FEBRUARY 2, 2014
THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

A CHRISTMAS REPRISE
The Church’s celebration three weeks ago of the Baptism of the Lord signaled the “official” end of the Christmas season. Today’s feast of the Presentation of the Lord seems to extend the Incarnation celebration a bit longer. In fact, some have called this feast a “second Epiphany.”

The first reading recalls the anticipation of Advent, as Malachi writes, “Lo, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me.” The reading from Hebrews reminds us of the Incarnation, proclaiming that Jesus had a “share” in our own “blood and flesh.” The Gospel finds the infant Jesus on his first visit to Jerusalem and his human parents once again surprised and in awe over the events surrounding his birth.

In the simplicity of the manger, in the grandeur of the temple, in the domesticity of Nazareth, Jesus comes. May we come to know him and so be filled with “wisdom” and the “favor of God.”
The Presentation of the Lord
February 2, 2014

He had to become like his brothers and sisters in every way.

~ Hebrews 2:17a

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading — There will come to the temple the Lord whom you seek (Malachi 3:1-4).
Psalm — Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord! (Psalm 24).
Second Reading — Jesus had to become like his brothers and sisters in every way to help the descendants of Abraham (Hebrews 2:14-18).
Gospel — The just and pious Simeon proclaims the infant Jesus to be a revealing light to the Gentiles, the glory of the people Israel (Luke 2:22-40 [22-32]).

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

THE ROAD TO GOD

There is but one road to lead us to God—humility; all other ways would only lead astray, even were they fenced in with all virtues.

— Nicolas Boileau-Despreaux
WEEKLY OFFERING

January 26, 2014
Reg. Offertory: $26,949.04
Church in Latin America: $6,481.00
Latin Mass: $1,358.00
SVDP: $589.00

Thank You

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

STEWARDSHIP - PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

When Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the Temple they offered a sacrificial gift “in accord with the dictate in the law of the Lord”. An offering of a specific size or kind is not “dictated” when we bring our gifts to the altar at Mass.

Is my gift reflective of the many blessings I have received?

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.
Reflecting on God’s Word

Have you ever noticed how church candles burn? Unlike our candles at home, they leave no wax behind. They slowly get shorter and shorter until they have been completely consumed by the flame. That is because they are made of pure beeswax, which burns hot and bright with all of the wax becoming fuel for the fire.

Today’s candle ritual, like the Service of Light at the Easter Vigil, reminds us of the Light of the World that dawned at Christmas. Simeon rightly recognized that Jesus himself would have to become like pure wax. His sacrificial death would fuel the flame that burns brightly as a light of revelation to the Gentiles and glory for Israel.

—Virginia Stillwell
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Living God’s Word

The pure, hot light that emanates from Christ both reveals and purifies. Like the flames that refine ore into pure gold, Christ’s light burns away all that is impure or worthless in those who come close to the flame. The process may be painful and frightening. It may require sacrifice, but we are not alone.

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WEEKLY SANCTUARY CANDLE

In Loving Memory of
Opal Neutts
by Matt & Barbara Grattenthaler

POPE FRANCIS’ PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 2014

Elders - That the Church and society may respect the wisdom and experience of older people.
Collaboration in Evangelization - That priests, religious and lay people may work together with generosity.

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).

GIFT SHOP NEWS
The guide for the Liturgy of the Hours for 2014 has arrived in the gift shop in limited quantities. Get yours now!

WEEKLY SANCTUARY CANDLE

In Loving Memory of:
Dennis Burke
by Mr. & Mrs. James Burke

In loving memory of:
Mary Ann Gugliotti
(anniversary of B’day)
By Husband Salvatore

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE ALTAR FLOWERS in celebration of someone’s anniversary/birthday as a memorial or in thanksgiving please call the Parish Office, 481-7172. Please make check payable to Church of the Resurrection. Bring to parish office or mail to us. The loved one’s name as well as the name of the donor (if wished) will be printed in the bulletin.

ARE YOU NEW TO RESURRECTION PARISH?
We would like to welcome you to our parish family. In order to better serve you, please fill out a registration card which is located at the entrances of the church and leave it with an usher or put it in the collection plate. You may also register by stopping by the church office. A reminder that one needs to be a registered member of a parish in order to be a Baptismal or Confirmation sponsor.

WE WELCOME OUR NEUSET PARISHIONERS:
E.J. & Patty Kuiper and Family, Rick Oberreuter, Brian Barnes, Tim Liddick
May they experience the love of Christ here at Resurrection Parish and may we all help them feel welcome in their new church home.

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

Please join us for coffee & donuts at the Parish Center after the 10:30 Sunday Mass
RESURRECTION MEN’S CLUB
ANNUAL POLISH DINNER & DANCE

Sunday, February 16, 2014
(Tickets available at Parish Center - 481-7171)

DOORS OPEN AT 4:30 PM
SERVING AT 5:30 PM
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LIVE BAND
5:30 - 8:30 PM
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TICKETS $18 ADVANCE
$20 ON THE DAY OF EVENT

MENU:
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Coffee, Dessert
Beer & Wine Available
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(REFRESHMENTS MAY NOT BE BROUGHT INTO THE HALL BY GUESTS)
February 8, 2014
Catholic WOMEN’S Conference

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LISA HENDEY
Lisa Hendey, Catholic wife and mom, is the founder and webmaster of CatholicMom.com and the author of A Book of Saints for Catholic Moms: 52 Companions for Your Heart, Mind, Body and Soul and The Handbook for Catholic Moms: Nurturing Your Heart, Mind, Body and Soul. Lisa writes for several online and print publications, is a board member and producer for KNXT-TV, and hosts the award-winning Catholic Moments Podcast and the “Making the Grade” television show.

MARY JO ANDERSON
Mary Jo Anderson is a Catholic journalist and speaker whose articles and commentaries on politics, religion and culture have appeared in a variety of publications and radio programs, Catholic and secular. She is a board member of Women for Faith and Family. With co-author Robin Berholtz, she wrote Male and Female He Made Them: Questions and Answers about Marriage and Same-Sex Unions, published in 2005 by Catholic Answers. Archbishop Thomas Wenski nominated Mrs. Anderson for the USCCB’s National Advisory Council, 2010-2014. In 2011 she served on the Council’s executive committee.

Register online at www.dioceseofvenice.org/events
Mail in check to: Diocese of Venice Attn: Women’s Conference
1000 Pinebrook Rd., Venice, FL 34285

Cost:
Adults $20, Students $5.
At the door: $30 and $10.

9 AM to 3 PM
Closing Mass at 2 PM

Location:
Bishop Verot High School
5598 Sunrise Drive, Fort Myers
Safe Environment

**For Children, Youth, and Vulnerable Adults**

The Diocese of Venice is committed to protecting children, youth and vulnerable adults. Together, and with God's help, we can continue to promote a culture of openness and awareness, and a commitment to safety within our Church and in the larger community.

As part of the Safe Environment Program, the Diocese of Venice requires that all employees and those volunteers who work with children and/or vulnerable adults be fingerprinted and trained in Safe Environment. For further information, visit the Diocesan website at http://www.dioceseofvenice.org

All students in the Religious Education program will be instructed in Safe Environment on Sunday Feb. 2 and Wednesday Feb. 5.

Religious Education Syllabus

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— Reconciliation Service
Wed. 4/9— Reconciliation Service

** Sun 4/13— Seder
** Wed 4/16— Seder

Sun 4/20— EASTER: NO CLASS
Wed. 4/23— NO CLASS

Sun 4/27— Chapter 21
  ** First Holy Communion Retreat @ 1
Wed. 4/30— Last Wed. Religious Ed. Class

Sun. 5/4— Last Sun. Religious Ed. Class
*Wed. 5/7— First Holy Communion Rehearsal

**Sat. 5/10— First Holy Communion

** Students and Parent Sacramental Prep Dates
  ♦ Student Sacramental Prep Dates

Feb. Offering:

Canned Fruit

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SAVE THE DATE

2014 Venetian Charity Ball

Please mark your calendars for the 2014 Venetian Charity Ball to benefit the Catholic Charities program & services in Lee, Hendry, and Glades counties. (For every dollar raised 93 cents will go directly to Catholic Charities programs & services) The Ball will be held March 1, 2014 at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point. The Ball includes dinner, cocktails, entertainment, car raffle, auction and dancing. Tickets are $200 per person. To purchase tickets, donate, volunteer, or for information on sponsorships opportunities please call David Grothaus, District II Director of Catholic Charities Diocese of Venice at (239) 334-4007.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS -

All couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 or more years of marriage are invited by Bishop Dewane to a special Mass in their honor: March 8, St. Leo’s Parish, Bonita Springs, 11:00 a.m. Please call Parish office for reservations no later than March 1.

ATTENTION PHYSICIANS AND CLERGY

The SW Florida Guild of the Catholic Medical Association will be hosting a dinner and lecture for physicians and clergy on Wednesday February 5th from 6:00-7:30 PM.

- The restaurant is Cantina Laredo at 5200 Big Pine Way, Fort Myers, FL 33907
- Donation request is $30 per person. Clergy attendance is complimentary.
- Please RSVP by Feb 3rd to Dr Hannan at 239-849-6908

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF LIGHT PARADE SPAGHETTI DINNER

St Francis Xavier Parish will be having their Annual Festival of Light Parade Night Spaghetti Dinner to benefit the 2014 Catholic Faith Appeal on Sat. Feb. 15 at Xavier Hall, 2050 Heitman St. Ft. Myers. Dinner will be served from 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. The menu consists of spaghetti with meat sauce, garden salad, breadsticks, dessert and a beverage. Tickets are on sale for $8.00 in advance or $10.00 at the door. The Festival of Light Parade passes directly in front of the church property. You may purchase tickets from the school or parish office or call 239-826-6553 or 239-823-0819.

THIRD ANNUAL DIOCESE OF VENICE APOLOGISTS CONFERENCE -

This year the conference will be held in two locations to better accommodate those who wish to attend throughout the Diocese. The South Apologists Conference will be held Tues. Feb. 4, 2014 at St. John the Evangelist Parish in Naples and the North Apologists conference will be held Tues. Mar. 11, 2014 at St. Patrick Parish in Sarasota. The theme of each conference is “Catholic Moral Teaching”. For more information please contact evangelization@dioceseofvenice.org or call 941-484-9543.

We are very excited to announce that our February speaker is Carl Landwehr, a nationally-known pro-life speaker. Carl is the founder and president of The Vitae Foundation, an organization on the front lines in the battle for life. Men from all parishes are invited to join us on Thurs. Feb. 20, 2014, 6:00 p.m. at Resurrection of Our Lord parish hall. Pizza & Refreshments ($10 donation).
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