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My dear parishioners:

This Wednesday, March 6, begins the Season of Lent. Hopefully each of us has begun to settle on what will be our Lenten discipline, so that we can grow in faith and good works. But just in case you are still looking for some spiritual practices that will assist you in experiencing a rich Lent, I would like to share with you a synopsis of *Ten Tips for the Best Lent*, by Fr. Ed Broom. They are simple yet deeply meaningful spiritual practices that will enrich your Lenten discipline and assist you on the journey toward holiness.

- Prayer:** Instead of being Martha this Lent, try to imitate Mary of Bethany. Take some quiet time each day to sit at the feet of the Lord and listen to him speak to you. Listen attentively from the heart. If you already pray daily, add a few extra minutes to your prayer time. Consider attending the parish Lenten Mission each evening, with an intention to allow the time to assist you in further developing your personal relationship with God. Prayer delights the Heart of Jesus.
- Reconciliation and Peace:** If there is anyone in your life against whom you hold any degree of resentment or bitterness, Lent is a most propitious time to reconcile. Have the courage to extend the hand of healing to this person. If it is not possible to speak to them directly, forgive them from your heart so that you will remove the hurt from your heart and fill the space with peace.
- Penance:** Jesus constantly calls his people to repentance. Because heaven is reserved for the "pure of heart", the Lord desires that we become aware of our areas of sin and intentionally seek his mercy and forgiveness. The importance of making a sacramental reconciliation before Easter cannot be overstated.
- The Sacred Scriptures:** The Bible not only recounts what God said to his people in ages past, it equally is the living Word of God for us today. The Lord speaks to us through the pages of the Bible. A daily meditation on a passage of Sacred Scripture (like the Mass readings of the day) keeps us focused on the meaning of Lent.
- Almsgiving:** Lent is a time to give to God through our conscious, generous giving to others, especially the poor and vulnerable. For as our Lord said, "Whatever you do to the least of my brothers, you do to me."
- The Three "T's":** Time. Talent. Treasure. For our Christian lives to reflect not only a gratitude for what God has given us but to equally demonstrate our responsibility to freely give to others, we must be willing to give of our time, our talent as well as our financial treasure. In this three-fold expression of grateful giving we are allowing the grace of God to work through us into the lives of others.
- Joy:** God loves a cheerful giver! Consider the word "joy" as an acronym. J.O.Y: J-stand for Jesus, O-stands for others, and Y-stands for you. Put Jesus first, others second and yourself third and you will find a spiritual joy that enriches you more deeply than any physical pleasure.
- Mass:** There is no better way to grow closer to the Lord than to enter deeply into the sacred mystery of the Eucharistic Feast. It is there, in Mass, that we are closest to our Lord as we listen to him speak to us and are fed by his sacramental presence. To experience this presence of the Lord most fully, consider reflecting on the Sunday scripture readings during a prayer period before coming to church, or attending a weekly daily Mass in order to experience the Mass more than once a week.

**March 3, 2019 - March 10, 2019**  
**Readings and Mass Intentions**

**Sunday, March 3** 9:00am—Mass  
 Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/1 Cor 15:54-58/  
 Lk 6:39-45  
*Mass intention for the People of the Parish*

**Monday, March 4** 4:30pm—Mass  
 Sir 17:20-24/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [11a]/Mk 10:17-27  
*Mass intention for Lloyd and Ron Chance*

**Tuesday, March 5** No Mass  
 Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23 [23b]/Mk 10:28-31

**Wednesday, March 6** 4:30pm—Mass  
 7:00pm—Mass  
 Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/  
 2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thursday, March 7** 8:30am—Mass  
 Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25

**Friday, March 8** 9:30am—Communion Service  
 Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/Mt 9:14-15

**Saturday, March 9** 4:30pm—Mass  
 6:30pm—Spanish Mass  
 Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27-32

**Sunday, March 10** 9:00am—Mass  
 Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 [cf. 15b]/Rom 10:8-13/  
 Lk 4:1-13  
*Mass intention for the People of the Parish*

**Lord, it is good to give thanks to you. (Ps 92)**

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

*Please pray for:* Bobbie Broussard, Bennie Mahaffey, Don Watt, Annie Jacobs, Kim Lowrie, Dwayne Lowrie, Willie Frazier

*Repose of the soul:* Michelle Duncan, Roy Fade

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.



9. **Conquer your own Devil:** Each of us has an area of weakness and a propensity to sin. But we cannot "tame" what we do not "name". Be honest enough with yourself to call your sin by its true name: impatience, selfishness, sloth, jealousy, impurity. Only by this can we find the strength to heal.

10. **Mary, the Mother of God:** There is no greater model of human purity and sinlessness than the Blessed Virgin Mary. Seek her intercession in your life. Pray the rosary. Be guided by her virtuous love.

May the Lord bless every spiritual practice of yours this Lent.

Sincerely in Christ,

*Frank H. Rossi*

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Sun. Mar 3 <i>Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 9:00am—Mass <i>King Cake and coffee after Mass in Family Center</i>	Mon. Mar 4 4:30 pm—Mass	Tues. Mar 5 10:00am—Senior Social 11:30am—First Tuesday Mass 12:00am—Lunch 1:00pm—Altar Society 6:30pm—RCIA	Wed. Mar 6 <b>Ash Wednesday</b> 4:00pm—Rosary 4:30pm—Mass 6:00pm—CCE 7:00pm—Mass	Thurs. Mar 7 8:30am—Mass 9:00am—Divine Mercy Chaplet	Fri. Mar 8 9:30am—Communion Service	Sat. Mar 9 3:45-4:15pm: Confessions 4:30pm—Mass 6:30pm—Spanish Mass  Daylight Savings time begins tomorrow.
Sun. Mar 10 <i>First Sunday of Lent</i> 9:00am—Mass 3:30pm—Rite of Election <i>Beaumont, TX</i>	Mon. Mar 11 4:30 pm—Mass	Tues. Mar 12 6:30pm—RCIA	Wed. Mar 13 4:00pm—Rosary 4:30pm—Mass 5:00pm—Choir 6:00pm—CCE 7:00pm—Eucharist Adoration/confessions	Thurs. Mar 14 8:30am—Mass 9:00am—Divine Mercy Chaplet	Fri. Mar 15 9:30am—Communion Service	Sat. Mar 16 3:45-4:15pm: Confessions 4:30pm—Mass 6:30pm—Spanish Mass

**RITE OF ELECTION**

Next Sunday, March 10, the Catechumens who have been faithfully participating in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults classes will travel to St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica to participate in The Rite of Election. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue their journey into full communion with us at the Easter Vigil.

BOB BOYD	BOBBY HATCHER
IRENE JOHNSON	AMBER TANTON
RUSTY KUCIEMBA	TIM PARKER

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**Weekly Stewardship**

February 23 & 24 Weekly Offering	\$ 2,945.00
Average Weekly Cost	\$ 3,152.00
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*Thank you for your generosity.*

**8<sup>th</sup> Annual Lenten Pilgrimage**  
**March 9, 2019**

Join fellow Catholics for a walking pilgrimage to Shrines of the Blessed Virgin Mary. You don't have to go to France; it's right here in Port Arthur. It will include the Traditional Latin Mass, the Most Holy Rosary, Stations of the Cross, and more! It will be a moving spiritual journey.

*Mass kickoff at 9 a.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe.*

Confessions—45 minutes before mass. Intermediate stops at holy sites; end about 3 pm at BVM Shrine of Queen of Peace.

Don't forget your rosary and a flower to decorate Our Lady Statue we carry! Entire families, baby strollers, religious banners welcomed!

Park at **OLOG Parish Hall** or at **Queen of Peace Shrine** (800 Ninth Ave) in the morning in time to use shuttle at 8:05 am back to OLOG.

Pilgrimage T-shirts available for purchase. Hope to see you there! More info--(409) 338-5317.

**Upcoming Events**

March 6: Ash Wednesday  
 March 7-10: Teen ACTS Retreat, Camp Takula, Chester, TX  
 March 9: Lenten Pilgrimage, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Beaumont, TX  
 March 22-24: Retreat Weekend for Married Couples, Beaumont, TX  
 March 31-April 4: PARISH MISSION