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My dear parishioners:

Under the best of circumstances many relationships can be challenging. And we rarely live our lives under the best of circumstances. What I have experienced in talking with people over the years is that many people periodically feel misunderstood by the people in their lives they love the most. They are surprised that their spouse doesn't seem to really know them or understand them, even though they may have been married for many years. I believe that one of the issues that face these couples is that they view the other from the prism of how they view the present issue rather than from the perspective of how the other may view it.

One of the books I often recommend to couples is Gary D. Chapman's *The Five Languages of Love: The Secret to Love that Lasts*, 2010 revised edition. Though not a Catholic, Chapman is a dedicated Christian who incorporates basic Christian values in his writings and seminars. His conclusion after over 30 years of marriage counseling is that there are "five emotional love languages"- five general ways that people speak and understand emotional love. Each person has a primary love language, a way in which they prefer to be loved. In order for a marriage relationship (really any important relationship) to be healthy, a spouse needs to be loved in the way that they most desire to be loved, not necessarily the way the other spouse prefers to express love. In many relationships one's good efforts of acts of love may not invoke a positive response in the receiving spouse because the expression of love is not the kind they seek.

Chapman states that our most basic emotional need is not to fall in love but to be genuinely loved by another, "to know a love that grows out of reason and choice, not instinct". We all have what he calls an "emotional love tank" and we function best in life when our need for emotional love is met. When we feel loved by the people who matter most in our lives, we will view life more positively, be more actively involved in caring for others and enjoy healthier and holier relationships. Without a doubt, sacrificial love must also be an essential component of every healthy and holy relationship and this love supersedes emotions. However, many relationships can be strengthened if couples understand more clearly the primary emotional "love language" that each spouse speaks and how best to express to each other the love that sustains them. Let's take a brief look at each of the five languages:

Words of Affirmation: Many people feel most loved when they receive verbal compliments and words of appreciation. They feel revered, respected and appreciated when their spouse recognizes their value. It is very easy to take a spouse for granted that s/he will run the errands, cook the meals, make household repairs, etc. Simple statements of appreciation mean a lot. To thank or compliment a spouse for these acts of kindness and support demonstrate that their kind deeds have been recognized and appreciated.

Not only does this person appreciate compliments, but they also need words of affirmation. They appreciate having their spouse encourage them to try something new or improve in a certain area. It is important that kind and gentle words are spoken, not negative or demeaning words. People are best motivated by humble

November 3 - November 11, 2018
Readings and Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 3 4:30pm—Mass
 6:30pm—Spanish Mass
 Phil 1:18b-26/Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef/Lk 14:1, 7-11

Sunday, November 4 9:00am—Mass
 Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34
Mass intention for the People of the Parish

Monday, November 5 4:30pm—Mass
 Phil 2:1-4/Ps 131:1bcd, 2, 3/Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday, November 6 11:30am—1st Tuesday Mass
 Phil 2:5-11/Ps 22:26b-27, 28-30ab, 30e, 31-32 [26a]/Lk 14:15-24
Mass intention for the Ladies Altar Society

Wednesday, November 7 4:30pm—Mass
 Phil 2:12-18/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Lk 14:25-33

Thursday, November 8 8:30am—Mass
 Phil 3:3-8a/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [3b]/Lk 15:1-10

Friday, November 9 9:30am—Communion Service
 Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [5]/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/
 Jn 2:13-22

Saturday, November 10 4:30pm—Mass
 6:30pm—Spanish Mass
 Phil 4:10-19/Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a and 9/Lk 16:9-15


Sunday, November 11 9:00am—Mass
 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Heb 9:24-28/
 Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44
Mass intention for the People of the Parish

I love you, Lord, my strength. (Ps 18)

non-judgmental statements. I encourage people to make "I" feeling statements, rather than "you" judgmental ones. So we say, "I felt concerned and hurt when you were late", instead of "You are rude and inconsiderate to keep me waiting". For many people it is through words that they feel most emotionally loved. They deserve the gift of kind, loving and affirming words.

Quality Time: Many people feel most loved when they spend quality time with their spouse. The dating period is often filled with quality time that nurtures the need for emotional love. The marriage years can become the routine of work, household chores, caring for the children, etc., all of which can diminish the amount of quality time the spouses spend together. No "good" in marriage (children, financial security, material comforts, etc.) is more valuable than the healthy and holy relationship of the spouses. Many spouses would prefer a regular "date night", an hour each evening of attentive conversation or uninterrupted relaxed time together rather than another material possession or a slightly fatter bank account. For many people their fondest memories and greatest treasures are not the things they have accumulated or accomplished but the quality time they have spent with the person they love the most, their spouse.

(continued next week)

Sincerely yours in Christ,

 Msgr. Frank H. Rossi
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Sun. Nov 4 <i>Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 9:00am—Mass <i>Adult Faith Formation after Mass</i>	Mon. Nov 5 4:30 pm—Mass	Tues. Nov 6 10:00am—Senior Social 11:30am—Mass 12:00pm—Lunch 1:00pm—Altar Society 6:30pm—RCIA	Wed. Nov 7 4:00pm—Rosary 4:30pm—Mass 5:00pm—Choir 6:00pm—CCE	Thurs. Nov 8 8:30am—Mass 9:00—Divine Mercy Chaplet	Fri. Nov 9 9:30am— Communion Service	Sat. Nov 10 3:45-4:15pm—Confessions 4:30pm—Mass 6:30pm—Spanish Mass
Fr. Dan Warden covering for Fr. Rossi						
Sun. Nov 11 <i>Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 9:00am—Mass <i>Adult Faith Formation after Mass</i>	Mon. Nov 12 4:30 pm—Mass	Tues. Nov 13 6:30pm—RCIA	Wed. Nov 14 10:00am—Stewardship 4:00pm—Rosary 4:30pm—Mass 5:00pm—Choir 6:00pm—CCE 7:00pm—Eucharist Adoration/Confessions	Thurs. Nov 15 8:30am—Mass 9:00—Divine Mercy Chaplet	Fri. Nov 16 9:30am— Communion Service	Sat. Nov 17 3:45-4:15pm—Confessions 4:30pm—Mass <i>Altar Society Casserole Sale</i> 6:30pm—Spanish Mass

Catholic Charismatic Renewal
 Friday, December 1, 2018 10:00am — Noon
 Our Lady of the Pines Catholic Church Family Center
 Woodville, Texas

Msgr. Frank Rossi will talk on "Taste and See" with his testimony on Mother Teresa's spiritual guidance during one of his missionary trips. Ted Nelson will provide music for Praise and Worship. Refreshments, fellowship and individual prayer will follow. All are invited.

16th Annual Harvest of Hope
 Tuesday, November 6th
 Elegante Hotel Grand Ballroom, Beaumont, TX
 Cocktail Reception ~ 5:30 p.m.
 Program and Dinner ~ 6:30 p.m.

Catholic Charities of Southeast Texas will honor The Bordages Family at its 16th Annual Harvest of Hope benefiting the social justice programming of Catholic Charities. The Bordages Family has a legacy of family, faith and service that is strongly woven into the history and tapestry of Southeast Texas.

FOR SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION and early reservations, please call Catholic Charities of Southeast Texas at 409-924-4410 or visit the website at:
www.catholiccharitiesbmt.org

Adult Faith Formation Classes
Sundays after Mass
Everybody Needs to Forgive Someone
 Led by Madeline Arnett

AARP Driver Safety Program
 November 15, 2018 8:30am-12:30pm
 Our Lady of the Pines Family Center

Fees are \$15 for AARP member and \$20 for non-members, payable by cash or check. If you would like to enroll in this class, you can contact Cecil Schriver at (409) 547-3097 for information. All course materials will be provided for you by AARP and are included in the fee for the course.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for: Nelda Leathem, Don Watt, Ed Sanderson; Kristi Rich, Phyllis Perkins, Dean Artigue, Christine Clack
 Blessings Prayers: Ouida Gaspard; Bill Leathem, Elaine Smith

Repose of the soul: Evon Airhart, Susie Jamail Benes

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

October 28 & 29 Weekly Offering	\$ 3,215.00
Average Weekly Cost	\$ 3,152.00
Excess/Deficit	\$ 63.00

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 Election Day is Nov. 6
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Upcoming Events

November 6: Harvest of Hope, Beaumont, TX
 Election Day
 November 10: Annual Tea & Purse Auction for Tyler
 County Child Welfare Board, Family Center
 November 11: Veterans Day
 November 17-18: Altar Society Casserole Sale
 November 22: Thanksgiving Day