

**Announcement**  
**For the week of March 25, 2018**

**Happy Birthday to Charles Woods, celebrated 78 years on March 23.**

**Novena and Bible Study have been canceled for March 27, 2018 because of the Chrism Mass at the Basilica. All are encouraged to attend the Chrism Mass at St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica 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 the meeting room. All members are asked to attend.**

**12 noon Stations of the Cross on Good Friday will start in the Church and we will process to the Park. Weather permitting.**

**Confessions will be heard on March 31st, Holy Saturday from 10am until 12 noon only.**

**All Parishioners, please join our MSP Priests at their end of the 2018 Annual Conference Mass and Meet and Greet Social on April 6, 2018. Mass will begin at 6:30pm at St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 2508 Clay St. Houston Tx. Please come out and support our Priests.**

**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 for other information.**

**March 25, 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 PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD. 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: After three years of traveling; preaching, and healing, Jesus had become well known in the region. From what we read in the Gospels, most people who had encountered him had formed a strong opinion. Many had become his followers, thinking him a prophet or a miracle worker, or the Messiah or the Son of God. Others, however, thought him dangerous, a rabble-rouser, who threatened their hold on power under the Roman government. In the Gospel we hear now, Jesus is greeted with branches of palm trees, often used to welcome returning heroes. "Hosanna!" we cry. "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord"**

**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 Gospel that was read before the procession, the crowd was supportive, joyous, loving. In the Passion, which is read now, the crowd is quite the opposite. Our palms still lying on the pew behind us, the crowd has become hostile, shouting "Crucify him!" to Pilate, painting Jesus as a fraud and a danger. As we listen to Mark's account of the Passion, let us imagine the confidence Jesus had in his Father, enabling him to be obedient to the point of death.**

# INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

## Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

March 25, 2018

**Priest:** On the cross, Jesus knew that he could call out to his Father and he would be heard. As children of God, we now bring our prayers before God, confident that we too will be heard.

**Response: Hosanna in the highest!**

- ◆ For all God's holy Church, that we may be a visible sign to others as we follow the way of the cross in the world today, we pray to the Lord.
- ◆ For peace in areas of the world beset by war, hostility, and conflict, especially in the lands where Jesus walked, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ For those who are in prison, that they may find comfort in the Lord and not lose hope, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ That Jesus reliance on God through his passion and death may be a model for us in our trial and suffering, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ For those who feel abandoned, who feel they have no one to turn to, that they may realize that, they can always turn to God and that God will never abandon them, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ For all who have died, and for the intentions of this Mass, **Hazel S. LaPoint, Myrtle S. Broussard, Elizabeth Goodman, Cobb and Lambert Families, John Labrie, Ricky Gallow, Terry Johnson, Sr., Marie Haynes Charlton, and Mildred Clement**, 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-loving God, we present our prayers to you today. Your will guided your Son while he was with us here on earth. May we accept your will as your answer to our needs. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ, who is our Lord and Savior for ever and ever. Amen

# **TO ALL MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY**

March 25, 2018

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord  
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**