

## PASTOR'S REPORT - NOVEMBER 10, 2020

1. A special Rosary Service was held at Edgewater on November 2 for All Souls at 1 pm. Thanks to the Spirituality/Evangelization Committee of the Parish Council. 38 people attended.
2. A morning of prayer on Election Day was held from 9am to 12 noon with Exposition and Benediction for the intention of the elections and peace in our country. It was well attended.
3. During November, there will be several special outreach programs: The Samaritan Shoebox Program, the COATS ONLY drive and the FOOD DRIVE for the Little Sisters of the Poor. Many thanks to our parishioners for their generosity and energy in helping us to help others.
4. CCD religious education program has started with in person classes as well as Zoom. Registration is about 60 students.
5. The Parish Council will review the Spiritual Report for the year ending August 31, 2020 as well as the Financial Report. The two reports will be printed in the November 15 bulletin.
6. First Communion was celebrated on October 3 for the elementary school students; on October 17 for the CCD students; on October 10 Confirmation was celebrated for our students. We are now "caught" up with all of the virus postponed celebrations.
7. De Chantal Hall was used for poll workers training, early elections and Election Day. All went very smoothly and efficiently, thanks to Jim Corbett. We await financial remuneration for the Hall.
8. Confessions were celebrated for the elementary school students in the beginning of October; First Penance for CCD children on Oct. 7. Parent meetings for the Spring sacraments were held in October.
9. Rosary Service in church on October 11 was well-received in English, Spanish and Italian. There was a Holy Hour on that day at 4 pm for the Right to Life --- also, well-attended.
10. Students for Confirmation will have their Commitment Mass on Sunday, Nov. 22 at 10 am. They will present their commitment scrolls at that time.

11. Elementary School children will celebrate THANKSGIVING MASS on Tuesday, November 24 at 10 am with social distancing, masks, etc.
12. Most groups and societies have resumed meetings and have scheduled several events. However, we still must abide by the guidelines of the Archdiocese regarding numbers, refreshments, etc.
13. ESL has started in De Chantal under the direction of Sister Patty and the Divine Compassion Sisters. Liz and the Rainbow Club are discussing expanding the seniors' program with Sister Patty Warner.
14. To be discussed: SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS EVE ... due to the corona restrictions regarding the number at Mass (our capacity is 175), a suggestion is CHRISTMAS EVE AT 4 PM IN ENGLISH AND 5:30 PM IN SPANISH; CHRISTMAS DAY AT 8:30 AM AND 10 AM. Another suggestion is Christmas Day with Masses at 8, 9 and 10 am. This year no bi-lingual Mass on Christmas Eve because of church capacity.
15. A Christmas Chinese Flea Market is scheduled for December 6,7. A Christmas Blood Drive is also being considered for December 14 or 21. More to come.