

Announcements
For the week of
December 20-25, 2015

Special Shout-out and Happy Birthday to Lucille Jones celebrating her 90th birthday on December 24th and Miranda Thomas celebrating her 74th birthday on December 23rd.

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.

The Living the Eucharist team will start with its prayer campaign on Saturday, December 26, 2015 and Sign-up weekends will start January 9th, 10th, 16th and 17th for all parishioners. Please sign up and make this spiritual journey for 2016 a success.

The Parish Pastoral Council of Our Mother of Mercy will be holding elections for its 2016-2018 members on January 9th and 10th. Please review the biographies of those running for the council in the vestibule of the church.

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 20, 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 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT. KINDLY TURN
TO YOUR NEIGHBOR AND EXTEND A GREETING OF WELCOME, (PAUSE 20
SECONDS).**

**PLEASE BE GOOD STEWARDS OF THE PARISH, GIVE GENEROUSLY IN TO-
DAY'S COLLECTION.**

**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:

**As we draw closer to Christmas, our attention turns to tiny Bethlehem, where
the son of God will be born, and the teenager Mary, who is to bear this Son of
God into the world. A small town and a young, seemingly insignificant Jewish
girl show us that God's plan include each and every one of us, whether we are
wealthy, rich, and strong or not. Let us continue our joyful Advent vigil for
the One who will bring salvation, justice, mercy, and peace.**

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:

**Our psalm refrain can be our prayer today: "Lord, make us turn to you; let
us see your face and we shall be saved." As we hear God's holy word today, let
us indeed turn to the Lord and see our loving God's face in the small town of
Bethlehem, in young Mary and her cousin Elizabeth, and in all those whose
lives intersect with ours every day.**

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS
4th Sunday of Advent, Cycle C
December 19-20, 2015

Priest: Calling to mind the needs of the world, let us call upon the name of the One who gives us new life.

Response: *Come, Lord Jesus!*

- For Christians everywhere as they continue to live and proclaim the Good News in spite of hardship and deadly persecution, we pray to the Lord....
- That international, national, and state leaders remember the dignity of even the lowest and least important among the people they serve, we pray to the Lord...
- For all who profit from the commerce of the Christmas season, that they may remember the source of their wealth, and work to end all poverty and destitution, we pray to the Lord...
- For those who visit relatives during the coming holy season, that they, like Mary and Elizabeth, may rejoice in each other's company and return home safely, we pray to the Lord...
- For all who observe this Jubilee Year of Mercy by showing God's mercy to the least and the smallest, we pray to the Lord...
- In silence, we pray for all the 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: Faithful and loving God, you protect what your right hand has planted. Hear our prayers today and graciously grant them through the One whose coming is certain and whose day draws near, Christ our Lord.
AMEN.

TO ALL MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

December 19-20, 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

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