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My dear parishioners:

This week I would like to address a few things with you, which I like to call "family business". They are:

Live Passion of the Lord Celebration: Next weekend, April 13-14, is Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week. Each year on Palm Sunday the gospel passages (we have two on Palm Sunday; one at the entrance rite and one during the Liturgy of the Word) recount Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem and his subsequent betrayal, passion and death. It is a very powerful remembrance of all our Lord did for us to have salvation.

This year we are very blessed to have a group from Cristo Rey Church in Beaumont enacting a live performance of the Passion of the Lord. It will be in two parts. The first part will be the Raising of Lazarus from the Dead and the Last Supper. This will be performed on Saturday evening at 5:30 pm. On that evening we will have only one bilingual Mass at 4:30 pm. The second part will be the Passion and Death of the Lord will be performed on Sunday at 10:00 am, immediately after the morning Mass. Both performances will take place outdoors; Saturday evening on the parking lot closest to the rectory and on Sunday morning on the grassy area behind the Family Center. Wear comfortable shoes! The Saturday evening performance will be bi-lingual, but I believe the Sunday performance will be in Spanish. However, we will have just heard the account of the Passion of the Lord in English at Mass, so language will not be a barrier to entering fully into the power of the performance. Please plan on attending this Passion of the Lord performance as another means of entering fully into the holiness of this liturgical season.

Parish Lenten Mission: I am very grateful to Fr. Ricardo Pineda, CPM who directed our parish Lenten Mission. He provided us with very moving talks on the call to conversion and the great gift of our Catholic faith. He helped us to be renewed in our love of the sacraments and the Lord who gifted us with them. I thank all of you who gave of your time to attend the mission. I pray that the graces received during the Lenten Mission will linger in your hearts long past the Easter Season.

Lenten Rice Bowl Collection: I thank all of you who are participating in the Rice Bowl collection this year. This annual example of almsgiving not only reminds us of the need to support the poor and suffering of the world in even the smallest way of our loose change, but also provides us the discipline to remember the poor and suffering through the year by our prayers and sacrificial gifts. We will start collecting the Rice Bowls on Easter Sunday and the following weekend. Thank you very much for your generosity.

Bishop's Faith Appeal (BFA): I want to express to each of you who have already made your pledge/payment to the 2019 *Bishop's Faith Appeal* my deepest appreciation. Thanks to your generosity we have now surpassed our goal in pledges. This is a wonderful expression to Bishop Guillory and the staff of the Diocese of Beaumont how grateful we are for their ministry, and now all contributions to the BFA will be returned to the parish as non-taxable income to the parish. This is definitely a win-win situation!

To my knowledge every diocese in the United States has some type of annual appeal to parishioners to support the ministries of the diocese. By Church law bishops are allowed to tax parishioners what is called "cathedraticum", which is a percentage of a parish's annual income that goes to the diocese to support its financial obligations. →

April 7, 2019 - April 14, 2019
Readings and Mass Intentions

Sunday, April 7 9:00am—Mass
 Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11
Mass intention for the People of the Parish

Monday, April 8 4:30pm—Mass
 Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [4ab]/Jn 8:12-20

Tuesday, April 9 No Mass
 Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21 [2]/Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday, April 10 4:30pm—Mass
 Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday, April 11 8:30am—Mass
 Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Jn 8:51-59

Friday, April 12 9:30am—Communion Service
 Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf. 7]/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday, April 13 4:30pm—Bilingual Mass
 Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/Jn 11:45-56

Sunday, April 14 9:00am—Mass
 Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/
 Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14--23:56 or 23:1-49
Mass intention for the People of the Parish

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy. (Ps 126)

LENT prayer fasting Almsgiving

Weekly Stewardship

March 30 & 31 Weekly Offering \$ 3,162.35
Average Weekly Cost \$ 3,152.00
Excess/Deficit \$ 10.35

Thank you for your generosity.

If you would like to give electronically, visit our website, www.ourladyofthepinescatholicchurch.com and click on **Donation**.

A just tax will never produce enough revenue to fully support diocesan operations. So, the annual appeal is a great assistance to a diocese as it helps support the ministerial works of a diocese. We at Our Lady of the Pines receive a lot of support from the diocese in the form of a Youth Ministry grant and chancery staff who assist us in many aspects of religious formation. So, we truly do get our "money's worth" from our BFA donations. If you have not yet made your contribution to the annual BFA, and are willing to do so, please consider making your pledge soon. Pledge envelopes are in the vestibule of the church. If you have already made your 2019 pledge, thank you so very much and God bless you for your generosity.

Sincerely in Christ,

 Msgr. Frank H. Rossi
 Pastor

Sun. April 7 <i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i> 9:00am—Mass <i>Anointing during Mass</i>	Mon. April 8 4:30 pm—Mass <i>6:30pm—Pastoral Council</i>	Tues. April 9 <i>6:30pm—RCLIA and Easter Vigil rehearsal</i>	Wed. April 10 <i>10:00am—Stewardship</i> <i>4:00pm—Rosary</i> 4:30pm—Mass <i>5:00pm—Choir</i> <i>6:00pm—CCE</i>	Thurs. April 11 8:30am—Mass <i>9:00am—Divine Mercy Chaplet</i>	Fri. April 12 9:30am—Communion Service 5:30pm—Stations of the Cross	Sat. April 13 <i>3:45-4:15pm—Confessions</i> 4:30pm—Bilingual Mass <i>5:30pm—Passion Play, Pt. I</i>
Sun. April 14 <i>Passion/Palm Sunday</i> 9:00am—Mass <i>10:00am—Passion Play, Pt. 2</i>	Mon. April 15 4:30 pm—Mass	Tues. April 16 6:30pm—Chrism Mass, St. Anthony Basilica, Beaumont	Wed. April 17 <i>10:00am—Church Cleaning for Easter</i> <i>4:00pm—Rosary</i> 4:30pm—Mass <i>5:00pm—Choir</i> <i>6:00pm—practice for Holy Thursday & Good Friday</i>	Thurs. April 18 HOLY THURSDAY 7:00pm—Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper	Fri. April 19 GOOD FRIDAY 3:00pm—The Passion of the Lord	Sat. April 20 HOLY SATURDAY 8:30pm—The Easter Vigil

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday:
 Saturday Vigil 4:30pm (Bilingual)
 Part 1 of The Passion Play 5:30pm
 Sunday: Mass 9:00am
 Part 2 of The Passion Play 10:00am

Holy Thursday: Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00pm

Good Friday: The Passion of the Lord at 3:00pm

Holy Saturday: The Easter Vigil at 8:30pm

Easter Sunday: Mass at 9:00am

Are You Being CALLED?

Vocation Q&A for Women
Sunday April 28, 2019

Women (18-40) who are discerning a call to religious life are invited to an informal gathering at the Catholic Student Center at Lamar University. Sr. Misty Garriga will share her vocation story, talk about what religious life is today, and will answer questions that you have.

Lamar Catholic Student Center
 1010 E. Virginia St.
 Beaumont, TX
 RSVP: Lindsey Parish, 409-924-4363
lp@dioceseofbmt.org

Talk and Q&A 4-6pm
 Mass at 6pm
 Dinner to follow
 RSVP by April 21, 2019

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for: Bobbie Broussard, Bennie Mahaffey, Don Watt, Linda Dipuccio, Shirley Anderson; Carol Richoux, Sam Brocato, Jay West, Lois Cuccia, Linda Passons, Marion Newitt, Roger Gibson & wife, Page Rayburn, Bonnie Turnbull, Herbert Clubb; Trish Crossette, Vallerie Middleton, John Dumesnil, Eileen Dumesnil

Rest of the soul: Michael Cavaretta, E.B. Sheffield, Amanda Dumesnil, Annie Jacobs; Ian Holmes, Karl Harn, Tammy Martin

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.

Bishop Curtis J. Guillory, S.V.D.,

Bishop of Beaumont,
 invites you to attend the **Chrism Mass** that Bishop will concelebrate with all the priests of the Diocese.
Tuesday of Holy Week, April 16, 2019
St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica
700 Jefferson Street
Beaumont, TX , 6:30 PM

This is a beautiful and memorable experience in the life of the Church. Bishop will bless the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of Catechumens and consecrate the Oil of Chrism. These holy oils will be distributed to every parish and to prison, hospital and nursing home chaplains for sacramental use throughout the year.



Another moment in this liturgy occurs when all the priests, in unison with their Bishop, renew their priestly promises. The Chrism Mass manifests the diversity of the Body of Christ in the Diocese of Beaumont throughout the celebration and is a most prayerful way to journey through Holy Week.

Upcoming Events

- April 16: Chrism Mass, St. Anthony Basilica, Beaumont, TX
- April 21: Easter Sunday
- April 27: Liturgical Ministry Formation, Ministers of the Eucharist, **OLOP Family Center, Woodville, TX**
- April 28: Vocation Q&A for Women, Lamar Catholic Student Center, Beaumont, TX
- May 10: Catholic Charismatic Renewal, St. Mary, Orange, TX