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My dear parishioners:

This day, Palm Sunday, marks the beginning of Holy Week. This is the holiest time of the year for Christians. During this week we recall Our Lord's triumphant entrance into Jerusalem (Palm Sunday), the institution of the Eucharist with his final supper with his disciples, including the washing of their feet (Holy Thursday), his betrayal, condemnation, suffering and death (Good Friday) and his triumphant resurrection from the dead (Easter Sunday). Everything about our Christian faith leads us to the paschal mystery of the death and resurrection of the Lord and everything about our Christian faith flows from this same paschal mystery. There is no time of the year in which we should be more fervent in our prayer, more attention to the elements of our faith and more intense in the celebration of the liturgies of the Church than during this Holy Week.

On Holy Thursday we will celebrate the Last Supper of the Lord at 7 PM. At the conclusion of the Mass we will solemnly process to the Family Center where the Blessed Sacrament will remain on the altar until midnight. You are encouraged to spend some time in quiet prayer with the Lord during these hours, just as the apostles of the Lord remained with him on the Mount of Olives on the first Holy Thursday.

On Good Friday we will celebrate the Passion of the Lord at 3 PM. This is a blessed opportunity for us to recall in prayer the profound suffering our Lord endured so that we could be ransomed from our sin. During this service we will reverence the wood of the cross and humbly receive the Lord in Communion. From the morning until the Good Friday service and from after the service until evening, you are invited to come to church at any time as individuals or a family and pray the Stations of the Cross. There will be copies of the Stations of the Cross available for you to use for this devotion.

The preeminent liturgy of our year is the celebration of the Easter Vigil, which begins at 8:30 PM, after nightfall on Holy Saturday evening. St. Augustine called the Easter Vigil the "mother of all vigils" for it brings together in a seamless liturgical celebration the many aspects of our life in Christ. In a way it is like celebrating the "baptism of the Church" for through the many symbols of the Easter Vigil liturgy we experience the birth of the Church and renew our own births into Christ.

We begin the Vigil outside the church and in the dark, for we are waiting to be "enlightened" by Christ and led by him to our holy place of prayer. The ceremony begins by the blessing of the Easter fire and the Easter Candle.

We then go on a journey of salvation history by listening to readings from Sacred Scripture. Beginning with the creation account in the Book of Genesis we listen to readings from the Old Testament chronicling God's infinite love and care for his people. We will also listen to a reading from St. Paul and a gospel account of the resurrection of Christ. Separating the Old and New Testament readings is the singing of the Gloria and separating the Epistle from the Gospel is the singing of the Alleluia, both of which are hymns of joy and ones we have not sung since the Sunday before Ash Wednesday.

Having moved from Light to the Word, we now move from the Word to the Water. In a moving gesture, the Easter Candle, the light of Christ, is placed into the baptismal font to bless the water and to symbolize that Christ first made the water holy by entering into the waters at his own baptism.

Following the ancient custom of the early centuries, at this point in our liturgy we with great joy welcome into the Catholic Church through baptism (or Profession of Faith for those already baptized Christian) and confirmation our Elect who have been on a faith journey that has led them to this night.

**April 14, 2019 - April 21, 2019
 Readings and Mass Intentions**

Sunday, April 14 9:00am—Mass

Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/
 Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14--23:56 or 23:1-49

Mass intention for the People of the Parish

Monday, April 15 4:30pm—Mass

Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 [1a]/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday, April 16 No Mass

Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17 [cf. 15ab]/
 Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday, April 17 4:30pm—Mass

Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 [14c]/Mt 26:14-25

Holy Thursday, April 18 7:00pm—Mass of the Lord's Supper

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 [cf. 1 Cor 10:16]/
 1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Good Friday, April 19 3:00pm—Passion

Is 52:13--53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 [Lk 23:46]/
 Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1--19:42

Holy Saturday, April 20 8:30pm—Easter Vigil

Gn 1:1--2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35
 [30] or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 [5b]/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a,
 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Ex 14:15--15:1/Ex 15:1-2, 3-
 4, 5-6, 17-18 [1b]/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Is 55:1
 -11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/Bar 3:9-15, 32--4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn
 6:68c]/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 [42:2] or Is 12:2-3,
 4bcd, 5-6 [3] or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Rom 6:3-11/Ps
 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Lk 24:1-12

Easter Sunday, April 21 9:00am—Mass

Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or
 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or Lk 24:13-35

Mass intention for the People of the Parish

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Ps 22)

Questions for Family Discussions

Adults: When have you felt that you betrayed the confidence of another, as Peter did when he denied Jesus?

Children: When have you let someone down who trusted you? How did you feel?

That which we proclaim about the death and resurrection of Christ in this beautiful Easter Vigil, we now experience as these men and women receive the graces that flow from the sacraments of the Church.

Having moved from the Word to the Water, we now move from the Water to the Food of Life. This Mass is truly a Pasch (a passing over) as we celebrate that by Christ's death and resurrection he has passed from death to life and we enter into his paschal mystery by our celebration of the Eucharist where we receive the Lord, once slain, who lives forever. The newly baptized and confirmed will receive the Eucharist with us for the first time as we literally become one with Christ as we take his very self into our very bodies.

I ask you to keep holy this Holy Week. Allow yourself to enter as fully as possible into its profound and remarkable graces.

Sincerely in Christ,

Msgr. Frank H. Rossi
 Pastor

Sun. April 14 <i>Passion/Palm Sunday</i> 9:00am—Mass 10:00am—Passion Play, Pt.2	Mon. April 15 4:30 pm—Mass	Tues. April 16 6:30pm—Chrism Mass, St. Anthony Basilica, Beaumont	Wed. April 17 10:00am—Church Cleaning for Easter 4:00pm—Rosary 4:30pm—Mass 5:00pm—Choir 6:00pm—practice for Holy Thursday & Good Friday	Thurs. April 18 HOLY THURSDAY 7:00pm—Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper	Fri. April 19 GOOD FRIDAY 3:00pm—The Passion of the Lord	Sat. April 20 HOLY SATURDAY 8:30pm—The Easter Vigil
Sun. April 21 EASTER SUNDAY 9:00am—Mass	Mon. April 22 4:30 pm—Communion Service	Tues. April 23	Wed. April 24 4:00pm—Rosary 4:30pm—Mass 5:00pm—Choir 6:00pm—CCE	Thurs. April 25 8:30am—Mass 9:00am—Divine Mercy Chaplet	Fri. April 26 9:30am—Communion Service	Sat. April 27 3:45-4:15pm—Confessions 4:30pm—Mass 6:3pm—Spanish Mass

Easter Triduum Schedule



Holy Thursday: Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper **7:00pm**

Good Friday: The Passion of the Lord at **3:00pm**

Holy Saturday: The Easter Vigil at **8:30pm**

Easter Sunday: Mass at **9:00am**

Are You Being CALLED?

Vocation Q&A for Women

Sunday April 28, 2019

Women (18-40) who are discerning a call to religious life are invited to an informal gathering at the Catholic Student Center at Lamar University. Sr. Misty Garriga will share her vocation story, talk about what religious life is today, and will answer questions that you have.

Talk and Q&A 4-6pm
 Mass at 6pm
 Dinner to follow
 RSVP by April 21, 2019

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 Beaumont, TX
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PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for: Bobbie Broussard, Bennie Mahaffey, Don Watt, Linda Dipuccio, Shirley Anderson; Trish Crossette, Vallerie Middleton, John Dumesnil, Eileen Dumesnil; Sam Brocato, Lois Cuccia, Gina Medley, Jeannette Borque, Teresa Dale, Colin Donua, Jane Leger, Don Moore, Wayne Moore, Theresa Scaife

Rest of the soul: Ian Holmes, Karl Harn, Tammy Martin

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.

**Liturgical Ministry Formation Day
 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

April 27, 2019

10:00am-3:30pm

Our Lady of the Pines Family Center

Participation on this day is required for those that would like to become an Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist (EMHC) and as a refresher for those that are already EMHC.

This day is about Formation through the theology, history and spirituality of the ministry. There is also a review of the liturgy and the place of the liturgical ministries in the liturgy.

Registration is required by April 22, forms are in the vestibule.

There is no cost, lunch is provided. Bring paper, pencil, a Bible, and bottled water.

Those who would like to become EMHC have guidelines to follow: be fully initiated with no impediment (be confirmed and if married must be in a Church marriage.)

Upcoming Events

April 16: Chrism Mass, St. Anthony Basilica, Beaumont, TX at **6:30pm**

April 21: Easter Sunday

April 27: Liturgical Ministry Formation, Ministers of the Eucharist, **OLOP Family Center, Woodville, TX**

April 28: Vocation Q&A for Women, Lamar Catholic Student Center, Beaumont, TX

May 10: Catholic Charismatic Renewal, St. Mary, Orange, TX