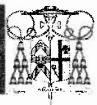


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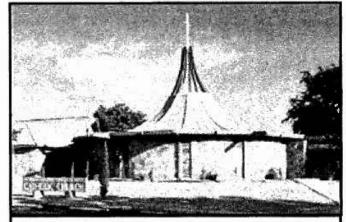
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# October 22, 2017 Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

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> Pastoral Council Chair Donnie Jung Finance Council Chair Rodger Woods

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# CHURCH LIFE...one body-many members

# Pastor's Corner



Father Uche Obikwelu Pastor

# Twenty-Nine Sunday in Ordinary Time - 2017

"Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

The Gospel of this Twenty-Nine Sunday in Ordinary Time, which is taken from the Gospel of Matthew is quite instructive: Let us recap.

"The Pharisees went off and plotted how they might entrap Jesus in speech. They sent their disciples to him, with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are a truthful man and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. And you are not concerned with anyone's opinion, for you do not regard a person's status. Tell us, then, what is your opinion: Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?" Knowing their malice, Jesus said, "Why are you testing me, you hypocrites? Show me the coin that pays the census tax." Then they handed him the Roman coin. He said to "Whose image is this and inscription?" They replied, "Caesar's." At that he said to them, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

To plot and entrap Jesus in speech prefigures the temptation encounter that Our Lord would have with the Devil in his forty days and forty nights of fasting and prayer in the desert. Why is this connection necessary? The Premeditated malice of the Pharisees was evil intended. Their motive was intrinsically evil and diabolical, because they meant no good to Jesus, but to sabotage his ministry and reputation. When the devil plots against us and wants to entrap us, he comes in very attractive and appealing ways - very seductive. Let us revisit the above encounter again. They said to Jesus, "Teacher, we know that you are a truthful man and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. And you are not concerned with anyone's opinion, for you do not regard a person's status." What hypocrites and cowards these men were? Their mouths were sugar coated, while their hearts and intentions were rotten dead. What lesson to learn from this? The lesson for us is that despite the fact that Jesus as God knows their evil intents, he was not rattled or engaged in arguments with them. Why folks? Because devil does not deserve our precious time that would be better spent praying or doing good rather than wasting it.

My dear brothers and sisters, we encounter these kinds of experiences that Jesus had with the Pharisees and Herodians every day in our lives. Are we going to lose our cool, even though we know the negative imaginations against us? Or are we to remain firm and trust in Jesus; keep our cool and ask the Holy Spirit to give us what to do or to say? In response to their treacherous question Jesus, though, had respectfully given them the correct human answer, he nevertheless had some food for thought for them, which I believe they did not get. The question that was left unanswered was: When it comes to what belongs to God and Caesar? The answer is that "Nothing, nothing belongs to Caesar." He was a mere creature; but everything belongs to God. This is the salient truth that Jesus wanted us to learn too, which his tempters could not decipher, because they were consumed in their evil plot to entrap him.

In Christ.

Father Uche Obikwelu

# **Prayer Intention**

We Pray for Pope Frances, Bishop Joe Vasquez and Bishop Danny Garcia, our Pastor Fr Uche and all the Clergy and Religious. Amen.

## 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-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time 1st Reading: Isiah 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

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
1st Reading: Exodus 22:20-26
Responsorial Psalms 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51
2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5C-10
Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

# 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



# Join us for Coffee and donuts after 9:00am Mass in Lee Hall

Mass Intentions: October 21 - October 29

#### **OUR LADY OF THE LAKE**

Sat 10/21	4:00 PM	Bill & Bobbi Simmons †
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Sat 10/21	5:30 PM	Lillian Davis †
Sun 10/22	9:00 AM	Deceased Members of Catholic Life Branch 65 †
Tues 10/24	6:00 PM	Felicia Gonzalez †
Wed 10/25	8:00 AM	Terry Abbott †
Thurs 10/26	8:00 AM	Mary Jane Pfeiffer †
Fri 10/27	8:00 AM	Ollie & Marilyn Menasco †
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Sat 10/28	4:00 PM	Jane Gath †
	ST. C.	HARLES BORROMEO
Sat 10/28	5:30 PM	David Daniels †
Sun 10/29	9:00 AM	Dona C. Johnson †

#### **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 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



Celebrating the 63rd Wedding Anniversary of John & Rosemary Graham

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:

\$ 1744.51

Our Lady of the Lake:

\$ 744.00

2nd collection for Earthquake & Hurricane

\$449.85

"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

Bessie Jackson from the Community Resource Center representing "Elves for the Elderly" is requesting items such as — slippers, mittens, mufflers, blankets, socks, hand soap, large coloring books and crayons or monetary for gift bags, etc. (Check donations should be made out to Oars) for her yearly Christmas visit and giveaway to the elderly.

We are starting a Children's Library: If you have any children's books with religious theme that you'd like to donate, Please drop them off at Lee Hall.

We, the Needlers Prayer Blanket Ministry, donate lap guilts to them; but, we gave away 219 guilts departed loved ones inside the cover and return it to the to the victims of Hurricane Harvey and consequently we collection basket or place it in the black box located in front have nothing to give this year. Please help this well deserved campaign. There will be a box in the Hall and one at Our Lake of the Lake labelled "Elves for the Elderly". Thank you.

# 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 stcharles@nctv.com by 5:00 PM on MON-DAY. 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, Je-sus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Read more at: prayers/merton.php

http://www.catholic.org/

#### "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

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.

We pray for the parishioners that are ill or elderly and unable to attend mass and for their caregivers . Amen.

— Fr Uche —



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