

**Announcement**  
**For the week of March 11, 2018**

**Our Mother of Mercy Church Lenten Mission will continue on Monday and Tuesday, March 12th-13th. Monday and Tuesday the Lenten Mission will start at 6pm. The Theme: “*The Spiritual Life: It’s Personal*”, please invite someone and join us on this Lenten journey.**

**Retreat weekend for married couples, March 16-18, 2018 at the Holiday Inn Beaumont Plaza. For registration contact the Diocese of Beaumont.**

**Our Lady’s Sodality Retreat will be Saturday, March 24th at Our Mother of Mercy Hall. If there are any ladies who are interested in attending the retreat just come and join us, there is a lunch fee of \$10.00 to be paid in advance. To register contact Mary Sam or Gwen Anderson**

**Tolton: From Slave to Priest; a powerful one-man drama performed by actor Jim Coleman of Saint Luke Productions will be presented at Lamar University Theatre Arts Building #101 on Monday, March 26 at 7:00pm. Please see your bulletin for more information.**

**The 53rd Annual meeting of the Pear Orchard Federal Credit Union will be held at 7:30pm Tuesday, March 27 in meeting room 2. All members are asked 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 other information.**

**March 11, 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 FOURTH 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 CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICE**

**THEME: Today, approximately halfway through Lent, we celebrate *Laetare* ("Rejoice") Sunday. "Rejoice" is the first word of today's entrance antiphon, and we rejoice because we know that the love God bears for us is stronger than any trials, hardships, or sufferings we may endure, even death. We know that the sacrifice that we are building toward holds the greatest victory imaginable: our salvation**

**OUR CELEBRANT FOR THIS MASS IS:**

**(Priest Name) Fr. Noel Effiong, Pastor**

**4:30 P.M.– Fr. Nathan Castle**

**7:00 A.M.– Fr. Nathan Castle**

**10:00 A.M.– Fr. Nathan Castle**

**AFTER THE OPENING PRAYER: The boundless love of God is on full display in the readings today. The Chosen People had "added, infidelity to infidelity," repeatedly turning away from God (2 Chronicles 36:14). But God still loved them, and through Cyrus, the king of Persia, the Exile was ended and Jerusalem restored. Paul testifies that our salvation comes because of God's great love for us. In the Gospel, we hear John attest that Jesus was sent to save the world because God "so love the world" (John 3:16).**

# INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

## The Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 11, 2018

**Priest:** Knowing that God so love the world that Jesus, God's beloved Son, was given to us that we might have eternal life, we come now before God with our prayers.

**Response: Praise to you, God of reconciliation.**

- ◆ For the Church, that we may be a beacon to guide others to the light, we pray to the Lord.
- ◆ For leaders of all nations, that they may realize the benefit and decency in allowing the people that govern to worship freely and openly, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ For those whose faith have been shaken, that they may find reassurance in the grace of God, which is freely given and constantly available, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ For missionaries and all those who dedicate their lives to spreading the gospel throughout the world, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ For all who have died, and for the intentions of this Mass, **John Labrie, Marie Haynes Charlton, Hazel S. LaPoint, Rudolph Antoine, Amos Patterson, Bob Frazier, Arubi Johnson, Florence Durisseau** 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:** Merciful God, we know that you will never abandon us. Listen to the prayers we offer to you today and grant them according to your will. We ask this through your only begotten Son, who won our salvation, Christ our Lord. Amen!

# **TO ALL MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY**

March 11, 2018

**THE FOURTH 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  
Catholic Relief Service**