

Announcements

For the week of

April 3, 2016

Merci to all organizations and individuals that were so generous in their contribution(s) that resulted in the success of Our Mother of Mercy St. Joseph Altar. The St. Joseph Altar project would not have resulted in the overwhelming triumph if not for you, the PARISHIONERS. We, the members of the St. Joseph Altar, say a special "APPRECIATION" to all for your time, talents, treasures, etc. Once again, many hands made for a profitable light presentation altar to honor St. Joseph, Patron Saint of the Worker.

The Living the Eucharist committee will be hosting a Banquet Retreat in the Hall on Saturday April 9, 2016. All parishioners are invited to attend. Sign-up sheet in the Vestibule

Please feel free to have your child draw or doodle his/her prayer promise on the cards located in the pews and put them in the offertory basket. They will be featured in the East Texas Catholic.

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 3, 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.**

**TONIGHT WE CELEBRATE THE SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY. 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 SHARE IN MISSION
AND PARISH MAINTAINANCE.**

**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:

During this Jubilee Year of Mercy, today is a day that stands out because it is already designated as a day to celebrate God's mercy. We all stumble, and we have our doubts. Our loving God is always there, however, ready to help us, to give us a second, third, fourth, or "*nth*" chance. As we move through these fifty day of Easter, let us rejoice in the good news of such a loving God, and renew our efforts to treat all others with the same mercy that God shows 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:

As we prepare to listen to God's holy word today, let us listen in particular for language that speaks of the community. The apostles were "all together in Solomon's portico." Were not Thomas's doubts because he was away from the community at Jesus' first appearance? How important is it for our faith to be a member of a community of faith? Let us reflect today on our membership in this Church and how it helps us to be able to say with Thomas, "My Lord and my God!"

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS
The Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday
Cycle C
April 2-3, 2016

Priest: My brothers and sisters, gathered as believers who are one in heart and mind, let us pray through Jesus, the Son of God, gloriously risen from the dead...

Response: *Alleluia, alleluia!*

- For the Church and all priests: that they may reflect the mercy of God in their ministry; we pray to the Lord...
- For our nation and world, that we may work to be healers of bodies, hearts, and minds to those most in need of mercy especially those most vulnerable in our society, the aged, the unborn, the refugee, we pray to the Lord...
- For those who doubt, for those who have lost their faith, for those who have not yet found faith in God, that God may reveal himself to them through our love, we pray to the Lord...
- For those neophytes who received the sacraments at Easter: that they may continue to grow in faith and find strength in the mercy of God; we pray to the Lord...
- For an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, and lay ministry; we pray to the Lord...
- For our young people preparing to receive First Eucharist, may they know God's love through the breaking of the bread and the wine poured out and shared, 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 ten seconds; the presider alone concludes . . .]*

Priest: Ever-creating God, you always breathe within us the new life of the Spirit: hear these, our prayers that we might one day live with you and your Son Jesus Christ forever and ever.
AMEN.

TO ALL MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

April 2-3, 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 Collections
Share In Mission
And
Parish Maintenance**