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My dear parishioners:

As I write these words my heart is filled with joy and gratitude. Joy in having just come off of celebrating the beautiful liturgies of the Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Sunday); and gratitude for the many parishioners who worked so hard to ensure our liturgies were so beautiful.

I am very grateful for everyone who participated in our liturgies. The word liturgy literally means "public work" or "work of the people" (Greek). Liturgy is the people of God at prayer. It was a joy to see so many familiar faces at the liturgies of Holy Week. It was great to see some new faces as well. I pray that everyone who attended services at Our Lady of the Pines had a blessed experience of God's love.

Liturgy is literally "the work of the people" and that is certainly the case here at Our Lady of the Pines Church. There are many people I want to thank for their assistance in preparing and celebrating our Holy Week services. I know that there are many others who assisted, so please forgive me for not mentioning everyone by name.

I wish to thank the men and women who maintain our landscaping and facilities throughout the year and who have worked diligently these past couple weeks. Thanks to: Don Moore, Bill Davis, James Parson, Jerry Pekar, William Jacobson, Art Vogel, Cecil Schriver, Don Palermo, Sam Lilley, Bob Jacobs, Ricky Patrick, Carolyn Vogel and Diane Sanderson.

Our church looked beautiful for all our liturgies and it took a lot of effort on the part of wonderful parishioners to create a prayerful environment for each service. Special thanks to: Janet Palermo, Jerry Parson, and all the ladies of the Altar Society. As he has done in past years, Justino Jaimes generously provided us with palm trees/branches for Palm Sunday and lilies for Easter Sunday. Thank you all so very much.

There can be no beautiful liturgy without beautiful music and dedicated ministers. A deep word of gratitude to Lynn Stacy and all the musicians who provided us with such blessed and beautiful music. They work very hard, as each liturgy has a unique set of musical requirements. I wish to also thank all those who participated as liturgical ministers: to our lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion; to our altar servers, ushers and greeters. Each excelled in their ministry, and together provided seamless services of prayer.

This year we received an exceptional blessing in the live Passion of the Lord production by the faithful of Cristo Rey Church, Beaumont. Thanks to Justino Jaimes, who is a member of the Passion Performance and arranged for us at OLOP to have it here, we were able to experience the last week of our Lord's life depicted by a group of very faithful Catholics. I know that everyone who attended this performance of the passion of the Lord will hold the memory in their hearts for years to come.

The true highlight of the Easter Vigil was welcoming into the Catholic Church six new members. They are: Bob Boyd, Irene Johnson, Rusty Kuciemba, Wuisayo Kuciemba, Tim Parker and Amber Tanton. It was my privilege to bring them into full communion in the Catholic Church. Congratulations to each of them for accepting the grace of the sacraments into their lives. All of these wonderful people are an added blessing to our parish and will continue to bless us with their presence and assistance for many years to come.

Finally, I wish to thank Maureen Peltier and all the members of our RCIA team and community. Since August these wonderful men and women have shared our Catholic faith with those who entered the Church at Easter. The RCIA team shared their love of God and the Church and were very instrumental in helping our RCIA candidates to listen and

**April 28, 2019 - May 5, 2019
 Readings and Mass Intentions**

Sunday, April 28 Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31 <i>Mass intention for the People of the Parish</i>	9:00am—Mass
Monday, April 29 Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 [cf. 11d]/Jn 3:1-8 <i>Mass intention for Margaret Ann McGrath</i>	4:30pm—Mass
Tuesday, April 30 Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Jn 3:7b-15	No Mass
Wednesday, May 1 Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [7a]/Jn 3:16-21 <i>Mass intention for Nellie Leger</i>	4:30pm—Mass
Thursday, May 2 Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 [7a]/Jn 3:31-36	8:30am—Mass
Friday, May 3 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Jn 14:6-14	9:30am—Communion Service
Saturday, May 4 Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/Jn 6:16-21	4:30pm—Mass 6:30pm—Spanish Mass
Sunday, May 5 Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Rv 5:11-14/ Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14 <i>Mass intention for the People of the Parish</i>	9:00am—Mass

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting. (Ps 118)

Questions for Family Discussions

Adults: When has your faith in the living Christ helped you overcome fear?
Children: What could you do this Easter season to help someone feel less afraid?

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for: Bobbie Broussard, Bennie Mahaffey, Don Watt, Linda Dipuccio, Shirley Anderson; Sam Brocato, Vernon Gray, Leann Baker, Elaine Schriver, Susie Gaudet; Wayne Cook, David Day, Debbie Cook, Mary Guerrio, Elaine Smith, Jeanette Bourque, Iva Craft, River Craig, Kevin LaLonde, Bill Leathem, Mark Newitt, Jessie Day, Joshua Durham, Donnie Mayville

Rest of the soul: James Craft, Jr.

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.

respond to the voice of the Lord in their lives. God bless you all.
 May the joy of Easter continue to echo in your hearts, and may the Lord continue to bless you with an abundance of grace.

Sincerely in Christ,

 Msgr. Frank H. Rossi
 Pastor

Sun. April 28 <i>2nd Sunday of Easter</i> Divine Mercy Sunday 9:00am—Mass <i>Adult Faith Formation following Mass</i>	Mon. April 29 4:30 pm—Mass	Tues. April 30 6:30pm—RCIA	Wed. May 1 4:00pm—Rosary 4:30pm—Mass 5:00pm—Choir 6:00pm—CCE	Thurs. May 2 7:30am—National Day of Prayer service, Courthouse Square 8:30am—Mass 9:00am—Divine Mercy Chaplet	Fri. May 3 9:30am—Communion Service	Sat. May 4 3:45-4:15pm—Confessions 4:30pm—Mass 6:30pm—Spanish Mass
Sun. May 5 <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i> 9:00am—Mass First Communion <i>Adult Faith Formation following Mass</i>	Mon. May 6 4:30 pm—Mass	Tues. May 7 10:00am—Senior Social 11:30pm—1st Tuesday Mass 12:00am—Lunch 1:00pm—Altar Society 6:30pm—RCIA	Wed. May 8 10:00am—Stewardship 4:00pm—Rosary 4:30pm—Mass 5:00pm—Choir 6:00pm—CCE 7:00pm—Eucharist Adoration/Confessions	Thurs. May 9 8:30am—Mass 9:00am—Divine Mercy Chaplet	Fri. May 10 9:30am—Communion Service	Sat. May 11 3:45-4:15pm—Confessions 4:30pm—Mass 6:30pm—Spanish Mass

Did you remember to bring your Rice Bowl?

Most Rev. Curtis J. Guillory, Bishop of Beaumont, wishes to inform the parishioners of the Diocese that Rev. Salvador Magana, priest of the Wilmington, (Delaware) Diocese, is not authorized for priesthood ministry in the Wilmington Diocese or any other diocese.

Rev. Magana is presently living in the Port Arthur, Texas area.

A Catholic Charismatic Renewal will be held 7-9 pm, Friday, May 10th at St. Mary Catholic Hall, 912 W. Cherry Orange, TX.

Lay Evangelist, Kerry Bueche from Houma Louisiana will give teachings and guidance on "Growth in the Spirit".

Kerry Bueche will also be available for Healing Prayer following his talk.

Ted Nelson will provide music for Praise and Worship.

Refreshments and fellowship will follow. All are invited, so please bring family and friends.



World Day of Prayer for Vocations

World Day of Prayer for Vocations will be observed on Sunday, May 12, 2019, also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes.

Prayer for Vocations

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, religious, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help us respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Upcoming Events

May 2: National Day of Prayer service, Tyler County Courthouse Square, Woodville, TX 7:30am
 May 10: Catholic Charismatic Renewal, St. Mary, Orange, TX 7-9pm
 May 12: World Day of Prayer for Vocations
 May 19: BLOOD DRIVE, Family Center 10am-1pm
 June 6: Confirmation, Our Lady of the Pines 6:30pm