

Announcements
For the week of
February 28, 2016

Please feel free to have your child draw or doodle his/her prayer promise on the cards located in the pews and put them in the offertory basket. They will be featured in the East Texas Catholic.

If anyone is interested in joining the Contemporary Choir, please contact Wayne Davis, his contact information is in the bulletin.

The High School Graduates will be having a Sweet Sale Fundraiser after all Masses. Please support our youth.

The Sr. Citizen Organization will have their monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 2 at 4pm in the Church hall, if you are interested in joining, you are welcome attend.

The Sick & Shut-In meeting will be Wednesday, March 2 at 5:00pm in Meeting Room 1. If you are interested in participating in this ministry of visiting the Sick and Shut-In contact Renee Granger or any member.

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.

Our Mother of Mercy St. Joseph Altar is Scheduled for Thursday, March 17, in the Jones Hall. We are in need of donations. There will be a "Donation Sheet" 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 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 28, 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 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT. 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 COL-
LECTIONS. THE SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR SOCIAL OUTREACH.**

**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:

**Today we celebrate with our Elect the first of three scrutinies. These communal prayers
help to uncover and then heal what is weak and sinful, and also to bring out and
strengthen all that is upright and strong in the hearts of our candidates for the Easter
sacraments. By their example, let us then also scrutinize our own lives so that we too will
be ready to celebrate the Easter sacraments with them.**

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 is the first of a series of long Gospel proclamations over the next three
weeks. The story is compelling but involved. As we listen to the Samaritan woman grow
in self-knowledge and in faith, let us put ourselves into the story and examine our own
lives. Then may we be inspired by her example of eager evangelization as she comes to
acknowledge the movement of God in her life.**

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS
Third Sunday in Lent
February 27-28, 2016

Priest: My brothers and sisters, our patient God waits for us and encourages us to grow in our faith, and so we have the confidence to pray for all the needs of the world.

Response: Hear us, Lord...

- For the Church, that we may seek to cultivate faith in even the least promising places, we pray to the Lord...
- For those who need a second chance in their lives, that they will not be turned away by those to whom they turn for help, we pray to the Lord.
- For this Catholic community, we who gather to share spiritual food and drink today, may we answer "here, I am" when God calls us to service, we pray to the Lord...
- For those on the journey toward the Easter sacraments, may they pass through the desert, to drink from the spiritual rock, we pray to the Lord...
- For those in need of forgiveness, may they experience God's mercy and his love in the sacrament of reconciliation during this Lenten season, we pray to the Lord...
- In silence, we pray to the Father, who sends others to help save us, and sends us to help serve others, for our own needs and for the needs of all. [*pause; the presider alone concludes...*], we pray to the Lord...

Priest: O compassionate God, you call us to repentance. When we are discouraged by our weakness, give us confidence in your love. Grant these, our prayers, which we make in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

TO ALL MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

FEBRUARY 27-28, 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
SOCIAL OUTREACH**