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My dear parishioners:

As the year 2018 draws to a close, it is a natural time to reflect on the blessings of the year. And for me there are many. Without a doubt, a top-tier blessing in my life is the privilege of serving as pastor of Our Lady of the Pines Church. I thoroughly enjoy my ministry here and with each passing month my "roots" here go a bit deeper. This has been a very blessed assignment for me as it has allowed me to minister in some new areas that have not been a part of my ministry responsibilities when I was in Houston.

I wish to thank you parishioners for your continued support and encouragement to me as your pastor. I am most grateful for your abundant kindness to me in so many and varied ways. You are truly my spiritual family, and I am blessed to be a small part of your lives.

At this time of the year I wish to thank you for your support of the parish throughout the year. I am grateful for the men who take such good care of our grounds and facilities, the ladies who take such good care of our church and help to provide our meals at parish events and funerals, and to Carolyn Vogel, who takes such good care of the parish rectory.

I am grateful to the parishioners who serve on our parish Pastoral Council and Finance Council, and chairs of our Bishop's Faith Appeal. They are of great assistance to me in ensuring that as a parish we are both effective and efficient (doing the right things and doing things right). I am grateful to those who count our weekly collections and help ensure the protection of our funds.

I am grateful to our office staff, Lynn Stacy and Patsy Sturlese, who keep our administration flowing smoothly. I am grateful to Diane Sanderson, Annette Faircloth and Maureen Peltier, who coordinate our religious education programs for children, teens and adults. And to all our parishioners who dedicate their time and talent in teaching our parishioners in our catechetical programs. And to Twyla Darder who ensures our children are fed before class each week, and to Twyla and Vince for hosting coffee and fellowship after Sunday morning Mass.

I am grateful to Lynn Stacy for providing us wonderful and most appropriate music at all our Masses, and to our choir who assist monthly and on holy days. And to all who participate in liturgical ministries: hospitality, ushers, lectors, EMHC, altar servers, homebound ministry and leaders of Communion Services. Our parish liturgies are prayerful because of their dedicated ministry.

I am grateful to our parishioners who serve our parish at the Gib Lewis Prison, Catholic Charities of Southeast Texas, and on boards and committees of the Diocese of Beaumont. Our small parish is very well represented in the community and the Diocese.

I am very grateful for your kindnesses to me by providing me such wonderful foods throughout the year and your most thoughtful and generous gifts at Christmas. I am definitely well cared for. And I wish to thank you all so very much for your financial support of our parish. Without your sacrificial financial contributions, we would not be able to maintain the wonderful facilities and ministries of our parish.

Please know that every morning in my personal prayer I thank God for each of you and pray for each of you. As we embark on

**December 29, 2018 - January 6, 2019**  
**Readings and Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, December 29** 4:30pm—Mass  
 6:30pm—Spanish Mass  
 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35

**Sunday, December 30** 9:00am—Mass  
 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24  
 Lk 2:41-52  
*Mass intention for the People of the Parish*

**Monday, December 31, New Year's Eve** 4:30pm—Mass  
 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96: 1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

**Tuesday, January 1, New Year's Day** 9:00am—Mass  
 Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

**Wednesday, January 2** 4:30pm—Mass  
 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 1:19-28

**Thursday, January 3** 8:30am—Mass  
 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6 [3cd]/Jn 1:29-34

**Friday, January 4** 9:30am—Communion Service  
 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [3cd]/Jn 1:35-42

**Saturday, January 5** 4:30pm—Mass  
 6:30pm—Spanish Mass  
 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2a]/Jn 1:43-51

**Sunday, January 6** 9:00am—Mass  
 Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/  
 Mt 2:1-12  
*Mass intention for the People of the Parish*

**Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord. (Ps 84)**

**PRAYER REQUESTS**  
*Please pray for:* Nelda Leathem, Don Watt, Bennie Mahaffey, Bobbie Broussard; Lois Cuccia, Lacy Rhodes, Mike Fleming  
*Rest of the soul:* Jerry Smith, Buzz Whiting; E.D. George  
*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**

<b>December 22 &amp; 23 Weekly Offering</b>	<b>\$ 2,921.00</b>
<b>Average Weekly Cost</b>	<b>\$ 3,152.00</b>
<b>Excess/Deficit</b>	<b>\$ -231.00</b>

*Thank you for your generosity.*



2019, may the Lord grant to each of us good health, happiness and growth in holiness. Thank you all so very much and God bless you all.

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

<b>Sun. Dec 30</b> <i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</i> 9:00am—Mass	<b>Mon. Dec 31</b> <i>New Year's Eve</i> 4:30 pm—Vigil Mass, <i>Mary Mother of God</i> Holy Day of Obligation	<b>Tues. Jan 1</b> <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i> <i>Mary Mother of God</i> 9:00am—Mass 12:00pm—Spanish Mass, St. Michael's, Jasper, TX <i>New Year's Day</i>	<b>Wed. Jan 2</b> 4:00pm—Rosary 4:30pm—Mass	<b>Thurs. Jan 3</b> 8:30am—Mass 9:00am—Divine Mercy Chaplet	<b>Fri. Jan 4</b> 9:30am—Communion Service	<b>Sat. Jan 5</b> 3:45-4:15pm: Confessions 4:30pm—Mass 6:30pm—Spanish Mass
<b>Sun. Jan 6</b> <i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i> 9:00am—Mass	<b>Mon. Jan 7</b> 4:30 pm—Mass	<b>Tues. Jan 8</b> 10:00am—Senior Social 11:30am—1st Tuesday Mass 12:00am—Lunch 1:00pm—Altar Society	<b>Wed. Jan 9</b> 10:00am—Stewardship 4:00pm—Rosary 4:30pm—Mass 5:00pm—Choir Practice 6:00pm—CCE	<b>Thurs. Jan 10</b> 8:30am—Mass 9:00am—Divine Mercy Chaplet	<b>Fri. Jan 11</b> 9:30am—Communion Service	<b>Sat. Jan 12</b> 3:45-4:15pm: Confessions 4:30pm—Mass 6:30pm—Spanish Mass

**2019 Envelopes**

There has been an issue with the printing of the 2019 Donation Envelopes. The envelopes will not be here in time for the first and second weekends of January.

So that correct records may be kept, if donating by check, put your envelope number on the memo line. If donating by cash place your donation in a plain envelope with your envelope number on the front.

If the donation is for The Maintenance Fund please write Maintenance Fund along with your envelope number.

Thank you. We hope the issue will be resolved quickly.

**Hundredfold Workshop**  
**For Parish Vocation Ministries**

**January 12, 2019, 9am-3pm**  
**St. Jude Thaddeus Parish**  
**6825 Gladys Avenue, Beaumont, TX**

The workshop's purpose is to equip Catholic laity to form vibrant Vocation Ministries that promote vocations to marriage, priesthood, and consecrated life in their parishes.

**For more information or to register, please visit <https://bit.ly/2pzMsP4>**

**CCE FOOD DRIVE**

In honor of Pope Francis' Birthday, the children participated in a Food Drive. They collected over 150 items for Caring is Sharing.

**MASS SCHEDULE**  
**MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**  
**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**  
 Monday, December 31,  
 New Year's Eve:  
 4:30pm—Vigil Mass  
 Tuesday, January 1,  
 New Year's Day:  
 9:00am—Mass

**Called, Formed, & Sent Day 2019**

**Saturday – January 26, 2019**  
**9:00 am to 5:00 pm (including Mass at 4 pm)**  
**Saint Mary, Fannett**

For those working in Evangelization and Catechesis, especially catechists, parish catechetical leaders, parents, youth ministers and their teams, RCIA teams, adult faith formation teams and anyone looking to grow in their faith. Contact Diane Sanderson, 409-489-3394, to register. There is no fee for this event and lunch is provided.

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**Upcoming Events**

January 1: Mary, The Holy Mother of God, **Holy Day of Obligation,** New Year's Day

January 12: Hundredfold Workshop, St. Jude, Beaumont, TX

January 13: Pot Luck Dinner after Sunday Mass, Family Center

January 20: Blood Drive, Family Center

January 26: Called Formed and Sent Day, St. Mary, Fannett