

**Announcement**  
**For the week of February 18, 2018**

**2018 Lenten Revival: “Hope For Our Time” Revivalist Fr. David Edwards would like to invite everyone of all faiths to our Lenten Revival at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Raywood Tx, February 18-20 at 6:pm.**

**There will be Liturgy meeting on Thursday, February 22, 2018 at 6:00pm in meeting room 1.**

**All youth who are interested in learning how to get into a college or university of your choice, attend the college day of Historical Black Colleges and Universities Fair at Douglas Memorial Church on Saturday February 24, 2018 from 9:30am to 1:00pm.**

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

**The Knight of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary Ct. #64 will be selling Fish Dinners, Fried and Broiled on Friday, throughout Lent.**

**If you would like your contribution information for your taxes you can call the rectory and request it. We can mail it to you or you can pick it up during office hours.**

**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 18, 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 OF LENT. 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 BLACK AND INDAIN MISSIONS.**

**THEME: A few days ago we may have been told, "Repent and believe in the Gospel," as ashes were placed on our foreheads. We hear these words again in today's Gospel. Lent is an appropriate occasion to consider our sins, promise to turn back to God, and place our trust in the One who has power over sin and death. As we begin the first week of Lent let us take these words to heart.**

**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: God's covenant with humanity is the major theme running through the Old Testament readings this Lent. Today we hear God establish this covenant with Noah. God promises that never again will humanity be wiped out like it was in the flood. The writer of First Peter links the water washing clean the earth with our sins being washed away in baptism. In the Gospel, Jesus emerges from the desert to preach the good news with a measure of urgency: "This is the time..."**

# 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 17-18, 2018

**THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT  
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  
Black and Indian Missions**