

Announcements
For the week of March 19, 2017

As we continue our Lenten journey, the third bulletin insert for this week is titled, “Easter Every Sunday”. The article discusses not only finite time, but it explains to us a clear understanding of *TIME* in a biblical sense, as a gift of our Creator and what it means.

The 52nd Annual Meeting of the Pear Orchard Federal Credit Union will be held at 7:30pm on March 28, 2017 in the St. Anne /St. Joseph room. All members are asked to attend.

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.

Bulletin and Pulpit Announcements can be emailed. They must be approved by our Pastor, Fr. Noel. 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 19, 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 THIRD 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
COLLECTIONS. SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR SOCIAL OUTREACH.**

THEME:

**Today the Church celebrated the first of three scrutinies with the
Elect and their communities. The scriptures are chosen explicitly to
help the Elect as they undergo their final preparations for the Easter
sacraments. The baptized too can scrutinize their own lives today,
following the example of the Elect in allowing our Lord to uncover
and heal all that is weak and sinful in the way we live...**

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:

**Water is a primary symbol in the sacrament of Baptism, and we have
it in abundance in today's readings: Moses and the people in the de-
sert longing for water, Saint Paul describing the love of God that
"has been poured out into our hearts," and the story of Jesus and the
woman at the well. Listening to these inspired scriptures today, let us
contemplate what the waters of our own Baptism mean to us.**

INTECESSORY PRAYERS

Third Sunday in Lent, Cycle A

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Priest: Let us drink deeply from the well of God's mercy and offer our prayer for the needs of the world around us.

Response: Hear us, Lord.

- ♦ For God's holy Church as we follow the example of the woman at the well in bringing the Good News of Christ to all our neighbors, we pray to the Lord...
- ♦ For international cooperation in sharing the precious resource of water, and for sufficient drinking water of everyone in the world, we pray to the Lord...
- ♦ For those whose lives are parched and dry, that they might be refreshed by the water of life in Christ Jesus, we pray to the Lord...
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- ♦ For those preparing for the Eucharist sacraments, may they never thirst for the living waters of Christ again, we pray to the Lord...
- ♦ For all who thirst for justice and an end to violence in our neighborhoods, cities and country, 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: We are the people you shepherd, O God the flock you guide. Hear these our prayers and graciously grant them through Christ our Lord.

TO ALL MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

March 18-19, 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
SOCIAL OUTREACH**