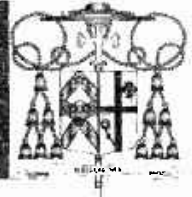


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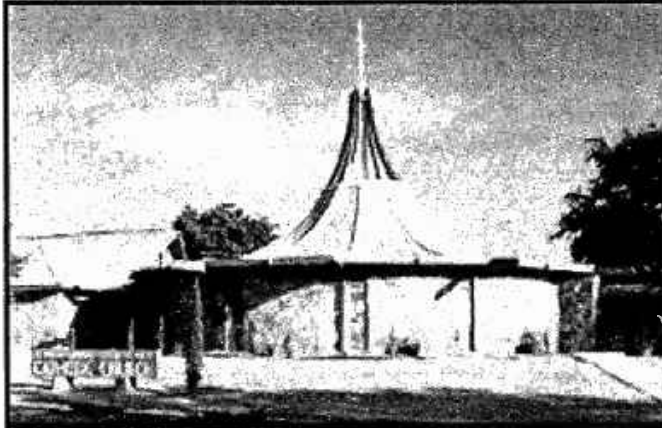
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**September 24, 2017**  
**Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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#### St. Charles Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:30 pm

Sunday 9:00 am

#### Weekdays

Tuesday 6:00 pm

Wednesday through Friday 8:00 am

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Fridays 8:30 to 9:30 after Mass  
or by Appointment

#### Pastoral Council Chair

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#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

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After Mass or by Appointment

#### Pastoral Council Chair

Chad Darilek

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## CHURCH LIFE...one body-many members

### Pastor's Corner



**Father Uche Obikwelu**  
Pastor

### Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 2017 The Parable of the Landowner:

On this Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, our Lord Jesus Christ moves the long conversation we have had these past three Sundays, regarding our moral reasonability to do his will, as well as live out our baptismal calling; unto how he loves us, and why it is not really what we do that makes him to love us, rather, he is love and so he manifests this love to us in different ways and times. The manner he chooses to distribute this love is his prerogative. The parable of the Landowner shows how the owner of the vineyard employed laborers at different times of the day. In these times of the day, some work more hours than others, while others work less hours than others, but the mystifying thing to those that worked more hours than those who worked less hours is that both received the same wage. Sadly, those who worked more hours became upset with the owner; they seemed to have judged him as an unjust man. This is where the dialogue became interesting! Here is the response of the owner of the vineyard to the jealous laborers, "My friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous? Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last." My brothers and sisters, we can ask ourselves, where do you and I belong in this parable? Do we only recognize our friends or pick and choose who will sit close to us and who will not – it doesn't matter whether in the Church, in a restaurant, public buses or places, or going out for a social event. Do we prefer to go only with one particular group of people in Church with the idea that our grandparents, parents or we, ourselves built this or that Church, therefore, we don't want to associate with new comers? Does the Church of Christ have new and old comers? Does the building make the Church or the members make the Body of Christ? I think, I should choose the latter. We must avoid all temptations, both members of the clergy and the members of the congregation to begin to see people of God from class perspective or from who donates more to the Church and who donates less. No, that is what the spirit and letter of this parable stand against. The spirit is that we are all one in the Body of Christ, that everyone must be treated equally. We are all made in the image and likeness of God, no matter our social, racial, language, or cultural backgrounds. In this way, we are called to be open to the gift of the Holy Spirit in our volunteering and contributions in the Church, be it treasure or talent. It is not up to you and me to decide who gets what, it is God's to decide. The parable of the Landowner shows the glimpse of our earthly strive to get to heaven. Try to listen to the message! Amen.

In Christ,

Father Uche Obikwelu

### WE SAY A BIG WELCOME TO OUR PASTOR'S FAMILY MEMBERS WHO ARE VISITING!

The Communities of Saint Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, Kingsland, and Our Lady of the Lake, Mission, Sunrise Beach, TX, wish to welcome our Pastor's Family members, who are visiting our parish and their brother, our Pastor, Fr. Uche. To you, Mrs. Helen Nne Okwoli, Fr. Uche's most Senior Sister, and their relative, Lulu Francis, we say welcome to Kingsland, and to Texas - the Lone Star State. Please send our gratitude back to your family home in Nigeria that we appreciate the sacrifice of sending us your son, Fr. Uche, to be a priest in the United States of America.

### PRIEST'S FALL ANNUAL CONVOCATION - Oct. 2 - 5, 2017

As is customary, every October, all the priests in our Austin Diocese will have convocation with our Bishops. This year's convocation will be at the Marriott Hotel, Round Rock, TX. It starts from October 2 to October 5, 2017. There will be no Masses in the parishes in the diocese, therefore, please no Masses in our parish during these days. But, there will be a First Friday of the Month Mass and adoration on October 6, 2017

### Bishop Vasquez' Prayer Intention

- May we strive to be a community of servants seeking to be last rather than first ...
- Por que nos esforcemos en ser una comunidad de servidores, buscando ser los últimos más que los primeros ...
- For those who continue to recover in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey, may they know the generosity and mercy of God made present through the actions of others ...
- Por aquellos que continúan recuperándose de las secuelas del Huracán Harvey, por que conozcan la generosidad y misericordia de Dios hecha presente a través de las acciones de otros ..

### Mass Intentions

Mass intentions can be booked in the office on Tuesday or Thursday or you can fill out the form and drop the envelope in the black box in front of the office. You will find envelopes in the book holders in the pews. You can book Mass for your family members, the sick, the dead, personal needs and God's blessing.

### Rosary

The Rosary is prayed every Sunday at 8:30 AM before Mass at St. Charles and every Saturday at 3:25 PM before Mass at Our Lady of the Lake

Join us in praying the Rosary.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is scheduled an hour after Friday Mass (8:30 to 9:30) at St. Charles. This will allow us to prepare for this beautiful sacrament, which invites us to deep reflection, introspection, and gratitude to God for His Love and Mercy.

### Mass Readings

#### Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9  
Responsorial Psalms: 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18  
2nd Reading: Philippians 1:20C-24, 27A  
Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16A

#### Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28  
Responsorial Psalms: 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9  
2nd Reading: Philippians 2:1-11  
Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

**PARISH MINISTRIES...come and be with us.**

**MISSION STATEMENT**

We, the people of God of St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Kingsland, Texas and Our Lady of the Lake, Sunrise Beach, in the Diocese of Austin form a faith community that challenges each to love and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ based on Faith, Hope and Love with no regard to race, gender, nationality religion or social standing.

**Share the Harvest**

Don't forget our "Share the Harvest Food Wagon" at St. Charles and the "Box" at OLOL. When you are out doing your grocery shopping please consider picking up an extra item or two and bring when you come to Mass. Also cash is five times as good. Every \$1.00 given buys \$5.00 from the food bank. Thank you for your generosity. God Bless You.

Send bulletin announcements to [stcharles@nctv.com](mailto:stcharles@nctv.com) by **5:00 PM on MONDAY**. You **MUST** put "**bulletin announcement**" in the subject line of your email. This will help us and it will ensure your important information is not overlooked.

**Statues of our Blessed Mother**



at St. Charles

at Our Lady of the Lake

**Rosary**

*Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.*

Read more at: <http://www.catholic.org/prayers/merlon.php>

**"A Sacrificial Gift"**

How can I determine how much is a "sacrificial gift"? One way to determine a sacrificial gift is by relating your gift to your income. Some people reach into their pocket to see what is left from Saturday night.

As a good steward, you are being asked to consider donating one hour (2 1/2%) or two hours (5%) of your weekly income. As circumstances change, increase gradually toward the ideal of 10% to your church and other charities. Some will be able to do more while others may need to do less.

There are two important points: first is that your gift be a sacrifice and second is that you relate your donation to your income. If your income is \$1000/week or \$4333/month then a weekly sacrificial gift would be 2.5% = \$25, 5% = \$50 and 10% = \$100.

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— Fr Uche —

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