

**Announcements**  
**For the week of February 5, 2017**

**Super Bowl of Caring will be collecting can goods and monetary donations the first and second weekend in February.**

**There will be review sessions for all small group leaders and anyone interested in becoming a small group leaders for Living the Eucharist during Lent. The sessions will be held Thursday, February 9, at 6:00pm and Saturday, February 11, at 9:00 am in meeting room #1. Materials for this Lenten season will be distributed at this time.**

**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 5, 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 FIFTH 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  
COLLECTIONS. THE SECOND COLLECTIONS ARE FOR PARISH  
MAINTENANCE AND SHARE IN MISSION**

**THEME:**

**Our Sunday focus on discipleship continues in today's readings. We  
who are called to live the Beatitudes last week are now encouraged to  
let our light shine. As we move through our celebration today, let us  
ask God to strengthen our faith so that we can truly believe that the  
presence of Christ in each of us has the power to bring light to the  
darkness of racism, fear, hunger, oppression, and all the other evils in  
our world.**

**OUR CELEBRANT FOR THIS MASS IS:**

**(Priest Name) Fr. Case, Fr. Tino**

**4:30 P.M.–**

**7:00 A.M.-**

**9:00 A.M.-**

**11:30 A.M.**

**AFTER THE OPENING PRAYER:**

**Today Jesus proclaims us the salt of the earth and the light of the  
world. How can we be all that? Our first reading points the way: feed  
the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless, clothe the naked.  
No mention of whether they are “deserving.” When we do these things  
then our light will “break forth like the dawn.” Our readings today call on us  
to do no less than light up the whole world!**

**INTECESSORY PRAYERS**  
**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A**  
**February 4-5, 2017**

***Priest:*** Let us be light for the world by being attentive to the needs of our neighbors and lifting them up in prayer.

***Response:*** *Lord, hear our prayer!*

- ♦ That our holy Church might be a light to the world, shining in the way we treat one another and care for those on the peripheries of society, we pray to the Lord...
- ♦ That our country might renew its commitment to the values of civil discourse, care for the downtrodden, and support for the common good of all, so that we may once again be light for the world, we pray to the Lord...
- ♦ For all who have consecrated their lives to the proclamation of the gospel, we pray to the Lord...
- ♦ For those who are sick and for all who have dedicated themselves to healing and caring for them, we pray to the Lord...
- ♦ For our community of faith, as we strive through our ministries of outreach to be salt and light for our corner of the world, 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 all, you call on us to serve your world and share the good news of Jesus Christ with each brother and sister. Graciously hear our prayers and grant them through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

# **TO ALL MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY**

February 4-5, 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  
Parish Maintenance  
And  
Share in Mission**