

Announcement
For the week of March 18, 2018

Congratulations and Happy Anniversary to Elijah and Margaret Denson celebrated 50 years on March 9th and to Winfred and Brenda Mays Celebrated 56 years on March 10th.

Reconciliation/Penance service will be on Friday, March 23 at 6pm.

Our Lady's Sodality Retreat will be Saturday, March 24th at Our Mother of Mercy Hall. Any ladies interested in attending the retreat just come and join us, there will be someone after each Mass for registration.

Chrism Mass will be held at St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica on Tuesday, March 27 at 6:30pm.

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.

St. Luke Productions presents Tolton, From Slave to Priest, Monday, March 26 at 7:00pm, Lamar University Theatre Arts Building. A Live performance by Jim Coleman.

The City of Beaumont is now hiring for Summer jobs. See the Bulletin for more information.

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.

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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 FIFTH 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 COLLECTION.

THEME: A month ago we received ashes on our foreheads as Lent began. We may have chosen to give up something or to do something special during this penitential season. Where do we stand now with that commitment we made? Have we slid back into our old ways from time to time? Have we totally forgotten about it? Well, it's not too late. The Lord is always calling us to follow him, no matter what has come before.

OUR CELEBRANT FOR THIS MASS IS:

(Priest Name) Fr. Noel Effiong, Pastor

4:30 P.M.–

7:00 A.M.–

10:00 A.M.–

AFTER THE OPENING PRAYER: In the first reading, Jeremiah preaches the new covenant, when the law of the Lord is internalized and written upon the hearts of all who believe. With a new heart, we will have knowledge and obedience of god's will, john describes this knowledge and obedience in Jesus, who realizes that, like the grain of wheat, he must die to this world in order to produce much fruit. It is fitting then, to ask God in the responsorial psalm, "Create a clean heart in me... and a willing spirit sustain in me."

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 18, 2018

Priest: Knowing that Jesus consistently turned to his Father when he was troubled, we turn to the Lord now in our time of need.

Response: *Forgive and renew us, Lord.*

- ◆ For the mission of the Church, that the work done in the Lord's name may continue to bear much fruit, we pray to the Lord.
- ◆ That leaders of all nations may find ways to settle disputes peacefully and care for their people justly, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ For those preparing for Easter sacraments, as they seek to follow the Lord and serve Christ in one another, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ For those who feel that they are all alone in the world, that they may realize the comfort of Jesus, who will never leave us orphans, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ For all who have died, especially **Velma Carmon Levine and Elvin Parkerson, Sr.** and for the intentions of this Mass, **Zella White, Edrena Guillory, Bervick "Bubba" Stagg, Jimmie Haynes, Herman J. Davis, Sr., Robert LaBeaux, Jr., Mildred Clement, John Mouton, and Helen Labrie** 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 intentions spoken and unspoken...*[pause for 10 seconds; the presider alone concludes...]*we pray to the Lord...

Priest: Almighty and ever-living God, we know that we can rely on you when we cry out and trust in your will to satisfy our needs. Listen to the prayers we offer today, which we make through the intercession of your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit in glory for ever and ever. Amen.

TO ALL MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

March 18, 2018

**THE FIFTH 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
NONE**