

**Announcements  
For the week of  
July 17, 2016**

**Our Mother of Mercy Vacation Bible School starts July 25th-29th from 5:30 to 8:00pm. For more information see the Bulletin.**

**All Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be recommissioned on July 30, 2016 at the 4:30pm Mass.**

**The Pastoral Council will not meet during the months July and August.**

**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.**

**July 17, 2016**

**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 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.  
KINDLY TURN TO YOUR NEIGHBOR AND EXTEND A GREETING OF WEL-  
COME. (PAUSE 20 SECONDS).**

**BE GOOD STEWARDS OF THE PARISH, GIVE GENEROUSLY IN TODAY'S  
COLLECTION.**

**TODAY'S THEME:**

**Often during the summer months when we travel we encounter people who offer us hos-  
pitality, whether they be family, friends, or even strangers. At our celebration today, we  
will hear about hospitality in the book of Genesis and in the Gospel. Today might be a  
good day, therefore, to reflect on and pray about how we welcome strangers and even  
people we know well into our midst. Are all truly welcome at this table?**

**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:**

**Over the years, a number of different interpretations have been proposed concern-  
ing the Gospel story of Mary sitting at Jesus' feet while Martha is bustling about.  
Our reading from Genesis set the context, however. Hospitality is indeed important  
and has its rewards. Perhaps where Martha crosses the line is in grumbling about  
it. How about us? What is our attitude when we are called upon to serve others?  
What do you think it should be?**

**INTERCESSORY PRAYERS**  
**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**July 17, 2016**

**Priest:** Let us bring our prayers today to our loving God, who always welcomes and embraces us.

**Response:** Lord, hear our prayer

- For the Holy Church of God as we seek to become a more hospitable place for all believers and seekers, we pray to the Lord...
- For a generous welcome for all refugees and immigrants throughout the world, and especially in our own country, we pray to the Lord...
- For those who are busy about many things in their lives, that they may take the time they need for refreshment and spiritual growth, we pray to the Lord...
- For the safety of those who serve in our armed forces, and for their families and loved ones, we pray to the Lord...
- For all those who come to us seeking acceptance during this Jubilee Year of Mercy, that we may show them the welcome that God extends to all, we pray to the Lord...
- We pray in silence through Jesus, who teaches us how to love, for our own needs and the needs of all...*[pause for 10 seconds; the presider alone concludes...]*, we pray to the lord...

**Priest:** Gracious God, in you we always find a home, with you we are always welcome. We ask you to grant these prayers that we make on behalf of your people in need, through Christ our Lord. AMEN.

# **TO ALL MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY**

July 17, 2016

**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**

**NONE**