

Announcements
For the week of
November 28-29, 2015

- **Special Shout-out and Happy birthday to Ella Mae Mitchell who celebrated her 88th birthday on November 19; Velma Levine, who will be celebrating her birthday on November 26 and Minnie Davis who will be celebrating 81 years on November 29.**

- **We are inviting applications from interested parishioners who wish to serve on the Parish Pastoral Council. There are four positions that are presently available. Interested parishioners are encouraged to submit their resume` to the parish office between now and the end of November.**

- **We received an email from a visiting family who resides in Sugar Land thanking the parish of Our Mother of Mercy for their warm welcome and the beautiful music at the 9am mass. Let us continue to be a warm and inviting family to our visitors.**

Bulletin and Pulpit Announcements can be emailed. They must be approved by our Pastor, Fr. Lowell Case. No impromptu announcements, please.

Please pray for all our Military, all the Sick and Shut-In and their families .

Please take home a copy of this weeks' bulletin for other announcements.

November 29, 2015

**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 THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT. KINDLY TURN TO YOUR NEIGHBOR AND EXTEND A GREETING OF WELCOME, (PAUSE 20 SECONDS).

PLEASE BE GOOD STEWARDS OF THE PARISH, GIVE GENEROUSLY IN TODAY'S COLLECTIONS. THE SECOND COLLECTIONS ARE FOR CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL OUTREACH.

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

PLEASE FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS OF THE USHERS DURING COMMUNION. EVERYONE IS ASKED TO USE THE AISLE OF THE CHURCH AND NOT TO CROSS THROUGH THE PEWS.

TODAY'S THEME:

Today, we begin a new season, and a new year, in the life of the Church. In every phase of our lives we observe annual celebrations to mark those things that we value the most—birthdays, anniversaries, and holidays. So this annual season of Advent draws our attention to what is most important: God's love revealed to us in the incarnation of Jesus. Starting today, let us mark this annual season with a heightened awareness of God's presence in our midst, so that we may truly prepare for the coming of the Lord into our hearts this Christmas.

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:

Our readings today are about signs: the just shoot raised up for David; the sun, moon, and stars; and even the earth. As we begin this new season of Advent, let us be attentive to the signs of God's movement in our own lives. How do we live so that we are not surprised by the coming of the Lord? Let us heed Paul and conduct ourselves in a way pleasing to God. The best way to get ready for the coming of the Lord is to act as if the Lord were already here.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

1st Sunday in Advent Time, Cycle C

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Priest: My brothers and sisters, let us lift our hearts in prayer and raise our heads in hope to the Lord who is our righteousness...

Response: *Come, Lord Jesus!*

- For the Church, that in the face of distress and anxiety, it may steadfastly proclaim the sure and certain hope of God's promised redemption, we pray to the Lord...
- For peace in our world, that among nations made desolate by conflict and violence, justice and righteousness may flower anew, we pray to the Lord...
- For those weighed down by addiction, that the skill of caregivers and the support of family and friends may signal a new day of health and wholeness, we pray to the Lord...
- For those living in overcrowded or violent environments, or without adequate food, shelter or clean water, may those who keep the Lord's covenant share his mercy, we pray to the Lord.
- For those called to become priests, deacons, religious or lay ministers, that they may be strengthened in holiness to serve God's people, we pray to the Lord...
- For our parish community of *Our Mother of Mercy* that we may experience true conversion and recognize the presence of the Lord in ourselves and all our brothers and sisters, we pray to the Lord...
- In silence, we pray for own needs and the special intentions of others, to the God who promises to return for those who live in his love... *[pause for ten seconds]; the presider alone concludes...*

Priest: O God, you come to save us: hear our prayers of need that we might be ready to meet you when you come again. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

TO ALL MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

NOVEMBER 28-29, 2015

PLEASE WELCOME THE VISITORS

**ALSO PASS OUT THE CHILDREN
BULLETINS TO THE LITTLE ONES!**

Please make sure that you sign the sheet in the book.

Please 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

The Second Collection

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