

**Announcements  
For the week of  
February 21, 2016**

**Happy Birthday and special shout-out to Florence Jordan who celebrated her 77th birthday on February 20.**

**Monsignor Kelly High School will have their Open House on February 25, 2016 at 6pm in the school cafeteria.**

**The High School graduates of 2016 will be selling Beef and Chicken Chili in the Hall this weekend after all masses. Donation is \$7.00. Please help support this fundraiser.**

**The Knights of Peter Claver/Ladies Auxiliary will be recruiting new members after all Masses this weekend.**

**The Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary will be selling Fish Dinners on Friday during Lent until March 18 from 8am until 2pm. Walk-ins are welcome.**

**Bulletin and Pulpit Announcements can be emailed. They must be approved by our Pastor, Fr. Lowell Case. 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 21, 2016**

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

**BE GOOD STEWARDS OF THE PARISH, GIVE GENEROUSLY IN TODAY'S COL-  
LECTION.**

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

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

**TODAY'S THEME:**

**In today's scriptures we are presented with two dramatic theophanies, or divine encoun-  
ters. In our modern world it seems that God's presence is seldom so spectacular. Yet as  
we move deeper into this Lenten season, we may want to seek reassurance of God's pres-  
ence with us. Let us find that reassurance today in our Eucharistic celebration, and then  
become agents of God's presence for others.**

**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:**

**Abraham, the "wandering Aramean" referred to in last week's first reading, makes an  
appearance today, seeking and receiving assurance of God's promises to him. The apos-  
tles with Jesus on the mountain also experience assurance of their destiny if they but lis-  
ten to God's chosen Son. St. Paul affirms that our citizenship is in heaven where our  
lowly body will conform with Christ's glorified body. Let us take in all these promises of  
God today with grateful hearts.**

**INTERCESSORY PRAYERS**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

**February 21, 2016**

**Priest:** My brothers and sisters, in the name of Jesus, who was transfigured while at prayer, let us offer our intercessions and respond by saying, Lord, have mercy on us...

**Response:** *Lord, have mercy on us...*

- For the children of Abraham today: Muslims, Jews and Christians; may the results of dialogue be peace and justice, we pray to the Lord...
- For our world, nation, and community to be transformed, so that generosity replaces greed, compassion replaces prejudice, hope replaces despair and love overcomes all differences, we pray to the Lord...
- For those who lack adequate food, shelter, and care; may Christians be imitators of Christ and show mercy to those in need, we pray to the Lord...
- For the catechumens and candidates of our diocese and parish, may they listen to the voice of God's Beloved Son and share by obedient faith in the blessings promised to Abraham, we pray to the Lord...
- In silence, we pray through Jesus, who changes us to conform to Him, for our own needs and for the special intention of others...  
*[pause for ten seconds; the presider alone concludes...]*, we pray to the Lord.....

**Priest:** Loving God, you clothed your Son Jesus in transfigured glory: grant these our prayers that one day we might also share in that same glory. We ask this through Christ our Lord. AMEN.

# **TO ALL MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY**

FEBRUARY 20-21, 2016

**PLEASE WELCOME THE VISITORS**

**ALSO PASS OUT THE CHILDREN  
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 11:30 Mass**

**This is very important. Secure collection after Mass**

**Second Collection**

**NONE**