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The Ascension of the Lord – Year C

May 8, 2016

Pastor: Rev. Anthony Alphonse ~ Diocese of Austin

A Gospel reflection from Fr. Alphonse:



*As he blessed them he parted from
 them and was taken up to
 Heaven...*

Before leaving His apostles Jesus told them that they were not to start preaching the Gospel immediately. He told them to wait until they received power from on high. By this He meant the Holy Spirit.

Why the wait? It helped to bring home to them their utter need of the Spirit, while at the same time disposing them to receive His gifts. Waiting gives us an experience of our powerlessness.

Think of the times you stood in a queue that wasn't moving, waiting for some place to open. There was nothing you could do but stand there. Waiting is hard. Some find it harder than others. They quickly become impatient and restless.

People do not like waiting because it brings home to them their inner emptiness and poverty. They do not like being totally dependent on someone else. They like being in control of things. Sometimes, unable to put up with the waiting, people go away and an opportunity is lost.

When Jesus made the apostles wait He wasn't being cruel to them. Nor was He testing them. He was merely disposing them to receive the Holy Spirit. As yet they simply weren't ready to receive Him. Without the Spirit their work would be barren. Unless they realized this there wasn't much hope for them.

It is only when we have experienced a little hunger that we appreciate a meal. It is only when we have experienced loneliness that we welcome the clasp of a friendly hand. When the Spirit finally came, the apostles welcomed Him like desert travelers welcome water.

Mass Intentions

Sat. 5/7 OLOL	4:00 pm	Fred † and Betty Fest †
	5:30 pm	Ella Vrazel †, Phillip Vrazel †, John Michal †
Sun. 5/8	9:00 am	ALL PARISHIONERS
Mon. 5/9	NO MASS	
Tues. 5/10	7:30 pm	
Wed. 5/11	8:00 am	
Thurs. 5/12	8:00 am	
Fri. 5/13	8:00 am	
Sat. 5/14 OLOL	4:00 pm	Father Alphonse
	5:30 pm	Curtis Fry †
Sun. 5/15	9:00 am	ALL PARISHIONERS

We welcome as our celebrant
 Fr. Tom Chamberlain
 at this weekend's Masses.

*St. Charles Altar Flowers
this weekend
to honor
All Mothers...*



*Our Lady of the Lake
Altar Flowers this weekend
in memory of
Fred & Betty Fest...*

A Mother is a symbol of love, who gives everything. As we celebrate Mother's Day, I ask God to bless all the living Mothers a hundredfold, and grant eternal rest to all deceased Mothers.

I wish you a Happy Mother's Day.

Fr. Alphonse

SECOND
COLLECTION
THIS
WEEKEND
FOR THE
POOR

*Behold, I am with you always,
even to the end of the age, alleluia...*

We will not be having Coffee & Donuts on Sunday, May 8th as it is Mother's Day.

St. Charles Youth Group
**Hamburger Lunch
Fundraiser** May 15th after
mass. Tickets are being
sold after mass for \$7.00



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

St. Charles/OLOL Men's Club will have their May meeting Thursday the 12th. starting at 6:30PM. Anyone that is interested in joining the Men's Club feel free to attend our meeting. The meeting will be followed by a nice dinner.

St. Charles/OLOL Ladies Club will hold their monthly meeting on May 9th starting at 11:30 AM. Please bring a dish for lunch, the meeting will follow.

Lord Jesus, in this Easter season we celebrate today your Ascension to God's right hand as the goal of your resurrection from the dead. We thank you that you have not left us orphans, because you remain with us to the end of time. May we always be glad when we think of the many ways you are with us to the end of time: in the Eucharist, in your Word, in one another. May we respond to your presence by keeping your commandments, above all, to love one another as you have loved us. Amen.



<http://www.catholicdoors.com/prayers>

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

St. Charles: \$ 2395
Our Lady of the Lake: \$ 782
Ashes to Easter Boxes \$ 148.66

"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.

God our Father, make us joyful in the ascension of Your Son Jesus Christ. May we follow Him into the new creation, for His ascension is our glory and our hope. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. +Amen.

Thank you for my Mother....Dear Lord, today I turn to you to give you thanks for my mother. With your own gift of life, she bore me in her womb and gave me life. She tenderly, patiently cared for me and taught me to walk and talk. She read to me and made me laugh. No one delighted in my successes more; no one could comfort me better in my failures. I am so grateful for how she mothered me and mentored me, and even disciplined me. Please bless her, Lord, and comfort her. Help her loving heart to continue to love and give of herself to others. Strengthen her when she is down and give her hope when she is discouraged. Most of all, Lord, on this Mother's Day, give my mother the graces she most needs and desires today. I ask you this, in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior forever and ever. <http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/>



We thank God for our Mother....Loving God, we thank you for the love of the mothers you have given us, whose love is so precious that it can never be measured, whose patience seems to have no end. May we see your loving hand behind them and guiding them. We pray for those mothers who fear they will run out of love or time, or patience. We ask you to bless them with your own special love. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our brother. Amen.

www.godweb.org/mothersdayprayer.htm



Dear God,
Thank you for our Mothers! Where would we be without them? You have given every Mother a heart of unending, inexhaustible love, from the time she awakens at her baby's first cries to the time she falls asleep after her last child finally comes home! Thank You for our Mothers who care for us when we struggle, comfort us when we suffer, and celebrate with us when we succeed. Thank You for their hugs, their encouragement, and their faithful love.



Thank you, Father, for Mary, our heavenly Mother, who supported Your Son in His hopes and dreams, stayed by His side in His devastating death, and rejoiced with Him in His triumphant Resurrection! She will not rest until all of us, her children, are safely home forever. Through her intercession, please protect and bless our Mothers with Your strength, Your joy, and Your undying love.

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*To be holy like Jesus.. We must
be humble like Mary...*

Why pray the Rosary today? Certainly, to grow in holiness and in one's prayer life.

The rosary should be prayed often, even daily.

WHAT IF... *We woke up this morning with only the things we thanked God for yesterday...*

Prayer to Mary.. Mother of All .. My dear and sweet Mother Mary, Co-redemptrix of the human race, keep me in Your holy protection. Guard my mind, my heart and my senses, that I be not stained by sin. Sanctify my thoughts, desires, words, and actions, that I may please You and Your Jesus, my God, and gain paradise with You. Jesus and Mary, give me Your most holy blessing. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen <http://www.sistersofembrace.com/BlessedMother.htm#MotherOfGod>

O God, who hast commanded us to honor our father and our mother; in Thy mercy have pity on the soul of my mother, and forgive her her trespasses; and make me to see her again in the joy of everlasting brightness.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

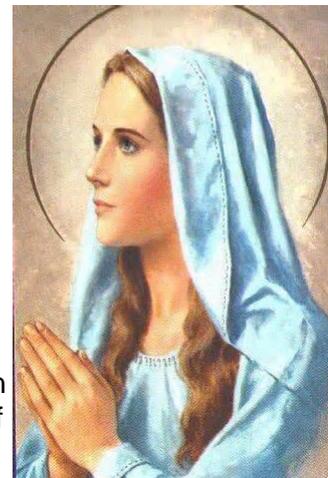
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Exodus 20:12

Honor your father and mother. Then you will live a long, full life in the land the LORD your God will give you.

Mary, on this day when we honor all mothers, we turn to you. We thank the Lord whom you serve for the great gift of motherhood. Never has it been known that anyone who sought your intercession was left unaided by grace. Dear Mother, thank you for your "Yes" to the invitation of the angel which brought heaven to earth and changed human history. You opened yourself to God's word and the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.



<http://catholic.org/prayers/prayer.php?p=493>

Please drop any notes to Fr. Alphonse or reimbursement forms, mass intentions, 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



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

What we believe....

....He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father....

Ascension is a painful separation, both for Jesus and his disciples. But this separation marks a beginning for Jesus as well as for the disciples. Jesus, after having completed his earthly life, is assumed into heaven where he will be united with his Father. He came from the Father and now returns to His Father. Jesus came obeying the command of His Father, carried out the will of His Father always, even to the extent of giving his life for others. Now, he receives the reward of a good and faithful servant—to be united with his Father.

For the disciples, ascension marks a beginning because from now on they are without the physical presence of Jesus amidst them. For three years, Jesus led them from the front; taught them by example; trained them to be fishers of men; gave them a thirst for the things to come. This separation, though painful, is for good. Jesus knew that it was time for him to entrust the helm in the hands of his disciples. Jesus knew that, after many trials and errors, betrayals and denials, they have reached the 'maturity'. Jesus himself tells them that it was for their good that he goes: "It is for your benefit that I leave you, for after I leave I will send you the Holy Spirit, who will guide and teach you" (Jn 16:6).



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.

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.



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.

Holy Mary, Mother of God pray for us sinners.....



As the disciples were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. Acts: 1:9

Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven. Acts:1:11

Children's Worship Bulletin

Each week at St. Charles Mass, after the homily, our Cantor will lead us in singing "Let the Children come to me". At this time please send your children ages 3 to 12 to the altar where they can pick up their Bulletin. The bulletin contains a game or puzzle that corresponds with the day's Gospel. There is also a 'secret code' to use when they get home for more games. GREAT QUALITY FAMILY TIME....



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

A person's soul should be clean like a mirror reflecting light. If there is dirt on the mirror his face cannot be seen in it. In the same way, no one who has sin within him can see God.

(Wisdom from the Fathers)

The St. Charles Ladies & Men's Club will be holding their **Annual Garage Sale** in October. Please start saving your no longer needed items and donate them to our garage sale.

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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