

Announcements
For the week of July 23, 2017

Garage Sale Drop off! You can drop off your items for the Garage Sale on Sunday from 2-6pm in the hall.

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 other announcement and information.

July 23, 2017

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 SIXTEENTH 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 COLLECTIONS. THE SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR SOCIAL OUTREACH.

THEME:

For the past few Sundays we heard Jesus defining discipleship for us. Today our attention is drawn to the focus of our work as disciples, the kingdom of heaven. For the next two Sundays we will hear parables about what the kingdom of heaven is like, but it will not always be easy for us to grasp the meaning of these parables. Perhaps our prayer today can be for clarity and understanding, so that we will be able to discern what God wants for us

OUR CELEBRANT FOR THIS MASS IS:

(Priest Name) Fr. Noel Effiong

4:30 P.M.–

7:00 A.M.-

10:00 A.M.–

AFTER THE OPENING PRAYER:

Today's first reading sets the context for the Gospel reading by announcing that God judges with mercy and permits repentance for our sins. Using this lens to look at the Gospel, we can see that our merciful God allows plenty of time for the weeds and wheat to grow together, so that the wheat is not pulled up accidentally. Let us listen today for God's message of mercy.

INTECESSORY PRAYERS

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, Cycle A

July 23, 2017

Priest: Let us make our petitions known to God, for the Spirit intercedes for us even when we do not know how to pray as we ought..

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

- ◆ That the Church might be like yeast in the world, leavening the whole batch with the good news of God's love, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ That leaders of the world might work together to eliminate hunger and poverty in every nation, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ For those among us who struggle with how to pray, that the Spirit will intercede for them and show them the way to God, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ For all those who are quick to judge others, that they may learn patience in allowing others to grow and bear fruit, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ For the safety of those who serve in our armed forces, and for their families and loved ones, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ That all who have died, and for the intentions of this Mass, *Edward Broussard, John Labrie, Mitchell Bailey, My Deceased Family Members, Clara and Joseph Chaisson*, that they may enjoy forever the heavenly banquet of the Lamb, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ For all the prayers that we hold in the silence of our hearts; for all our intentions spoken and unspoken ...*[pause 10 seconds; the presider alone concludes...]*, we pray to the Lord...

Priest: God of goodness, we ask you to hear these our prayers and grant them along with every good thing. Through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ...

TO ALL MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

July 23, 2017

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 use the white bags for the collections.
Please try and refrain anyone from walking during the
1st reading, 2nd Reading, the Gospel and the Homily.

**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

Social Outreach