

**Announcements**  
**For the week of August 28, 2016**

**The Usher's Baked Potato Fund Raiser is this weekend on August 27-28, 2016 after each Mass.**

**Adoration is the first Friday of each month from 12 noon until 12 noon Saturday in the Convent. Please come and spend some quiet time with the Lord**

**There will be a Special collection the weekend of September 11, for the Flood Disaster in Baton Rouge, La. Over 60,000 homes have been damaged or destroyed. Fema reports that only a small percent of homeowners have flood insurance, and that we have lasting memories of the help offered to us in Southeast Texas after hurricanes and floods. Please be generous.**

**There will be a Mass of Thanksgiving on September 18, 2016 at 4:00pm in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the establishment of our diocese at Ford Park.**

**Bulletin and Pulpit Announcements can be emailed. They must be approved by our Pastor, Fr. Lowell Case. Deadline for all announcements is 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.**

**August 28, 2016**

**GOOD EVENING/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 SECOND 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 COLLECTION IS FOR SOCIAL OUTREACH.**

**TODAY'S THEME:**

Today we continue last week's focus inclusion on God's kingdom. The difference today is that now we are the one being called upon to be inclusive. Whom do we welcome at the banquet table of our lives? May our prayer today be for the grace of humility so that we can welcome any and all whom Christ himself would welcome.

**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 Gospel is not about our dinner parties; it is a metaphor for how we interact with other in our lives. The first reading's message about humility sets the stage for the Gospel reading. As we hear God's holy word today, let us listen for the message that we need to hear about whom we welcome into the banquet of our own lives.

**INTERCESSORY PRAYERS**  
**Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year c**  
**August 27-28, 2016**

**Priest:** Let us approach Mount Zion and the city of the living God with our prayers and petitions for all who are in need....

**Response:** Lord, hear our prayer

- For the safety of Christians throughout the world, especially in Syria, Egypt, Iraq, Iran, and other places of religious persecution, we pray to the Lord....
- That nations work together to welcome refugees and to end the war and violence that drive the refugees from their homes, we pray to the Lord...
- For students and teachers at the beginning of another school year, and for parents, administrators, and all whose efforts support and sustain them, we pray to the Lord....
- That we show mercy as the Father has shown mercy to us during this Jubilee Year of Mercy, we pray to the Lord....
- For all prayers that we hold in the silence of our hearts; for all our intentions spoken and unspoken...*[pause for 10 seconds; the presider alone concludes...]*, we pray to the Lord...

**Priest:** Gracious God, you provide a welcome to all who come to you. Show us how to welcome others and give us the graces of humility and openness. We ask you to hear these and all our prayers that we make through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

# **TO ALL MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY**

August 27-28, 2016

**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 11:30AM Mass**

**This is very important. Secure collection after Mass**

**Second Collection  
SOCIAL OUTREACH**