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**Gospel Meditation**

People are not property. We cannot exchange them at will or simply use them for our own designs and purposes. What does the word "commitment" mean to you? We can begin to understand its meaning by looking at some synonyms: dedication, devotion, allegiance, loyalty, faithfulness, fidelity, and bond. Commitment is primarily about relationship, and Jesus is all about relationships. How our lives affect others, how we treat our brothers and sisters, how we resolve conflict, and how we view the vows of marriage. Jesus' teachings on obeying the commandments, murder, reconciliation, marriage, divorce, and adultery all stem from the sacredness of commitment. All of this has a God connection.

We can easily see one another as interchangeable and dispensable. We treat so much of our lives this way. What works today may not be what I want tomorrow. We search and search for the right thing only to find our hearts still restless in the end. Is real happiness achievable this side of the grave? Sometimes we expect too much out of others and want our relationships to fill a hole that we must figure out how to fill ourselves. Any seasoned married couple will tell you that their love for one another changes as time passes. Even though the understanding of romance changes as life changes, the dedication, devotion, allegiance, loyalty, faithfulness, and fidelity all remain and even deepen.

Some relationships can be hurtful, and God does not want us to live with abuse or pain. Also, how a relationship develops is sometimes out of our control, and we become the victim of someone else's decision. But we can't be self-focused in our relationships and see them exclusively as self-fulfilling ends. We are companions on life's journey with varying depths of relationships being enjoyed by all who are with us along the way. We have the freedom to choose. God asks us to do so wisely, with right judgment and thinking.

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**Prayer Support for Our Pastor and Parish**

Let's join together during this time by praying the Rosary and the Memorare daily at 4:00 pm. God's grace always remains with us.

**Feb 16 - Feb 23, 2020  
 Readings and Mass Intentions**

**Sunday, February 16** 9:00am-Mass  
 Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 [1b]/  
 1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37  
*Mass intention for the People of the Parish*  
**Monday, February 17** 4:30pm-Communion Service  
 Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76 [77a]/Mk 8:11-13  
**Tuesday, February 18** 10:00am-Mass  
 Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Mk 8:14-21  
*Mass Intention for John Dumesnil*  
**Wednesday, February 19** 4:30pm-Communion Service  
 Jas 1:19-27/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [1b]/Mk 8:22-26  
**Thursday, February 20** 4:30pm-Communion Service  
 Jas 2:1-9/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [7a]/Mk 8:27-33  
**Friday, February 21** 9:30am-Communion Service  
 Jas 2:14-24, 26/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 1b]/Mk 8:34-9:1  
**Saturday, February 22** 4:30pm-Mass  
 6:30pm-Spanish Mass  
 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19  
**Sunday, February 23** 9:00am-Mass  
 Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 [8a]/  
 1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-4  
*Mass intention for the People of the Parish*

**Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!  
 (Ps 119)**

**Ecumenical Dinner and Faith Sharing**

Our second Ecumenical dinner last Thursday was a great success. Hon. Jacques Blanchette spoke and we welcomed our neighbors from many different faiths. The parish wishes to thank parishioners Art and Carolyn Vogel, who generously cooked and supplied the barbecue. The Stewardship and Evangelization Committees will be hosting the next dinner in the spring, so look for future announcements and plan to attend.



**PRAYER REQUESTS**

*Please pray for:* Danny Pollack, Vallery Middleton, Donice Crawford; Jessica Pierson, Tony Cummings, Dianne Necessary, Zane D., Mike Satterthwaite, Ricky Neilson; Norton Leger, Dan Salzer, Steve Tompkins, Don Watt, Henry Rossi, Bennie Mahaffey, Linda Dipuccio, Shirley Anderson, Ted Koch, Fr. Frank Rossi, Cheyenne Courtney, Audrey Douzant

*Rest of the soul:* Deacon Larry R. David; Pat Brito

*Names will remain on the prayer list for two weeks. Names written in the Prayer Book in the vestibule of the church will be offered as daily Mass intentions.*

Sun. Feb 16 <i>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 9:00am - Mass Adult Faith Formation following Mass	Mon. Feb 17 4:30pm-Communion Service	Tues. Feb 18 10:00am-Mass 3:30pm-Choir Practice 6:30pm-RCIA: Exploring the Catholic Faith	Wed. Feb 19 2:00pm-Bible Study 4:00pm-Rosary 4:30pm-Communion Service NO CCE (Winter Break)	Thurs. Feb 20 4:30pm-Communion Service 5:00pm-Divine Mercy Chaplet	Fri. Feb 21 9:30am-Communion Service	Sat. Feb 22 3:45-4:15pm-Confessions 4:30pm-Mass 6:30pm-Spanish Mass
Sun. Feb 23 <i>Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 9:00am - Mass King Cake & Coffee following Mass, Family Center	Mon. Feb 24 4:30pm-Communion Service	Tues. Feb 25 10:00am-Mass 3:30pm-Choir Practice 6:30pm-RCIA: Exploring the Catholic Faith	Wed. Feb 26 <b>Ash Wednesday</b> 9:00am-Mass&Ashes 6:00pm-CCE 7:00pm-Distribution of Ashes	Thurs. Feb 27 4:30pm-Communion Service 5:00pm-Divine Mercy Chaplet	Fri. Feb 28 9:30am-Communion Service 5:30pm—Stations of the Cross (led by CCE students)	Sat. Feb 29 3:45-4:15pm-Confessions 4:30pm-Mass 6:30pm-Spanish Mass

**Mardi Gras Petite  
 King Cake Breakfast & Fellowship**  
 Sunday, February 23, 2020 after 9:00am Mass  
 Family Center

**Charismatic Renewal**  
 All are welcome!  
 Saturday, February 22, 2020  
 10:00am-12:00pm  
 St. Elizabeth Catholic Church Cafeteria  
 2006 Nall St. Port Neches, TX  
 Speaker: Rev. Shiju Augustine, C.M.I., Pastor  
 For more information call 409-724-0650

**ACTS**  
 February 22, 2020 11:00am-5:00pm  
 Infant Jesus Parish Lumberton, TX  
 All who have attended an ACTS Retreat are invited to A Day of Celebration in preparation for Lent, building on fellowship and community.  
 Lunch provided  
 RSVP: [hardincountyacts@gmail.com](mailto:hardincountyacts@gmail.com)

**Weekly Stewardship**

Feb 8 & Feb 9 Weekly Offering	\$ 3,358.45
Average Weekly Cost	\$ 3,152.00
Excess/Deficit	\$ 206.45

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**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS  
 EXPLORING THE CATHOLIC FAITH**  
**Tuesday, February 18, 2020, 6:30 pm**  
**Family Center**  
**Paul Thomas**  
**Office of Worship, Diocese of Beaumont**  
**Social Justice**

**9th Annual Lenten Walking Pilgrimage  
 to Shrines of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
 February 29, 2020 9:00 am - 3:00 pm  
**Come walk, pray and immerse yourself in traditions of centuries of the faithful during Lent.**  
 Bring your rosary and flowers for Mary.  
**For more information call 409-724-1456**

8:00am: Park at Queen of Peace Shrine  
 800 9th Avenue, Port Arthur  
 8:10 am: Shuttle to Our Lady of Guadalupe  
 9:00am: Latin Mass at Our Lady of Guadalupe  
**5 mile walk with intermediate stops**

**Upcoming Events**

Feb 22: Charismatic Renewal, St. Elizabeth, Port Neches, 10am  
 Feb 22: ACTS, A Day Celebration, Infant Jesus, Lumberton, 11am  
 Feb 23: King Cake Breakfast, OLOP Family Center, 10am  
 Feb 26: Ash Wednesday  
 Feb 28: Stations of the Cross, 5:30pm  
 Feb 29: Lenten Pilgrimage Walk, Port Arthur, 9am