

Announcement
For the week of April 1, 2018

The Rectory will be closed Monday and Tuesday, April 2nd and 3rd. Will re-open on Wednesday April 4th.

The Social Outreach office will be closed on Monday, April 2, will re-open on Wednesday April 4th.

Those of you who have not turned in your time sheet, please do so by Monday, April 2nd. Drop your time sheet in the mail slot. Thank you.

The Sick and Shut-in will have their monthly meeting on Wednesday April 4th. All members are asked to attend.

There will be no First Friday Adoration on April 6, 2018. Adoration will resume on May 4th. Thank you all for your participation.

Divine Miracles International Ministries, Inc. is offering a \$500.00 Needs-Based Scholarship to a senior from the graduating Class of 2018 to help with dorm expenses, book fees or tuition needs. The deadline for this scholarship is April 25, 2018 and is open to the first 50 applicants. Applications are in the vestibule of the Church.

Please pray for all our Military, all the Sick and Shut-In and their families.

Have a wonderful and Spirited filled Easter!

Take home a copy of this week's bulletin for announcements and for other information.

April 1, 2018

GOOD EVENING/GOOD MORNING PARISHIONERS, FAMILY, FRIENDS AND VISITORS! (PAUSE)

WELCOME TO OUR MOTHER OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH. WE ARE IN THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD.

TODAY WE CELEBRATE EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD.

KINDLY TURN TO YOUR NEIGHBOR AND EXTEND A GREETING OF WELCOME. (PAUSE 20 SECONDS).

BE GOOD STEWARDS OF THE PARISH, GIVE GENEROUSLY IN TODAY'S COLLECTION.

THEME: Today we reach the high point of the Christian year: Easter Sunday. Christ is risen! Jesus' mission is complete. Just as Jesus had promised would happen, God raised him up on the third day. Jesus has redeemed us and has given us the hope of eternal life. Today we will renew our baptismal promises, rejecting sin and acknowledging the acceptance of our faith. Let us die to sin so that we can live in new life.

OUR CELEBRANT FOR THIS MASS IS:

(Priest Name) Fr. Noel Effiong, Pastor

4:30 P.M.–

7:00 A.M.–

10:00 A.M.–

AFTER THE OPENING PRAYER: Today we listen to leaders in the early Church as they bear witness to what they saw and what they realized after Jesus rose from the dead. Peter testifies to Jesus' life, death and resurrection, while Paul advises his audience how to live differently now that Christ is risen. In the Gospel, John tells us of the beloved disciple who, even before he completely understood, saw the empty tomb and the discarded burial cloths and believed.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

April 1, 2018

Priest: We rejoice today because Christ is risen. Alleluia! In a spirit of joy and gratitude, let us bring our prayers before the Lord..

Response: *Enlightened us, Lord!*

- ◆ For God's holy Church, that we may always be a visible sign of the risen Lord in the world, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ For all people, especially those living in the darkness of despair, whether due to war, oppression, captivity, or poverty, that they may see the light of the risen Christ in their corner of the world, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ For an end to division in our world, our country, our community, and our families, that the peace of Christ may heal whatever separates us, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ For those newly baptized members of the Church, that their joy in their new life in Christ may enter their hearts and remain with them forever, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ For all of us here celebrating the resurrection of Christ together, that we may bring that joy to our family members, friends, and neighbors who cannot be here today, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ For all who have died, **especially Rickey Joseph Granger, Sr.,** and for the intentions of this Mass, **Ernestine Boutte, Mary Ann Coleman, Angela Davis, Mildred Clement, Herman J. Davis, Sr., George Polar, and Jimmie Haynes,** may they glory in the **Lord** forever at the wedding feast of the Lamb, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ For all the prayers that we hold in the silence of our hearts; for all our intentions spoken and unspoken....*[pause for 10 seconds; the presider alone concludes...]*we pray to the Lord...

Priest: Almighty God, today we celebrate the day you raised your Son to be with you in glory and anticipate the day that we may be raised as well. Hear our prayers we raise to you today and grant them according to your will. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen

TO ALL MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

April 1, 2018

**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
PLEASE WELCOME THE VISITORS**

**ALSO PASS OUT THE CHILDREN'S
BULLETINS TO THE LITTLE ONES!**

Make sure that you sign the sheet in the book.

**Remember to take the count of those present at each Mass
and turn the count sheet in after the 10:00AM Mass
This is very important. Secure collection after Mass**

Second Collection

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