

**Announcement**  
**For the week of September 9, 2018**

There will be an important meeting for the Sick and Shut-In ministers on Wednesday, September 12, 2018 in meeting room 2.

Contributions for the Social Outreach Monthly Food Drive will be held every 4th Sunday of the month only. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Registration for CCD will start Monday, September 17, 2018 at 5:30 pm in the Hall. Religious Education classes will start Monday, September 24, 2018 in the school.

Married couples celebrating 25th, 50th or 50th plus Wedding Anniversary please register no later than Monday, September 17, 2018 to attend the Mass of Renewal of Marriage Vows and Presentation of Certificate At the Basilica. This is the last week for registration.

Retreat Weekend for married couples on Friday thru Sunday, October 5-7, 2018 at the Holiday Inn. See the bulletin for more information.

A great big "Thank You" to all who contributed to Project Graduation. Your generous donations, time and love are greatly appreciated.

A big "Thank You" to the Volunteer Committee for the Fantastic and Wonderful Retirement Ceremony and Reception for Bishop Curtis Guillory that was held on September 6, 2018. Fr. Noel was very, very impressed. It has given a good name and image to the parish.

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**Are there people celebrating his/her birthday this week? ( Pause for about 10 seconds)**

**Is there anyone celebrating Anniversaries of Wedding, Marriages, Love and Relationships? (Pause for 10 seconds)**

**Are there Visitors celebrating with us for the first time, second time, or third time, today? (Pause for 10 seconds)**

**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.**

**September 9, 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 THE TWENY-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 COLLECTION.**

**OUR CELEBRANT FOR THIS MASS IS:**

**(Priest Name) Fr. Noel Effiong, Pastor**

**4:30 P.M.–**

**7:00 A.M.–**

**10:00 A.M.–**

# INTECESSORY PRAYERS

## The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B September 9, 2018

**Priest:** Let us bring our prayers before the lord, who has the power to bring water to the desert and the mercy to care for those who thirst.

**Response: Lord, hear our prayer!**

- ◆ For all Church and civic leaders, that they may show no partiality between rich and poor in exercising their power, we pray to the Lord....
- ◆ That the natural resources of the world, such as clean water and energy, may be shared equitably with those most in need, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ For all those who lost their lives in the terrorist attack of 9/11, for the families and friends they left behind, and for an increased resolve to work toward an end to terrorism,, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ For those who suffer from physical and developmental disabilities, that they may be sustained in God's loving care, we pray to the Lord....
- For all who have died, **especially Vincent David Barnett** and for the intentions of this Mass, **Cobb and Lambert Families, Beatrice Booker, Earline Eaglin, Herman J. Davis, Sr., Marie H. Charlton, Ella Mae Mitchell, Rickey Gallow, Sr., and Candyce Labrie Koba**, may they rejoice in the mercy of God, we pray to the Lord...
- In silence, we pray to the God of Mercy for our own needs and for the special intentions of others...*[pause for 10 seconds]*; we pray to the Lord.....

**Priest:** Merciful God, you open the eyes of the blind and the ears of the deaf. Open our eyes to your truth and our ears to your word and grant us the courage to proclaim the Good News throughout our world. We ask this and all the prayers we bring before you today through your Son, who is Lord for ever and ever.

# **TO ALL MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY**

September 9, 2018

**Twenty-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**  
**NONE**