

**Announcement**  
**For the week of February 11, 2018**

**Ash Wednesday Mass schedule, February 14, 6:30am and 6:00pm**

**Graduates: Don't forget to sign up in the vestibule for the Graduation Mass.**

**The Knight of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary Ct. #64 will be selling Fish Dinner, Fried and Broiled starting Friday, February 16, throughout Lent.**

**Usher's Annual Fish Fry, Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2018 from 8am to 2pm in the hall. Thank you for your continued support.**

**Free Tax help! Catholic Charities is offering free tax help to those who qualify. See bulletin for more information.**

**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 other information.**

**February 11 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 FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME. 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: Just over a month ago we were still celebrating the Christmas season. In another few days we will begin the season of Lent. This section of Ordinary Time is quite compressed. But it gives us enough time to complete the first chapter of Mark, which we do today. We meet the leper who, cured of his, cannot keep quiet about what Jesus did for him. He provides an example of the believer testifying to Christ's power.**

**OUR CELEBRANT FOR THIS MASS IS:**

**(Priest Name) Fr. Noel Effiong, Pastor**

**4:30 P.M.– Fr. Tino**

**7:00 A.M.-**

**10:00 A.M.–**

**AFTER THE OPENING PRAYER: Leprosy features prominently in the first reading and the Gospel today. In Leviticus, the leper is kept outside the community so as to protect everyone else from this communicable disease. But the leper in Mark, challenges Jesus and Jesus breaks down the barrier between them, reaches out, touches him, and heals him. As we listen to today's readings, consider how we exclude others in our lives, perhaps because we feel they would make us "unclean," and how Jesus would respond.**

# INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

## The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February, 2018

**Priest:** Like the man with the unclean spirit, we come in faith and confidence that the Lord will hear our prayers and be attentive to our needs..

**Response: Lord, hear our prayer.**

- ◆ For God's holy Church, that its teachings may give hope and our ministry may give support to all those in need, we pray to the Lord.
- ◆ For leaders of all nations, that they may find ways to settle conflicts and disagreements without resorting to weapons that bring death and suffering, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ For those struggling with addiction, and for all their families and loved ones, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ For teachers, administrators, and staff, for all those who help educate our children and expand their natural curiosity, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ For all who have died, and for the intentions of this Mass, **Ernestine Boutte, Gladys Payne Chaney, Marie Haynes Charlton, Mildred Clement, Betty Nichols and for those on my Deceased prayer list, and Ella Mae Moore** 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:** Gracious God, we come to you today with our needs and concerns. Listen to your people, we beseech you, and bless us with your love and mercy. We ask this through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

# **TO ALL MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY**

February 10-11, 2018

**THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
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  
NONE**