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Pope Francis
Rome, Italy

December 13, 2020

The Third Sunday of Advent

Gaudete Sunday– Rejoice Sunday

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St. Charles Mass Schedule
Saturday 6:00 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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Our Lady of the Lake Mass Schedule
Saturday 4:00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation
At St. Charles on Fridays 8:30 to 9:30
After Mass or by Appointment

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Charles Sadler

Pastor's Advent Message:

My dear brothers and sisters,
It's a special blessing from God to us, to be part of this holy and ancient tradition in our Catholic Church - the advent Season.

May we reflect the love of God manifested in his Son, so that this love can unite all humanity.

Blessed Advent.
Father Uche Obikwelu.

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My dear and beloved people of God,

The Bishop has issued a September update to the Covid-19 protocols for the Austin Diocese. All parishes must return to their original Mass and Confessional schedule by the first weekend in October 2020. For us that means we will return to having a Vigil Mass at 6:00pm on Saturdays at St. Charles Borromeo, beginning with October 3rd.

The State of Texas has increased capacity attendance 75% for churches. We have enough social distance (OLOL) and adequate overflow capacity in Lee Hall (St. Charles) with our updated technology providing real time sound and video on the large screen TV, for everyone to attend that wishes to do so.

Other protocols for masks, household social distancing, reception of Holy Communion on the hand and no singing will remain in place until further notice.

We still encourage the following parishioners to remain at home and join the community through our livestreamed Mass at 9:00 AM: (1) those who are showing signs of being ill (COVID-19 or otherwise); (2) those who have an underlying health condition making them vulnerable, or (3) those who live with or care for anyone in the previous two categories. If you do not fit any of the situations above, you are "highly" encouraged to return to being
physically present for Mass. Parishes may no longer save the recorded Mass on social media. Participating in the Mass via livestream is to be done concurrent and together with the parish community in the church.

PARISH LIFE...come and be with us

Rosary & Holy Hour

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.

Please join us for a Holy Hour on Monday evenings from 7 to 8 PM at St Charles in Kingsland to pray for all our priests, and especially our own priest, Father Uche.

Requesting 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.

Mass Intentions: Dec 12 - Dec 20

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE		
Sat 12-12	4:00 PM	Ernestine Jordan +
ST. CHARLES BORROMEO		
Sat 12-12	6:00 PM	Living & Deceased Members of Catholic Life #65
Sun 12-13	9:00 AM	Senchak-Graham family
Tue 12-15	9:00 AM	Fran & Mike Berkowitz +
Wed 12-16	8:00 AM	Velda & William Watson +
Thurs 12-17	8:00 AM	Karen Philippi & family
Fri 12-18	8:00 AM	David Watson
OUR LADY OF THE LAKE		
Sat 12-19	4:00 PM	Ernestine Jordan +
ST. CHARLES BORROMEO		
Sat 12-19	6:00 PM	Rev. Fr. Anthony Alphonse +
Sun 12-20	9:00 AM	Jereme Barrera

VOLUNTEER

Cleaning the Sacred Altar Linens

Volunteers Needed for Cleaning the Sacred Altar Linens. If you are interested, please call June Schuh at 325-388-3789, or there is a sign up sheet in the sacristy behind the altar. Full directions are in an envelope attached to the right cabinet door above the refrigerator. We have openings in two week intervals or, if you would be so kind, a month.

NEEDLERS is a group of ladies from St. Charles and OLOL who make lap blankets for children, babies and the elderly. These are distributed throughout Llano, Burnet Mason, Lampasas and Travis Counties through the CPS, Elves for the Elderly and any organization that contacts us. We meet in Lee Hall every Monday (except the second week of the month) from 9am to 11l00am. We have kits made up for those who would like to try sewing at home. We always welcome newcomers and visitors and donations of cotton. If you have any questions, please call June Schuh at 325-388-3789.

Last Week's Collections

St. Charles ***$ 1841.00***

Christmas Decorations ***$ 100.00***

Poor Fund ***$ 337.00***

OLOL ***$ 1104.00***

Poor Fund ***$ 266.00***

"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.

2nd Collection this week for Retired Clergy & Religious

Penance Service Update

Dear Sister and Brothers,

Keeping in mind that the levels of positive cases of COVID-19 in our area are rising, the decision to **cancel our penance service** has been made. Many other parishes in our Diocese are doing the same.

To give people as much opportunity to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation, Father Uche is offering more times during the month of December.

Times: Fridays 8:30-9:30 am and Saturdays 9:00-10:30 am

Dates: December 4th/5th; December 11th/12th; and December 18th/19th

Please wear a mask and follow other Covid protocols.

Gifts to the Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) support the work of more than 100 essential diocesan ministries and programs that deliver pastoral care and vital services, transforming the lives of thousands of people.

Catholic Service Appeal launched, November 7 & 8 and is still ongoing. Your prayers and financial support are needed. Gifts to Catholic Service Appeal make possible more than 100 ministries and programs that are essential to the mission of our diocese. Prayerfully consider how you can share your blessings in gratitude to God for all he has given 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 to 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/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.

God of infinite mercy, we bring our brokenhearted request that you touch your healing hand on all the victims of the Coronavirus, flu and other viruses so that they become well. May we unlock it's cure. Amen
— Fr Uche —

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Let us pray for the protection of the unborn and for the dignity of all life.
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