the just hand of God shall not lay hold of him."

St. Faustina was granted by Jesus visions of Heaven, Hell and Purgatory... All is documented in her diary. You can find a copy at your favorite bookstore, or order from Amazon or EWTN or other sources.. You can also read on line at <http://cloudoffire.blogspot.com/2009/03/visions-of-hell-purgatory-and-heaven.html>

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

OLL's library has many new books of various interests. The library is open on the 1st and 3rd Saturday before Mass from 3:00 pm to 3:45 pm . For more info, contact Nancy Winkler at 325-388-3296.

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



Our Lady of the Lake has Altar flower sponsors for May 23, June 6, and August 22. All other dates are available at this time. Forms can be found at the entrance of Church.

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