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**Mission:**  
**OUR LADY OF THE LAKE**  
**120 RR 2233**  
**Sunrise Beach, TX 78643**

16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time ~Year C

Pastor: Rev. Anthony Alphonse ~Diocese of Austin

July 17, 2016

My dear Parishioners of St. Charles Borromeo and Our Lady of the Lake,

It is with a sad heart that I tell you goodbye now. Because my recuperation was taking a little longer than expected, the Bishop felt he should assign a new Pastor for you. The time I got to spend with you all was way too short ~ only three years ~ but in that short time I came to know many of you very well and you strengthened my faith.

I thank God that He brought me to Kingsland and Sunrise Beach. For all my life I've marveled at the wisdom of God. I stop sometimes and reflect on His reasons for bringing me all the way to Texas, so far away from my homeland of India. Then His answer comes when a name or a face will pop into my mind and then another and another. I'm reminded of the many Masses celebrated, a kindness, a trip or adventure or a generous gesture or a meal or time shared with so many of the Parishioners at the different Parishes where I have been assigned. I am so blessed!

I feel God has rewarded me a hundredfold by giving me such love and honor through each of these wonderful, Godly people. This helps me to dedicate myself fully to God with an undivided heart. You are my father, mother, brother and sister by accepting me as your priest and cooperating with me in establishing God's love and His kingdom. Your names will be written in my life's book and be remembered in eternity.

I am grateful to God for the gift of priesthood and for giving me a chance to render my ministry and service to you, people of God. I concentrate on my God-given work. I thank the Lord for walking with me for His mission, and I ask the Lord to forgive me if I am unworthy, and to lift me up to do His ministry fruitfully. I thank God every day for making me His priest for His work. I realize that my entire lifetime and even all eternity is not enough time to thank God. Our whole life time is not enough to thank God for the gift of life, the gift of faith we have. Let us have simple faith like the Apostles, every day to relate ourselves to Jesus and to the Father.

God is in charge and each day we pray "thy will be done". It is my hope that when I return to Texas and Bishop Vasquez gives me my new assignment that you all will come and visit me.

Please continue to remember me in your prayers as I will remember you each day in my prayers and private Masses.

God bless you all until we meet again,

*Fr. Alphonse*

A Gospel reflection from Fr. Alphonse:

There are many things which seem necessary in family life: cleaning, preparing meals, taking care of children. By doing this, somehow we are looking after Christ. Yet, only one thing is needed for all: to listen to Christ when He is present. To do this, everything else must be put aside.

In today's Gospel, Martha offers her material services to Jesus when He wishes to give her eternal riches. She is working and worrying and does not have the time to be with Jesus. Love is something else. Jesus is *peace* and the person who does not attend to Him in peace does not receive Him.

There is a way of serving and working feverishly which leaves us empty, whether it is at home or in the community; instead, Jesus wants us to find Him in our daily work.

Today's Gospel is an invitation for us to pause daily at the feet of Jesus in prayer, just as Mary did in today's Gospel.

**Mass Intentions**

Sat. 7/16 OLOL	4:00 pm	Harriet Jennings †
	5:30 pm	Gary Mangold †
Sun. 7/17	9:00 am	Leon Seidl †
Mon. 7/18	NO MASS	
Tues. 7/19	6:00 pm	
Wed. 7/20	8:00 am	Happy Birthday – Fr. Alphonse
Thurs. 7/21	8:00 am	
Fri. 7/22	8:00 am	
Sat. 7/23 OLOL	4:00 pm	Betty Fest †
	5:30 pm	ALL PARISHINERS
Sun. 7/24	9:00 am	Eulogio Arredondo †

St. Charles Altar

Flowers this weekend offered for Lucy & Arthur, Yvonne & Yobana Solorzano & all July Birthdays  
.....Lucy Solorzano



We welcome Fr. Tom Chamberlain as our Celebrant this week.

We sincerely thank you Fr. Tom for the weeks you have come to Kingsland and Sunrise Beach to celebrate Mass and bring Jesus to us.

We wish you God speed and all God's blessings and we thank you for saying yes to God's call.....

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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**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

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS**

St. Charles: \$ 1859  
Our Lady of the Lake: \$ 1334

**"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.

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.

**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.

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. All monies raised from this event go back into the charitable needs of our Parish and Community. Please contact Ken Beran (402-960-9729), Rick Schmidt (254-977-4704) or Angelo Anzivino (830-220-2009). Sorry we can no longer take sleeper sofas, and old type CRT Televisions.



### God has a Plan.....

There is a special place in life,  
That needs my humble skill,  
A certain Job I'm meant to do,  
Which no one else can fulfill.

The time will be demanding,  
And the pay is not too good  
And yet I wouldn't change it  
for a moment -- even if I could.

There is a special place in life,  
A goal I must attain,  
A dream that I must follow,  
Because I won't be back again.  
There is a mark that I must leave,  
However small it seems to be,  
A legacy of love for those  
Who follow after me.

There is a special place in life,  
That only I may share,  
A little path that bears my name,  
Awaiting me somewhere.  
There is a hand that I must hold,  
A word that I must say,  
A smile that I must give,  
For there are tears to blow away.

There is a special place in life  
That I was meant to fill,  
A sunny spot where flowers grow,  
Upon a windy hill.  
There's always a tomorrow and the  
best is yet to be,  
And somewhere in this world,  
I know there is a place for me!

(author unknown)

### The Story of Two Horses

There is a place in the countryside with a field that has two horses.

From a distance, each horse looks like any other horse. But if you stop and look closer you will notice something quite amazing.... Looking into the eyes of one horse will disclose that he is blind. His owner has chosen not to have him put down, but has made a good home for him.



If you stand nearby and listen, you will hear the sound of a bell. Looking around for the source of the sound, you will see that it comes from the smaller horse in the field. Attached to the horse's halter is a small bell. It lets the blind friend know where the other horse is, so he can follow.

As you stand and watch these two friends, you'll see that the horse with the bell is always checking on the blind horse, and that the blind horse will listen for the bell and then slowly walk to where the other horse is, trusting that he will not be led astray. When the horse with the bell returns to the shelter of the barn each evening, it stops occasionally and looks back, making



sure that the blind friend isn't too far behind to hear the bell.

Like the owner of these two horses, God does not throw us away just because we are not perfect or because we have problems or challenges. He watches over us and even brings others into our lives to help us when we are in need..

Sometimes we are the blind horse being guided by the little ringing bell of those who God places in our lives. Other times we are the guide horse, helping others to find their way.... Be kinder than necessary- Everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle.....

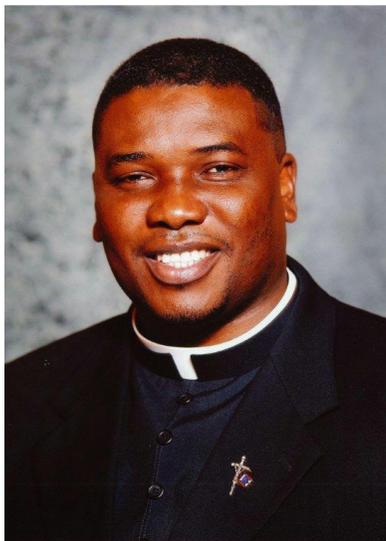
*Live simply,  
Love generously,  
Care deeply,  
Speak kindly.....  
Leave the rest to God*



"If you ever feel distressed during your day — call upon our Lady — just say this simple prayer: 'Mary, Mother of Jesus, please be a mother to me now.' I must admit — this prayer has never failed me." *Blessed Mother Teresa*

**RCIA** - Classes will begin on Sunday, August 28 at 6:00 p.m. in Lee Hall. These classes are for anyone who is interested in becoming a Catholic or just to learn what the Catholic church teaches. If you know anyone interested, please invite them to come. Also, any Catholic who would like to refresh the knowledge of their faith or be a sponsor is invited to attend. For more information contact Joan Woods (830) 596-8569.

*See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with a willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.* Ps 54



## **Meet our New Pastor:** ***Reverend Father Uche Evaristus Obikwelu***

I was born in Agulu, a town in Anambra State, located in the southeastern part of Nigeria. My family still lives in Nigeria. My Dad, Pius Ifem Obikwelu, and my mom, Georgina Udenwa Obikwelu, are deceased. I have two brothers: Ilo, and Father Chuks, and three sisters, Nne, Ify, and Ngoo. I am the youngest of the six living children. There are many nephews and nieces in my family.

My elementary and high school educations were received in Nigeria. Later, I obtained a Bachelor's Degree in philosophy from the Seat of Wisdom Seminary, also in Nigeria.

I am a cradle Catholic, coming from a strong Catholic Family tradition. Being an altar server in my youth initiated my deep interest and admiration for the priesthood. My mother took me to daily Mass and always encouraged me to participate actively in prayers, both at home and in the Church. All those prayers helped me immensely to discern becoming a Catholic priest.

In 2002, I left Nigeria on what would become my journey to the priesthood. I studied at the Catholic University in Leuven, Belgium, before moving to the United States in 2004. In America I became a seminarian in the Diocese of Austin. Saint Albert the Great Parish, in Austin, Texas, was my home parish.

When I was accepted as a seminarian by then Bishop Gregory Aymond, I began an eventful period of study and prayer. First, I went to Saint Mary's Seminary in Houston, Texas, for university level studies. Next, as part of my formation, I went to Cuernavaca, Mexico, to learn Spanish in the summer of 2005. In 2006, I served my Pastoral Year at Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Wimberley, Texas. That summer, I had Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) at Hillcrest Hospital in Waco. Following that I studied at the Institute for Priestly Formation (IPF) in Omaha, Nebraska, during the summer of 2007. I was ordained to the Order of Transitional Diaconate on May 17, 2008. I received a Bachelor's degree in Theology (STB), Master of Arts (MA), and Master of Divinity (M.Div.) from the University of Saint Thomas Aquinas, all in May 2009. My dream of becoming a Priest of our Lord Jesus Christ was realized when I was ordained to the Order of Priesthood on June 6, 2009, by then Bishop Gregory Aymond; Archbishop of New Orleans Archdiocese.

My first official assignment was as the Parochial Vicar of Saint Vincent de Paul Parish in Austin, Texas, where I served from 2009 to 2011. On the second anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood, I was assigned as the Parochial Vicar of Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in College Station, Texas.

Bishop Joe Vasquez appointed me the parish administrator of St Ann Catholic Church in Somerville, Texas, as well as its mission Church, Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church in Old Washington on the Brazos, Texas, on July 2, 2014. Then, later in the summer of 2016, he assigned me the Pastor of Saint Charles Borromeo Parish in Kingsland and Our Lady of the Lake, Sunrise Beach, Texas; effective July 18, 2016.

If asked to capture my feelings about being a priest, my response would be, "I am joyful to be a Catholic Priest!" And to whom do I dedicate my vocation? My answer is, "To Our Blessed Mother, the Virgin Mary."

I have been privileged to serve in the following capacities: member of the Presbyteral Council of the Catholic Diocese of Austin, Texas; spiritual director of the Eastern Council of Catholic Women; and spiritual director of Red-C Catholic Radio in College Station, Texas. I enjoy posting reflections on the Church's teachings on Facebook. My journey to the priesthood has been eventful, with many twists and turns. The Blessed Virgin Mary has been with me at every bend in the road. To honor her and to give credit where it is due, I decided to tell our story in my autobiography called "Mary, The Mediatrix of God's Grace" – My Call To The Roman Catholic Priesthood.

God Bless you all!  
Rev. Fr. Uche Obikwelu