

Announcements
For the week of March 12, 2017

Happy Birthday to George Pickens Celebrating 77yrs on March 12th.

There will be no CCD on Monday. Spring Break

Today in our bulletin we have included the second of six inserts. The title of this week's insert is Eucharist, Anchor of My prayer Life. "Prayer, the catechism of the Catholic Church tells us, is the "vital and personal relationship with the living and true God". Prayer can happen anywhere, and at any time. In the celebration of the Eucharist, however, we pray in an incomparable way."

Travel registration deadline for the trip to Austin for Action Advocacy Day is March 17, 2017. Contact Coquese Williams at Catholic Charities.

Retreat weekend for Married Couple, March 24-26 at Holiday Inn Beaumont Plaza hosted by The Office of Family Life Ministry. Contact information is in the bulletin.

Most Rev. Curtis J. Guillory, S.V.D., D.D., Bishop of Beaumont, grants a dispensation from abstinence from meat to each Catholic residing in or visiting in the Diocese of Beaumont on Friday, March 17, 2017, the Feast of St. Patrick. Bishop Guillory urges the faithful to use another form of penance and self-denial on that day.

Bulletin and Pulpit Announcements can be emailed. They must be approved by our Pastor, Fr. Lowell Case. Deadline for all announcements is 2:00pm on Monday. No impromptu announcements.

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 announcements.

March 12, 2017

**GOOD EVENING/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 OF LENT. KINDLY TURN TO
YOUR NEIGHBOR AND EXTEND A GREETING OF WELCOME. (PAUSE 20 SEC-
ONDS).**

**BE GOOD STEWARDS OF THE PARISH, GIVE GENEROUSLY IN TODAY'S
COLLECTION.**

THEME:

**As we continue our Lenten journey today, we encounter the
transfigured Jesus. In his glory, Jesus embodies our future life just as
Abraham's future was promised by God. All we need is faith. Let us
pray today for faith and trust in the promises of our loving God. .**

OUR CELEBRANT FOR THIS MASS IS:

(Priest Name) Fr. Case,

4:30 P.M.–

7:00 A.M.-

9:00 A.M.-

11:30 A.M.

AFTER THE OPENING PRAYER:

**Just as God's promise to Abraham indicated the greatness to come,
so too was Jesus' glory prefigured in his transfiguration. As Saint
Paul says, Christ Jesus "destroyed death and brought life and
immortality to light through the gospel." As we hear these sacred
scriptures proclaimed let us heed the words of God about the beloved
Son, and listen to him.**

INTECESSORY PRAYERS

Second Sunday in Lent, Cycle A

March 11-12, 2017

Priest: The eyes of the Lord are upon us who fear Him, and so we pray for the needs of all.

Response: Speak to us, O Word of God.

- ◆ **That the Church throughout the world might listen to God's beloved Son and trust in the promises of the Lord, we pray to the Lord...**

- ◆ **For a world transfigured by peace and harmony, we pray to the Lord...**

- ◆ **For all who bear their share of hardship for the gospel, especially those persecuted in the Middle East and Asia, we pray to the Lord...**

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- ◆ **For our Elect and all those preparing for the Easter sacraments as they deepen their faith and trust in the Son of God, we pray to the Lord...**

- ◆ **For our community of faith as we grow in hospitality and service to our neighbors in need, 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: Our soul waits for you, O Lord, for you are our help and our shield. Hear these our prayers and graciously grant them through Jesus Christ our Lord..

TO ALL MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

March 11-12, 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 11:30AM Mass**

This is very important. Secure collection after Mass

Second Collection

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