

Announcement
For the week of January 7, 2018

Happy Anniversary to Wilson and Ruby Broussard celebrating 56 years of marriage on January 7, 2018.

Our Lady's Sodality will turn out at the 4:30pm Mass on Saturdays January 13th, with reciting of the Rosary at 4pm. The Sodality meeting will be held after the Mass in meeting room 1.

During the week of January 15th-19th the Hall and Gym will be in preparation for a Diocesan Catholic Conference that will be held on January 20th. Fr. Noel is asking that we refrain from using the Hall or Gym that week. We appreciate your cooperation.

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.

January 7, 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 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD. 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: We celebrate Epiphany today and hear how God's very self is revealed to people of all nations through the Incarnation. The emphasis today is on this revelation to foreigners: the foreign nations that will now pay tribute to the restored Jerusalem, the Gentiles whom Paul recognized as now being copartners through the Gospel, and the magi from the east who recognized the Messiah and paid Him homage.

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: Today's reading reflect the joy of today's event—the Epiphany of the Lord. Isaiah sings of the promise of post-exilic Jerusalem, receiving people and treasures from all nations. The author of Ephesians proclaims that in Christ Jesus we are all members of the same body, that Jew and Gentile alike have received the promise of salvation. The faraway magi in Matthew follow the star to Bethlehem and pay Hamoage to the newborn King.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 7, 2018

Priest: Today we celebrate the boundless love that God has revealed to all peoples in the form of Christ Jesus. In that spirit, we humbly bring before God prayers for the needs of the whole world.

Response: Glory to God in the Highest!

- ◆ For the Church around the world, that newcomers and visitors may always feel welcomed and valued, we pray to the Lord.
- ◆ For nations near and far, that the goodness God has bestowed on creation may be shared equitably among all peoples, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ For those who are looking for answers to question, problems or hardships in their lives, that like the magi, they be guided by the light of Christ, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ For those who feel left out, and excluded, that they may know the embrace of God's welcoming arms, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ For all who have died, and for the intentions of this Mass, **John Labrie, Jimmie Haynes, Ella Mae Mitchell, Gene Burleson and George Polar**, 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: O Lord of light, today you have revealed yourself to the world through your Son. We ask that you hear the prayers that we make and grant them in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

TO ALL MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

January 7, 2018

**EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
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**