

Announcement
For the week of January 14, 2018

The Rectory will be closed Monday, January 15 for Martin Luther King Jr., day

The Usher's will have their monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 16 in meeting room 2.

Operation One Vote! A meet the Candidates forum and voter registration will be held on Tuesday, January 16 at 6:30pm at Cathedral of Faith Baptist Church. Flyers are in the Vestibule of the Church.

Just a Reminder! The Diocesan Catholic Conference will be held in OMOM Hall and Gym on January 20th ending with Mass in the Church. Registration forms are in the Vestibule of the Church. All are welcome to attend.

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 information.

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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 SECOND 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: Both today and next Sunday the Gospel reading describe Jesus calling his disciples. In today's passage from John, John the Baptist leads two of his disciples to Jesus. Jesus invited them to follow him and they do, choosing not only to remain with him but also to invite others in turn. In the first reading, Samuel is called to serve the Lord and he too responds affirmatively. Each one provides an example to us today.

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: Two of the readings today involve a call from the Lord. Samuel awakens to a summons from God, though it takes a few attempts and some advice for Eli in order to respond appropriately. The first disciples follow Jesus after John the Baptist points him out, "Behold the Lamb of God." These are the same words we hear before Communion. The Lord continually calls to us. How do we respond?

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Priest: We know that God cares deeply for us. So we come now before God, confident that our prayers, humbly offered, will be heard.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

- ◆ For our holy father Pope Francis, successor of St. Peter, whose call to discipleship we heard in today's Gospel, we pray to the Lord.
- ◆ For our nations, as we remember the life and celebrate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., that we may more closely realize his dream of freedom and equality for all, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ For those entrusted in positions of leadership, that Samuel's eager response to the Lord may provide an example for them, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ For those who are homeless, as they try to find warmth during painfully freezing day and nights, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ For all who have died, especially **Rena Guillory** and for the intentions of this Mass, **Alma Broussard Montgomery, Cleo Sellers, Rudolph Antoine, Devine Melonson, Marie Haynes Charlton and Mary F. Adams**, 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 all goodness, we trust in the care you show toward your people. Turn an ear to our prayer's, in the name of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ..

TO ALL MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

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**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**