

Announcements
For the week of January 15, 2016

Eucharistic Ministers will be selling tickets for their Chicken and Biscuit Fundraiser on January 22nd after all Masses. Tickets are \$5.00. Sweets also will be sold.

Living the Eucharist will begin again this year. Sign –up will be begin on January 28th and February 4th.

Knights of Columbus 3rd Annual First Responders Gumbo, January 15 from 10am until 2pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall on College and Reynolds St. Dine in or take out orders available.

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.

JANUARY 15, 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 SECOND 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.**

TODAY'S THEME:

Today we begin a stretch of Ordinary Time that will last almost two months. Except for today, all the Sunday Gospels will be from Saint Matthew, and all, including today, will be about Jesus' early public ministry. Let us travel with Jesus these coming weeks as he sets out to proclaim the reign of God, eager to listen and learn what it means to be a disciple.

OUR CELEBRANT FOR THIS MASS IS:

(Priest Name)

4:30 P.M.–

7:00 A.M.-

9:00 A.M.-

11:30 A.M.

AFTER THE OPENING PRAYER:

All of today's readings are about the mission that God has for those who follow God. Isaiah speaks of being God's servant; Saint Paul says he was called to be an apostle; and John the Baptist, himself a servant of God, identifies Jesus as the Son of God. As we hear these sacred scriptures proclaimed, let us make the refrain of the responsorial psalm our own prayer; "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

January 15, 2017

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Priest: Called by God through the Holy Spirit, let us offer our prayers for the needs of all.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer!

- ◆ That our holy Church, inspired by the Holy Spirit, might continue the apostolic work of evangelization begun by Saint Paul we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ For our nation , as we recall the life and dream of Doctor Martin Luther King and seek to make that dream a reality for everyone, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ That all Christians, during this week of prayer for Christian unity, might work ever more diligently for common understanding and collaboration in light of our common baptism, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ For all the women religious in our country, who have made their own, the work given to them by God through the Holy Spirit, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ For our community of faith: May we be open to the message that God has for us and respond with faithful hearts to the mission that God sets before us, 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 for 10 seconds; the presider alone concludes...*], we pray to the Lord...

Priest: Gracious God, you call upon us to do your will. Grant us the grace to follow your Son for the good of the world and for your greater glory. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

TO ALL MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

January 15, 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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