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My dear parishioners:  
 The word "retreat" is one of the many English words that is both a verb and a noun. As a verb, retreat means to withdraw or recede from a position, often one that is difficult, dangerous or disagreeable. As a noun, retreat means a place where one can go to be alone and find solace. From a spiritual perspective, to be on retreat means to remove oneself from the order of daily life and its emphasis on the material/practical, and to place oneself in an environment where one can focus on the spiritual/faith dimension of life. I want to ask for your prayers, as there is a lot of retreating going on these next weeks.

This weekend the Spanish-speaking women of our community are hosting a retreat here at the parish. With the support of their families, these women are leaving their husbands and children for two days in order to spend extended time in prayer. They will have a series of spiritual talks to support them as women of faith, and to encourage them in their vocations as wives and mothers. Please keep these women in your prayers this weekend that they may gain many spiritual gifts from their time together on retreat.

Next week, Thursday through Sunday, the men of our parish who are ACTS members, as well as ACTS men from parishes in our area, will be directing a Kolbe Retreat for the first time at Gib Lewis Prison just outside of Woodville. This is a Catholic retreat specifically geared towards men in prison. These men have little manifestation of the presence and love of God in their lives due to their incarceration. The Kolbe Retreat will be an opportunity for them to experience the healing and empowering love of God in their lives, with the hope that it will assist them in acting responsibly while they are in prison and preparing them to live moral/holy lives upon their release into the "free world". Please pray for the men who will be attending the retreat and the men who will be directing it.

Then on Monday, October 29, I will be leaving for two weeks to lead a pilgrimage of fifty people to the Holy Land. This is a kind of extended retreat where we will leave behind the land and language familiar to us and embark on a spiritual journey of walking in the footsteps of the Lord. I'm very happy to have three people from Woodville on the pilgrimage: Martin Nash and his wife, Claudia, and Jimmie Ruth Cooley.

The pilgrimage will take us through Israel and Jordan. Each day we will visit multiple sites where our Lord spent time preaching, teaching and working miracles. We will reflect on the pertinent scripture reading at each site and have time for quiet prayer and reflection. We will have Mass each day at one of the major religious sites, and on our last full day in Jerusalem we will have the privilege of praying the Stations of the Cross in the places where the events took place, and celebrating Mass at the tomb of Jesus in the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre.

I ask you to please keep us in your prayers, for safety in our travels and for a deepening of our faith through our time in the land of the Lord. Please pray as well for the Christians who live in the Holy Land. It is an extremely difficult life for Christians in both the Arab countries and the Jewish State of Israel. They are very often deprived of jobs and housing due to their being Christian. Without the ability to secure decent housing and employment over 90% of

**October 20-October 28, 2018**  
**Readings and Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, October 20** 4:30pm—Mass  
 6:30pm—Spanish Mass  
 Eph 1:15-23/Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7 [7]/Lk 12:8-12

**Sunday, October 21** 9:00am—Mass  
 Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/Heb 4:14-16/  
 Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45  
*Mass intention for the People of the Parish*

**Monday, October 22** 4:30pm—Mass  
 Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5 [3b]/Lk 12:13-21

**Tuesday, October 23** No Mass  
 Eph 2:12-22/Ps 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 9]/Lk 12:35-38

**Wednesday, October 24** 4:30pm—Mass  
 Eph 3:2-12/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [cf. 3]/Lk 12:39-48

**Thursday, October 25** 8:30am—Mass  
 Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19 [5b]/Lk 12:49-53

**Friday, October 26** 9:30am—Communion Service  
 Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 12:54-59

**Saturday, October 27** 4:30pm—Bilingual Mass  
 Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [1]/Lk 13:1-9


**Sunday, October 28** 9:00am—Mass  
 Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52  
*Mass intention for the People of the Parish*

**Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. (Ps 33)**

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

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the Christian population has been forced to leave the Holy Land in the past 40 years.  
 While I am on pilgrimage Fr. Dan Warden, a retired priest of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston and a friend, will be staying at the rectory. You may remember he was here for a weekend in early June. He will celebrate all Masses and be available to address emergencies and pastoral needs. I know Fr. Dan will thoroughly enjoy his "retreat" here at our parish.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
  
 Msgr. Frank H. Rossi  
 Pastor

<b>Sun. Oct 21</b> <i>Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 9:00am—Mass <i>Adult Faith Formation after Mass</i> 2:30pm—Hispanic Women's Retreat Mass	<b>Mon. Oct 22</b> 4:30 pm—Mass	<b>Tues. Oct 23</b> 6:30pm—RCIA	<b>Wed. Oct 24</b> 4:00pm—Rosary 4:30pm—Mass 5:00pm—Choir 6:00pm—CCE	<b>Thurs. Oct 25</b> 8:30am—Mass 9:00am—Divine Mercy Chaplet	<b>Fri. Oct 26</b> 9:30am—Communion Service	<b>Sat. Oct 27</b> 3:45-4:15pm—Confessions 4:30pm—Bilingual Mass 5:30-9:00pm—Halloween Party
<b>Sun. Oct 28</b> <i>Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 9:00am—Mass <i>Adult Faith Formation after Mass</i>	<b>Mon. Oct 29</b> 4:30 pm—Mass	<b>Tues. Oct 30</b> 6:30pm—RCIA	<b>Wed. Oct 31</b> 4:00pm—Rosary 4:30pm—Mass 5:00pm—Choir NO CCE	<b>Thurs. Nov 1</b> ALL SAINTS DAY Holy Day of Obligation 4:30pm—Mass 7:00pm—Mass	<b>Fri. Nov 2</b> ALL SOULS DAY 9:30am—Mass	<b>Sat. Nov 3</b> 3:45-4:15pm—Confessions 4:30pm—Mass 6:30pm—Spanish Mass

Fr. Dan Warden covering for Fr. Rossi

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Please pray for: Nelda Leathem, Don Watt, Ed Sanderson; Annette Walles, Madison Walles, Heather St. Marie, Easton Peterson, Nancy Rollins, Darrell Lange, Trey Miller, Betty Hindsley; Shannon Smith, W.A. Banks, Susan Blackburn, Lena Mallet, Rhonda Cherry, Bryan Marshall, JoAn Gremillion, Carol Richoux, Callie Abbott, Irene Johnson, Ouida Gaspard, Trish Crossette, Amber Johnson  
 Blessings Prayers: Christine Clack, Nancy Rollins, Derek Utley

Repose of the soul: Katherine Monk, Glenda McClellan

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.

**Halloween Party**  
 October 27, 2018  
 Bilingual Mass 4:30pm  
 Party 5:30pm-9:00pm

Come dressed as a Saint.

**Be sure to enter the chili cook-off!!**

**Games for the kids, eats, cupcake walk, FUN!**

**Upcoming Events**

October 27: Halloween Party 5:30pm-9:00pm  
 after 4:30pm Bilingual Mass  
 November 1: All Saints Day, Holy Day of Obligation  
 November 2: All Souls Day  
 November 22: Thanksgiving Day

**COOKIE BAKERS NEEDED!!**

The Kolbe Retreat Team has asked for our help for the prison retreat at the end of the month.  
**We need a lot of cookies!**  
 (The goal for all churches participating is 100 dozen.)

Deliver brownies or cookies (homemade OR store bought) to the PARKING LOT of the STAGE STORE no later than 10:00 A.M. on the morning of Thursday, October 25th. The St. KOLBE trailer will be parked there.

**SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:**  
 HOMEMADE cookies & brownies MUST BE in CLEAR (see through) gallon bags, WITH THE 2 LOWER CORNERS CUT OFF!  
 STORE BOUGHT cookies MUST BE IN as clear as possible packaging OR put in gallon bags WITH 2 LOWER CORNERS CUT.

**DO NOT TAKE THEM TO THE CHURCH.**

Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Would you like to deepen your Catholic faith?  
**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**  
 Tuesday evenings, 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.

**Weekly Stewardship**

October 13 & 14 Weekly Offering	\$ 2,643.26
Average Weekly Cost	\$ 3,152.00
Excess/Deficit	\$ -508.74

*Thank you for your generosity.*