

**Announcements
For the week of
December 5-6, 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.

On Tuesday, December 8, The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be at 6:30am and 6:30pm.

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 6, 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 SECOND 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 COLLECTIONS. THE SECOND COLLECTIONS ARE FOR PARISH
MAINTENANCE FUND AND SHARE IN MISSION.**

**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:

**This week, Advent and the Jubilee Year of Mercy intersect. On Tuesday, we who are
waiting for the coming of the Lord at the end of time and into our hearts at this time, will
begin a sacred time of considering God's mercy and how we reflect that mercy into the
world around us. The rest of the world is awaiting the coming of the Lord, even if they
don't know it. What are we doing to show them the presence 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:

**Saint Paul today gives us the focus for our prayer when he says that the God who began
a good work in us will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus. As we hear
in the other readings today of the coming of the Lord into the deserts of our lives, let us
bear in mind that we too can bear the presence of the Lord into the lives of those around
us, carrying on the good work that God has begun in us.**

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS
2nd Sunday of Advent, Cycle C
December 5-6, 2015

Priest: My brothers and sisters, praying with constant joy and filled with the compassion of Christ Jesus, let us offer intercessions on behalf of all peoples.

Response: Come, Lord Jesus!

- That the church may be a voice crying out in the wilderness to prepare the way of the Lord, as we embark upon the Jubilee Year of Mercy this week, we pray to the Lord...
- That those who govern nations may plant seeds of peace for a harvest of righteousness, we pray to the Lord...
- That worldly pride may be brought low and the earth's afflicted lifted up on the pathway of God's love, we pray to the Lord...
- That this season of hope may bring comfort to those suffering from poverty, injustices or natural disasters, we pray to the Lord.
- That all who serve God in a religious community may be filled with blessings, we pray to the Lord...
- That our parish community of *Our Mother of Mercy* may show the mercy of God to our neighbors through acts of generosity, we pray to the Lord...
- In silence, we pray for our own needs and the need of others, to our Father who gathers his children to rejoice in his love...*[pause for 10 seconds; the presider alone concludes...]*, we pray to the Lord...

Priest: God, in the wilderness of the Jordan You sent a messenger to prepare people's hearts for the coming of Your Son. Help us to hear the good news, to repent and to be ready to welcome the Lord our Savior, Jesus Christ in whose name we pray. AMEN.

TO ALL MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

December 5-6, 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
Parish Maintenance Fund
Share in Mission**