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My dear parishioners:

We are once again entering the flu and cold season. I received my flu shot a few weeks ago and hope you have done the same. As in every flu season, what is needed is not panic but prudence. Because in the church building we are in pretty close proximity to each other, out of respect and concern for one another I would ask us to keep the following in mind during the flu season.

- Congregation:**
- Please know that it is not a sin to miss Sunday Mass when you are truly ill. If you believe you are in the contagious stage of the flu or other illness, it would be best to remain home rather than come to church for Mass. You are encouraged to continue to keep the Sunday holy by reading the Sunday scripture readings (we post them in the prior Sunday bulletin), watch the Mass on television (EWTN is one such cable station), spend some period of time in silent reflective prayer and pray the Lord's Prayer.
 - We have placed a plastic bottle of hand sanitizer in the vestibule of the church. Please feel free to use it as you enter the church so that your hands are as germ-free as possible when we begin the Mass.
 - When coughing or sneezing it is best to do so in a handkerchief or tissue instead of using one's unprotected hand to cover one's mouth, or without covering one's mouth at all. If no tissue is handy, it is best to cough or sneeze into the elbow joint of one's arm so that germs do not spread through the air. Parents of small children are encouraged to cover their children's mouths with a tissue when they cough or sneeze. And please do not leave used tissues on the pews. A waste basket is just inside the sacristy door.
 - Parishioners who may be contagious or who are concerned about contracting the flu virus should refrain from shaking hands at the Sign of Peace. Another gesture, such as a bow or nod, touching of the person's elbow, etc. and a verbal exchange of "Peace be with you" would be appropriate.
 - During the Lord's Prayer some people hold hands. Though this is certainly a gesture of unity, the liturgical rubrics do not call for holding hands at this time. While I do not want to discourage families or others from holding hands at this point in the Mass, please know that no one should be expected to hold hands during the Lord's Prayer. A more ancient practice is for the faithful to extend their hands in the "orans" position, as does the priest.
 - At the Rite of Communion, those who may be contagious should consider receiving Holy Communion in the hand rather than on the tongue and refrain from receiving from the cup, thus reducing the risk of transferring germs to the next communicant. Please recall that we receive the fullness of the Lord under either species of Holy Communion. Reception under both forms is an increased symbol of the Body and Blood of Christ, but we receive the Lord fully under either species.
 - During the cold and flu season some Catholics are tempted to receive Holy Communion by what is called "intinction" (where the consecrated host is dipped in the chalice by the minister and placed on the tongue of the communicant). Please note

November 17 - November 25, 2018
Readings and Mass Intentions

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

Monday, November 19 4:30pm—Mass
 Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Rv 2:17]/Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday, November 20 No Mass
 Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [Rv 3:21]/Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday, November 21 4:30pm—Mass
 Rv 4:1-11/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1b]/Lk 19:11-28
Mass intention for Lloyd and Ron Chance

Thursday, November 22 No Mass
 Rv 5:1-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [Rv 5:10]/Lk 19:41-44

Friday, November 23 9:30am—Communion Service
 Rv 10:8-11/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 [103a]/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday, November 24 4:30pm—Mass
 6:30pm—Spanish Mass
 Rv 11:4-12/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 [1b]/Lk 20:27-40


Sunday, November 25 9:00am—Mass
 Dn 7:13-14/Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5 [1a]/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37
Mass intention for the People of the Parish


You are my inheritance, O Lord. (Ps 16)

that communicants are prohibited by liturgical law from dipping the consecrated host themselves into the chalice and consuming the host. This is a form of "self-communication", which is prohibited. There is a great risk of having the precious blood of our Lord drip onto the hands of communicants or, God forbid, drip onto the carpet. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are instructed to not allow a communicant to attempt "self-communication". The minister will place the purificator over the communion cup until the communicant has consumed the consecrated host and then can sip from the cup after the proper reverence.

- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC):**
- EMHC should not exercise this ministry while in the contagious stage of an illness.
 - EMHC should use the hand sanitizer located in the sacristy before Mass and ensure that they do not touch their mouths during Mass so that their hands will be as germ-free as possible when they distribute Holy Communion.
 - EMHC should be very attentive to wipe well the outside and inside lip of the communion chalice and slightly turn it after each communicant has received to greatly reduce the risk of germs on the chalices.

I am deeply appreciative of your attentiveness to do that which we can to avoid contracting or transmitting the flu virus. Please be assured of my daily prayers for all our ill parishioners.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

 Msgr. Frank H. Rossi
 Pastor

Sun. Nov 18 <i>Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 9:00am—Mass <i>Altar Society Casserole Sale</i> 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
Sun. Nov 25 <i>Our Lord Jesus, King of the Universe</i> 9:00am—Mass Adult Faith Formation after Mass	Mon. Nov 26 4:30 pm—Mass	Tues. Nov 27 6:30pm—RCIA	Wed. Nov 28 4:00pm—Rosary 4:30pm—Mass 5:00pm—Choir 6:00pm—CCE	Thurs. Nov 29	Fri. Nov 30 9:30am—Communion Service	Sat. Dec 1 3:45-4:15pm—Confessions 4:30pm—Mass 6:30pm—Spanish Mass

Christmas Angel Tree
 Be sure to choose an angel from the tree so that a child will be blessed on Christmas Day.

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.

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; Callie Abbott, Sgt. Melinda Hernandez; Lance Hilger, Wanda Lilly, Billie Matthews, Tim Walker, Rachel Gore Straley, John Dumesnil, Jean Greaux, Alan Mitchell Peterson, Irene Johnson, Bobbie Pesson, Madeline Arnett, Pat Chance

Repose of the soul: Alice Neville; Richard Jackson

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 10 & 11 Weekly Offering	\$ 3,559.74
Average Weekly Cost	\$ 3,152.00
Excess/Deficit	\$ 407.74

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 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 Day