The first reading today is charged with the glory of the Lord. Everyone who can come to the holy city does come—whole caravans of people of all ages on foot and on dromedaries and camels. This description of an irresistible light-filled city prepares us for the story of the Magi. They are guided by their own lights—their study of astronomy and astrology—and by the light of a peculiar star. Their study tells them that an unusual event in the heavens is a sign of an extraordinary birth on earth. They mean to find out about this, and they set out with gifts worthy of a king. They are welcomed into an insignificant house in Bethlehem, offer gifts befitting a king, and receive the gift of faith.

Paul reinforces the great gift of faith available to the Gentiles, whom the Magi represent. What they have seen has changed them, just as it changed Paul and all who heeded his proclamation. Like the Magi and like Paul, we are invited to receive this life that is filled with the light of faith.

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The Epiphany of the Lord
January 5, 2014

They opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

~ Matthew 2:11b

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The LORD shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

Psalm — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — The mystery has been made known that the Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel — Magi from the east arrived, saying, “Where is the newborn king of the Jews?” (Matthew 2:1-12).


CATHOLIC EDUCATION FUND

The Second collection this week will be taken up for the Church of the Resurrection Catholic Education Fund.

This fund is specifically designed to provide financial aid to needy and deserving children in our parish who otherwise would not receive a Catholic education.

Our gratitude to all who consistently and generously support this endeavor.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR ADORATION EVERY FIRST FRIDAY AFTER THE 8:00 MASS

CONFESSIONS - Saturdays 2:15-3:15, or 30 min. before Sunday Masses or by appointment.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS……all those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith, especially Bernard Meyer.

PRAYERS FOR PRIESTS

Please join us as we gather every Thursday immediately after the 8:00 Mass to pray for priests.

RESURRECTION PRAYER LINE MINISTRY

For prayer requests or to sign up as a volunteer call: Deanna at 481-1170 or Marylou, at 218-4676.

PLEASE DON’T FORGET THE POOR BOXES; THEY ARE THE BREAD BOXES OF THE POOR!

THE GIFT SHOP IS LOCATED AT THE FRONT ENTRANCE OF THE CHURCH

Mass Schedule

SAT. JAN. 04 - VIGIL MASS
3:30 †Ed MacPeek by Catherine Pirog

SUN. JAN. 05 -
7:30 ♥†People of the Parish
9:00 †Anne Lambrix by Don & Wendy Lambrix
10:30 †Arthur Soderholm by M/M Peter Verhulst
12:45 Latin Mass
5:00 NO YOUTH MASS

MON. JAN. 06 -
8:00 †Anne & James Gaffney by Sophie & James Gaffney

TUE. JAN. 07 -
8:00 †Margaret “Peggy” Devic by Husband Charley

WED JAN. 08 -
8:00 †Ed MacPeek by John & Linda Stankiewicz

THU. JAN. 09 -
8:00 †Lorraine Frey by June & John Gronkemeyer

FRI. JAN. 10 -
8:00 †Anthony Marver by Wife

SAT. JAN. 11 -
8:00 †Edna Canini Rusnak by Daughter, Vicky Davis

SAT. JAN. 11 - VIGIL MASS
3:30 †Al Kane by Family & Friends

SUN. JAN. 12 -
7:30 ♥†People of the Parish
9:00 †Jim Kelly by Carol & Dick Graver
10:30 †Kim Campbell by Ron & Nancy Campbell
12:45 Latin Mass
5:00 †John Petroshus by Renette & Henry Olewin
MINISTRY OF THE SICK

The following hospitals are attended to by the parish in which they are located:

* Gulf Coast Hospital - visited daily by Blessed Pope John XXIII Parish, 561-2245
* Lee Memorial Hospital - visited daily by St. Francis Xavier Parish, 334-2161
* Lee Memorial and Hospice at Health Park - visited daily by St. Columbkille Parish, 489-3973

A priest is on call 7 days a week, 24 hours a day for the above hospitals at the above telephone numbers.

TO ALL PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS:

To protect your privacy hospitals do not give out information on patients without their permission. If you wish a visit from one of the Resurrection priests please notify the hospital as well as the parish office, 481-7171 as quickly as possible. Resurrection priests visit the above hospitals daily upon request.

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RESURRECTION CALENDAR

ALL events take place in the Parish Center unless otherwise stated.

Adoration, First Fridays, 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.
Bereavement & Beyond Ministry, Mon. 8:30am, Alouise, 481-8168
Coffee & Donuts, Sundays after 10:30 Mass
Craft Club, Tuesdays, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.
Men's Club, 2nd Monday of month, 7:30p.m., Sept. - May
Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Novena, Saturdays after the 8:00a.m Mass, church
Prayer for Priests, Thursdays after the 8:00a.m. Mass, chapel
RCIA, Wednesdays, 7:00p.m., call 482-6883 for information
Rel. Ed., September - May
Resurrection for Life, 1st Tuesday of Oct., Jan., Apr., 6:45pm
Resurrection Prayerline Ministry, call Marylou Fitzpatrick 218-4676, Deanna Latell 481-1170.
Rosary, before daily Masses and Tues. & Thurs., 1:30p.m., chapel
St. Vincent DePaul Board Meeting, 1st Tues. every month, 7:00 pm. For SVDP assistance call 239-600-6749
Teams of Our Lady, call Joann for more information, 482-7982
Women's Guild, 3rd Wednesday every month, 8:30a.m.
Sept. - May

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WEEKLY OFFERING

December 22
Reg Offertory: $18,249.00
Latin Mass: $1,138.00
SVDP: $699.00

December 29
Offering figures not available at time of printing. See the next bulletin.

ThankYou
Reflecting on God’s Word

They were men in love with the lights of night—astrologers, star-gazers, meaning-makers tuned in to the signs in the heavens, as Matthew tells it. A strange star moving across the sky led them into Israel. Arriving in Jerusalem, they asked where the newborn king of the Jews was, so they could offer homage.

Herod was less than delighted, indeed “greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him,” at hearing of a new king on the block (Matthew 2:3). But he assembled the chief priests and the scribes, who remembered that the prophet Micah had proclaimed that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem.

So they set out again, with Herod’s duplicitous request whispered into their ears. The star reappeared and led them to the house where the child and his mother were. Falling down in worship, they offered gifts, and went back home. End of story—as we like to remember it.

Of course, that is not the end. Receiving no word, Herod is enraged and orders the death of all children under the age of two. Joseph, Mary, and the child flee to Egypt. Power does not welcome competition, even in the form of a child.

But God wills all people to know salvation. Jesus came to draw all into the reign of God and to empower them to live the God-life that is the Father’s gift. The darkness of evil continues to threaten but it will not overcome as long as there are those who seek the light, follow it, and allow it to lead them to the child.

—James A. Wallace, C.Ss.R.

Living God’s Word

We pray that the light of God’s love, shown to us in Jesus Christ and placed within us with the gift of faith, may lead others to this same faith. We also pray that we may continue our own journey into the mystery of God and find Christ waiting for us at journey’s end.

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The guide for the Liturgy of the Hours for 2014 has arrived in the gift shop in limited quantities. Get your now!

**WEEKLY SANCTUARY CANDLE**

This week’s Sanctuary Candle:

_In Loving Memory of_ **Jim Kintzele**
by Jack & Cheryl Sheer

**WOMEN’S GUILD NEWS**

To the ladies of the parish - Come and welcome in the New Year with us on Wednesday January 15th following the 8 a.m. Mass. We will meet at the Parish Center for coffee and refreshments and share our Christmas stories, travels and hopes for the coming year. Bring along a special heirloom, collectible or item that you are so attached to and cannot part with and tell us why.

We look forward to seeing you on the 15th!

**POPE FRANCIS’ PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY 2014**

**Universal:** That all may promote authentic economic development that respects the dignity of all peoples.

**Evangelization:** That Christians of diverse denominations may walk toward the unity desired by Christ.

**PLEASE HELP FEED THE HUNGRY!**

Your food donations will help St. Vincent DePaul, Catholic Charities, CCMI Soup Kitchen, South Ft. Myers Food Pantry. Drop food in boxes at vestibules in the church or Parish Center. The following is most needed: Canned fruit & vegetables (corn/peas/carrot/green beans). Canned meat (tuna/chicken/ sausages/ham/Spam), Spaghetti noodles and Sauce, Ready Macaroni and Cheese, Maseca flour (small bags), Canned diced tomatoes, Tomato sauce, Cereal, Canned soups (prefer chicken), Baby Diapers, and Dry beans (pinto/red/kidney).

Please join us in the Parish Center for coffee and donuts after the Sunday 10:30 Mass

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Interested in becoming Catholic?

If so, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is for you!!!

If you or someone you know is questioning becoming Catholic please have them either call or e-mail me, Lea Pascotto @ 482-6883 or resurrectionre@gmail.com.

As people journey through life, sometimes they realize that they are wanting something more from life. Many times you are searching for a faith community.

If you are searching and want to inquire more about Catholicism, please do not hesitate to call — I would love to talk with you!

Thank you!!!

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We are in need of new costumes for next year. If you would like to donate your time by sewing new costumes please contact Lea @ 482-6883

Religious Education Syllabus

Sun. 12/22 - Wed. 1/8—
CHRISTMAS BREAK

**Sun. 1/12— Chapter 2
**Wed. 1/15— Chapter 2

Sun 1-19 - Chapter 3
Wed 1/22 - Chapter 3

Sun. 1/26 - Chapter 13
Wed. 1/29 - Chapter 13

Sun. 2/2 - SET
Wed. 2/5 - SET

** Sun. 2/9— Chapter 14
** Wed. 2/12— Chapter 14

Sun 2/16— NO CLASS
Wed. 2/19— Chapter 16

Sun 2/23 Chapter 16
Wed. 2/26— Lent project

Sun 3/2 Lent project
Wed. 3/5— ASH WED

** Sun 3/9— Chapter 17
** Wed 3/12— Chapter 17

Sun. 3/16— NO CLASS
Wed. 3/19— NO CLASS

Sun 3/23— Chapter 18
Wed. 3/26— Chapter 18

Sun. 3/30— Chapter 19
Wed. 4/2— Chapter 19

Sun 4/6; Wed. 4/9— Reconciliation Service

** Student/Parent Sacramental Prep Dates
* Student Sacramental Prep Dates

Jan. offering
@ 10:30
Mass on
Jan. 12
Travel size Toiletries

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RESURRECTION FOR LIFE MEETING
Everyone is invited to the first Resurrection for Life meeting of the year. The meeting will be on Tuesday, January 7, at 6:45 pm in the Parish Center.

RESPECT LIFE -
Pope Francis video: “Open Your Hearts to Life”
Please take one minute to watch a video highlighting many of Pope Francis’ beautiful gestures honoring the elderly, the sick, the poor and the unborn as “masterpieces of God’s creation!” Both English & Spanish versions are provided at www.dioceseofvenice.org.

BISHOP’S MILESTONE WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASSES
Bishop Frank Dewane will celebrate two Masses for married couples celebrating milestone anniversaries (25,30,35,40,45,50 and 50+ years). The Masses will be celebrated on Saturday Feb. 15, 2014 at Epiphany Cathedral in Venice at 11:00 a.m., and on Saturday March 8, 2014 at St Leo Parish in Bonita Springs at 11:00 a.m.

SAVE THE DATES -
2014 MEN’S & WOMEN’S CONFERENCES
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RESURRECTION FOR LIFE
PLEASE JOIN US AT THE ABORTION CLINIC AT 3900 BROADWAY, FT. MYERS EVERY 2ND SATURDAY (after the 8:00 Mass) FOR THE ROSARY AND EVERY 2ND THURSDAY AT PLANNED PARENTHOOD, CORNER OF WINKLER & COLLEGE ANYTIME BETWEEN 9 AM AND NOON

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL
75TH ANNIVERSARY ALUMNI BASH
Save the Date
"Blast From the Past"
Block Party Featuring Music, Merriment, Munchies & More!
Saturday, January 25, 2014 from 6-10p.m. @ St. Francis Xavier School Courtyard. For more information call Esther at 239-334-7707 ext. 243.

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LEARN TO LIVE THE GOSPEL IN A SECULAR SOCIETY
Blessed Pope John XXIII Parish is hosting a 3-day mission entitled “With Restless Hearts,” featuring Augustinian Friar and Associate Director of Priests for Life, Fr. Denis Wilde, OSA, Ph.D. The mission will be held Sun. Jan 12 - Tues. Jan 14 from 7 - 8 p.m. The parish is located at 13060 Palomino Lane (off Daniels Pkwy near I-75), Ft. Myers. For more information please visit www.johnxxiii.net or call 239-561-2245.

Sarasota 15th Annual PRAYER Walk FOR LIFE
Friday, January 24, 2014
8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
8:30 a.m. Mass, Bishop Frank J. Dewane, Celebrant
Come for an hour or more to pray for a greater respect for life. Free parking & shuttle bus from St. Martha Church, 200 North Orange Ave. (corner of Fruitville Road) Sarasota to the Planned Parenthood abortion facility at 736 Central Ave. (1/2 mile)

41st Anniversary of Roe v Wade and Doe v Bolton
In memory of more than 56 million unborn babies who have died since the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court decisions legalizing abortion for any reason during all nine months of pregnancy

Co-sponsored by St. Martha Catholic Church and the Diocese of Venice Respect Life Department www.dioceseofvenice.org/respectlife
For information call 941-441-1101
He who has a thing to sell and goes and whispers in a well, is not so apt to get the dollars as he who climbs a tree and hollers.

The Way of the Cross
Wonderful for individual devotions. Beautifully illustrated book ($1.95) CD ($17) contains music reflections for each station.

Las Últimas Siete Palabras De Cristo
Arte y reflexiones Tapa rústica $4.95
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