

Announcement
For the week of December 2, 2018

Parish Community Meeting will be held on Thursday, December 6, 2019 in the Parish Hall at 6:00pm. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome!

New Youth Lectors are wanted for the 2019 year. Please attend the regular scheduled Youth Lectors meeting on December 9, 2018 after the 10:00am Mass in the Hall to sign up.

The last day of CCD for the holidays will be December 17th, 2018.

The Pastor, Fr. Noel Effiong will be out of the States from December 25, 2018 through February 9, 2019. Fr. Tino Barrera will be our replacement priest. There will be no Monday morning Masses during the time Fr. Noel is away.

During the week of January 21st thru the 25th, there will be no morning or evening Masses. The Priest will be on retreat.

The Secretary, Rita Thibeaux has retired as of November 30, 2018. If you need assistance with the Bereavement Committee for funerals please contact Gloria Cobb at (409)790-9727.

Remember: All Announcements and Bulletin information must be submitted at least 8 days before the Monday of the weekend of publication.

Announcements
November 18, 2018

Are there people celebrating Birthdays this week? (Pause for about 10 seconds)

Is there anyone celebrating a Marriage Anniversary this week? (Pause for 10 seconds)

Are there Visitors celebrating with us? (Pause for 10 seconds)

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 announcements and for other information.

December 2, 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 THE FIRST SUNDAY IN 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 COLLECTION.

OUR CELEBRANT FOR THIS MASS IS:

(Priest Name) Fr. Noel Effiong, Pastor

4:30 P.M.–

7:00 A.M.–

10:00 A.M.–

INTECESSORY PRAYERS
The First Sunday in Advent, Cycle B
December 2, 2018

Priest: Waiting for the Lord's return, we lift our prayers to God, who answers all needs.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer!*

- ◆ For the whole Church, that we may prepare our heart for Christ coming into our lives again and again, but especially during this holy season of Advent, we pray to the Lord....
- ◆ For leaders of countries around the world, that they may strive to do what is right and just in their lands, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ For our Jewish sisters and brother, as they begin the celebration of Hanukkah at sundown tonight/Sunday, we pray to the Lord....
- ◆ For those who are in prison, and for all people who are not free, that they may find comfort and hope in the Lord, we pray to the Lord...
- For all who have died, and for the intentions of this Mass, **Lovina and Edwin Wiltz, Marshall J. Adams, Berwick "Bubba" Stagg, Mildred Clement, Lillian Rollins, George Polar, Marie H. Charlton and Joseph O. Chaisson**, may they rejoice in the mercy of God, 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]*; we pray to the Lord.....

Priest: God of all, we have searched our hearts and lay our needs before you. Look lovingly upon us during this season of expectant waiting, and graciously respond to our prayers that we make through your Son, Christ Jesus our Lord.

TO ALL MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

December 2, 2018

First Sunday in Advent

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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