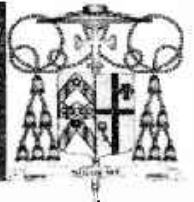


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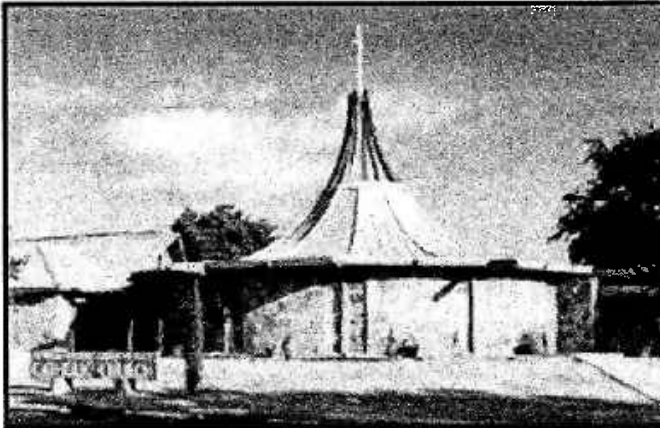


October 15, 2017

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**Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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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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Pastor's Corner



Father Uche Obikwelu  
Pastor

**Twenty-Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time – 2017  
The Parable of the Wedding Feast: Do not take  
your privileges for granted!**

In our world today, many blessings, gifts or privileges are taken for granted. In the age of philosophy and contemplative era before the internet era, life is viewed with meanings and deeper reflections. Our actions are examined in the light of superior reasons, sound arguments, and intellectual superiority, but not emotions or sentiments or according to one's political ideology or nationalist's inclination. Why is it that we cannot dialogue? Where have the debates gone that we were taught in high schools? Why can we no longer accept our weak arguments, when they are inferior to superior arguments? I would suggest that this is not really pride. You know why? Because if it was pride, one would eventually come to the knowledge of truth and reality and reconsider. I am afraid that it has become an intrinsic part of our nature and way of societal life and the media has etched it in the minds of our millennials and society. Hence, no more reflective thoughts over our actions before they are taken. No more deep moments to examine our actions and make just a little effort to see the value on what the other person is saying. We listen, but we are not hearing - we kept on listening to ourselves.

Last Sunday, we read from the Gospel of Matthew about the parable of the Landowner, who sent his servants and son to collect the rents from the tenants. The tenants threw all decorum and civility to the winds and murdered both the servants and the Son of the landowner. They did not have any sense of rationality or meditative reflection of the would-be consequences of their actions, therefore, they paid the price with their lives.

My brothers and sisters, on this Twenty-Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time, the same scenario reoccurred, but slightly different. A king called for the wedding banquet. He sent his servants to invite the guests; instead of the guests to decline the invitation (Though a few did), they rounded up the servants and murdered them. Why? Because they never reflected or meditated on the consequence of their actions; just like the wicked tenants, they too, were punished by death. Here, the King did not stop at killing the murderers, he went ahead and gave a second chance to other new guests. This time, not the special invited guests, but he chose to try something different. He asked his servants to go to the street and invite whomever they see. No special classes, no politicians, no celebrities, no clergy members, no doctors or nurses, no teachers, no journalists, nor CEO's, but people who are not given recognition in the society: the downtrodden, peasants, and the poor. Sadly, despite this privilege, something extraordinary happened! One would have thought that the king would be happy that at least the poor, the bad and good alike favorably responded to his invitation. After all, those special guests had disappointed him. Not it was not to be! When the king entered the hall, he found a man who was not dressed in a wedding banquet garment. He was distressed that this man did not even show appreciation of being invited - that he took his invitation for granted and came unkempt. He sent him away to be disciplined.

How does this story pan out today in our lives and society? I could remember, when I was in school studying for my philosophy degree in the late eighties. We often invite intellectuals of high repute, especially those who have some radically different opinions to deliver lectures on different subjects - some of them were very controversial, but they were meant to broaden our

minds to face different challenges of ideologies that are opposed to ours. Sometimes we are asked to write a response to the lecture - in the process, we saw salient points in what the presenter gives, though he holds radical different views from ours. Unfortunately, today, our students in our high schools and Universities cannot handle ideas different from the one they have been coached by a particular ideology - they want a safe space, where milk and cookies will be provided them, as if to say that they will graduate into a different world from the one that we are right now? They cannot stand any views different from theirs. Even men and women of our era have left a reflective and meditative life, and have allowed selfishness and egocentrism to consume their faculty, instead of engaging in a constructive and sound reasoning, they sometimes look for an easy way out and may be resort to using guns or violence, causing chaos rather than peace in our Universities and society. There is no longer a modicum of civility, rather we are in a free fall to the brutish age. We are like the man in the Gospel, who was given the privilege to attend a wedding banquet, but did not value it, because he thought that since the exultant guests didn't make it, he could attend the wedding in a shabby and disrespectful dress. No, he should not, says the king. Privileges must be appreciated. We shall never take privileges for granted. All the blessings and gifts that God has given us: redemption from the original sin, His Holy Church, Ten Commandments, Sacraments for our edification, and all kinds of the goodness of life should never be truncated and unappreciated. All God's privileges cannot be taken for granted.

In Christ,

Father Uche Obikwelu

**Bishop Vasquez' Prayer Intention**

- For those who struggle to rebuild their lives following natural disasters, that they may not be anxious but make their petitions to God confident that God's people will be the hands and feet of God lifting them up ...
- Por aquellos que luchan por reconstruir sus vidas después de los desastres naturales, para que no estén ansiosos, sino que hagan sus peticiones a Dios con la confianza de que la gente de Dios será las manos y pies de Dios levantándolos...

**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-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10A

Responsorial Psalms 23:1-3A, 3B-4, 5, 6

2nd Reading: Philipians 4:12-14, 19-20

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

**Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Responsorial Psalms 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5B

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21

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

**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. Welcome!

Visit St Charles' and Our Lady of the Lake 's website at :  
<http://stcharleskingslandtx.com>

**The St. Charles / OLOL Men's Club will have their Taco Breakfast after the 9AM Mass in Lee Hall. Come join us for good food and fun fellowship after Sundays Mass.**

**Mass Intentions: October 07- October 15**

**OUR LADY OF THE LAKE**

Sat 10/07	4:00 PM	All Parishioners
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**ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO**

Sat 10/07	5:30 PM	Deacon Ron Woods †
Sun 10/08	9:00 AM	David Watson
Tues 10/10	6:00 PM	Jeremy Barrera
Wed 10/11	8:00 AM	Tim
Thurs 10/12	8:00 AM	Senchak-Graham Family
Fri 10/13	8:00 AM	Respect For Life

**OUR LADY OF THE LAKE**

Sat 10/14	4:00 PM	Bill & Bobbi Simmons †
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**ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO**

Sat 10/14	5:30 PM	Lillian Davis †
Sun 10/15	9:00 AM	Deceased Members of Catholic Life Branch 65 †

**NEW TELEPHONE DIRECTORY**

It is important that we have an accurate count of parishioners. The parish census is reported to the Diocese. In order to update our records, the Pastoral council has requested that we collect information for the Parish Pictorial Directory. Please take a moment to complete one of the forms in the Narthex of the church and drop it in the collection basket. If you do not want your phone number published in the directory, omit that item, but please include your name and address so our count of parishioners is accurate. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

**All Souls Day Remembrance:** Remember departed loved ones by filling out envelopes provided by Ushers. or located on table in Narthex. Simply write the name(s) of your departed loved ones inside the cover and return it to the collection basket or place it in the black box located in front of the office. These envelopes will be placed on the altar for the whole og Month of November at Masses.

**Altar Flowers this weekend**

**ST. CHARLES**



*In loving memory of  
Jerry Breaux*

**Sponsoring Altar Flowers for 2017:** If you would like to sponsor the Altar Flowers for a weekend in 2017 to honor a loved one or special occasions, there are many weeks still available. Forms can be found on the table at the church's entrance. Please make checks payable to Judy Breaux. The following dates are still available; please consider sponsoring the flowers on these dates. The recommended amount is \$40. Thank you Oct 28/29, Nov 4/5

**Last Week's Collections**

**St. Charles: \$ 2439.15**  
Collection for Hurricane & Earthquake \$827.60  
**Our Lady of the Lake: \$ 682.50**

*"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.*

**Announcements**

**For your own comfort** at Mass this summer, due to air conditioning the church may be cold. Father Uche suggests that you please bring a jacket. Also keep in mind the weather conditions, as in winter the church inside may be a little warmer. Extra sweaters are available upon request to ushers.

**Free Rosaries** ...A very generous parishioner has donated Rosaries and Rosary Booklets in both English and Spanish. They are located on the table in the Narthex. Anyone who wants one is welcome to take one. Please remember that the Rosary becomes a sacramental when it is blessed by Father. If you take one please be sure to have it blessed by Father.

**Upcoming ACTS Retreats (bilingual) For both Men and Women:** The ACTS Retreat is a Life Changing Experience. It Allows you to experience the presence of God while learning about God our faith, community and services. If you would like to join us for a wonderful weekend please contact:

**Men's retreat: Oct 26-29, 2017**  
Jerry Castillo 830-385-2245 or Alfonso Arrequin 830-798-7857  
**Women's retreat: Nov 09-12, 2017**  
Mary Flores 325-423-2438 or Georgia Brailiff 830-265-0830

**ST CHARLES LADIES AND MEN'S CLUBS WISH TO THANK EVERYONE WHO DONATED ITEMS TO OUR GARAGE SALE AND TO ALL WHO VOLUNTEERED TO MAKE IT SUCCESSFUL.**

St Charles Ladies Club Meeting will be Monday October 16<sup>th</sup> in Lee Hall at 11:30 AM Please bring a dish to share and join us for lunch

St. Charles Needlers wishes to thank everyone for all the donations of fabric. We have been supplying the local police departments with Kids blankets and pillows thank to Martha Carpenter. With our donations we were able to give away 219 Adult, Kid and Baby blankets to the evacuees of Hurricane Harvey. Again, if anyone wishes to join us, we meet at 9:00am every Monday morning (except the day the Ladies Club meets) and leave at 11:00am. If you wish we have kits that you can sew at home. Thank you again.

**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.

We pray that we may be open to the surprises of the Holy Spirit, and Trust in him in all situations and conditions. Amen.

— Fr Uche —

**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/merton.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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