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My dear parishioners:
 The sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is one of the seven sacraments of the Catholic Church. Every sacrament is an extension of the Lord's presence and love for the people who form his Church. What Jesus did while he walked the earth he continues to do through the sacraments of his Church. So, just as Jesus physically healed people with a touch and forgave their sins with a word, so too does Jesus continue his healing presence in the Church through the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.
 Older parishioners will recall the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick being called Extreme Unction (last anointing). It was often delayed until close to the point of death. This was because one of the effects of the sacrament is the forgiveness of sin and the remnant of sins (temporal punishment due to sin), thus rendering the person perfectly sinless and ready for eternal life in heaven. However, there are other effects of the sacrament that have significant assistance well before the point of death, and these graces are not able to assist the sick or elderly person if reception of the sacrament is delayed.

For this reason the bishops at Vatican II reminded the faithful of the following: "Extreme unction", which may also and more properly be called 'anointing of the sick', is not a sacrament for those only who are at the point of death. Hence, as soon as any one of the faithful begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, the fitting time for that person to receive this sacrament has certainly already come." (Constitution on the Liturgy, art. 73) Practically, this means that persons who are properly considered recipients of the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick are people with diseases, illness or injuries that can be life-threatening, persons who are in danger of death due to advanced age, and persons who will be undergoing surgery that requires anesthesia. The sacrament is not meant for persons with emotional/relational issues, or those in the state of mortal sin (they need the sacrament of Reconciliation). The sacrament is repeatable in that if a person's condition worsens it is proper for the person to be re-anointed.

The effects of the sacrament are that it brings consolation and emotional strength to the person who is suffering, it brings about the remission of sin and the remnant of sin, and, to the degree determined by God, assists in the physical healing of the person. Hence, the effects of the sacrament are holistic: physical, emotional and spiritual.

The Church does encourage the sacrament to be celebrated in a parish church, with a considerable number of the faithful present (though the sacrament can be celebrated anywhere at any time when there is an emergency). The reason for the anointing to take place in the presence of the parish community is so the whole parish community can exhort their sick or frail brothers and sisters to the Lord in prayer.

To ensure that parishioners of Our Lady of the Pines Church have access to the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick when they meet the conditions for the reception of the sacrament, we

September 22—September 30, 2018
Readings and Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 22 4:30pm—Mass
6:30pm—Spanish Mass
 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14 [14]/Lk 8:4-15
Mass intention for Bobby Cotton & Kenneth Harrison

Sunday, September 23 9:00am—Mass
 Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/Jas 3:16--4:3/Mk 9:30-37
Mass intention for the People of the Parish

Monday, September 24 4:30pm—Mass
 Prv 3:27-34/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [1]/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday, September 25 No Mass
 Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44 [35]/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday, September 26 4:30pm—Mass
 Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163 [105]/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday, September 27 8:30am—Mass
 Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc [1]/Lk 9:7-9

Friday, September 28 9:30am—Communion Service
 Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4 [1]/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday, September 29 4:30pm—Mass
6:30pm—Spanish Mass
 Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 [1]/
 Jn 1:47-51

Sunday, September 30 9:00am—Mass
 Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/Jas 5:1-6/
 Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48
Mass intention for the People of the Parish

The Lord upholds my life. (Ps 54)

will begin to anoint parishioners during weekend Masses every other month on the first weekend of the month. Our first communal anointing will be Saturday/Sunday, October 6/7. The anointing will take place immediately after reception of Holy Communion. Those parishioners to be anointed will come down the center aisle as we do for reception of communion, and I will anoint the persons on their foreheads and the inside of their wrists with the blessed oil of the sick, while saying the prayer of anointing. The reason for the anointing on the foreheads and wrists is to remind us that we have a Lord who understands human suffering as he himself had a crown of thorns placed on his head and nails put through his wrists.

Please know that in addition to celebrating the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick every other month at Mass, I am always happy to celebrate the sacred anointing at other times. If you know you are going to be entering the hospital for surgery or have recently been diagnosed with an illness that can be life-threatening, please see me before or after any weekly Mass, or call me and come by the office. I will be most happy to anoint you. This sacrament is Jesus' gift to his faithful when they are suffering. Let us avail ourselves to this sacramental gift of healing.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

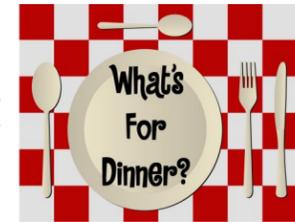


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Sun. Sep 23 <i>Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 9:00am—Mass	Mon. Sep 24 4:30pm—Mass	Tues. Sep 25	Wed. Sep 26 4:00pm—Rosary 4:30pm—Mass 5:00pm—Choir 6:00pm—CCE	Thurs. Sep 27 8:30am—Mass 9:00am—Divine Mercy Chaplet	Fri. Sep 28 9:30am—Communion Service	Sat. Sep 29 3:45-4:15pm—Confessions 4:30pm—Vigil Mass 6:30pm—Spanish Mass
Sun. Sep 30 <i>Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 9:00am—Mass	Mon. Oct 1 4:30pm—Mass	Tues. Oct 2 6:30pm—RCIA	Wed. Oct 3 4:00pm—Rosary 4:30pm—Mass 5:00pm—Choir NO CCE	Thurs. Oct 4 8:30am—Mass 9:00am—Divine Mercy Chaplet	Fri. Oct 5 9:30am—Communion Service	Sat. Oct 6 3:45-4:15pm—Confessions 4:30pm—Vigil Mass 6:30pm—Spanish Mass

**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!

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, Rosemary Urban, Ed Sanderson, Don Watt; Mark Lunsford, Carol Moore, Amy Crossette, Jerry Dean, Bobbie Broussard, Cecil Schriver; Jay Johnson, Cleveland Reed, Trish Cossette, Penny Foxworth

Repose of the soul: Chris Goodwin, Frank J. Watson

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

September 15 & 16 Weekly Offering	\$ 3,280.00
Average Weekly Cost	\$ 3,152.00
Excess/Deficit	\$ 128.00

Thank you for your generosity.

Religious Articles

Come and see new items for sale.

Rosaries Bibles	Prayer books Art for your walls	Prayer cards Figurines
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Many other items available
 Browse on Saturday after Mass or while having coffee on Sunday mornings.

Adult Faith Formation Classes
Sundays after Mass

New series beginning October 7, 2018

Everybody Needs to Forgive Someone
 Led by Madeline Arnett

Are you interested in becoming Catholic?
 Would you like to deepen your Catholic faith?

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Tuesday evenings, beginning October 2, 2018
 6:30pm-8:00pm, Family Center

We invite you to come—learn, ask questions and grow in your knowledge and love of God and his Church.

Upcoming Events

October 10: Eucharist Adoration/Confessions 7:00pm
 October 21: 25th, 50th, 50+ Anniversary Mass,
 St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica, Beaumont, TX
 October 27: Halloween Party after Mass