

Announcement
For the week of Dec. 24, 2017

Happy Anniversary to Bill and Mary Sam celebrating 53 yrs on December 26.

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.

The Rectory will be closed December 22nd thru the week of Christmas. The Office will reopen Tuesday, 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 24, 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 FOURTH 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 COLLECTION.

THEME: This is the shortest the Fourth Week of Advent can possibly be. Within twenty-four hours the Church will be celebrating Christmas and the birth of our Lord. It is tempting to overlook the Fourth Week of Advent this year. It seems insignificant in that it „ consists only of Christmas Eve, and in fact is easily overshadowed by Christmas. So too did Mary seem like an insignificant woman, and Bethlehem like an insignificant town. But we know God places value in what seems to us insignificant.

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 hear the familiar story of the angel Gabriel announcing to Mary that she will conceive and bear the Son of God. What an unbelieving message this must have been! She was seemingly just an ordinary young woman, not even married, not even having relations with a man. As a Jew, she would have been praying for the coming of the Messiah; now she is told she would be giving birth to him. But like David in the Old testament, she accepts the role God has for her. “May it be done to me according to your word” (Luke1:38).

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24, 2017

Priest: Let us lift up our prayer's to the Lord, trusting that they will be heard, and accepting God's will in response, as did Mary, our model in faith, obedience, and humility.

Response: *Glory to God in the Highest!*

- ◆ For the Church as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ, that we may bear witness to Christ's presence in our hearts in actions great and small, we pray to the Lord.
- ◆ For Leaders around the world, that they may show care and compassion to all whom they govern, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ For those who are homeless and for those who are unable to heat their homes adequately during the cold winter, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ For doctor, nurses, and other health care workers who minister to women about to give birth, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ For all who have died, especially **Edna Normand** and for the intentions of this Mass, **Maudry Ruben, Jimmie Haynes, Mae L. Wright, Rudolph Antoine, Florence Durisseau, James Johnson, Clara and Joseph Chaisson, and Marie Haynes Charlton**, 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: God of life and love, you have listened to the prayers of your faithful throughout history. Listen to our prayers we make here today and grant them according to your will. We ask this through the One whose arrival draws near, Christ our Lord.

TO ALL MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

December 31, 2017

Fourth Sunday of 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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