

**Announcements
For the week of
March 20, 2016**

Special shout-out and Happy Birthday to Gloria Colligan, who will be celebrating 79yrs on March 23, 2016.

The Bazaar committee will have a meeting on Monday, March 21st at 6:00pm in meeting room 2, to discuss whether to have a 1 or 2 day bazaar or no bazaar at all. Come out and help support the decision.

There will be no Bible Study on Tuesday, March 22nd.

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 Chrism Mass will be held at St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica on March 22, 2016 at 6:30pm.

The Rectory will be closed on Good Friday, March 25 and Monday, March 28.

Baptism will be Easter Sunday, March 27, 2016. Baptism Class will be Wednesday, March 23, 2016 at 7pm in meeting room 1. Parents please make an appointment, no later than Tuesday, with a Priest if you want your child to be baptized.

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. For more information see the bulletin or call the Rectory.

The 2016 Graduates will be selling Crawfish Etouffee as a Fundraiser after all Masses.

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 20, 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 PALM SUNDAY. 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 WILL BE FOR FLOOD RELIEF.**

**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 you extend these branches to be blessed, think about your homes where they will be
displayed. For we are blessing not only these palms but the lives to which they will bear
witness in the coming year. Carry your branch high today as a sign of the Christian life
that you live, praising the Lord everyday.**

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:

**The cries of "Hosanna" that you heard in the Gospel proclaimed at the beginning of
Mass will turn all too readily to cries of pain and anguish, and culminate in the words of
abandonment that Jesus utters from the cross. With his final words, Jesus forgives the
repentant criminal hanging on another cross next to his own. Listening to the sacred
scriptures today, let us make our own the words of that repentant criminal: " Jesus, re-
member me when you come into your kingdom.**

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Palm Sunday, Cycle C

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Priest: My brothers and sisters, as Easter draws near let us earnestly pray that all of us may come to share more fully in the life Christ brings us through His suffering, death and resurrection.

Response: Hosanna in the highest!

- That God's Church will grow in love of God and proclaim his mercy to all, we pray to the Lord...
- That all countries may work toward a society that promotes compassion and mercy through service and humility, we pray to the Lord...
- That the sick, the lonely and the alienated may find strength through the sufferings of Christ, we pray to the Lord...
- That those who serve the Church, for our seminarians, and those who are discerning a vocation to religious life may be encouraged and strengthened in their choice, we pray to the Lord...
- That our parish community of [add your parish name], may journey from passion and death to a new life of glory in the promised resurrection, we pray to the Lord...
- In silence, we pray through Jesus, whose example of obedience to the Father's will is our model, and for our own intentions and the needs of the world he has saved. *[pause for ten seconds, we pray to the Lord; the presider alone concludes...]*

Priest: God, You sent Your Son that we might be saved. Strengthen us, lift us up, that we may love one another as He loves us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. AMEN.

TO ALL MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

MARCH 19-20, 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
FLOOD RELIEF**