

**Announcements**  
**For the week of**  
**December 12-13, 2015**

**If you would like to purchase a Poinsettia(s) to adorn our altar for Christmas in memory of, or in honor of a loved one, please purchase your poinsettia by December 14, 2015. Poinsettia's are \$15 each.**

**The Men of Mercy Ministry will be sponsoring a "*Men's Movie Night*" on January 9, 2016 at 6:30pm in the Church Hall. Sign-up sheets will be in the Vestibule and the Rectory. Deadline to sign-up is December 31, 2015.**

**December 14 is the deadline for all Bulletin and Pulpit announcements for the weekends of December 19 & 26, 2015. All Christmas flower (Poinsettia's) offering envelopes should also be turned in by December 14.**

**All Bulletin and Pulpit announcements for the weekend of Dec. 19 and 26 must be emailed or turned in by Dec. 14 to be put into these Bulletins.**

**Bulletin and Pulpit Announcements can be emailed. They must be approved by our Pastor, Fr. Lowell Case. No impromptu announcements, please.**

**Please pray for all our Military, all the Sick and Shut-In and their families .**

**Please take home a copy of this weeks' bulletin for other announcements.**

**December 13, 2015**

**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 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT. KINDLY TURN TO  
YOUR NEIGHBOR AND EXTEND A GREETING OF WELCOME, (PAUSE 20 SEC-  
ONDS).**

**PLEASE BE GOOD STEWARDS OF THE PARISH, GIVE GENEROUSLY IN TO-  
DAY'S COLLECTIONS. THE SECOND COLLECTIONS ARE FOR RETIREMENT  
FUND AND REDUCING PARISH DEBT**

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

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

**TODAY'S THEME:**

**Rejoice! Today is traditionally called Gaudete or Rejoice Sunday, from the first word of  
the entrance antiphon, "Rejoice in the Lord always," taken from today's reading from  
Saint Paul to the Philippians. Why Should we rejoice? Because the Lord is near. More  
than halfway through our Advent preparations now, let us be sensitive to the nearness of  
the Lord.**

**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:**

**Every reading before the Gospel today, even the psalm, has a form of the words rejoice  
or joy. Even the Gospel speaks of the people being filled with expectation. The anticipa-  
tion today is palpable. Together with the crowds in the Gospel reading, let us listen to  
God's holy word and ask, "What should we do?"**

**INTERCESSORY PRAYERS**  
**3rd Sunday of Advent, Cycle C**  
**December 12-13, 2015**

**Priest:** My brothers and sisters, our Lord Jesus Christ came into the world to preach good news to the poor and to heal the repentant sinner. Let us ask him to come into our world today bringing salvation to all who are in need.

**Response: *Come, Lord Jesus!***

- For all those baptized in water and anointed with the Holy Spirit: may we serve the world by proclaiming the good news of the One who is coming, we pray to the Lord...
- For nations at odds with each other: may they turn from conflict towards mutual and lasting peace, we pray to the Lord...
- For our military personnel: may they be kept safe and secure during this Season of Peace, we pray to the Lord...
- For all those discerning the call to priesthood, the diaconate, religious life or Christian marriage: may they prepare for the movement of the Spirit in their lives with the joy of this advent season, we pray to the Lord...
- For our parish community of *Our Mother of Mercy Church*, may we rejoice in Christ who comes in every age and person, we pray to the Lord...
- In silence, we pray in thanksgiving to God, for own needs and the special intentions of others, so as to receive the peace of God that surpasses all understanding... [*pause for 10 seconds; the presider alone concludes...*], we pray to the Lord.....

**Priest:** Mighty God, you sent John to announce the coming of your Son into the world, hear these, our prayers, that we might recognize his presence among us today. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ. AMEN.

# **TO ALL MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY**

December 12-13, 2015

**PLEASE WELCOME THE VISITORS**

**ALSO PASS OUT THE CHILDREN  
BULLETINS TO THE LITTLE ONES!**

**Please make sure that you sign the sheet in the book.**

Please 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**

**The Second Collections  
Retirement Fund  
Reducing Parish Debt**