

**Announcements  
For the week of  
December 27, 2015**

**Special Shout-out and Happy Birthday to Ruby Broussard who is celebrating 86 years on December 27, 2015**

**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.**

**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 27, 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 HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH.  
KINDLY TURN TO YOUR NEIGHBOR AND EXTEND A GREETING OF WEL-  
COME, (PAUSE 20 SECONDS).**

**PLEASE BE GOOD STEWARDS OF THE PARISH, GIVE GENEROUSLY IN TO-  
DAY'S COLLECTIONS. THE SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR SOCIAL OUT-  
REACH.**

**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 continue our Christmas season celebrations, today's feast of the Holy Family is a relatively new one, instituted at the end of the nineteenth century to respond to changing conditions in family life. Families today can take comfort in knowing that the Holy Family bore its share of hardships as well. Perhaps our prayer today can be for families of all kinds, that they might grow in love and in faith through all of their experiences together.**

**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 tells a story of the worry and deep concern that Mary and Joseph experience upon learning that their young son is missing. Parents who have ever lost their child, even briefly, can appreciate the worry of Jesus' parents. As we listen to these scripture readings today, let us ask for God's strength and comfort for all families, but especially those that are undergoing hardship.**

## INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

### Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 26-27, 2015

**Priest:** As children of our loving God, let us now offer our prayers for all those who are in need.

#### ***Response: Glory to God in the highest!***

- For the family of God's holy Church as we strive to love one another as Jesus commanded us, we pray to the Lord...
- That the human family know peace and freedom from violence and strife, we pray to the Lord...
- For the parents of teenage children, as they patiently support their children in their search for the mission that God has in store for them, we pray to the Lord...
- For those who are estranged from their families, for those who have no family or have lost their family, we pray to the Lord...
- That families of all kinds might know and show the mercy of God during this Jubilee Year of Mercy, we pray to the Lord...
- 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:** Heavenly Father, you have made us your own children and given us your Son Jesus Christ as an experience of your love for us. We ask you today to hear these our prayers and grant them through that same Son, Jesus Christ, who is our Lord and Savior for ever and ever. Amen.

# **TO ALL MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY**

December 27, 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 Collection  
SOCIAL OUTREACH**