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The Baptism of the Lord – Year C

January 10, 2016

Pastor: Rev. Anthony Alphonse ~ Diocese of Austin

A Gospel reflection from Fr. Alphonse:



Today we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. It happened at the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. The Father wanted to let all men know who Jesus is – that He is none other than His own beloved Son; His whole love is in Him. The Father wanted to show His image in Him. He presents His Son as the beloved. And that is what we read in the Bible: "God loved the world so much that he gave His only Son." (Jn 3:16).

God has accepted each one of us to be His beloved children. We are in reality God's adopted sons and daughters. In baptism God said the same thing to us: "This is my beloved son." In our life as Christians this must be the starting point to fulfill our Christian mission. Now we have to renew our obedience to the Father.

God gives us His life-giving Spirit whenever we: *move towards the Father in obedience, move towards the poor and needy, stand up for the oppressed and the weak, move others to God.* Then we can say: *the Spirit of God is within us.* We live a new creation transformed by the redeeming love of Christ in baptism. Jesus uttered His 'yes' to the Father and so was anointed by the Spirit.

Hence, we also have to say 'yes' to God's will and to be at the service of mankind to be truly God's children. Then we too will hear the voice of God: *'Yes', I love you. You are my beloved sons and daughters.*

O bless the Lord, my soul.

After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon Him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered:

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

Mass Intentions

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| Sat. 1/9 | OLOL | 4:00 pm | Special Intention |
| | | 5:30 pm | Gerald Brokmeyer † |
| Sun. 1/10 | | 9:00 am | All Parishioners |
| Mon. 1/11 | | NO MASS | |
| Tues. 1/12 | | NO MASS | |
| Wed. 1/13 | | NO MASS | |
| Thurs. 1/14 | | NO MASS | |
| Fri. 1/15 | | NO MASS | |
| Sat. 1/16 | OLOL | 4:00 pm | Special Intention |
| | | 5:30 pm | In thanksgiving~Arnold Family |
| Sun. 1/17 | | 9:00 am | All Parishioners |

We welcome Fr. Johnson Nellissery as our celebrant at our Masses this weekend.

Ladies club meeting will be Monday, **January 11th** at Lee Hall, 11:30am. Please bring a dish to share. Hope to see many of you there.

The St. Charles/OLOL Men's will have their monthly meeting on Thursday **January 14th** starting at 6:30PM. The meeting will be followed with a nice meal.

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 family of Elsie McDaniel invites everyone after the 9:00 Mass today to Lee Hall to celebrate her 90th Birthday !!!

The St. Charles/OLOL Men's Club moved their Taco Breakfast to Sunday **January 17th** after the 9 AM Mass. Join them for good food and a nice social time.

WINTER TEXAN BRUNCH. **January 24th** after the 9AM Mass Please join us and welcome all of our Winter Texans.

The Lord was baptized, not to be cleansed himself, but to cleanse the waters, so that those waters, cleansed by the flesh of Christ which knew no sin, might have the power of baptism. - St. Ambrose (Wau)



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.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

St. Charles:

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| December 31 | \$ 164 |
| January 1 | \$ 1083 |
| January 2/3 | \$ 3437 |
| Poor Fund | \$ 554 |

Our Lady of the Lake:

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| December 31 | \$ 917 |
| January 2 | \$1137 |
| Poor Fund | \$ 223 |

"Give and it shall be given to you... For the measure you measure with will be measured back to you." Luke 6:38 We've been promised that God will not be out-done in generosity. May God bless you a hundredfold for your generosity to His 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.

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 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 16, 23, April 9, July 30, August 13 September 24, October 1, 8, 15, 29, November 5

If you need a receipt for your 2015 contributions to St. Charles Catholic Church for your taxes, please email stcharles@nctv.com or drop this note in the collection basket or drop this note in the 'notes for Fr. Alphonse box' by the office door. If you need a paper copy please confirm your correct mailing address. If you would prefer your statement by email please confirm your email address.



PLEASE SEND MY STATEMENT BY EMAIL TO: _____@_____

PLEASE SEND A PAPER STATEMENT TO: _____

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

Without our Priests we have no Eucharist...
 Let us remember this week to pray for the Priests of the Austin Diocese as they gather for their annual retreat at Cedarbrake.

LOVE OF NEIGHBOR...

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.



"Without the Sacrament of Holy Orders, we would not have the Lord. Who put him there in that tabernacle? *The Priest*. Who welcomed your soul at the beginning of your life? *The Priest*. Who feeds your soul and gives it strength for its journey? *The Priest*. Who will prepare it to appear before God, bathing it one last time in the blood of Jesus Christ? *The Priest, always the Priest*. And if this soul should happen to die (as a result of sin), who will raise it up, who will restore its calm and peace? *Again the Priest...* After God, the Priest is everything! Only in heaven will be fully realize what he is." —St. John Vianney



536 The baptism of Jesus is on his part the acceptance and inauguration of his mission as God's suffering Servant. He allows himself to be numbered among sinners; he is already "the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world."²³² Already he is anticipating the "baptism" of his bloody death. ²³³ Already he is coming to "fulfill all righteousness," that is, he is submitting himself entirely to his Father's will: out of love he consents to this baptism of death for the remission of our sins. ²³⁴ The Father's voice responds to the Son's acceptance, proclaiming his entire delight in his Son. ²³⁵ The Spirit whom Jesus possessed in fullness from his conception comes to "rest on him." ²³⁶ Jesus will be the source of the Spirit for all mankind. At his baptism "the heavens were opened" ²³⁷—the heavens that Adam's sin had closed—and the waters were sanctified by the descent of Jesus and the Spirit, a prelude to the new creation. (⁶⁰⁶, ¹²²⁴, ⁴⁴⁴, ⁷²⁷, ⁷³⁹)

537 Through Baptism the Christian is sacramentally assimilated to Jesus, who in his own baptism anticipates his death and resurrection. The Christian must enter into this mystery of humble self-abasement and repentance, go down into the water with Jesus in order to rise with him, be reborn of water and the Spirit so as to become the Father's beloved son in the Son and "walk in newness of life":²³⁸ (¹²⁶², ⁶²⁸)

Let us be buried with Christ by Baptism to rise with him; let us go down with him to be raised with him; and let us rise with him to be glorified with him.²³⁹

Everything that happened to Christ lets us know that, after the bath of water, the Holy Spirit swoops down upon us from high heaven and that, adopted by the Father's voice, we become sons of God.²⁴⁰ *CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH*

A PRAYER FOR PRIESTS: Divine Savior, Jesus Christ, who have entrusted your work of redemption to the priests, who take your place on earth, I offer you, through the hands of your most holy Mother, for the sanctification of your priests and future priests this whole day, all my prayers, works, joys, sacrifices and sufferings. Give us saintly priests. Grant to them apostolic hearts, filled with love for you and all the souls belonging to you, so that, being themselves sanctified in you, they may sanctify us who are entrusted to their care and bring us safely into Heaven.

Loving Jesus, bless all their priestly work and sacrifice. Bless all their prayers and words at the altar and in the confessional, in the pulpit, in the school and at the sickbed. Call many young men to the priesthood and the monastic life. Protect and sanctify all who will become your priests. And grant to the souls of the priests who have departed this life, eternal rest.

And do you, Mary, Mother of all priests, take them under your special protection and lead them ever to the highest priestly sanctity.

Prayer Source: *Candle is Lighted, A* by P. Stewart Craig, *The Grail, Field End House, Eastcote*

If I saw an angel and a priest, I would bend my knee; first to the priest and then to the angel. - St. Francis of Assisi <http://www.prayersforpriests.com/>

He who honors a priest honors Christ; he who insults a priest insults Christ. - St. John Chrysostom <http://www.prayersforpriests.com/>

Mother Teresa's Prayer for the Poor: Make us worthy, Lord, to serve our brothers and sisters throughout the world who live and die in poverty and hunger. Give them through our hands this day their daily bread, and by our understanding love give them peace and joy. Amen

My Catholic Prayer Book



O Lord my God,
You are great indeed!

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 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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