

Announcements
For the week of September 4, 2016

The Rectory will be closed Monday, September 5, in observance of Labor Day.

Congratulation to Renee` Granger, George Carry and Selena Gobert, they were nominated for the Msgr. Richard DeStefano Faithful Steward Award.

Happy Birthday to Fr. Aloysius, will be celebrating his birthday on September 9th.

Our Mother of Mercy Health Ministry will meet Thursday September 8, in the convent at 6:00pm, requesting all members to be present.

There will be a Special collection the weekend of September 11, for the Flood Disaster in Baton Rouge, La. Over 60,000 homes have been damaged or destroyed. Fema reports that only a small percent of homeowners have flood insurance, and that we have lasting memories of the help offered to us in Southeast Texas after hurricanes and floods. Please be generous.

There will be a Mass of Thanksgiving on September 18, 2016 at 4:00pm in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the establishment of our diocese at Ford Park.

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.

September 4, 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 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.
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
COLLECTIONS. THE SECOND COLLECTIONS ARE FOR CATHOLIC UNIVERSI-
TY OF AMERICA, PARISH ,MAINTENEANCE, AND SHARE IN MISSION**

TODAY'S THEME:

When we gather at the Lord's invitation as we have done today, sometimes we encounter a word that is more challenging than comforting. In the Gospel, Jesus calls for renunciation of all our possessions. Especially in our culture, this is a hard word indeed! Only God knows what it would take for each of us even to begin to follow that instruction. So let us pray today for the strength to respond to that call in order to follow Jesus more closely.

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:

Today's first reading asks who can know God's counsel, or discern what the Lord intends. Indeed, who can comprehend this created world? But God's Holy Spirit gives wisdom, which we will need to help us understand what Jesus is asking us to do in today's Gospel. As we listen to these words of sacred scripture, let us pray for what wisdom and the will to act on it.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C
September 3-4, 2016

Priest: My brothers and sisters, let us lift up in prayer the needs and the burdens of all, entrusting all things to our loving God.

Response: Lord, hear our Prayer...

- ◆ For the Church, that as we celebrate this weekend's canonization of St. Theresa of Calcutta, we may follow her example and strive to serve the less fortunate, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ For the world, that God may strengthen the resolve of leaders to end wars and choose a future of peace, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ For our country, as we celebrate this Labor Day weekend, may we always seek a society that rewards hard work, but is merciful to those less fortunate, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ For those who labor for the Lord as priests, religious, deacons, or lay ministers, especially St. Theresa's Little Sisters of the Poor, may those who choose to serve God's people, be witnesses of truth and justice, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ For our brothers and sisters who are still suffering or recovering from the recent floods, may we continue to discern the will of God to give or receive aid, solace, and prayers in this time of trial, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ We pray in silence for our needs and for the needs of others, through Jesus, who has paid the price of our salvation by his sacrifice ...*[pause 10 seconds; the presider alone concludes...]*, we pray to the Lord...

Priest: God our Father, you offer us new life in Christ: hear our prayers that we might remain faithful to the demands of discipleship and one day enjoy the promise of glory with you. We ask this through Christ our Lord. AMEN.

TO ALL MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

September 3-4, 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 Collections
Catholic University of America
Parish Maintenance
And
Share in Mission**