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Mission:
OUR LADY OF THE LAKE
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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 16, 2015

Pastor: Rev. Anthony Alphonse ~ Diocese of Austin

A Gospel reflection from Fr. Alphonse:

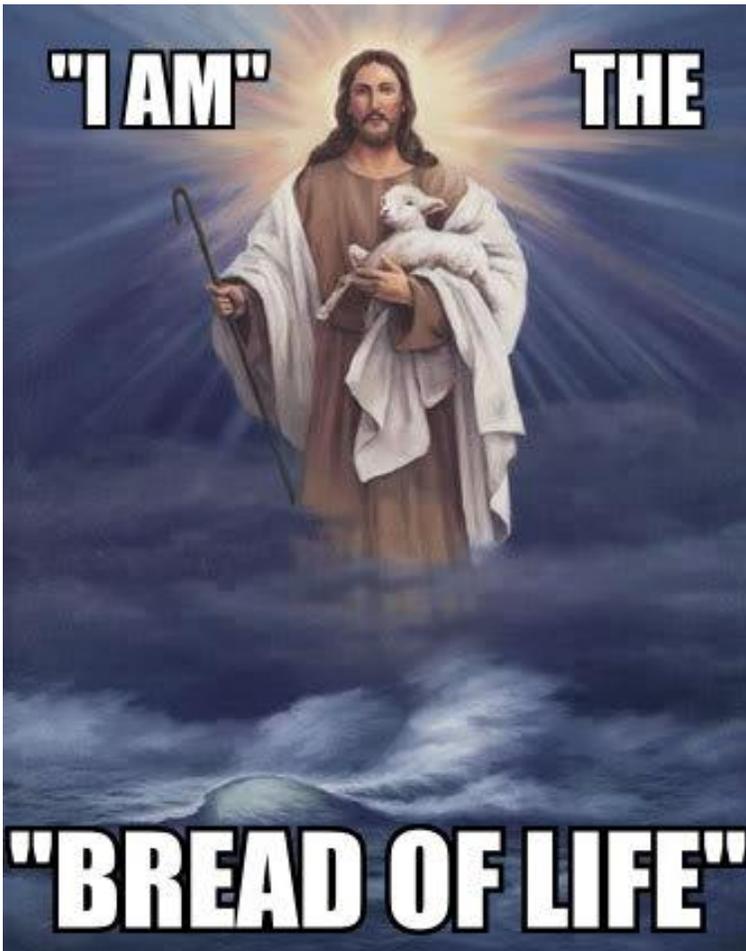
The Food of eternal life – theme of today's liturgy – is often pictured in the Bible under the image of a banquet.

Such is our first reading. This passage leads us to Jesus' promise of a banquet in which He Himself is our Food, the bread come down from heaven.

Jesus' forceful affirmation to His shocked listeners tells us that we cannot be content with affirming (as some Christians did later) that 'bread' and 'flesh' are only His teaching and doctrine.

They signify the very person of Jesus, who gives Himself as food which nourishes, strengthens, and supports us, bringing us the fulfillment of our deepest needs and desires.

Communion should create in us an identity of ideals and attitudes with those of Jesus, who must henceforth live in us. Yet, this will happen only to those who allow themselves to be 'drawn', who consciously and freely 'come to' Jesus in faith and willed self-surrender. May the Eucharist mean all this to us!



Mass Intentions

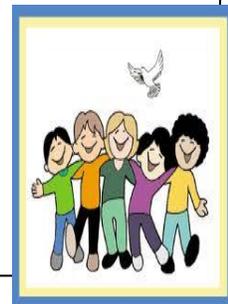
Sat. 8/15 OLOL	4:00 pm	Special Intention
	5:30 pm	Mary Ann Niccoli †
Sun. 8/16	9:00 am	All Parishioners
Mon. 8/17	NO MASS	
Tues. 8/18	6:00 pm	Special Intention
Wed. 8/19	8:00 am	Senchak-Graham Families
Thurs. 8/20	8:00 am	E. J. Michal †
Fri. 8/21	8:00 am	Deacon Ron Woods †
Sat. 8/22 OLOL	4:00 pm	Special Intention
	5:30 pm	Fr. Joe Mitrano †
Sun. 8/23	9:00 am	All Parishioners

God, our protector, keep us in mind; always give strength to your people. For if we can be with you even one day, it is better than a thousand without you. (Ps 84:10-11)

St. Charles Altar Flowers this weekend in memory of the Parents of Jim & Susan Trial...
Valentine & Cora Trial and Joseph & Marion Schultis



CCE CLASS REGISTRATION ~ It is time to register students for CCE classes. If you have children in 1st grade to High School please come to Lee Hall on September 2nd from 6:00 to 7:30 to meet the teachers, enjoy some cookies and punch, and register your children for CCE. For more information contact Joan Woods at 512-913-5838.



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

RCIA CLASSES! Do you know someone who would like to know more about the Catholic Faith? Are you interested in knowing more about your faith? Would you like to sponsor someone who wants to become Catholic? Classes will begin soon. Please call Joan Woods @ 512-913-5838 for more information.

Coffee and Donuts - Sunday Fellowship



We are in dire need of volunteers for this ministry. We only have a few willing to assist and we need more especially during the summer months.....

Please contact: Judy Breaux

St. Charles Prayer Blanket Ministry (better known as St. Charles Needlers) wishes to thank all who donated sewing machines, fabric and notions. This translated into over 500 lap quilts which were donated to Linus Connection (for children), Highland Lakes Pregnancy Resource Center (for babies), Oars (Older Adult Rural Services) (for adults) and Catholic Charities (a mix) in McAllen, TX.

To help our funding, we are holding two separate raffles for the two full size quilts, each hand-stitched by Miss Barron, that were donated to us. We had them machine stitched by Anita Howell. Tickets are available through the summer at \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00. Quilt winners will be announced at the St. Charles Borromeo Garage Sale on October 3. Thank you for your support. For more information, call June Schuh at [325-388-3789](tel:325-388-3789).



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.

Reminder to all parishioners to start saving your no longer needed items for the Ladies and Men's Club Garage Sale being held October 2nd & 3rd



LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

St. Charles	\$ 1932
Our Lady of the Lake	\$ 497

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.

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 DIRE EMERGENCY OR DEATH ONLY ~ THE CHURCH EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBER IS 512-756-9003



CATHOLIC CORNER: *(a gentle reminder of facts we've learned but perhaps have forgotten or not thought about in a long time)*

August ~ Month dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary ~ Mary came and spoke of Devotion to the Immaculate Heart also the benefits of praying the daily rosary as she appeared to the three young shepherd children at Fatima, Portugal in 1917

On a hot **May** day in 1917, three little shepherds were watching their sheep in a hollow in the mountains of Portugal called Cova da Iria. The three children shepherds: Jacinta, a girl of seven; Francisco, her brother, a lad of nine; and Lucia, a girl of ten, knelt and began to say the rosary together as they did every day. But this was such a beautiful day, and the children did not want to take the time to say the rosary as they should. So they simply said: "Our Father, Hail Mary, Hail Mary, Hail Mary, Glory be." Then they were ready for the first decade. It took them just about two minutes to finish the whole rosary in this new style! Suddenly, there was a great flash of light, brighter than lightning. The children looked up and all around them.

"Might be a big storm coming. Let's get the sheep together and go home," said Francisco. The girls agreed, and soon they and the sheep were scampering down the slope towards home. When they reached the foot of the hill they saw a second great flash. It was brighter than the first. They stopped; very much afraid.

"Look!" said Lucia, pointing toward a little oak tree.

There they saw a beautiful young lady. She was dressed in a white gown, gathered together at the neck by a gold cord. Over her head draped a fine white veil. The children were about to run when they heard a sweet voice say: "Be not afraid! I am not going to hurt you." Then the little shepherds drew near. They noticed the lovely lady had her hands joined as in prayer, and a pearl rosary fell from her fingers.

"Where did you come from?" Asked Lucia.

"I came from heaven."

"And why did you come here?" "I came to ask you to come here for six successive months, on the thirteenth of each month, at this same time. In October I shall tell you who I am and what it is I wish."

"Children, you must always say the rosary with devotion." said the lady, and then she left them.

"We must not tell anyone about the lady. No one will believe us." Said Lucia.

To this the others agreed. Then they got their sheep together and went home, even though it was much too early.

But Jacinta thought her mother would punish her for coming home, so she told about the lady!

"You are lying to me!" Shouted the mother.

Mrs. Marto, Jacinta's mother, ran at once to Lucia's home and reported all the children had told her. Lucia had not said a word to her mother, who seemed stunned at the story.

"Tell me, Lucia, are my children lying?"

"No, they are not. It's all true!"

"Don't you say another word about this, Lucia," said her mother as she ran out the door.

Lucia's mother, Maria, hurried to the pastor and told him the story. He tried to calm her, but the woman insisted her daughter was lying to her. She then hurried home and gave Lucia a sound thrashing. But that did not change Lucia's mind.

June 13 was a fair day, but the children did not care about that. It was the day the lady promised to come to see them again, and so they went to the appointed spot. There were about sixty other people waiting.

The children knelt down and began to say the rosary. When it was finished, they stood and brushed the dust from their clothes. "The lady is coming!" cried Lucia and ran down the hill to the little oak. The others followed.

Yes, it was the lady. She was dressed just the same, and she seemed pleased to see them.

"What do you want me to do?" begged Lucia.

"I want you to come here on the thirteenth of next month; and to recite the rosary every day." Then she added something the children had never heard before. "After the *Gloria Patri* of each decade, you will say, 'O my Jesus, forgive us our sins! Deliver us from the fires of hell! Have pity on the souls in purgatory, especially the most abandoned'."

"I want to ask you to take us to heaven, we want to go," said Lucia pleadingly.

"Francisco and Jacinta I will soon take. You must remain. Jesus wants you to make me known and loved. He wants to establish in the world the devotion to my Immaculate Heart."

On July 13, the children were again waiting for the lady. This time there were about five thousand others waiting too. The lady told the children that she would work a great miracle in October so that all would believe she had appeared there. She also showed them a vision of hell, and it was so unbelievably terrible they could see the pain and torment and tortured souls. "If people do what I tell you, many will be saved, and peace will come. I promise to help at the hour of death with the graces for their salvation.."

They missed the **August 13** date because the administrator of the town began to turn against the children. He was not a good man. He had no use for religion or the Church. He held them captive. He released them on August 15, the children were back home, safe and sound. They had been kept away over the thirteenth so they could not see the lady on that day. But they still believed in her. After Mass on the Sunday following, Lucia, Francisco and his brother John took the sheep out to the pasture. Suddenly Lucia felt the lady was coming. She sent John in haste to get Jacinta. Scarcely had she arrived then the lady appeared.

"Go to the Cova da Iria on the thirteenth of next month.

Pray very hard. Make many sacrifices for sinners."

Then the lady was gone.



September 13, more than 30,000 people were crowded into the Cova to see what would happen. Suddenly a white globe was seen moving through the sky toward them. Then a thin white vapor began to form above the little oak, and white flowers began to fall from the clear blue sky. The lady appeared to the children.

During the late afternoon of October 12, a storm broke over Fatima. Soon all the roads were thick with mud. But through it and the heavy rain came 70,000 people to witness the great miracle the lady had promised for that day.

When Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta arrived at eleven-thirty on **October 13**, Lucia began the rosary aloud, and all of the others prayed with her.

Exactly at noon, Lucia stopped praying.

"Here she comes! She is coming!"

All saw a white vapor, like incense, form around the children and rise into the wet air. But they could not see the lady.

"I am the Lady of the Rosary. I want you to tell them to build a chapel here, and to continue to say the rosary every day."

Then all saw the clouds part, and the sun appear like a great disk of white fire. But the children first saw a vision of the Holy Family. Next, our Lady appeared as Our Lady of Sorrows, and beside her stood Jesus. He made the sign of the cross over the people. Finally, Our Lady came again as Our Lady of Mount Carmel. She was crowned, and the Infant Jesus stood on her knee.

But while the children were enjoying the three wonderful visions, all of the others were seeing something they would never forget. The sun began to spin around as if it were a piece of fireworks. Then it stopped for a minute or so, only to begin again with more fury. Great streamers of various colors trailed from it. Then it plunged straight at the crowd!

Screams arose! Some shouted to Our Lady to save them. Others made acts of contrition out loud. For ten minutes the sun spun and danced. Then it began to ascend once more to its place, and shone brilliantly. The great miracle was over! No one now doubted the appearance of Our Lady of Fatima.

In the second apparition in June, Lucia asked the Lady, "Will you take us to heaven?" The Virgin responded, Yes, I shall take Jacinta and Francisco soon, but you will remain a little longer, since Jesus wishes you to make me known and loved on earth. He wishes also for you to establish devotion in the world to my Immaculate Heart.

Jacinta and Francisco both contracted influenza and died in 1918.

Lucia alone remained to carry on the mission assigned by the "woman from heaven." That mission came to an end on February 13, 2005, when after weeks of weakness Sr. Maria Lucia succumbed to the infirmities of old age.

<http://www.theimmaculateheart.com/>



O God, in Whom we live and move, and have our being, grant us rain, in due abundance, that, being sufficiently helped with temporal, we may then more confidently seek after eternal gifts. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen

Almighty God, we are in need of rain. We realize now, looking up into the clear, blue sky, what a marvel even the least drop of rain really is. To think that so much water can really fall out of the sky, which now is empty and clear! We place our trust in You. We are sure that You know our needs. But You want us to ask you anyway, to show You that we know we are dependent on You. Look to our dry hills and fields, dear God, and bless them with the living blessing of soft rain. Then the land will rejoice and rivers will sing Your praises, and the hearts of all will be made glad. Amen.

(Prayer for Rain from the National Catholic Rural Life Conference-Rural Life Prayer Book)

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

"Mary, give me your Heart: so beautiful, so pure, so immaculate; your Heart so full of love and humility that I may be able to receive Jesus in the Bread of Life and love Him as you love Him and serve Him in the distressing guise of the poor." *Blessed Teresa of Calcutta*



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

OLL Library is open before mass. Make your selection, sign, date and put your telephone # down in the spiral.

Contact person: Nancy Winkler 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 August 22. All other dates are available at this time. Forms can be found at the entrance of Church.

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