

Announcement
For the week of February 4, 2018

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

The Knight of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary Ct. #64 is raffling 3 beautiful Valentine Baskets on Sunday, February 11, after the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

The Sick and Shut-In monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 7th at 5pm in meeting room 1.

The Scheduled Youth Lector's meeting for February 11th has been canceled.

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

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 4, 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: Today we continue hearing about the first days Jesus spent with his disciples, healing those who are ill or possessed by demons. When he cures Simon Peter's mother-in-law, she immediately rises and serves her guests. She may not realize it, but she is providing an example to her son-in-law and his companions. She is showing what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. The call to be Jesus' disciple is the call to serve.

OUR CELEBRANT FOR THIS MASS IS:

(Priest Name) Fr. Noel Effiong, Pastor

4:30 P.M.–Fr. Mark Ameh

7:00 A.M.-Fr. Mark Ameh

10:00 A.M.– Fr. Mark Ameh

AFTER THE OPENING PRAYER: Our reading today progress from despair to hope, Job has lost his children, his livelihood, and his health. “ I shall not see happiness again,” he mourns in his laments to God. In the Gospel, “the whole town “ came to Jesus, bringing those who were ill or possessed by demons. They wait patiently, filled with hope. Undoubtedly, we can picture ourselves in both situations. When we are in despair, let us remind ourselves of the healing grace of Jesus.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 4, 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 3-4, 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**