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My dear parishioners:

One of the very important responsibilities of a pastor is to keep parishioners informed of the financial condition of the parish. This is to assure the parishioners that the funds they entrust to the parish are being used properly and judiciously, and to encourage faithful stewardship of the parishioners to the parish.

Last month I received from our outside auditors the audited financials of the parish for last fiscal year, which closed on June 30, 2018. Last week the Finance Council met to review the audited financial report and to approve the financials. Having the approval of the parish Finance Council, I am happy to provide you as an insert in this weekend's bulletin a one-page "Balance Sheet and Income and Expense Statement" of the parish for fiscal year (FY) July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018.

The first thing you will notice is that the report is not a comparison to the prior FY (2016-2017). The reason for this is that shortly after I arrived at the parish on July 1, 2017, I met with the members of the Finance Council in order to make changes the FY 17-18 budget that resulted in decreases in expenditures under the line item "clergy". These were due to the fact that I am an incardinated priest of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston on "loan" to the Diocese of Beaumont, and some expenses parishes would cover for Beaumont priests, like pension obligations, are not presently being required of OLOP. So instead of making an unhelpful comparison to the prior FY it was decided to provide parishioners just the details of the FY 17-18.

The next thing I hope you will notice is that as a parish we had a very good year financially. Our revenues have increased and our expenditures have decreased, leaving us with a healthy positive balance at fiscal year-end. When reviewing revenue and expenses in both the operating account (funds received for any parish financial obligation) and the designated account (funds which must be spent for a specific purpose), we ended the FY with total revenue of \$336,664.80 and total expenses of \$187,888.83. This left the parish with a positive year-end balance of \$148,888.83. This is fantastic, and something of which we should all be proud.

I do think it is important for you to know that of the positive balance of \$149,000, \$65,500, or 44%, came from non-OLOP parishioners. These were gifts to the parish from friends of mine in Houston. Some of these funds are designated and can only be used for specific purposes (ex. Technology support). Of the remaining \$83,500 overage, \$47,400 is due to increased offertory collection and \$36,100 to decreased expenses. I bring this to your attention as we ought not assume that we will continue to receive such generous donations from non-OLOP parishioners.

Though we do have a positive fund balance at this time, we continue to need the generous financial contributions of all parishioners if we are going to be able to maintain and improve our parish campus and continue to grow in our parish ministries. There are some deferred maintenance needs that we will need to address in the next year. We will need to redo our parish parking lot and improve the accessibility of our church entrance for persons with mobility issues. We are in strong need for a covered drop-off/pick-up area for times of inclement weather as well as for funerals. Our parish Family Center will soon need significant air conditioning, roofing and flooring work. Because our facilities are older, we can have unexpected maintenance expenses at any time. We must ensure that our parish campus and facilities meet the present and future needs of parishioners. All of this will take funding.

October 6—October 14, 2018
Readings and Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 6 4:30pm—Mass
 6:30pm—Spanish Mass
 Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130 [135]/
 Lk 10:17-24

Sunday, October 7 9:00am—Mass
 Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [cf. 5]/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:12-12
Mass intention for the People of the Parish

Monday, October 8 4:30pm—Mass
 Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c [5]/Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday, October 9 First Tuesday Mass
 Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15 [24b]/Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday, October 10 4:30pm—Mass
 Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday, October 11 8:30am—Mass
 Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [69]/Lk 11:5-13

Friday, October 12 9:30am—Communion Service
 Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [5]/Lk 11:15-26

Saturday, October 13 4:30pm—Mass
 6:30pm—Spanish Mass
 Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a]/Lk 11:27-28

Sunday, October 14 9:00am—Mass
 Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [14]/Heb 4:12-13/
 Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27
Mass intention for the People of the Parish

May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives. (Ps 128)

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for: Nelda Leathem, Rosemary Urban, Don Watt, Ed Sanderson; Ouida Gaspard, Jessie Day, Wanda Lilley, Linda Bonsall, Rick Schriver; Bob Sandison, Earl Odom, Cody Walton, Willie Frazier, Jesusa Bisua, Helen Vedros, Bobbie Broussard, Mary Ann Fourniquet

Repose of the soul: Heather Williams

Names will remain on the prayer list for two weeks. You may list names in the Prayer book in the vestibule of the Church and your intention will be offered at daily Mass.

I want to express my deepest appreciation to each parishioner who has contributed to the financial support of the parish, and to the many of you who save the parish countless dollars by your donation of time and labor to maintain our parish grounds, facilities, ministries and administration. Your sacrificial contributions are most needed and most appreciated. Thanks to your generous support of time, talent and treasure our parish is doing well financially. This enables us to put our efforts into increasing the quality of our ministries and facilities. This, my dear parishioners, is a clear sign of a vibrant community of faith. May the Lord abundantly bless you for your generosity to his Church.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Msgr. Frank H. Rossi
 Pastor

Sun. Oct 7 <i>Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Mon. Oct 8	Tues. Oct 9	Wed. Oct 10 10:00am—Stewardship 4:00pm—Rosary 4:30pm—Mass 5:00pm—Choir 6:00pm—CCE 7:00pm—Eucharist Adoration/Confessions	Thurs. Oct 11 8:30am—Mass 9:00am—Divine Mercy Chaplet	Fri. Oct 12 9:30am—Communion Service	Sat. Oct 13 3:45-4:15pm—Confessions 4:30pm—Vigil Mass 6:30pm—Spanish Mass
Sun. Oct 14 <i>Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Mon. Oct 15	Tues. Oct 16	Wed. Oct 17 4:00pm—Rosary 4:30pm—Mass 5:00pm—Choir 6:00pm—CCE	Thurs. Oct 18 8:30am—Mass 9:00am—Divine Mercy Chaplet	Fri. Oct 19 9:30am—Communion Service	Sat. Oct 20 3:45-4:15pm—Confessions 4:30pm—Vigil Mass 6:30pm—Spanish Mass

Rosary Rally
 October 13, 2018
 2 locations: La Enchilada and City of Ivanhoe
America Needs Fatima
Pray for our Nation and World Peace
 Meet at 11:45
 Bring chairs, rosaries and sunscreen/umbrellas.
 Lunch afterwards at La Enchilada

Adult Faith Formation Classes
Sundays after Mass
New series beginning October 7, 2018
Everybody Needs to Forgive Someone
 Led by Madeline Arnett

Halloween Party
 October 27, 2018
 5:30pm-9:00pm

We are having a special SAINTS evening. Come dressed as a Saint.

Upcoming Events

October 10: Eucharist Adoration/Confessions 7:00pm
 October 13: Rosary Rally: La Enchilada, City of Ivanhoe 12:00pm, meet at 11:45am
 October 21: 25th, 50th, 50+ Anniversary Mass, St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica, Beaumont, TX
 October 27: Halloween Party after 4:30pm Bilingual Mass 5:30pm-9:00pm
 November 1: All Saints Day, Holy Day of Obligation

DO YOU LIKE TO COOK?
CAN YOU MAKE A MEAL FOR THE CHILDREN?

Every Wednesday at 6:00pm the church provides a meal for the children attending CCE classes. Contact Twyla Darder, 409-384-0819, to volunteer to prepare a meal or make a donation.



TWO OR MORE CAN JOIN TOGETHER TO MAKE THE MEAL MORE FUN TO PREPARE!

Online Giving

If you would like to give electronically, visit our website www.ourladyofthepinescatholicchurch.com and click on **Donation**.

Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Would you like to deepen your Catholic faith?

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Tuesday evenings, 6:30pm-8:00pm, Family Center

We invite you to come, learn, ask questions and grow in your knowledge and love of God and his Church.

Weekly Stewardship

September 29 & 30 Weekly Offering	\$ 2,783.00
Average Weekly Cost	\$ 3,152.00
Excess/Deficit	\$ -369.00

Thank you for your generosity.