

**Announcements**  
**For the week of March 5, 2017**

**As part of Living the Eucharist, today in our bulletin we have inserted the first of six inserts. The title of this week's insert is "*Who are the Eucharistic Saints.*" This article contains who might they be? Are they the Apostles, with whom Jesus shared bread and wine at the Last Supper? Are they the ones whose feet He washed, and who heard him say, on the very night before He died: "Do this in memory of me"? Reading these inserts will help all of us grow in our faith during Lent.**

**Our Lady's Sodality will not turn out at Mass, Saturday, March 11th , that is the day of our retreat.**

**There will be Baptisms on March 12th. Baptism class is scheduled for March 8th at 7pm in the meeting room 1. Please register by March 7th in the Rectory.**

**The Knights and Ladies will be selling Fish Dinners every Friday during Lent. \$8.00 per dinner.**

**Daylight Savings Time begins March 12th, don't forget to Spring forward.**

**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.**

**March 5, 2017**

**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 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT. KINDLY TURN TO  
YOUR NEIGHBOR AND EXTEND A GREETING OF WELCOME. (PAUSE 20 SEC-  
ONDS).**

**BE GOOD STEWARDS OF THE PARISH, GIVE GENEROUSLY IN TODAY'S  
COLLECTIONS. THE SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR THE BLACK AND INDIAN  
MISSIONS.**

**THEME:**

**Lent's twofold purpose is to prepare catechumens for their Baptism  
and to renew the faith of those who are already baptized by remind-  
ing them of their own baptismal call. Jesus' sojourn in the desert can  
be a model for our Lenten observance. Let us begin this Lent with  
prayer and fasting, so that our faith may be renewed and our alms-  
giving sincere.**

**OUR CELEBRANT FOR THIS MASS IS:**

**(Priest Name) Fr. Case,**

**4:30 P.M.–**

**7:00 A.M.-**

**9:00 A.M.-**

**11:30 A.M.**

**AFTER THE OPENING PRAYER:**

**As we begin this Lenten season, we find that all three readings are  
harmonized. The first reading and the Gospel are tied together by  
the second reading. Saint Paul, in his letter to the Romans, shows  
how the transgression of Adam and Eve is overcome by the right-  
eousness of Jesus. Listening to these sacred scriptures, let us grateful  
for the love of God, who rescues us from our sinfulness.**

# INTECESSORY PRAYERS

**First Sunday in Lent, Cycle A**

**March 4-5, 2017**

*Priest:* Let us bring our prayers before our merciful and loving God...

*Response: Empower us, Lord.*

- ♦ **For Pope Francis and all the leaders of our Church as we begin this Lenten season united with them in Christ, we pray to the Lord...**
- ♦ **That world leaders might resist the temptations of power and instead serve the neediest of their people we pray to the Lord...**
- ♦ **For the hungry, those without even bread alone to sustain them, we pray to the Lord...**
- ♦ **That our community might be sustained in prayer and practice as we begin this Lenten season of renewal, we pray to the Lord...**
- ♦ **For all the prayers that we hold in the silence of our hearts; for all our intentions spoken and unspoken...*[pause 10 seconds; the presider alone concludes...]* we pray to the Lord...**

*Priest:* Create in us a clean heart, O God, that we might praise you with our lives. Hear these our prayers and grant them through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

# **TO ALL MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY**

March 4-5, 2017

**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**

**BLACK AND INDIAN MISSION**