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My dear parishioners:
 Last week I began to share with you some insights I learned from Gary D. Chapman's book, *The Five Languages of Love: The Secret to Love that Lasts*. (If you did not see last weekend's bulletin letter you can view it on our parish website.) In the book Chapman states that there are five general ways in which people receive emotional love. Each person has a primary way in which they prefer to receive emotional love and marriages are most healthy when each spouse receives the kind of emotional love they prefer. Last week we looked at two of those "love languages", **Words of Affirmation** and **Quality Time**. Today we will briefly look at the other three.

Receiving Gifts: Many people feel most loved when they receive a gift from their spouse. A gift is a visible symbol that the person was being thought of and loved by the gift-giver. Gifts come in all sizes and shapes. Some gifts are expensive. Some are free, like a flower from the garden or breakfast in bed. For the person whose primary love language is receiving gifts, the cost of the gift matters little, unless it is greatly out of line with the person's financial status (ex. too expensive for a struggling family). What matters most is the regular offer of a gift, as it is a rhythmic reminder that the person is loved. Think of the people who have kept every card or letter they have received from their spouse, every drawing from their children or every gift from a friend. For them gifts have a sentimental value that is priceless.

Gifts do not always need to be tangible objects. They also need to be physical presence. We have all been invited to parties whose invitations read "your presence is your present". For couples with a fast-paced life style, one of the most precious gifts to give each other is the gift of time together. For many people the receiving of gifts is the way they feel emotionally loved by their spouse. They ought to receive regular gifts of varying kinds so that they will be ever assured they are loved.

Acts of Service: Many people feel most loved when their spouse does things that are nurturing, kind, helpful or ease their workload. In marriage it is very easy for the couple to fall into the routine of dividing tasks. At times a spouse may take the responsibility for a task because they enjoy doing it or are good at it. At other times they assume the responsibility because if they do not the task will not get done. It can happen that a person can feel emotionally unloved because their spouse does not volunteer to help with daily chores or do the tasks asked of them. For these people, simple acts tend to mean a lot. Things like helping with childcare, offering to stop by the grocery store on the way home from work, doing the dishes or tackling a few of the "to do" list items can make the person feel loved as they see their spouse doing things that help lessen their work. Think of some of the things a person has asked you to do in the past and begin to do some of them. It will certainly help the person to feel loved.

Physical Touch: Many people feel emotionally loved by gentle, physical touches. As one of the five senses, touch is an important component of a healthy human relationship. Holding hands, kissing, embracing and sexual intimacy are all ways of communicating

November 10 - November 18, 2018
Readings and Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 10 4:30pm—Mass
 6:30pm—Spanish Mass
 Phil 4:10-19/Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a and 9/Lk 16:9-15

Sunday, November 11 9:00am—Mass
 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Heb 9:24-28/
 Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44
Mass intention for the People of the Parish

Monday, November 12 4:30pm—Mass
 Ti 1:1-9/Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday, November 13 No Mass
 Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Ps 37:3-4, 18 and 23, 27 and 29 [39a]/Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday, November 14 4:30pm—Mass
 Ti 3:1-7/Ps 23:1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5, 6 [1]/Lk 17:11-19
Mass intention for Lloyd and Ron Chance

Thursday, November 15 8:30am—Mass
 Phlm 7-20/Ps 146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [5a]/Lk 17:20-25

Friday, November 16 9:30am—Communion Service
 2 Jn 4-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18 [1b]/Lk 17:26-37

Saturday, November 17 4:30pm—Mass
 6:30pm—Spanish Mass
 3 Jn 5-8/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 18:1-8

Sunday, November 18 9:00am—Mass
 Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32
Mass intention for the People of the Parish

Praise the Lord, my soul! (Ps 146)

marital love. For a person whose primary love language is touch, physical contact with their spouse is essential. They certainly benefit from hearing the words "I love you", but they need to feel their spouse's love through physical touch. Holding hands while praying before meals, a gentle touch while passing in the hallway, an embrace in gratitude for an act of kindness done by one's spouse, all of these are important expressions of love. Many people feel more connected to their spouse when they have regular physical contact with them.

An interesting point that Chapman makes in his book is that many spouses express love to their spouse in the way they themselves prefer to be loved rather than the way their spouse prefers to be loved. Hurt feelings and tension can result. It is essential to understand how a spouse prefers to receive emotional love so that the spouse can be loved well. Chapman suggests asking three questions to help determine a person's primary love language: 1. What does your spouse do or fail to do that hurts you most deeply? (The opposite of what hurts most is likely one's preferred love language); 2. What have you most often requested of your spouse? (It is most likely the thing that makes you feel most loved) and; 3. In what way do you regularly express love to your spouse? (This may be an indication of how you prefer to be loved). You may want to ask yourselves these questions and reflect on how you can best express emotional love to your spouse in the way she or he most benefits.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

 Msgr. Frank H. Rossi
 Pastor

Sun. Nov 11 <i>Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 9:00am—Mass Fr. Dan Warden covering for Fr. Rossi	Mon. Nov 12 4:30 pm—Mass	Tues. Nov 13 6:30pm—RCIA	Wed. Nov 14 10:00am—Stewardship 4:00pm—Rosary 4:30pm—Mass 5:00pm—Choir 6:00pm—CCE 7:00pm—Eucharist Adoration/Confessions	Thurs. Nov 15 8:30am—Mass 9:00—Divine Mercy Chaplet	Fri. Nov 16 9:30am—Communion Service	Sat. Nov 17 3:45-4:15pm—Confessions 4:30pm—Mass Altar Society Casserole Sale 6:30pm—Spanish Mass
Sun. Nov 18 <i>Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 9:00am—Mass Altar Society Casserole Sale Adult Faith Formation after Mass	Mon. Nov 19 4:30 pm—Mass	Tues. Nov 20 6:30pm—RCIA	Wed. Nov 21 4:00pm—Rosary 4:30pm—Mass for Thanksgiving Day NO CCE	Thurs. Nov 22 	Fri. Nov 23 9:30am—Communion Service	Sat. Nov 24 3:45-4:15pm—Confessions 4:30pm—Mass 6:30pm—Spanish Mass

Catholic Charismatic Renewal
 Saturday, December 1, 2018 10:00am — Noon
 Our Lady of the Pines Catholic Church Family Center
 Woodville, Texas

Msgr. Frank Rossi will talk on "Taste and See" with his testimony on Mother Teresa's spiritual guidance during one of his missionary trips. Ted Nelson will provide music for Praise and Worship. Refreshments, fellowship and individual prayer will follow. All are invited.

AARP Driver Safety Program
 November 15, 2018 8:30am-12:30pm
 Our Lady of the Pines Family Center

Fees are \$15 for AARP member and \$20 for non-members, payable by cash or check. If you would like to enroll in this class, you can contact Cecil Schriver at (409) 547-3097 for information. All course materials will be provided for you by AARP and are included in the fee for the course.

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for: Nelda Leathem, Don Watt, Ed Sanderson; Bill Leathem, Elaine Smith; Callie Abbott, Sgt. Melinda Hernandez

Repose of the soul: Alice Neville

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.

Weekly Stewardship

November 3 & 4 Weekly Offering	\$ 3,720.15
Average Weekly Cost	\$ 3,152.00
Excess/Deficit	\$ 568.15

Thank you for your generosity.

**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!

Religious Articles

Come and see Christmas items.
 Pick up a stocking stuffer for someone you love.

Rosaries	Prayer books	Prayer cards
Bibles	Art for your walls	Figurines

Many other items available
 Browse on Saturday after Mass or while having coffee on Sunday mornings.

Upcoming Events

November 17-18: Altar Society Casserole Sale
 November 22: Thanksgiving Day
 December 1: Catholic Charismatic Renewal
 December 8: Immaculate Conception, Holy Day of Obligation
 December 15: Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration
 December 20: Christmas Church Cleaning
 December 25: Christmas