

Announcement
For the week of March 4, 2018

On Monday, March 5, 2018 from 5:30 to 6:30 in the school library, Dr. Rochelle will present information on college scholarships and the free Application for Federal Student Aid. If you would like knowledge on this subject, parents and students should attend.

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

Our Mother of Mercy Church will have our Lenten Mission on March 11-13. 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.

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 4, 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 THIRD 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: Today is pretty much halfway between Ash Wednesday and Palm Sunday, between having ashes applied to our forehead and waving palms in our hands. If going from dust to dust or welcoming the Messiah only to have him put to death is all there is, then we do seem foolish, as we hear Saint Paul say today. But we know there is more. Together we make this Lenten journey, looking beyond our earthly lives.

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: Last week we heard God speak to Peter, James, and John from the mountain where Jesus was transfigured. Today God speaks to Moses from another holy mountain. But we are challenged not to misunderstand. Jesus was misunderstood when he assured the temple authorities that he could raise it up in three days. This promise will be used against him when he is on trial. But as Christians, we know, as did Paul, that the wisdom of God is beyond all human wisdom.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

The Third Sunday of Lent

March 4, 2018

Priest: As always, we turn to God with our needs, knowing that our prayers made with humility and sincerity, will be heard...

Response: Hear us, Lord.

- ◆ For the Church, which proclaim Christ crucified from nation to nation and from age to age, we pray to the Lord.
- ◆ For those with the power to make laws, that God's laws may be a model of how people are asked to treat each other, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ For those who suffer from the lack of those things we take for granted, especially for people who live in poverty in countries whose leaders and systems offer little hope for improvement, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ For our own parish community, that we may be generous in sharing what we have with those who have less, especially during this holy season of Lent, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ For all who have died, and for the intentions of this Mass, **Ella Mae Mitchell, Albert Bernard, Mildred Clement, Herman J. Davis, Sr., Rudolph Antoine, George Polar, Karen Whitaker, Efrem G. Rollins and Jimmie Haynes** 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: God of justice and mercy, we lift our prayers to you today. Look with favor upon your people, as you have throughout time and place, and grant our prayers according to your will. We ask this through your Son and our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

TO ALL MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

March 4, 2018

**THE THIRD 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**