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My dear parishioners:

Usually I look forward to writing my weekly bulletin letter as it gives me an opportunity to communicate with my parish family on issues which I would not normally bring up at Mass. This week, however, I am having a very difficult time clarifying my thoughts and finding a way to put my feelings onto paper.

This coming Thursday (this past Thursday as you are reading these words) each Catholic bishop in the State of Texas will publicly release the names of every cleric (deacon, priest, bishop) against whom there has been a substantiated allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor, beginning from the 1940's. Though the bishops had released the numbers of clerics back in 2004, they did not release the names of the clerics. Due to encouragement both within and outside the Church, the Texas bishops felt it important to release the names of the clergy as a means of more transparency to the public and to encourage deeper healing for the victims and their families.

Therapists tell us there are four foundational emotions: mad, sad, scared and glad. This week I am feeling those first three emotions very strongly. I am mad that a small number of clerics have been the source of a large amount of pain and suffering for victims, their families and the Church. I am deeply saddened by the emotional, spiritual, and physical pain victims have encountered due to their abuse. I am scared how the Church will be able to heal from this latest public display of some of our most horrific sins.

I am feeling helpless but not hopeless as the Church in the United States suffers greatly due to the actions of some priests and some bishops. My hope stems from the fact that I am absolutely confident that Pope Francis is gravely concerned about the issue of abuse and will continue to dedicate more and more time and resources to ensure that throughout the world to the greatest possible extent the Church will be able to ensure the protection of minors and vulnerable adults; provide more thorough testing and training for men and women in religious formation; provide compassionate care to victims of abuse by Church personnel; and thoroughly and promptly process allegations of misconduct by clergy and lay ministers.

Each of us must do everything we can to support the victims of sexual abuse. They need and deserve our loving presence and our fervent prayers. Healing from sexual abuse is complex, as all areas of a person's life are impacted. Like the many rough leaves of an artichoke that must be removed before the tender heart is exposed, so too there are many layers of hurt that must be addressed before a victim of sexual abuse can find holistic healing. Though we will never know the names of most victims of sexual abuse, we know they live in all communities. Therefore, we each must see it as our blessed responsibility to pray for these people, our brothers and sisters, that they may experience healing and peace.

Though I do not know the names of the clergy of the Diocese of Beaumont who will be listed, I do know many of the deacons and priests of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston whose

**February 2, 2019 - February 10, 2019**  
**Readings and Mass Intentions**

**Sunday, February 3 9:00am—Mass**  
 Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/1 Cor 12:31-13:13 or 1 Cor 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30  
*Mass intention for the People of the Parish*

**Monday, February 4 4:30pm—Communion Service**  
 Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 23, 24 [25]/Mk 5:1-20

**Tuesday, February 5 No Mass**  
 Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32 [cf. 27b]/Mk 5:21-43

**Wednesday, February 6 4:30pm—Communion Service**  
 Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a [cf. 17]/Mk 6:1-6

**Thursday, February 7 8:30am—Communion Service**  
 Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11 [cf. 10]/Mk 6:7-13

**Friday, February 8 9:30am—Communion Service**  
 Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc [1a]/Mk 6:14-29

**Saturday, February 9 4:30pm—Mass**  
 6:30pm—Spanish Mass  
 Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Mk 6:30-34

**Sunday, February 10 9:00am—Mass**  
 Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 [1c]/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11  
*Mass intention for the People of the Parish*

**I will sing of your salvation. (Ps 71)**

names will be released. A few of the clerics were found to have abused multiple victims during their ministerial years. The majority of the clerics have a single case of substantiated sexual abuse of a minor. Even a single incident is egregious and sinful; and since 2002 Church procedures require the cleric be prohibited from any and all clerical ministry, and in most cases be removed from the clerical state.

The media would lead us to believe that all these clergy are pedophiles with many victims, whom the Church allowed to remain in ministry despite being known abusers. This is absolutely not the case. Though a very few of the clerics could probably be diagnosed with the psychosis of pedophilia (sexual attraction to pre-pubescent minors) or ephebophilia (sexual attraction to post-pubescent minors), in my experience the majority of the clerics were good men and priests who had served the Church faithfully in many ways, but who made a terrible single decision that gravely harmed the life of their victim, their own ministry, and the reputation of the Church. These men need our prayers, as they too are suffering due to the harm they know they have caused.

Our prayers are powerful. So, let us pray fervently for all who have been impacted by the horror of the sexual abuse of minors. May God pour out an abundance of his healing grace upon them, and may they have hearts and minds open to receiving God's healing love.

Sincerely in Christ,  
  
 Msgr. Frank H. Rossi  
 Pastor

Sun. Feb 3 <i>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 9:00am—Mass <i>Faith Formation following Mass</i>	Mon. Feb 4 4:30 pm—Mass	Tues. Feb 5 10:00am—Senior Social 11:30am—First Tuesday Mass Noon—Lunch 1:00pm—Altar Society 6:30pm—RCIA	Wed. Feb 6 4:00pm—Rosary 4:30pm—Mass 5:00pm—Choir Practice 6:00pm—CCE	Thurs. Feb 7 8:30am—Mass 9:00am—Divine Mercy Chaplet	Fri. Feb 8 9:30am—Communion Service	Sat. Feb 9 3:45-4:15pm: Confessions 4:30pm—Mass <i>Anointing During Mass</i>
Sun. Feb 10 <i>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 9:00am—Mass <i>Anointing During Mass</i> <i>Faith Formation following Mass</i>	Mon. Feb 11 4:30 pm—Mass	Tues. Feb 12 6:30pm—RCIA	Wed. Feb 13 10:00am—Stewardship 4:00pm—Rosary 4:30pm—Mass 5:00pm—Choir Practice 6:00pm—CCE 7:00pm—Eucharist Adoration/Confessions	Thurs. Feb 14 8:30am—Mass 9:00am—Divine Mercy Chaplet 	Fri. Feb 15 9:30am—Communion Service	Sat. Feb 16 3:45-4:15pm: Confessions 4:30pm—Mass 6:30pm—Spanish Mass

**Adult Faith Formation Classes**  
**Sundays after Mass**  
**Family Center Conference Room**

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Led by Madeline Arnett

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**PRAYER REQUESTS**

*Please pray for:* Bobbie Broussard, Bennie Mahaffey, Don Watt; Peggy Watt, Janet Epinette, Michelle Duncan, Mack Stotts; Cathy & Lee Day, Nelda Leathem, Bently Lehman, John Abbott, Callie Abbott, Evelyn Schima

*Repose of the soul:* Bishop Joseph Howze, A.E. Peveto; Matthew Day

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>January 26 &amp; 27 Weekly Offering</b>	<b>\$ 2,497.88</b>
<b>Average Weekly Cost</b>	<b>\$ 3,152.00</b>
<b>Excess/Deficit</b>	<b>\$ -654.12</b>

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**CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL**  
 SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2019  
 INFANT JESUS CATHOLIC CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL

Two presentations on Discipleship: Deacon Bruce Grimes sharing about his call to the Diaconate, Deacon L.D. Keen discussing empowerment by the Holy Spirit leading us to Discipleship.

Music provided by Ted Nelson.

Refreshments, fellowship, worship and individual prayer will follow.

**All are welcome, so bring family and friends.**

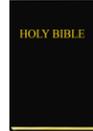
**DO YOU LIKE TO COOK?**  
**CAN YOU MAKE A MEAL FOR THE CHILDREN?**

Every Wednesday at 6:00pm the church provides a meal for the children attending CCE classes. Contact Twyla Darder, 409-384-0819, to volunteer to prepare a meal or make a donation.

**Religious Articles**

Come and see new items for sale.

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



**Upcoming Events**

February 16: Charismatic Renewal, Infant Jesus, Lumberton, TX

February 23: Mardi Gras Dance, 9pm-1am, Sacred Heart Parish Hall, Port Arthur, TX

March 7-10: Teen ACTS Retreat, Camp Takula, Chester, TX