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OUR LADY OF THE LAKE
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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 25, 2015

Pastor: Rev. Anthony Alphonse ~ Diocese of Austin



As Jesus was leaving Jericho with his disciples, Bartimaeus, a blind man sat by the roadside begging.....

A Gospel reflection from Fr. Alphonse:

In today's Gospel Jesus gives sight to a blind man. Jesus, the Son of the Living God, asks every moment every one of us "What do you want me to do for you"? God is the One who moves us to ask something of Him.

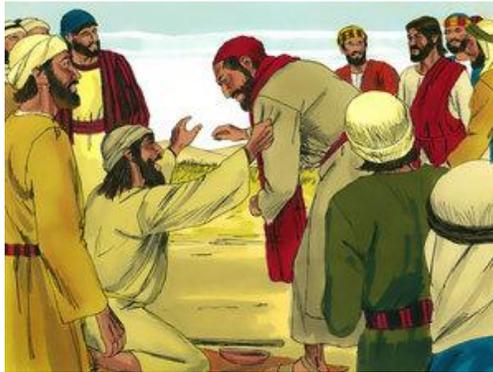
The blind man understands that if he lets this opportunity go by, there will not be another chance, and that is why he shouts all the more while the rest are trying to silence him.

We all can feel in the dark at times. We can feel lonely and cut off, cut off from much that makes life beautiful, happy and worthwhile. We find ourselves on the margin of things. We are no longer useful or wanted. People ignore us. Without love the world is very dark. And people want us to keep quiet. And we ourselves are too ashamed to cry out.

At those times we are blind, for we lose our way and our hope. We must have courage and the humility to cry out to Christ, "Lord, that I may see."

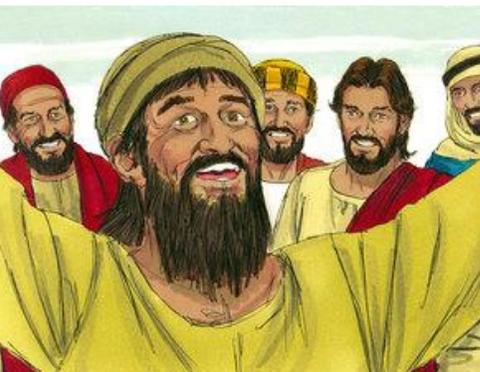
On hearing that it was Jesus he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me."

And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he kept calling out all the more...



Jesus asked him "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied to him, "Master I want to see."

Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received



his sight and followed him on the way.

Mass Intentions

Sat. 10/24	OLOL 4:00 pm	Special Intention
	5:30 pm	Ruby Alexander †
Sun. 10/25	9:00 am	All Parishioners
Mon. 10/26	NO MASS	
Tues. 10/27	6:00 pm	Special Intention
Wed. 10/28	8:00 am	Christine & James Garton †
Thurs. 10/29	8:00 am	Pat & Linda McAleer
Fri. 10/30	8:00 am	William Franklin †
Sat. 10/31	OLOL 4:00 pm	Special Intention
	5:30 pm	Charles Dingley
Sun. 11/01	9:00 am	All Parishioners

St. Charles Altar Flowers
this weekend
in honor of
Ted & Lorene Phillips
on their
60th
Wedding Anniversary



St. Charles
 Annual Work Day
 ~ Saturday,
 November 14th
 8AM till Noon
 ..to Deep Clean
 the Church, Lee
 Hall and the
 Flower Beds
 around the
 Church and
 Rectory.



All Men and
 Women and
 Young Adults of
 the Parish
 Welcome



The St. Charles/OLOL Men's club will be having their Taco breakfast after the 9am Mass on November 8. Please plan to enjoy some good Taco's and fellowship.

"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



Purgatory is the state of those who die in God's friendship, assured of their eternal salvation, but who still have need of purification to enter into the happiness of heaven. Because of the communion of saints, the faithful who are still pilgrims on earth are able to help the souls in purgatory by offering prayers in suffrage for them, especially the Eucharistic sacrifice. They also help them by almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance.

**We pray for and we remember our loved ones that have gone before us.... Fr. Alphonse will offer a novena of masses for those enrolled in the All Souls Day Remembrance:
 ~PLEASE RETURN YOUR ENVELOPES BY
 OCTOBER 26TH PLEASE PRINT**

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	\$ 2352
Missions	\$ 308
Our Lady of the Lake	\$ 642
Missions	\$ 229

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



The **Feast of All Saints** is a holy day of the Church honoring all saints, known and unknown. This is much like the American holidays Veterans Day and Presidents Day, where many people are honored on one day. While we have knowledge of many saints, and we honor them on specific days, there are many unknown or unsung saints, who may have been forgotten, or never been specifically honored. On All Saints Day, we celebrate these saints of the Lord, and ask for their prayers and intercessions. The whole concept of All Saints Day is tied in with the concept of the **Communion of Saints**. This is the belief that all of God's people, on heaven, earth, and in the state of purification (*Purgatory*), are connected in a communion. In other words, Catholic and Orthodox Christians believe that the saints of God are just as alive as you and I, and are constantly interceding on our behalf. Remember, our connection with the saints in heaven is one grounded in a tight-knit *communion*. The saints are not divine, nor omnipresent or omniscient. However, because of our common communion with and through Jesus Christ, our prayers are joined with the heavenly community of Christians. St. Cyril of Jerusalem (AD 350) testifies to this belief.

Why celebrate the Feast of All Saints? Good question. Most non-Catholics assume that celebrating the saints means somehow worshipping them. The Church has always held, East and West, that worship (*latría*) is to be given to God alone, and that we give veneration (*dulia*) to the saints, the highest veneration (*hyperdulia*) being due to the Blessed Virgin Mary. If someone is treating a Saint as one should treat God, then yes, that is idolatry. That being said, the Saints of God do have a role in our lives, as intercessors before God. The saints are continually praying for us and interceding on our behalf. God is the God of the living, not of the dead. As such, asking a saint for his or her intercession is perfectly legitimate and not idolatrous, no more than asking a friend or pastor to pray for you is idolatrous. Remembering and honoring the saints are also beneficial, because to remember the heroes of the faith and follow their examples is a good thing! Many seem to have a great hatred of remembering and celebrating the lives of great Christian men and women, yet have no problem fervently celebrating the lives of secular heroes like George Washington. All Saints Day is simply a day to celebrate the lives of all the great heroes of the Christian faith, and to celebrate the deep communion we have with them as they intercede for us. <http://www.churchyear.net/allsaints.html>

The **Feast of All Souls** ~ what happens to us after death is a mystery, and Christians have inherited a respect and care for the dead from very early days. The practice of praying for the dead, remembering them at Masses, and offering penances, giving alms, and performing works of charity for their sake are all ways the Church assists those who have died. We also offer indulgences for them (an indulgence is a remission before God of punishment for sins already forgiven), which are usually attached to some pious prayer or work of charity.

Above all, we entrust all people to God's unlimited love and mercy, and we trust in his care in death as in life. Prayers and acts of charity offered for our departed loved ones comfort us in times of grief and when death sometimes challenges our faith, help people who have died, and remind us that we may stand in need of this same help when our life on earth is complete. *John Schmidt, C.Ss.R*

Fr. Alphonse will offer a Novena of Masses for all souls beginning November 2nd. Please turn in by October 26th.... If you didn't bring your envelope with you this weekend... Please drop in the notes to Fr. Alphonse box... located by the office door of the rectory. Please print plainly.

"Jesus, open my eyes! I want to see you and know you more than anything else in this world. Please, Lord, let me see". WAU

Your Pledge Is Important



The annual diocesan Catholic Services Appeal, which supports the work of the Diocese of Austin, will be taken up to two weeks. The Catholic Services Appeal is not just another Sunday collection. It is a unified effort in which all Catholics in the Diocese of Austin join together to further the mission and ministry of the Catholic Church in Central Texas. In the next week or two you will be receiving a letter, brochure and pledge card from Bishop Joe Vasquez. Please take time to prayerfully consider what you are able to give in support of our diocesan Church.



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

An **indulgence** is the extra-sacramental remission of the temporal punishment due, in God's justice, to sin that has been forgiven, which remission is granted by the Church in the exercise of the power of the keys, through the application of the superabundant merits of Christ and of the saints, and for some just and reasonable motive. Regarding this definition, the following points are to be noted:

In the Sacrament of Baptism not only is the guilt of sin remitted, but also all the penalties attached to sin. In the Sacrament of Penance the guilt of sin is removed, and with it the eternal punishment due to mortal sin; but there still remains the temporal punishment required by Divine justice, and this requirement must be fulfilled either in the present life or in the world to come, i.e., in Purgatory. An indulgence offers the penitent sinner the means of discharging this debt during his life on earth.

Fr. Alphonse reminds us that we should try to visit a cemetery during the month of November.

An indulgence is granted the Christian faithful who devoutly visits a cemetery and pray, if only momentarily, for the dead. This indulgence is applicable only to the souls in purgatory. This indulgence is a plenary one from November 1 through November 8 and can be gained on each one of these days. On the other days of the month this indulgence is a partial one. (The Pieta Prayer Book)

"It is therefore, a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sin" (2 Mach.)

"We have loved them during life, let us not abandon them, until we have conducted them by our prayers into the house of the Lord." - St. Ambrose

We will not have
Coffee & Donuts on
Thanksgiving weekend
Sunday, November 29, 2015

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.



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

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OLL Library is open before mass. Make your selection, sign, date and put your telephone number 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 **3:25** pm, please join us.



Our Lady of the Lake altar flower dates are still available. Forms can be found at the entrance of Church.

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