

Announcement
For the week of Nov. 19, 2017

The Youth Lector's meeting is scheduled for Nov. 19th after the 10:00am Mass.

There will be no CCD on Monday, November 20th, CCD will resume on Monday November 27th

Social Outreach Office will be closed November 20th and 22nd. We will re-open Monday, November 27th.

The Rectory will close Wednesday, November 22nd at 12noon and re-open on Monday, November 27th.

A Thanksgiving Vigil Mass will be Wednesday, November 22nd at 6pm. No Mass on Thanksgiving Day.

We will celebrate the Feast of Christ the King with a procession around the outside of the Church (weather permitting) after the 10am Mass on November 26, 2017. All ministries and organizations are asked to turn-out in their attire/uniform for the Feast of Christ the King.

Save the Date! Friday, December 15, 2017, All Aboard...."The Polar Express Train". Jr. High and High school students, come and join us at the Polar Express Christmas Party.

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.

November 19, 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 THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME. 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 COLLECTIONS ARE FOR CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL OUTREACH .

THEME: Jesus in today's Gospel tells the parable of the three servants and how they dealt with the talents given to them. Perhaps it is just a coincidence that our word "talent," which means a gift or skill, is used in this story to refer to a very large amount of money. But the connection works for us. As we continue our prayer together today, this may be a good time to reflect on the talents that we have been given and how we have used them in the service of God's reign.

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: Our first reading introduces us to a woman of extraordinary skills, who uses her gifts both at home and out in the world, where she reaches out her hand to the poor. When we listen to the Gospel that follows, we can more easily visualize how God expects us to take the talents we have been given, not just to enrich ourselves or our employers, but to make the world a better place.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A

November 19, 2017

Priest: We are children of the light, bearing the responsibility given to us at our baptism. Let us lift up our voices in prayer for the needs of the world.

Response: Lord hear our prayer

- ◆ That our Church stay alert and sober in the midst of the darkness of the world, offering the light of faith to all, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ That peoples of every nation learn to use their gifts, talents, and treasures for the benefit of all, especially for those who are poor and without hope, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ For our parish community: May we be productive stewards of the gifts given to us for the benefit of our neighbor, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ For faithful women who share their talents so generously in the Church and in our community, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ For those whose talents are hidden, or who find it difficult to share their gifts; for the grace to learn how to use the treasure they have for the good of others, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ For all who have died, and for the intention of this Mass, **Rudolph Antoine, Ora Gage Richard, Marie Haynes Charlton, Gracie Poullard Broussard, Nannette Prados-Robinson**, 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: Hear the prayer of your people, O gracious and generous God. May we reach out our hands to the poor, extend our arms to the needy, and bring your reign to the whole world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

TO ALL MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

November 19, 2017

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

**CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
AND
SOCIAL OUTREACH**