

**Announcements**  
**For the week of November 27, 2016**

**Happy Anniversary to Ronald and Dorothy Fontenot celebrated 50 years of marriage on Nov. 26th.**

**ADORATION is the first Friday of the month, December 2nd 12 noon until Saturday 12 noon. Come and spend some quiet time with the Lord.**

**Advent: There will be weekly confessions 30 minutes before each Mass.**

**December 8th is a Holy day of obligation, Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mass at 6:30am and 6:00pm.**

**Advent Mission is December 10-14, 2016 at 6pm. Please make plans to attend.**

**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.**

**November 27, 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 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT. 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 SOCIAL OUTREACH.**

**TODAY'S THEME:**

On this first Sunday of Advent we recall our Church's long-standing tradition that Advent is a time to mark the three comings of Christ. First is His coming as one of us, a human born of a woman two thousand years ago. Second is His coming at the end of time. Third is His coming into our hearts. As we begin this Advent season, let us prepare anew a place in our hearts for the lord so that we, like Mary, can bring him into a world that sorely needs His presence.

**OUR CELEBRANT FOR THIS MASS IS:**

**(Priest Name) Fr. Case**

**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 the Gospel continues its focus on the end-times, carried over from the last Sundays in Ordinary Time. As one of the elements of Advent, pondering the Second Coming helps us to focus on what is important in our lives, and how we are to make ourselves ready for the coming of the Lord. While we know not the day nor the hour, Saint Paul counsels us to throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. As Jesus says, "Stay awake."

# INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

## FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT, YEAR A

**Priest:** Let us look for the coming of the Lord into the world, and pray for the needs of all..

**Response: Come, Lord Jesus!**

- ◆ For our Church, led by Pope Francis, as we work to ready ourselves and the world for the coming of the Lord through our works of mercy and mission of evangelization, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ For peace throughout the world, for swords to be beaten into plowshares as we strive to put an end to the global arms race, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ For those who were able to eat because of our Thanksgiving generosity, and for those who live in hunger and poverty every week of the year, that they be remembered all year long, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ For all those throughout the world who suffer from HIV / AIDS and its effects, and for eternal rest for all who have died from this terrible affliction, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ For our community of faith as we strive to live aware of the coming of the Lord, through our deeds of justice and charity, 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 for 10 seconds; the presider alone concludes...*], we pray to the Lord...

**Priest:** Lord God, the hour of our salvation is near. Hear these our prayers and grant them according to your will, through the One whose coming is certain and whose day draws near, Christ our Lord....

# **TO ALL MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY**

November 26-27, 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**