

**Announcements
For the week of
April 24, 2016**

There will be no Novena and Bible Study on April 26, 2016.

Confirmation will be held on April 26, 2016.

The Project Graduation committee will be hosting a Fund Raiser (Barbeque Pork Bones and Smoked Turkey legs) this weekend after all Masses.

Knights of Columbus Council 951 is now accepting applications for our annual scholarship program. Scholarships will be for \$1000 each. Interested parties should visit your church office for an application. Deadline for scholarship entry is May 31, 2016.

**Bulletin and Pulpit Announcements can be emailed. They must be approved by our Pastor, Fr. Lowell Case. Deadline for all announcements, 2:00pm on Monday.
No impromptu announcements.**

**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.**

April 24, 2016

**GOOD EVENING/MORNING PARISHIONERS, FAMILY, FRIENDS AND VISTORS!
(PAUSE)**

**WELCOME TO OUR MOTHER OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH. WE ARE IN
THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD.**

**TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER. KINDLY TURN TO
YOUR NEIGHBOR AND EXTEND A GREETING OF WELCOME, (PAUSE 20 SEC-
ONDS).**

**BE GOOD STEWARDS OF THE PARISH, GIVE GENEROUSLY IN TODAY'S
COLLECTIONS. CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS AND SOCIAL OUTREACH.**

**REMEMBER, THE VESTIBULE IS A "QUIET ZONE" PLEASE BE RESPECTFUL
OF THOSE INSIDE WHO ARE QUIETLY IN PRAYER.**

**FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS OF THE USHERS DURING COMMUNION. EVERY-
ONE IS ASKED TO USE THE AISLE OF THE CHURCH AND NOT TO CROSS
THROUGH THE PEWS.**

TODAY'S THEME:

Today as we gather at God's invitation, we hear again Jesus' commandment to love one another. Let us be grateful today for a God who loves us so much, and pray for the grace to put into action this commandment of Jesus, whether it be toward family and dear ones, or toward the strangers we encounter on the street. Let us learn to love one another as Jesus has loved us.

OUR CELEBRANT FOR THIS MASS IS:

(Priest Name) Fr. Case, Fr. Aloysius

4:30 P.M.- Fr.

7:00 A.M.-Fr.

9:00 A.M.-Fr.

11:30 A.M.-Fr.

AFTER THE OPENING PRAYER:

Today's Easter season scriptures paint a picture of God who loves us so much that the divine dwellings is now among us, with the human race. Jesus was the first physical manifestation of that new reality. As we listen to these sacred scriptures today, let us reflect on how God's dwelling is within each of us and how we manifest that to the world around us.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS
The Fifth Sunday of Easter, Cycle C
April 23-24, 2016

Priest: My brothers and sisters, because of Jesus' love for us, let us love one another as we pray on behalf of all...

Response: *Teach us to Love, Lord.*

- That the Church, called together from all the peoples of the world, may be strengthened in discipleship and encouraged to persevere in the faith, we pray to the Lord...
- That the world and our society may live out the commandment of Christ to love one another, that others may know Jesus by our example, we pray to the Lord...
- That those persecuted because of conscience, color, or creed, may find strength and courage to endure, we pray to the Lord...
- That those called to open the door of faith to others through a vocation to the priesthood, the diaconate, or as religious or lay ministers, may have their spirits strengthened by our prayers and support, we pray to the Lord...
- In silence, we lift our intentions and those of all to Jesus, who makes all things new...
[pause for 10 seconds; the presider alone concludes . . .], we pray to the Lord...
- **Priest:** Gracious God, you carefully watch over us and help us to bear fruit; hear these our prayers that we might always remain in your risen Son, Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. AMEN

TO ALL MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

April 23-24, 2016

PLEASE WELCOME THE VISITORS

**ALSO PASS OUT THE CHILDREN'S
BULLETINS AND PEW ART CARDS 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 11:30 Mass**

This is very important. Secure collection after Mass

**Second Collection
Catholic Homes Missions Appeal
And
Social Outreach**