

Announcement
For the week of Dec. 10, 2017

All Aboard...."The Polar Express Train". All students from Kindergarten to 12th grade come and join us at the Polar Express Christmas Party on December 15th in the Hall.

Social Outreach will be closed December 18 and 20 and the week of Christmas. The office will reopen on January 3, 2018.

There will be no Bible Study December 19 or 26. Bible Study will resume January 2, 2018.

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

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

December 10, 2017

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 THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT. 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 COLLECTIONS. THE SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR THE RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

THEME: Mark's Gospel begins by introducing us to John the Baptist, who prepared the way to Jesus by calling people to acknowledge their sins and receive a baptism of repentance. Are we prepared to welcome Jesus into the world? To do so properly, we need to acknowledge our sins and receive forgiveness for the wrong we have done. As we celebrate today's liturgy, let us keep in mind our failings and resolve to keep Jesus in our minds and hearts as we interact with others.

OUR CELEBRANT FOR THIS MASS IS:

(Priest Name) Fr. Noel Effiong, Pastor

4:30 P.M.–Fr. Nathan Castle

7:00 A.M.–

10:00 A.M.–

AFTER THE OPENING PRAYER: Our God is a compassionate God and each Scripture passage we hear today reminds us of this. The people of Isaiah's time are living in exile, but Isaiah assures them that the Lord has not abandoned them. The author of Second Peter assures Christians that God is patient, allowing time for all to come to repentance. In Mark's Gospel, John the Baptist proclaims forgiveness from God through baptism. As we face difficulties in life, let us remember that we are not alone: our compassionate God is always ready to comfort and forgive.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Second Sunday of Advent

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Priest: Let us bring our needs before God, who is compassionate and patient from age to age.

Response: Come, Lord Jesus!

- ◆ For the Church, that like John the Baptist, we may witness in word and in action to the presence of Jesus in the world, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ For those who live in areas of extreme poverty and want in the world, in places deserted by the wealthy of the world, that a highway for God may be prepared in the wasteland, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ For those who are undergoing a rough period in their lives and fear that they cannot climb out of it, that in the glory of the Lord revealed they may find hope, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ For those who have felt the need to leave their homes—exiles, refugees, migrants, and asylum seekers—that they may hear the good news of the power of God proclaimed in their midst, we pray to the Lord.
- ◆ For a call to repentance here in our own faith community, that we may take the words of John the Baptist to heart in preparing ourselves for Jesus' coming, we pray to the Lord.
- ◆ For all who have died, especially, **Ricky Gallow and Rena Guillory** and for the intentions of this Mass, **Wayne Hebert, John Labrie, James B. Fontenot, Freddie Gloude, Sr., Florence Durisseau, Gilbert Lee, Jimmie Haynes, and Rudolph Antoine** 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 intention spoken and unspoken...*[pause for 10 seconds; the presider alone concludes...]*we pray to the Lord...

Priest: Lord God, hear our prayers that we make to you, as you once heard the prayers of faithful people like Isaiah and John the Baptist, and grant them according to your will. We ask this through the One whose coming we anticipate, Christ our Lord.

TO ALL MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

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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

Retirement Fund for Religious