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My dear parishioners:

Our English word “mission” is derived from the Latin “missio”, meaning “sending out”. It originally had a clearly spiritual connotation. Missionaries were religious people sent out to areas where the faith had not yet been received, so that the people could learn about Christ. Missions were small outpost church buildings where people in more remote areas could gather for prayer in the absence of a priest, and celebrate the sacraments when a priest came to the area. Even our English word for the Eucharist, Mass, derives from the word “missio” as we gather together to celebrate the Eucharist so that we can then be sent back out to our community to bring the grace of the Lord to others. The word “mission” is also defined as “a course of sermons and religious services given to convert the unchurched or strengthen the Christian faith”. It is this definition of mission that I want to bring to your attention today. **Starting with the weekend Masses of March 30/31, and going every evening Sunday March 31 through Thursday, April 4 our parish will be hosting our biennial Lenten Mission.** We are very happy to have with us leading our parish mission Father Ricardo N. Pineda, Jr., CPM.

Fr. Ricardo was born in San Diego, California in 1987 of parents of Salvadoran and Mexican descent. Following high school, he attended Notre Dame University, playing the trumpet in the marching band. Though the call of a possible vocation as a priest had been in his mind since age 6, it was in his university years that the call entered his heart and he entered the seminary upon graduation in 2008. Fr. Ricardo was ordained a priest for the Fathers of Mercy in May of 2013. He served for three years as parochial vicar (assistant pastor) of four small parishes in the Archdiocese of Louisville, and since the summer of 2016 he has been giving parish missions around the country and serving as Treasurer General of his community.

The theme of the five-evening mission will be “If You Knew The Gift Of God.” Each evening from Sunday through Thursday, the mission talk will take place from 7:00-8:00 pm. From 6:00-6:45 pm each evening will be the opportunity to make a sacramental reconciliation and to sit quietly before the Blessed Sacrament in Adoration. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be recited at 6:45 pm. Confessions will also be heard each evening following the mission talk at 8:00 pm. Please be at the church no later than 6:45 each evening so that as a community we can begin each mission talk in prayer with the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

The subject of Fr. Ricardo’s mission talks will be: Baptism: Power to Become Children of God (Sunday); Confession: Unconditional Love and Healing (Monday); The Church: That they May All Be One (Tuesday); The Eucharist: Heaven on Earth (Wednesday); and Mary, Mother of God and our Mother (Thursday). The Thursday mission talk will be done within the context of Mass.

Our parish did not host a Lenten Mission last year, so I am hopeful and prayerful that as many parishioners as possible will avail themselves to participating in as many of the mission talks as possible. Though attendance at all of the talks is not required, the spiritual benefit of the mission will be most realized by participating in all five evening presentations. And please feel free to invite family members and friends to the Lenten Mission. This is a good opportunity for non-Catholic Christians to learn more about our rich Catholic faith in an environment that is less intimidating than the Mass (where people are often confused by our liturgical gestures of sitting, kneeling, standing). The Fathers of Mercy do not charge our parish for providing us a priest to host our Lenten Mission. Rather, they take up a free-will offering on the last evening (Thursday). If you will be participating in some of the mission but will not be able to attend on Thursday, please consider offering

March 17, 2019 - March 24, 2019
Readings and Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 17 9:00am—Mass
 Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14[1a]/Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1/Lk 9:28b-36
Mass intention for the People of the Parish

Monday, March 18 4:30pm—Mass
 Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [cf. 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday, March 19 No Mass
 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [37]/ Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Wednesday, March 20 4:30pm—Mass
 Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday, March 21 8:30am—Mass
 Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 16:19-31

Friday, March 22 9:30am—Communion Service
 Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/ Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday, March 23 4:30pm—Mass
6:30pm—Spanish Mass
 Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/ Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday, March 24 9:00am—Mass
 Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 [8a]/ 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9
Mass intention for the People of the Parish

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble. (Ps 91)

Weekly Stewardship


March 9 & 10 Weekly Offering \$ 5,658.55
Average Weekly Cost \$ 3,152.00
Excess/Deficit \$ 2,506.55

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a donation to Fr. Ricardo on the last evening you will attend. All donations go to support the work of the Fathers of Mercy throughout the United States.

Each year during Lent the Church challenges us to engage in the disciplines of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. By participating in the five-evening parish Lenten Mission you will be engaged in all three disciplines as you will be enriched in prayer, abstaining from the normal events of your evenings that week, and offering alms to the wonderful ministry of the Fathers of Mercy. Full participation in the parish Lenten Mission will be a very blessed way to prepare to celebrate Easter, and a wonderful preparation for a deeper or more full life in Christ.

Sincerely in Christ,

 Msgr. Frank H. Rossi
 Pastor

Sun. Mar 17 <i>Second Sunday of Lent</i>	Mon. Mar 18	Tues. Mar 19	Wed. Mar 20	Thurs. Mar 21	Fri. Mar 22	Sat. Mar 23
9:00am—Mass	4:30 pm—Mass	6:30pm—RCIA	4:00pm—Rosary 4:30pm—Mass 5:00pm—Choir 6:00pm—CCE	8:30am—Mass 9:00am—Divine Mercy Chaplet	9:30am—Communion Service 5:30pm—Stations of the Cross	3:45-4:15pm—Confessions 4:30pm—Mass 6:30pm—Spanish Mass
Sun. Mar 24 <i>Third Sunday of Lent</i>	Mon. Mar 25	Tues. Mar 26	Wed. Mar 27	Thurs. Mar 28	Fri. Mar 29	Sat. Mar 30
9:00am—Mass	4:30 pm—Mass	6:30pm—RCIA	4:00pm—Rosary 4:30pm—Mass 5:00pm—Choir 6:00pm—CCE	8:30am—Mass 9:00am—Divine Mercy Chaplet	9:30am—Communion Service 5:30pm—Stations of the Cross	3:45-4:15pm—Confessions 4:30pm—Mass 6:30pm—Spanish Mass

Parish Mission

“If you knew the gift of God . . .”
 ~John 4:10

Sunday, March 31 – Thursday, April 4, 2019
 6:00pm Confessions/Adoration
 7:00pm Mission Talk

Topics will include:

- ♦ Baptism: Power to Become Children of God
- ♦ Confession: Unconditional Love and Healing
- ♦ The Church: That They may Be One
- ♦ The Eucharist: Heaven on Earth
- ♦ Mary, Mother of God, and Our Mother

Mission presentation by Fr. Ricardo Pineda, CPM

Two Feet of Love: Faith in Action
Conference on Catholic Social Teaching



Friday, March 29: 5:30 pm—8:00 pm
 Saturday March 30: 8:30 pm—4:30 pm,
 5:00 pm—Mass

St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church
Beaumont, TX

Keynote presenter: Sr. Patricia Chappelle, Executive Director of Pax Christi USA

For more information on the schedule of events and registration, use this website:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/two-feet-of-love-faith-in-action-tickets-56579275135>



PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for: Bobbie Broussard, Bennie Mahaffey, Don Watt, Annie Jacobs; Michael Parrott, Sharon Horsman, Dallas Jordan, Bethany Robinson, Debbie Graham, Cecil Schriver, Connie McDowell; Tom Broussard, Carol Richoux, Michael Cavaretta, Sam Brocato, Mary Waugh, Rachel Gore Straley, Jan Johnson, Beth Vining, Diane Emfinger, Shirley Anderson, Don Moore, Jay West, Lois Cuccia

Rest of the soul: John Martin, Bobby Knight; Buddy Barber, Crystal Petty

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.

Religious Articles

Come and see new items for sale.



Browse on Saturday after Mass or while having coffee on Sunday mornings.

Upcoming Events

March 22-24: Retreat Weekend for Married Couples, Beaumont, TX

March 26: Women’s Day of Prayer, St. Elizabeth Parish, Port Neches, TX

March 26: Texas Catholic Advocacy Day, State Capitol, Austin, TX

March 29-30: Two Feet of Love: Faith in Action, St. Jude, Beaumont, TX

March 31-April 4: PARISH MISSION, Woodville, TX