

**Announcements**  
**For the week of January 29, 2016**

**The Lady's Sodality is currently in the process of updating their records. It's very important, we need your correct information. See the bulletin for more information.**

**Sacred Heart/St. Mary Church in Port Arthur, Tx on Lincoln Ave is having a Bingo Fundraiser Sunday, January 29th. Doors open at 2:00pm and Games Start at 3:00pm. Come and Join in on a Good time!**

**Living the Eucharist will begin again this year. Sign –up has begun and will continue through February 4th.**

**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 29, 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 FOURTH 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:**

**As we gather at God's invitation, we continue our Ordinary Time  
reflections on discipleship today with Jesus' teaching of the  
Beatitudes. How blessed we are to know that God loves even the least  
of us and wants all of us**

**to live by the law of love. May our prayers today be for the grace to  
live the Beatitudes as Christ desires that we do.**

**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:**

**As the sacred scriptures are proclaimed today, let us pay particular  
attention to Saint Paul in the second reading, who describes those  
who are called to follow the Lord Jesus. How do these words describe  
you? Saint Paul reminds us that we disciples are summoned to live  
the Beatitudes that Jesus proclaims in today's Gospel. Then, as we  
hear the Beatitudes, let us reflect on what it might mean for us to  
“boast in the Lord” in our lives.**

# INTECESSORY PRAYERS

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A

January 28-29, 2017

***Priest:*** My brothers and sisters, as people of the Beatitudes, let us turn to God in prayer asking God to open our hearts to answer God's call.

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

- ♦ For the Church, may she be merciful as she seeks to build the kingdom of heaven, coming to the aid of those whom society has abandoned, we pray to the Lord...
- ♦ For leaders of nations, may they serve their people by acting decisively and courageously as peacemakers, we pray to the Lord...
- ♦ For all God's people, may every one of us long for holiness and justice, bringing the human family new hope, we pray to the Lord...
- ♦ For the sick and the suffering, especially those near death, may they know that the value of their life is treasured by all, we pray to the Lord...
- ♦ For those whom God calls to the vocations of the priesthood, the diaconate, religious or lay ministry, and Christian marriage, may they respond as children of God, generously serving each other, we pray to the Lord...
- ♦ In silence, we pray for own needs and the needs of others, assured by the blessings of the kingdom...*[pause 10 seconds; the presider alone concludes...]* we pray to the Lord...

***Priest:*** God, stir up your life within us, that we may seek first your kingdom of love and bring unity and peace to the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. AMEN.

# **TO ALL MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY**

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**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**

**NONE**