

**Announcement**  
**For the week of Oct. 15, 2017**

**Religious Education Youth Group Bake Sale this Sunday, Oct 15 from 8am until 12 noon. Please support our youth!**

**The Pastoral Council meeting is Wednesday October 18, 2017 at 6pm in Meeting Room 1. All are welcome to attend.**

**Religious Education starts Monday, October 23, 2017 at 5:30pm in the school.**

**Save the Date! The Missionary Society of St. Paul 40th year celebration and Appreciation Luncheon October 28, 2017 at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church in Humble Tx.**

**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.**

**October 15, 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 TWENTY-EIGHTH 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 COLLECTION.**

**THEME:**

**God has invited us to this banquet today in order to remind us of our invitation to the heavenly banquet. We each received our invitation at our baptism. What have you done with your invitation? Have you set it aside? Lost it? Are you preparing for the banquet? Today would be a good day to rediscover our invitation to the banquet of God's Kingdom, and to assess what we are doing to prepare ourselves**

**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:**

**The image of the banquet is an important one in the scriptures. Most of the time it refers to God's great generosity and lavish kindness. In the New Testament, Jesus uses the banquet as an image of the heavenly kingdom to come. As we listen to these reading today, what does the image of the banquet say to you?**

## INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

**Twenty– Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A**

**October 15, 2017**

*Priest:* Our God will fully supply whatever we need, and so we pray for all our sisters and brothers in the world.

*Response: Lord hear our prayer*

- ◆ That the holy Church of Christ renew its invitation to all from the highways and byways to join in the feast of the Lord, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ That nations respond to every invitation they receive to cultivate peace throughout the world, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ For all those celebrating their own marriage feast as they embark on a new life together, showing God's love to the world in their love for each other, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ For those who are hungry and malnourished, and who never get to experience a banquet of any kind, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ For all who have died, and for the intention of this Mass, **Elda Guidry, Deceased Family and friends, Bervick "Bubba" Stagg, Marie H. Charlton, Rudolph Antoine, Deceased Members of the Gloude Family, and Tosha Wilkes Andrews**, may they glory in the **Lord** forever at the wedding feast of the Lamb, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ In silence, we pray for the intentions in our hearts and for those of others....*[pause for 10 seconds; the presider alone concludes ...]we pray to the Lord...*

*Priest:* O God of abundance, you have set a rich table before us, and you promise to wipe away every tear. Graciously hear and respond to these our prayers which we offer today through your son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

# **TO ALL MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY**

October 15, 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**

**NONE**