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Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday) – Year C

March 6, 2016

Pastor: Rev. Anthony Alphonse ~ Diocese of Austin

A Gospel reflection from Fr. Alphonse:

Of all the Gospel incidents, the parable of the prodigal son fits most perfectly into Lent – and into the life of every prospective convert, every Christian. This parable distills and sums up the whole meaning of the Gospel, of the father as a true father to each of us, indeed, more than a father.

The parable tells us more about God, about the real meaning of God than an entire course in theology. To be sure, we can never exhaust the meaning of God, but in contemplating the father of the prodigal son, we approach as close as is possible to the real nature of God.

God forgives, He takes us back, He recreates us in the image of Jesus His Son, and then He celebrates our return with a 'festive banquet'. "Let us eat and celebrate, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life. He was lost and is found."

That banquet, that celebration is the Mass – daily Mass, Sunday Mass, but above all the Festive Mass of the Resurrection, Holy Saturday night and Easter Sunday. It is at this banquet that the Father says to us as He said to the elder son: "All that I have is yours."

It is here that we can all cry out: "Taste and see the goodness of the Lord."

We welcome Msgr. Elmer Holtman
as our celebrant
at this weekend's Masses.

While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him....

Mass Intentions

Sat. 3/5 OLOL	4:00 pm	Donald Rozcki †
	5:30 pm	In thanksgiving ~ Arnold Family
Sun. 3/6	9:00 am	All Parishioners
Mon. 3/7	NO MASS	
Tues. 3/8	NO MASS	
Wed. 3/9	NO MASS	
Thurs. 3/10	NO MASS	
Fri. 3/11	5:30 pm	Rosary and Stations of the Cross
Sat. 3/12 OLOL	4:00 pm	Roger Seguin †
	5:30 pm	Special Intention ~ Arnold Family
Sun. 3/13	9:00 am	All Parishioners

The St. Charles /OLOL Men's Club will be selling tickets for their Fajita Dinner which is held Thursday March 17th.



The dinner will be served at 6:30 PM. Please contact a Men's club member or call Ken Beran (402-960-9729) for tickets. The cost is still \$7.00 per person. We will be also selling after Mass at Our Lady of the Lake and St. Charles Borromeo. Come join us for a nice social gathering and good dinner. This will be the last Sunday that we will be selling tickets for the Fajita Dinner.

The second collection this week will be for Catholic Relief Services.

Next weekend we will have the collection for the poor.

"Remember you are dust, and to dust you will return."

LENTE REFLECTION on the book "Rediscovering Jesus" each Wednesday morning at 9:00 in Lee Hall. We will reflect on three questions: Who do people say Jesus is? Who do you say Jesus is? Who does Jesus say you are?



We are blessed by the gracious gift of Jesus Christ, who transformed human history with his infinite and compassionate love. Through his Spirit, his grace has been poured into our hearts. With open and merciful hearts, we are invited to share our blessings. As we add coins to our Ashes to Easter box each day, we together will bring hope to struggling missions. Please pray a Hail Mary for the missions. Lent boxes can be picked up after Mass today. All boxes should be returned on Easter Sunday or the week after.

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

Life is short; eternity is long. John Henry Cardinal Newman



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.

REMINDER: On all Friday's of Lent we abstain from meat. This law applies to all who have completed their fourteenth birthday, and continues throughout one's life.

To all St. Charles/OLOL Men's Club members, we will be holding our **Monthly meeting on Thursday March 10th, at 6:30PM.** Following the meeting we will serve a nice meal for all to enjoy. Any men that are interested in joining the Men's Club please feel free to join us as our guest for the meeting Thursday March 10th.

Just a reminder that the St Charles/OLOL Men's Club will hold their **Taco Breakfast** after the 9:00 AM Mass, **Sunday March 13th.** Come join us for a good meal and fine fellowship.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

St. Charles: \$ 2538

Our Lady of the Lake: \$ 480

"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.

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



Lenten Penitential Services ~ Lampasas/Marble Falls Deanery

- March 8, 5:30 p.m., St. John the Evangelist, Marble Falls, English & Spanish
- March 9, 6 p.m., St. Joseph, Mason, English & Spanish
- March 10, 6 p.m., St. Mary, San Saba, English & Spanish
- March 10, 6:15 p.m., Holy Trinity, Llano, English & Spanish
- March 14, 6 p.m., St. Mary Immaculate Conception, Lampasas, English & Spanish
- March 15, 5:30 p.m., St. Paul the Apostle, Horseshoe Bay, English & Spanish
- March 16, 5:30 p.m., Our Mother of Sorrows, Burnet, English & Spanish
- March 16, 6 p.m., Good Shepherd, Lometa, English & Spanish



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 flower request form ~ which can be found at the entrance of Church 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.*

St. Charles Available Dates: October 1, 8, November 5
(forms can be found at the entrance of Church)

If you need a receipt for your 2015 contributions to St. Charles Catholic Church for your taxes, please email stcharles@nctv.com or call the office 325 388 3742 and leave a message.

"Practice for Holy Week & Easter music will be Wednesdays at 5:00pm at the church. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend whether you can cantor or just participate from the pew. Sinners in need of God--- SING. Thank you to all the regular cantors who help each week."



Does God really care if I eat a hamburger on Friday?

Fasting is an ancient spiritual practice. It is not unique to Christianity. All major religions recognize the value of fasting. Obviously the wisdom of the ages has found spiritual power in fasting.

During Lent, we fast and abstain from meat on certain days. But we also fast by the common practice of "giving up something for Lent". When we give up something – something important, something that functions as either a crutch or a pleasure in our lives – we make a sacrifice. This sacrifice helps us in many ways:

It is penitential, a way to express sorrow for our sins.

It teaches us that we don't need those things to be happy. We can do without them and depend, as Jesus teaches us, on God alone for our happiness.

It is a building-block in learning spiritual self-discipline, preparing us for greater sacrifices we will be called on to make further down the road, in imitation of Jesus.

It is a way of expressing solidarity, individually and as a whole Church, with the poor of this world, the poor in whom Jesus says we will meet him.

Giving up that hamburger on Friday during Lent is a "small" way to show God we appreciate and understand the "supreme" sacrifice he made for us OSV

We will not have coffee & donuts on Easter Sunday, March 27, 2016

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.



*We adore you, O Christ,
and we praise you,
because by your holy
cross you have redeemed
the world.*

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.

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.



SUFFERING UNITES US WITH JESUS. "The interior maturity and spiritual greatness in suffering are certainly the result of a particular conversion and cooperation with the grace of the Crucified Redeemer. It is He himself who acts at the heart of human sufferings through... the consoling Spirit. It is He who transforms, in a certain sense, the very substance of the spiritual life, indicating for the person who suffers a place close to himself. It is He – as the interior Master and Guide – who reveals to the suffering brother and sister this wonderful interchange, situated at the very heart of the mystery of the Redemption. Suffering in itself an experience of evil. But Christ has made suffering the firmest basis of the definitive good, namely the good of eternal salvation."(Salvirici Doloris, 26) Pope John Paul II

If you have been asked to carry a certain cross, by all means pray for healing or resolution. But if the cross remains, ask Jesus for his grace to help you embrace it. Know that he will come to your aid. As John Paul said, all suffering is evil. It will not be a part of the new Jerusalem when Jesus comes again. But God is able to bring good – even great blessings – out of this evil. He can teach us all how to embrace suffering in a way that draws us closer to Jesus.

So take a moment now to bless everyone you know who is carrying a heavy cross. Ask Jesus to send abundant grace to them, to help them and to bring them his peace...WAU

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



Laetare Sunday is the name for the Fourth Sunday in Lent. *Laetare* means "Rejoice" in Latin, and the Introit (entrance antiphon) in both the Traditional Latin Mass and the Novus Ordo is Isaiah 66:10-11, which begins "*Laetare, Jerusalem*" ("Rejoice, O Jerusalem").

Laetare Sunday has traditionally been viewed as a day of celebration, on which the austerity of Lent is briefly lessened. The passage from Isaiah continues, "rejoice with joy, you that have been in sorrow," and on Laetare Sunday, the purple vestments and altar cloths of Lent are set aside, and rose ones are used instead.

Laetare Sunday is also known as Rose Sunday or Refreshment Sunday, and it has a counterpart in Advent: Gaudete Sunday, the Third Sunday of Advent, when purple vestments are exchanged for rose ones.

The point of both days is to provide us encouragement as we progress toward the end of each respective penitential season.

http://catholicism.about.com/od/holydaysandholidays/f/Laetare_Sunday.htm

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

Our Lady of The Lake will have **Stations of The Cross** each Saturday after Mass during Lent. It's the short version so please join us.

Our Lady of The Lake will have **Soup & Salad Suppers** after Stations of The Cross on Saturday February 13th, 27th and March 12th. All are welcome please join us.

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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MARRIED COUPLES: A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is like Spring-time. It's a weekend of fresh air, the rebirth of romance and new beginnings. If you'd like to make your marriage even more special than it already is – call now! Upcoming weekends are scheduled for April 15-17 at Cedarbrake Renewal Center in Belton and September 23-25 at Wingate Hotel in Round Rock. To apply online visit: www.wwme.org. Or contact Steve & Linda Jaramillo: 512-677-WWME (9963) or email wwmeaustin@gmail.com. Call early to ensure a space.

Praying the Way of the Cross as a devotion began in Jerusalem, with Christian pilgrims tracing the spots linked with the Passion and Death of Jesus. When travel to the Holy Land became difficult, churches began including fourteen stations on their walls where the faithful could make the "stations of the cross" spiritually. The devotion is intended to help Christ's followers join their own sufferings to His.



Our Sunday Visitor

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.

