

Announcements
For the week of May 28, 2017

The Women of Grace will hold its 25th annual conference on Saturday, June 24th. Registration will begin the first weekend in June after all Masses.

Save the Date: Blessed Sacrament 2017 Oktoberfest Dinner Sale Fundraiser, June 4th, presale only. Deadline to order June 1.

The Word Among Us and Living The Faith Books will be sold from the Religious Article area. The Word Among will sale for \$4.00each, The Living Faith large copy \$2.00each, and small copy \$1.00 each.

Fr. Ayo Emmanuel Efodigbue, Ph.D. is selling copies of his book "Charisms for Ministry. Fr. Ayo biblical and historical study show how charisms– gifts of the Spirit for the good of the Church developed in the Church's theology and practice. You can pick up your copy in the Religious Article Area, 1st 10 copies \$10ea., after that cost will be \$20.00 each.

Bayou Breakfast with Bishop Curtis Guillory benefitting the programs of Catholic Charities of Southeast Texas is scheduled for Saturday, June 10th from 9-11am in the Family Life Center at St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church in Beaumont. Please see today's bulletin for more information.

The Rectory will be closed Monday, May 29th in Observance of Memorial Day.

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 and information.

May 28, 2017

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 THE ASCENSION 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 COLLECTIONS. THE SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR SOCIAL OUTREACH.

THEME:

Today we hear a commandment and a reassurance from the ascending Christ: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations," and "I am with you always." We cannot do the first without the second. In ascending to heaven, it becomes possible for Jesus Christ to be with the church always and everywhere, rather than in just one place and time. May our prayer today be one of thanksgiving for this wonderful gift of his presence

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:

"Why are you standing there looking at the sky?" ask the angel of the disciples who have just witnessed the Ascension. Indeed, they could ask us the same question. Listening to the Word of God today, let us focus on God's invitation to continue Christ's mission in the world. What do these sacred scriptures ask of you now, this week?

INTECESSORY PRAYERS

Ascension of the Lord, Cycle A

May 27-28, 2017

Priest: Christ is seated at the right hand of the Father of glory, and so we confidently lift our hands in prayer for the needs of all the world.

Response: Come Holy Spirit!

- ◆ For all Christians, as we seek to make disciples of all nations, starting with our own neighbors, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ For a world united in love and peace under the dominion of our risen and ascended Lord, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ For all those who are in need of the many services our Church is called to provide, especially those who are hungry and homeless, we pray to the Lord....
- ◆ For those graduating from high school, college, or other institutions, as they reflect on their accomplishments and take on new challenges, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ For all who have died, especially *JoAnn Thompson, Ignace Sennet, Nola Granger, James Milton Chaney, Earnestine Boutte, Elda Guidry and Una Guillory*, 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 priest alone concludes . . .] we pray to the Lord.*

Priest: Gracious God, you have given us a Spirit of wisdom that we may know you and serve you. Enlighten the eyes of our hearts and give us hope in what you have called us to do. We ask all this in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen and ascended Lord.

TO ALL MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

May 28, 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 10:00AM Mass**

This is very important. Secure collection after Mass

**Second Collection
SOCIAL OUTREACH**