

**Announcements
For the week of
March 13, 2016**

Please feel free to have your child draw or doodle his/her prayer promise on the cards located in the pews and put them in the offertory basket. They will be featured in the East Texas Catholic.

The Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary will be selling Fish Dinners on Friday during Lent until March 18 from 8am until 2pm. Walk-ins are welcome.

Our Mother of Mercy St. Joseph Altar is Scheduled for Thursday, March 17, in the Hall. We are in need of donations. There will be a "Donation Sheet" in the vestibule of the Church. For more information contact Linda Adams.

Have you ever wanted to visit the Holy Land in Jerusalem? Fr. Bura Aloysius is organizing a Holy Land Pilgrimage to Jerusalem for parishioners and other interested individuals for February 19-28, 2017. Sign-up forms are in the Vestibule of the Church.

Bulletin and Pulpit Announcements can be emailed. They must be approved by our Pastor, Fr. Lowell Case. 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.

March 13, 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 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT. 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 COL-
LECTIONS. THE SECOND COLLECTION IS REDUCING PARISH DEBT.**

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

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

TODAY'S THEME:

**As Lent moves into its final full week, God has gathered us here today to witness and to
ponder the new things that God is doing. How has your Lent been? Have you made pro-
gress on your repentance and reconciliation? It's still not too late! God calls you even
now. Just as St. Paul continues in his pursuit of the goal, so can we all continue to grow
in our faith and love of God.**

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:

**God "opens a way in the sea and a path in the mighty waters," says Isaiah in the first
reading. Thus, in a seemingly impossible situation, Jesus opens a way, not only for him-
self, but for the woman accused of adultery. The Lord is indeed doing something new!
As we listen to these sacred scriptures today, what second chances do you sense that God
is presenting to you? How will you respond?**

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS
Fifth Sunday in Lent, Year C
March 12-13, 2016

Priest: My brothers and sisters, our Lord has shown us compassion but challenged us to repent. Confident of God's mercy and his love, we bring our needs before him.

Response: *Forgive and renew us, Lord...*

- For the Church; may we work to serve the Church and the world in the person of Christ, renewing hope, deepening the life of faith, and acting in charity, we pray to the Lord...
- For the leaders of our nation and community, that God will inspire them to work together to resolve issues of the budget, unemployment, immigration and crime, we pray to the Lord...
- For our society, that we may learn to be less critical of one another and more forgiving, we pray to the Lord...
- For those bound by sin, addiction or greed, that they may find hope in the mercy of God shown to the woman caught in adultery and to each of us, we pray to the Lord...
- For those of our parish and diocese preparing for the Sacraments, that they may continue their journey to Easter joy, we pray to the Lord...
- In silence, we pray through Jesus, who shows us limitless mercy, for our own needs and for the special intentions of others... *Pause for 10 seconds, we pray to the Lord... [the presider alone concludes...]*

Priest: God of forgiveness, your Son Jesus Christ forgave sins and invited the repentant to sin no more. Help us learn to forgive others as he did. Graciously hear these prayers that we make in his name, who is Lord forever and ever. AM EN.

TO ALL MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

MARCH 12-13, 2016

PLEASE WELCOME THE VISITORS

**ALSO PASS OUT THE CHILDREN'S
BULLETINS AND PEW ART CARDS 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 11:30 Mass**

This is very important. Secure collection after Mass

**Second Collection
REDUCING PARISH DEBT**