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Mission:
OUR LADY OF THE LAKE
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Fourth Sunday of Advent – Year C

December 20, 2015

Pastor: Rev. Anthony Alphonse ~ Diocese of Austin



When Mary greeted Elizabeth... she cried out "Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb."

A Gospel reflection from Fr. Alphonse:

In today's Gospel Mary, the Mother of Jesus, teaches us how to accept the Lord when He comes. The Gospel presents Mary as a person who sang praises to God. 'My soul praises the Lord' is a beautiful hymn. Mary was the first one to sing it. It has a rich theological content. It expresses the sublime idea that God is greater than our hearts (1 Jn 3:20). He is much greater than anything that human thinking categories can express. It reminds us that there is a world of peace, happiness and goodness. There is joy in the encounter. Mary and Elizabeth encounter each other. It is not simply a meeting together. In their encounter an exchange takes place: *a mutual understanding, a meeting of I and you.* Both of them did not think of themselves as the most important people. Rather, they praised God. Elizabeth praised Mary, Mary praises God. Both of them sing of His greatness and mercy.

We, too, meet various persons in our life. Sometimes they wait for us. There are people who do not necessarily need our money and goods, but just our love and friendship. Our nearness at times brings solace and healing to them. The more we give ourselves to others, the more we receive in return. The more we make others happy, the more we ourselves rejoice.



Mass Intentions

Sat. 12/19 OLOL	4:00 pm	Roger Seguin †
	5:30 pm	Robert Timrick †
Sun. 12/20	9:00 am	All Parishioners
Mon. 12/21	NO MASS	
Tues. 12/22	NO MASS	
Wed. 12/23	NO MASS	
Thurs. 12/24*	*See Mass Schedule on Page Two	
Fri. 12/25*		
Sat. 12/26 OLOL	4:00 pm	Special Intention
	5:30 pm	Robert Watson †
Sun. 12/27	9:00 am	All Parishioners



*The little Lord Jesus
asleep on the hay.....*

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	

**SECOND
COLLECTION THIS
WEEKEND WILL BE
FOR OUR
CHRISTMAS
FLOWERS**



A little child is born for us, and he shall be called the mighty God; every race on earth shall be blessed in him.

Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and His name shall be called Emmanuel (which means, God is with us).



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



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

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.

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

St. Charles	\$ 2496
Retired Religious	\$ 499
Immaculate Conception	\$ 517
Our Lady of the Lake	\$ 468
Retired Religious	\$ 221
Immaculate Conception	\$ 79

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.

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



SPONSORING ALTAR FLOWERS FOR 2016... *If you would like to sponsor the Altar flowers for a special weekend ... to honor a loved one or for a special birthday or anniversary or some other occasion.. please complete the following information and drop in the collection basket or drop in the 'notes for Fr. Alphonse box'. The money for the flowers is due two (2) weeks prior to your special date.*

I would like to sponsor altar flowers for: DATE: _____ 2016
 Amount I want to spend: \$40/\$50 other \$ _____
 Tell us the Occasion: Anniversary, Birthday, Wedding, in memory of, or other.... _____
 Wording for Bulletin: _____

Name _____ Phone # _____

St. Charles Available Dates: January 9,16, 23,30, February 6, April 9, 16, 30, May 21, 28, June 4, 11, 25, July 2, 23, 30, August 13, 20, September 3, 24, October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, November 5, 12

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.



Knights of Columbus Tamale Sales: The Knights of Columbus Council has ordered extra tamales for those that may have missed the ordering period or would like more. Cost is \$7.00 per dozen. See Richard Collins or Angelo Anzivino to fill your tamale needs.

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a wonder at the wisdom and power of Your Father and ours. Receive my prayer as part of my service of the Lord who enlists me in God's own work for justice.

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a hunger for peace: peace in the world, peace in my home, peace in myself.

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a joy responsive to the Father's joy. I seek His will so I can serve with gladness, singing and love.

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me the joy and love and peace it is right to bring to the manger of my Lord. Raise in me, too, sober reverence for the God who acted there, hearty gratitude for the life begun there, and spirited resolution to serve the Father and Son.

I pray in the name of Jesus Christ, whose advent I hail. Amen.

<http://www.catholic.org/prayers/prayer.php?p=1090>

*Behold I am the
 handmaid of the Lord.
 May it be done to me
 according to your word.*



God of Love, Your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us. He is a sign of your love. Help us walk in that love during the weeks of Advent, As we wait and prepare for his coming.

We pray in the name of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless.

Blessed Teresa of Calcutta



Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ever faithful to your promises and ever close to your Church: the earth rejoices in hope of the Savior's coming and looks forward with longing to his return at the end of time. Prepare our hearts and remove the sadness that hinders us from feeling the joy and hope which his presence will bestow, for he is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.

Lord, fill our hearts with your love, and as you revealed to us by an angel the coming of your Son as man, so lead us through his suffering and death to the glory of his resurrection, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Father, all-powerful God, your eternal Word took flesh on our earth when the Virgin Mary placed her life at the service of your plan. Lift our minds in watchful hope to heart the voice which announces his glory and open our minds to receive the Spirit who prepares us for his coming. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Father in heaven, our hearts desire the warmth of your love and our minds are searching for the light of your Word. Increase our longing for Christ our Savior and give us the strength to grow in love, that the dawn of his coming may find us rejoicing in his presence and welcoming the light of his truth. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.



Father in heaven, the day draws near when the glory of your Son will make radiant the night of the waiting world. May the lure of greed not impede us from the joy which moves the hearts of those who seek him. May the darkness not blind us to the vision of wisdom which fills the minds of those who find him. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

<http://www.catholic.org/prayers/prayer.php?p=355>

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

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH **ARTICLE 2**

“AND IN JESUS CHRIST, HIS ONLY SON, OUR LORD” ... Jesus

430 Jesus means in Hebrew: “God saves.” At the annunciation, the angel Gabriel gave him the name Jesus as his proper name, which expresses both his identity and his mission.¹⁸ Since God alone can forgive sins, it is God who, in Jesus his eternal Son made man, “will save his people from their sins.”¹⁹ In Jesus, God recapitulates all of his history of salvation on behalf of men. ([210](#), [402](#))

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.



Lamb of God..
who takes away the
sins of the world....

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

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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 available. Forms can be found at the entrance of Church.

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