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My dear parishioners:
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It is important for us to recall that the Mass is not the crucifixion of Christ. The Mass' symbolism centers ultimately **not on what was done to Christ** on the cross, but **what Christ did** for us on the cross. What Christ did on the cross was an act of perfect fidelity and love of the Father and perfect self-offering of love for us. The cross is the sign not of the cruelty of man, but of the supreme love of God.

The Eucharistic food of bread and wine is in reality a sacrificial meal. Just as for the Jews in the Temple ritual when the sacrifice that touched the altar become in contact with God, so in the Eucharistic meal when the bread and wine come in contact with the altar and the prayers of institution are prayed, God comes into contact with the bread and wine and literally "changes" the sacrifice that has been offered. It is no longer the offering of the bread and wine of the people, it is now the Body and Blood of Christ made so by the will of the Father and the power of the Holy Spirit. The Lord has changed the whole sacrificial offering. It is no longer our offering to God but God's self-offering to us.

Please understand that our participation in the Eucharist is not "cannibalism". Christ's Body and Blood are made present in a sacramental way, not a crudely physical way. The true reality of the sacrament is hidden beneath the surface of the bread and wine. Just as the life of an unborn child is "hidden" inside the body of its mother, so too the life of the Eucharist is "hidden" under the appearance of bread and wine. Our consuming of the Eucharist is not for the consumption of an "object", but rather for a personal encounter with God. Our taking the Eucharist into our very lives is an entering into union with God. We become one with God in this sacred meal. What grace! To literally become one with God. For this reason, the Eucharist is our participation in the Kingdom of God. We literally "taste heaven on earth". That for which we hope for all eternity, we participate for a time in the Eucharistic meal.

Memorial:
 Lest there be any confusion amongst his disciples that this gift of the Eucharist was to be a repeatable sacrament of the continual presence of the Lord himself throughout history, Jesus specifically told his disciples at the Last Supper to "do this in remembrance of me". For the Jewish people, as it is for us Christians, salvation history is the framework of all prayer. God is the God of history. God is present in history and all of history is present to God. Hence, wherever God is, so is all of history. For the Jewish people divine transcendence over history passes into people's worship and the great salvific acts of God in the past become actual in the midst of the celebrating community. In other words, the past acts of God become real and alive in the present moment in the midst of the worshipping community. The first and original definition of the word "remember" is not "to think about a past event". Rather, the word "remember" originally meant "to be re-membered" to be brought back into membership. That which took place at a time long past is now brought back anew in the here and the now. It is this gift of "remembrance" that Christ gave the Church at the Last Supper. Our Lord has promised that as often as we recall his death and resurrection in the Eucharistic celebration, he himself will be "re-membered" among us. It is he in his Body and Blood, in his Humanity
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August 18 - August 26, 2018
Readings and Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 18 4:30pm—Mass
6:30pm—Spanish Mass
 Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/
 Mt 19:13-15
Mass intention for Rev. Father Louis Hughnh Nhan

Sunday, August 19 9:00am—Mass
 Prv 9:1-6/Ps 34:2-3, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 [9a]/Eph 5:15-20/
 Jn 6:51-58
Mass intention for the People of the Parish

Monday, August 20 4:30pm—Mass
 Ez 24:15-24/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21 [cf. 18a]/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday, August 21 No Mass
 Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab [39c]/
 Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday, August 22 4:30pm—Mass
 Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 20:1-16
Mass intention for Mary Malone

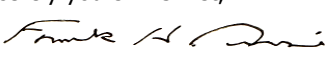
Thursday, August 23 8:30am—Mass
 Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [Ez 36:25]/Mt 22:1-14

Friday, August 24 9:30am—Communion Service
 Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Jn 1:45-51

Saturday, August 25 4:30pm—Mass
6:30pm—Spanish Mass
 Ez 43:1-7ab/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 10b]/Mt 23:1-12
Sunday, August 26 9:00am—Mass
 Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23
 [9a]/ Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69
Mass intention for the People of the Parish

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.
(Ps 34)

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 and Divinity that is re-presented to us in the form of bread and wine.
 By his death and resurrection Jesus has brought us redemption through the forgiveness of our sins and opened for us the gates of eternal life. By the Eucharist he has established a new and eternal covenant, a new bond of love between himself and his Church. He is literally living amongst his people as a perpetual expression of his love and as a source of spiritual strength.
 Everything that we believe, past, present and future, is focused right here on the altar where bread and wine becomes the real and abiding presence of Christ. Here we thank God. Here we celebrated God's history with us. Here heaven and earth are joined as Christ himself appears in our midst. Here we are forgiven of sin, infused with grace and literally take the Body and Blood of Christ into our human body and are then sent out to be the presence of Christ to others. May we never cease to be grateful for this divine gift and ever echo the words of St. Augustine, "Lord, help me to become what I receive."
 Sincerely yours in Christ,

 Msgr. Frank H. Rossi
 Pastor

Sun. Aug 19 <i>Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 9:00am—Mass <i>Family Day after Mass in Family Center</i>	Mon. Aug 20 4:30pm—Mass	Tues. Aug 21 6:30pm—ACTS Planning Team	Wed. Aug 22 4:00pm—Rosary 4:30pm—Mass 5:00pm—Choir practice 6:00pm—CCE Begins	Thurs. Aug 23 8:30am—Mass 9:00am—Divine Mercy Chaplet	Fri. Aug 24 9:30am—Communion Service	Sat. Aug 25 3:45-4:15pm—Confessions 4:30pm—Vigil Mass 6:30pm—Spanish Mass
Sun. Aug 26 <i>Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 8:00-8:45am—Divine Mercy Chaplet & Eucharist Adoration 9:00am—Mass <i>Adult Faith Formation following Mass</i>	Mon. Aug 27 4:30pm—Mass	Tues. Aug 28 6:30pm—ACTS Planning Team	Wed. Aug 29 4:00pm—Rosary 4:30pm—Mass 5:00pm—Choir practice 6:00pm—CCE	Thurs. Aug 30 8:30am—Mass 9:00am—Divine Mercy Chaplet	Fri. Aug 31 9:30am—Communion Service	Sat. Sep 1 3:45-4:15pm—Confessions 4:30pm—Vigil Mass 6:30pm—Spanish Mass


BFA Intentions Mass

You're Invited! All are invited to join in prayer and community at the 2018 Bishop's Faith Appeal Intentions Mass. The annual Mass will be at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 23, 2018 at St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica, Beaumont. The Mass will be celebrated for all those who asked for prayer and who pledged to pray for diocesan ministries through the Bishop's Faith Appeal Prayer Intentions & Pledge Card. After Mass the Intentions Cards will be placed in Bishop's Chapel. Mass will be followed by a light supper in the Cathedral Center. If you have not submitted an Intention card, they will be available before Mass at the Cathedral that evening. RSVPs will help us plan for food.
RSVP to 409-924-4302

ACTS Day of Recollection
Saturday, August 25, 2018

If you've attended an ACTS retreat and have been looking for an opportunity to reunite with your ACTS brothers and sisters here at our church, save the date and plan to attend this ACTS Day of Recollection.
 Pick up a registration form at the back of the church.

Attention Married Couples who will be celebrating 25th, 50th or 50+ wedding anniversary in 2018: Bishop Curtis J. Guillory and the Office of Family Life Ministry invite you to attend the annual diocesan ceremony honoring your commitment to the Sacrament of Marriage on **Sunday, October 21, 2018 at 2:30 pm** at St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica. The ceremony will include Mass, Renewal of Marriage Vows and Presentation of Certificates. A reception will follow in the Cathedral Center.
 Please **RSVP** to your pastor or parish secretary no later than **Monday, September 17, 2018.**


Helping Hands
 Donate new underwear, t-shirts or socks for students in Tyler County.
 Place in the box in the vestibule. Donations are being taken through Sunday, August 26, 2018.

Religious Articles
 Come and see new items for sale.
 Browse on Saturday after Mass or while having coffee on Sunday mornings.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for: Nelda Leathem, Maureen Peltier, Rosemary Urban, Ed Sanderson; Diane Necessary, Bobbie Broussard, Leslie Fourniquet, Lillie Connor, Alasay Pool, Susan Rosette, Diane Emfinger, Carol Richoux, Sue Vicks, Callie Abbott, Annie Jacobs; Thay Dinh, Jay Tannehill, Ricky Venak, Dana Rogers, Earlene & Willard Southwell, Chad & Crystal Stiler, Connie Robertson
 Repose of the soul: Linda Gray, Amy Meaux, Jim Beattie
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.

Upcoming Events

August 22: CCE classes begin at 6:00pm
 August 23: BFA Intentions Mass, St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica, Beaumont, TX
 August 24: Catholic Women Call to Conference, Orange, TX
 August 25: ACTS Day of Recollection, Family Center
 September 11: Retirement Mass & Reception for Bishop Guillory, St. Joseph, Livingston, TX

Weekly Stewardship

August 11 & 12 Weekly Offering	\$ 4,670.75
Average Weekly Cost	\$ 3,152.00
Excess/Deficit	\$ 1,518.75

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