

**Announcements
For the week of
January 31, 2016**

Adoration is the 1st Friday of the month on February 5, 2016 from 12 noon Friday till 12 noon Saturday in the convent. Come and Spend some quiet time with the Lord.

The Usher's will be selling Fish Dinners on Ash Wednesday, January 10th in the Church hall from 7am until 2pm . Donations are \$8.00

A Lenten Devotional Booklet

Our parish commitment to Living the Eucharist also involves our using "From Exodus to Easter" My Daily Journey Through Lent. This booklet contains helpful questions which will invite you to reflect, pray, and act. Reading From Exodus to Easter is a great way to grow spiritually during Lent. You can find a copy in the pews or vestibule with the ushers.

Those who have not filled out a Calendar Schedule for year 2016 must do so by this weekend, Jan 30-31, 2016.

Bulletin and Pulpit Announcements can be emailed. They must be approved by our Pastor, Fr. Lowell Case. No impromptu announcements, please.

Please pray for all our Military, all the Sick and Shut-In and their families .

Please take home a copy of this weeks' bulletin for other announcements.

January 31, 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 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME. KINDLY
TURN TO YOUR NEIGHBOR AND EXTEND A GREETING OF WELCOME, (PAUSE
20 SECONDS).**

**PLEASE BE GOOD STEWARDS OF THE PARISH, GIVE GENEROUSLY IN TO-
DAY'S COLLECTION.**

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

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

TODAY'S THEME:

**As we gather today at the invitation of our Lord God, we will hear about the prophet
Jeremiah and Jesus the prophet without honor in his native land. A prophet in the Bible
is not a fortune-teller who can see into the future. A biblical prophet is a truth-teller, a
messenger of God. It might be good for us today to think of and pray for the prophets
whom we know, those in our own lives and those about whom we have heard. Let us
thank God for these prophets today.**

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:

**At the beginning of the book of Jeremiah, we hear how God called him to be a prophet;
but even more important, we hear how God promises to fortify and support him in his
ministry. In the Gospel too, Jesus speaks with confidence, even brashness in his
hometown, yet by the grace of God is able to escape their wrath. As we listen to these
words of God today, let us allow them to give us the courage we need to witness to the
gospel in our own lives.**

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, CYCLE C

January 31, 2016

Priest: My brothers and sisters, let us turn in prayer to the God who knew us and called us before we were born, and who will provide for our needs and for the needs of the whole world.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer*

- That the Church's proclamation of the Gospel may comfort the poor and humble, even as it challenges the proud and the powerful, we pray to the Lord...
- That we may show faith, hope, and love to all especially the lonely, sick, and downtrodden, we pray to the Lord...
- That those being called to become priests, religious, deacons, or lay ministers may answer God's call to be the prophets of today and agents of God's mercy, we pray to the Lord...
- That Catholic schools throughout our country may continue to form and inform our young people to live and proclaim God's love, we pray to the Lord...
- In silence, we pray for own needs and the special intentions of others, through Jesus who seeks to work wonders to those open to His love...*[pause for ten seconds; the presider alone concludes...]*, we pray to the Lord.....

Priest: God, You have given us Your word and Your love through Jesus Your Son. Fill us with Your Spirit and help us to remain ever faithful to the message of grace we have received. We ask this through Christ of Lord. AMEN.

TO ALL MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

JANUARY 31, 2016

PLEASE WELCOME THE VISITORS

**ALSO PASS OUT THE CHILDREN
BULLETINS TO THE LITTLE ONES!**

Please make sure that you sign the sheet in the book.

Please 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

No second collection