

**Announcements
For the week of
July 24, 2016**

Congratulations and Happy Anniversary to Earnest and Rosetta Rollins celebrating 54 years of marriage on July 28.

All Eucharistic Ministers will be re-commissioned at the 4:30pm Mass on Saturday July, 30. A short meeting will occur immediately after Mass in the school's library. Refreshments will be served.

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 24, 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 SEVENTEENTH 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 COLLECTION IS FOR SOCIAL OUTREACH.

TODAY'S THEME:

As we gather today for our weekly time of worship together, we will hear much about prayer in the readings that are proclaimed in our midst. Have we come prepared today? What has our prayer been like during the rest of the week? Perhaps today we can resolve to deepen our relationship with God through more frequent communication. Let us pray for the grace to do so.

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:

Today's readings underscore the power of a good relationship with the Lord our God. Would it have been possible for Abraham to bargain with God for the lives of the people in Sodom and Gomorrah had he not already known God well? And how can we call God our Father unless we are personally familiar with the Lord? Today's readings invite us to examine our relationship with God.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 23-24, 2016

Priest: My brothers and sisters, let us turn in prayer to God, who is near to those who call and whose bounty feeds all.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer

- That all who are united by sharing one Lord, one faith, one baptism may also be gathered into unity and fed by Jesus with the one bread of life, we pray to the Lord...
- That those who hunger in body and spirit for life's necessities may be fed by thoughts of peace, we pray to the Lord...
- That those who hunger in body and spirit for life's necessities may be fed by the hand of Jesus and by the ministry of Jesus' disciples, we pray to the Lord...
- That those being called to become priests, deacons, religious or lay ministers may hear God's call and answer it with humility, we pray to the Lord...
- That families may strive to foster love and teach God's love as we practice our responsibility to forgive each other as seek to be forgiven, we pray to the Lord...
- That our parish community of Our Mother of Mercy may be nourished to bring the Body of Christ to a waiting world, we pray to the Lord...
- We pray in silence through Jesus, who teaches us to ask the Father for the good gifts we need...*[pause for 10 seconds; the presider alone concludes...]*, we pray to the Lord...

Priest: Almighty Creator, you give us all we need to come to everlasting happiness: hear these, our prayers, that we might be a sign of your blessings to all we meet. We ask this through Christ our Lord. AMEN.

TO ALL MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

July 23-24, 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

Second collection

Social Outreach