

Announcements
For the week of February 19, 2017

There will be no CCD on Monday in observance of President's Day. CCD will resume on Monday February 27th.

Jr. Daughter's are having their Bake Sale this weekend after all Masses. Please support our youth.

All current Counters are asked to attend a special meeting on Wednesday, February 22nd at 6pm in the Hall.

We are asking all parishioners and each Ministry to please use the graduation envelopes to make a donation to our Project Graduation for the High Seniors. Remember your donations are used to help purchase Laptops or Ipads for the graduates. We see these young people every week serving in different ministries at Mass, giving up their weekend to serve at funeral, or just volunteering when one of us calls them to come and help out. So Im asking that we be generous with our donations for this very worthy cause "investing in the young ladies and gentlemen of this parish. For further information please call Angela Stewart @409-658-8370 or Margaret Denson @409-454-7124

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.

February 19, 2017

**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 SEVENTH 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
COLLECTION.**

THEME:

Today Jesus continues his invitation to us to go beyond the letter of the law by calling us to go beyond our human tendencies toward hatred and revenge. In a world where demands for payback and “gotcha” moments are all too common, we are encouraged to lower the temperature of the rhetoric and reflect the heart of our merciful and loving God. If last year’s Year of Mercy is to mean anything, we are called to continue to show God’s mercy and forgiveness all through our lives.

OUR CELEBRANT FOR THIS MASS IS:

(Priest Name) Fr. Case,

4:30 P.M.–

7:00 A.M.-

9:00 A.M.-

11:30 A.M.

AFTER THE OPENING PRAYER:

Notice in today’s readings that even though Jesus quotes common sayings about revenge and hatred for one’s enemies, inviting his disciples to live contrary to those aphorisms, the first reading says exactly the same as Jesus. “You shall not bear hatred for your brother or sister in your heart.” What a joy to know that our God of love has always invited us to show love for one another, and to overcome our fear and hatred!

INTECESSORY PRAYERS
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A
February 18-19, 2017

Priest: The Lord our God is merciful and gracious, and will always hear the prayers that we offer up on behalf of the world around us..

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

- ♦ **That the Church might be a model of forgiveness and reconciliation for the world to follow, we pray to the Lord...**
- ♦ **For world leaders and diplomats, as they strive to work together toward easing international tensions and creating lasting peace, we pray to the Lord...**
- ♦ **For all who have been abused or oppressed, that they may know justice and relief, and yet be able to live mercifully toward others, we pray to the Lord...**
- ♦ **For parents, as they instill in their children the values of fairness, mercy and forgiveness, we pray to the Lord...**
- ♦ **For all who suffer from the cold weather because of the work they do or because they lack adequate housing, 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 10 seconds; the presider alone concludes...]* we pray to the Lord...**

Priest: God of love, you challenge us to the hard work of love and forgiveness in all our relationships. Give us the grace to imitate your Son in all that we do, through the same Christ our Lord.

TO ALL MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

February 18-19, 2017

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

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