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My dear parishioners:

On the late evening of Holy Thursday, after the Lord had finished the Last Supper with his disciples and before he was betrayed by Judas with a kiss, Jesus took his disciples across the Kidron Valley and up to the Garden of Gethsemane on the Mount of Olives. Once there he took Peter, James and John a short distance from the rest of the disciples and asked them to pray with him for one hour. Though they struggled with staying awake, it taught them the importance of being in the presence of the Lord in prayer.

This form of prayer, distancing ourselves from the distractions of our daily life and going away to be quietly in the real presence of the Lord in prayer is called "Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament". It is one of the five foundational prayer forms, and one that only Catholics have available to them, as only Catholics reserve the Blessed Sacrament in tabernacles for reception of Holy Communion to the sick and for the adoration of the faithful. Because of this, Catholic churches are literally a piece of "heaven on earth" as the real and abiding presence of Christ dwells on earth in the tabernacles of Catholic churches.

Adoration is prayer before the Lord in the tabernacle. Since the Middle Ages Catholic Churches have placed a consecrated host in a monstrance (large ornate vessel) where the host is visible to those in prayer. This is called Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. This form of prayer is only allowed when there is a sufficiency of the faithful present to adore the Lord exposed. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is considered the penultimate form of adoration, second only to the celebration of the Mass.

Every Catholic parish is encouraged to have some period of time for the faithful to come together for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. For some years Our Lady of the Pines Church has had Exposition on the last Sunday of the month from 8:00 to 8:45 am. Based on the results of the liturgical survey of parishioners taken in February, and after consultation with the Pastoral Council, I have decided to change the day and time of Adoration. Beginning on October 10, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place on the second Wednesday of every month from 7:00 to 8:00 pm. My hope is that this will be a time when more parishioners can come to the church (CCE classes for the children take place for part of this time so parents can come early and pray for their children before picking them up after class or having their children join them in adoration) and spend some quiet time with the Lord in prayer. Parishioners are certainly encouraged to stay for the entire hour, but people are welcomed to stay for the period of time they are able. The service will begin with exposition, followed by about five minutes of vocal prayers (we will alternate monthly English and Spanish). For about 45 minutes there will be silence for private prayer. During this period of adoration, the Sacrament of Penance will be available for those who wish to go to confession. The last ten minutes will be benediction (the blessing of the faithful with the monstrance), followed by the Divine Praises, and reposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Archbishop Fulton Sheen was a U.S. Catholic icon in the 1950's and 1960's. He was a very strong proponent of spending one hour a day before the Blessed Sacrament in adoration. In his autobiography he titled one of his chapters, "The Hour That Makes

September 29—October 7, 2018
Readings and Mass Intentions

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
Mass intention for Richard Arnett and John L. Sywilok

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

Monday, October 1 4:30pm—Mass
 Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7 [6]/Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday, October 2 First Tuesday Mass
 Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Ps 88:2-3, 4-5, 6, 7-8 [3]/Mt 18:1-5, 10
Mass intention for the Ladies of the Altar Society

Wednesday, October 3 4:30pm—Mass
 Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15 [3]/Lk 9:57-62

Thursday, October 4 8:30am—Mass
 Jb 19:21-27/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14 [13]/Lk 10:1-12

Friday, October 5 9:30am—Communion Service
 Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab [24b]/
 Lk 10:13-16

Saturday, October 6 4:30pm—Mass
6:30pm—Spanish Mass
 Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130 [135]/
 Lk 10:17-24

Sunday, October 7 9:00am—Mass
 Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [cf. 5]/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or
 10:2-12
Mass intention for the People of the Parish

The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart. (Ps 19)

Adult Faith Formation Classes
Sundays after Mass
New series beginning October 7, 2018
Everybody Needs to Forgive Someone
 Led by Madeline Arnett

My Day". It describes the impact his daily Holy Hour had on his spiritual life. He writes, "We become like that which we gaze upon. Looking into a sunset the face takes on a golden glow. Looking at the Eucharistic Lord for an hour transforms the heart in a mysterious way." We are highly influenced by what we look at. So, the more time we spend prayerfully gazing on the Lord in the Eucharistic species, the more like the Lord we will become. Please consider giving the Lord one hour a month in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. It will be an expression of your love of the Lord, and for it you will be richly blessed by God.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Msgr. Frank H. Rossi

Sun. Sep 30 <i>Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 9:00am—Mass	Mon. Oct 1 4:30pm—Mass 6:30pm—Pastoral Council	Tues. Oct 2 10:00am—Senior Social 11:30am—First Tuesday Mass 12:00am—Lunch 1:00pm—Altar Society 6:30pm—RCLA	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 Anointing of the Sick during Mass 6:30pm—Spanish Mass
Sun. Oct 7 <i>Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 9:00am—Mass Anointing of the Sick during Mass Adult Faith Formation after Mass	Mon. Oct 8 4:30 pm—Mass	Tues. Oct 9 6:30pm—RCLA	Wed. Oct 10 10:00am—Stewardship 4:00pm—Rosary 4:30pm—Mass 5:00pm—Choir 6:00pm—CCE 7:00pm—Eucharist Adoration/Confessions	Thurs. Oct 11 8:30am—Mass 9:00am—Divine Mercy Chaplet	Fri. Oct 12 9:30am—Communion Service	Sat. Oct 13 3:45-4:15pm—Confessions 4:30pm—Vigil Mass 6:30pm—Spanish Mass

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.

Annual Halloween Party
 October 27, 2018
 5:30pm-9:00pm

We are having a special SAINTS evening. Come dressed as a Saint.

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 5:30pm-9:00pm
 November 1: All Saints Day, Holy Day of Obligation

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, Don Watt, Ed Sanderson; Jay Johnson, Cleveland Reed, Trish Cossette, Penny Foxworth; Ouida Gaspard, Jessie Day, Wanda Lilley, Linda Bonsall, Rick Schriver

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 22 & 23 Weekly Offering	\$ 2,627.00
Average Weekly Cost	\$ 3,152.00
Excess/Deficit	\$ -525.00

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