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OUR LADY OF THE LAKE
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Second Sunday of Advent – Year C

December 6, 2015

Pastor: Rev. Anthony Alphonse ~ Diocese of Austin



*Immaculate Mary, your
 praises we sing. You
 reign now in heaven with
 Jesus our King.*

*In heaven the blessed
 your glory proclaim; On
 earth we your children
 invoke your fair name.*

A Gospel reflection from Fr. Alphonse:

Advent is the time not only for making external preparations for the feast of Christmas; it is also for inner reflection, to prepare ourselves for a conversion from within. Today's Gospel gives us an answer to the question: "How can we prepare ourselves worthily for the coming of Christ?" Convert yourselves, do penance and prepare the way for the coming of the Lord. How can we do it?

We all like changes in the structure of the society, changes in the church, and changes in the world. According to John the Baptist every valley must be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways straightened and rough roads smoothed. Does not the Gospel give us an impetus for change? Just read the newspapers, see how many people are wandering today through the valley of darkness, valleys of hatred, misunderstandings, war and enmity. How many are being exploited, persecuted and misused. We all feel their need for a change.

Let us then ask ourselves, as the Jews once asked John the Baptist, *what should we do*, and John will tell us that there must be a change; you must convert yourselves, change yourselves.

John the Baptist does not say: *Go and convert others'* he says, *convert yourselves*. That means we should not meddle in other's business and be engrossed thinking about the mishaps outside. We have first to change ourselves, give our lives the right direction. Conversion should take place within our own hearts.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception:

Tuesday, December 8th –

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION.

Mass times:

Our Lady of the Lake: 4:00 pm

**St. Charles: 12:00 pm noon
 and 7:00 pm**

Mass Intentions

Sat. 12/05 OLOL	4:00 pm	Bill & Bobbie Simmons †
	5:30 pm	Deacon Ron Woods †
Sun. 12/06	9:00 am	All Parishioners
Mon. 12/07	NO MASS	
Tues. 12/08	12:00 pm	ST. CHARLES
<i>Feast of the Immaculate Conception</i>	4:00 pm	OUR LADY OF THE LAKE
	7:00 pm	ST. CHARLES
Wed. 12/09	8:00 am	Bea Schwab †
Thurs. 12/10	8:00 am	Robert Watson †
Fri. 12/11	8:00 am	Curtis Fry †
Sat. 12/12 OLOL	4:00 pm	Special Intention
	5:30 pm	Bea Schwab †
Sun. 12/13	9:00 am	All Parishioners

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND FOR THE POOR.

NEXT WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR RETIRED CLERGY AND RELIGIOUS

The St. Charles / OLOL Men's Club will have their Taco Breakfast after the 9 AM Mass this Sunday, December 6th. Please come and join in for good food and good fellowship.



The December Men's Club meeting will be held Thursday December 10th starting at 6:30 PM. We will be holding the election of officers during this meeting. Please make an effort to get to this important meeting. A good meal will follow after the meeting.



**ADVENT
PENANCE
SERVICE**

DECEMBER 9TH
5:30 pm... Fr. Alphonse and 2 Visiting Priests will be here to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance

CHRISTMAS ~ NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULES:

	ST. CHARLES:	OUR LADY OF THE LAKE:
December 24 th	5:30 PM 10:00 PM	4:00 PM
December 25 th	9:00 AM	
December 31 st	5:30 PM	4:00 PM
January 1 st	9:00 AM	

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 **Coats for Kids** program is going to expand to include "back to the basics". We are in need of new or used shoes, sneakers, socks, underwear, pants, shirts and sweats and coats for kids 5-10 years old (kinder thru 5th grade. Please place all items in the Share the Harvest Wagon at the front of the church.

Christmas season is fast approaching and **we need singers** to help prepare for the holiday masses. Please consider volunteering to help with this. We can use all ages and voices. God does not expect us to be perfect but to try. We are thinking about practice on Sunday morning after mass. Questions contact Janie Collins 388-3830

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 \$
Our Lady of the Lake \$ 597

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

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.



CATHOLIC CORNER: A gentle reminder of what we learned but perhaps have forgotten or not thought about in a long time.

491 Through the centuries the Church has become ever more aware that Mary, "full of grace" through God, [134](#) was redeemed from the moment of her conception. That is what the dogma of

the Immaculate Conception confesses, as Pope Pius IX proclaimed in 1854: ([411](#)) The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Savior of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin. [135](#)

492 The "splendor of an entirely unique holiness" by which Mary is "enriched from the first instant of her conception" comes wholly from Christ: she is "redeemed, in a more exalted fashion, by reason of the merits of her Son." [136](#) The Father blessed Mary more than any other created person "in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places" and chose her "in Christ before the foundation of the world, to be holy and blameless before him in love." [137](#) ([2011](#), [1077](#))

493 The Fathers of the Eastern tradition call the Mother of God "the All-Holy" (*Panagia*) and celebrate her as "free from any stain of sin, as though fashioned by the Holy Spirit and formed as a new creature." [138](#) By the grace of God Mary remained free of every personal sin her whole life long.

Catechism of the Catholic Church.....

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths; all flesh shall see the salvation of God. (Lk 3:4,6)

Soon the Lord God will come, and you will call him Emmanuel, for God is with us. (Is 7:14; 8:10)



Christmas Party, Sunday, Dec. 13 at Lee Hall. Ladies club to provide ham and turkey. Sign up sheets will be in the back of St. Charles an OLOL weekend of Dec. 5-6. All are asked to bring a dish to share. The Christmas party is for all members of St. Charles and OLOL. Food will be served 11:45-12noon.

LOVE OF NEIGHBOR...

We are approaching another cold and flu season. Please consider the health of your fellow parishioners. Please if you have been coughing, have a sore throat or feeling ill, please refrain from receiving the Precious Blood at this Mass.



There is always the danger that we may just do the work for the sake of the work. This is where the respect and the love and the devotion come in – that we do it to God, to Christ, and that's why we try to do it as beautifully as possible.



Blessed Teresa of Calcutta

We will not have Coffee & Donuts Christmas Weekend (Sunday, December 27, 2015)

As we meditate on the readings today, let's ask the Lord to help us be vigilant against everything that distracts us and separates us from Him. Let's not let our eyes wander where they do not belong. Let's not touch things that will cause us to sin. Let's remain true to our ultimate goal in Christ – to be holy and to serve his Church.

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The Virgin is with child and will bear a son, and she will call him Emmanuel (Is 7:14)

The news that the Angel Gabriel gave to Mary... certainly doesn't come close to anything God has ever asked of us.....Gabriel comforted Mary and Mary accepted and understood what he told her. Gabriel and other angels want to tell us as well. They ask us to trust in God and not give in to fear. We may not understand what is going on sometimes, but we can still trust that we have nothing to fear when it comes to God's plan for our lives. "Fear not!" This is God's way of telling us that he is in control and that there is no need for anxiety..... WAU



St. Joachim and St. Anne ~ parents of Mary.....

Joachim (whose name means Yahweh prepares), was the father of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Anne (Hebrew, Hannah, grace; is the traditional name of the mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary. St. Anne and St. Joachim were parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary and grandparents of Jesus. Tradition has it they first lived in Galilee and later settled in Jerusalem where the Blessed Virgin Mary was born and raised.

Joachim and Anne were a rich and pious couple who had been married for a long time, but found themselves childless. The couple prayed fervently for

a child and promised to dedicate their first born to the service of God. An angel appeared to Anne and told her, "The Lord has looked upon thy tears; thou shalt conceive and give birth and the fruit of thy womb shall be blessed by all the world". Joachim also received the same message from the angel. Anne gave birth to a daughter whom she called Miriam (Mary), **who was conceived without sin**. As a child, Mary was taken to the temple and her parents suffered great sorrow but at the same time joy for fulfilling the vows they had made to the Lord.

We know very little about the lives of Joachim and Anne, but we do know that they must have been outstanding people to have been entrusted with raising the Mother of God.

PRAYER TO ST JOACHIM AND ST ANNE

Great and glorious patriarch, St Joachim, and good St Anne, what joy is mine when I consider that you were chosen among all God's holy ones to assist in the fulfillment of the mysteries of God, and to enrich our earth with the great Mother of God, Mary most holy. By this singular privilege, you have become most powerful with both the Mother and her Son, so as to be able to obtain for us the graces that are needful to us.

With great confidence I have recourse to your mighty protection, and I commend to you all my needs, both spiritual and temporal, and those of my family. Especially do I entrust to your keeping the particular favor that I desire and look for from your intercession.

And since you were a perfect pattern of the interior life, obtain for me the grace to pray earnestly, and never to set my heart on the passing goods of this life. Give me a lively and enduring love for Jesus and Mary. Obtain for me also a sincere devotion and obedience to Holy church and the sovereign pontiff who rules over her, in order that I may live and die in faith and hope and perfect charity. Let me ever invoke the holy Names of Jesus and Mary. And may I thus be saved. Amen.

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

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.



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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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