GOD’S SUMMONS

If we are not able to witness concretely to the love of Christ in our lives, then we are truly salt that has gone tasteless. Our flavor and impact are lost. How difficult it is to get them back again.

In the late 1940s the Christophers movement began in the United States. The Christophers’ motto, “It is better to light one candle than to curse the darkness,” attracted many through the Christophers’ effective use of the media, advertising, and the encouragement of its members to proclaim Christ in the workplace.

Jesus calls us to be that candle and to set ourselves in the most visible place. Jesus, who brought eternal light to the world, tells us that we too are the light of the world. Through our words and actions we must let our light shine in the sight of all so that in seeing our good works, everyone may give praise to God.
The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 9, 2014

Light shines through the darkness for the upright.

~ Psalm 112:4

**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** — If you share your food with the hungry, provide housing for the homeless, then light shall break forth upon you (Isaiah 58:7-10).

**Psalm** — The just man is a light in the darkness to the upright (Psalm 112).

**Second Reading** — My message to you, says Paul, was not clever words of wisdom but the proclamation of Christ crucified (1 Corinthians 2:1-5).

**Gospel** — You are the salt of the earth, the light of the world. In your good deeds your light shines before others, leading them to glorify God (Matthew 5:13-16).


**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

You need more than water for a bath. Most family bathrooms contain an arsenal of soaps and emollients, lotions, shampoos and conditioners to combat grime and honor the body. A bath without oil is still unthinkable. No wonder early Christians used lavish amounts of oil to “paint” the skin of people drawn dripping wet from the baptismal font on Easter. There were two oils used in baptism long ago. “Oil of exorcism” protected candidates from “evil spirits”; it strengthened their resolve and purified their purposes.

The second oil, slathered over them after baptism’s bath, “sealed” them, making them like Christ, the anointed one, the priest, the prophet, the king. Chrism has always had a powerful odor; rich resinous perfumes are stirred in before it is consecrated. As the newly baptized were embraced by new brothers and sisters in Christ, the scent permeated the hall of Eucharist, a sign of our connection to Christ and to one another.

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**PRAYER FOR A SAFE OLYMPICS IN SOCHI**

Eternal God,

Giver of joy and source of all strength, we pray for those who prepare for the Sochi Olympic Games.

For the competitors training for the Games and their loved ones,

For the many thousands who will support them,

And for the Churches and others who are organizing special events and who will welcome people from many nations.

In a world where many are rejected and abused, we pray for a spirit of tolerance and acceptance, of humility and respect and for the health and safety of all.

May we all be led towards the love of Christ.

Amen

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**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 the faithful of the parish.**

**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.
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
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* 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.
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflecting on God’s Word

In today’s reading from the Letter to the Corinthians Paul says it is the power of God working through him, not his own wisdom or talents that allowed the Corinthians to put their faith in the gospel. The Corinthians themselves were so self-satisfied and proud about their gifts that they had forgotten who gave them what they had and what their gifts were for. Paul reminds them, and us, that everything we have—even our faith—is from the Lord and for others. It is the Lord’s light that shines through those who, like Paul, put their trust in God. To walk in that light is to allow God’s generosity, mercy, and justice to shine through us. And that means sharing all we have, as individuals and as a community, the way God has done and continues to do for us.

The Second Vatican Council’s Dogmatic Constitution on the Church is entitled Lumen Gentium, “Light of the Nations,” because that is what the Church is called to be. Christ’s light is given to us—not only for our own personal benefit now or salvation someday—but that others might “see the light” and turn their gaze and their lives toward the dawning Sun of Justice: Christ, our Light.

— Virginia Stillwell
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Living God’s Word

A dancer named Lillian is always saying, “Give it up,” and she doesn’t mean, “Throw up your hands in despair.” She means, “Whatever you have, share it for the good of all.” Isn’t that what God has done for us in Christ crucified, and wants to do through us, the Body of Christ?

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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.

Altar Flowers This Week:

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In loving memory of:
Don Carstensen
By Friends at Resurrection

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 NEuest PARISHIONERS:
Andre Labbe, Marjorie Kriske
May they experience the love of Christ here at Resurrection Parish, and may we all help them feel welcome in their new church home.

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
Irene Weliver
by John & Cheryl Weliver

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).

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 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)

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MSGR. STUART W. SWETLAND

Msgr. Stuart W. Swetland, S.T.D., was ordained a priest in 1991 for the Diocese of Peoria, IL. He received his undergraduate degree in Physics from the United States Naval Academy. He currently serves as Vice President for Catholic Identity and Mission at Mount St. Mary’s University and Director of Homiletics and Pre-Theology at Mount St. Mary’s Seminary, Emmitsburg, Maryland.

Msgr. Swetland was named a Prelate of Honor in 2000 by His Holiness John Paul II and is a Knight Commander for the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre and is a 4th Degree Knight of Columbus.

JOHN BERGWSMA

Dr. John Bergsma is Associate Professor of Theology at the Franciscan University of Steubenville. Dr. Bergsma’s articles, some co-authored with Dr. Scott Hahn, have appeared in several academic journals. He has appeared as a guest on EWTN’s The Journey Home, Franciscan University Presents, and Relevant Radio’s Drew Mariani Show. Dr. Bergsma is a popular teacher who inspires his students with a love of Scripture. He and his wife Dawn reside with their eight children in Steubenville, Ohio.

9 A.M. - 3 P.M.
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AT 2 P.M.

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Catholic Heart Workcamp...

Where our teens share the love of Jesus and serve the neglected, broken-hearted and needy. This is a wonderful opportunity for them to open their hearts, see the world differently and love others in ways they never thought they could by simply serving!

RYM, Resurrection Youth Ministry, will be heading out for Our Annual Mission Trip to Cocoa Beach on July 13—18.

We are asking for your help; we are calling this M&M’s Mission Money for Youth. The cost is over $425 per person. We are hoping that you may be able to help offset the cost. After Mass, the Youth Group will be distributing Mini M&M’s as a “Thank You”, after you enjoy the M&M’s, kindly place your donation in the tube and Return it in Next Week’s collection or place it in an envelope marked “Youth Ministry”.

Feb. Offering:

Canned Fruit
TO ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH

The Women’s Guild has invited Phyllis Goyskiewicz of the Lay Carmelite Community to speak at our Feb 19th meeting at the parish center. We will meet immediately following the 8 a.m. Mass for a light breakfast and short meeting before Mrs. Goyskiewicz presents us with her talk about what it means to be a Lay Carmelite. “The challenge of Carmel is to seek God’s presence in prayer while living an active, busy life in the midst of the world.”

Our new membership roster is available, and plans for the upcoming season will be discussed. We look forward to seeing you. Bring a friend or a family member that might be visiting ~ we enjoy guests. We will have a 50/50, and you always have a chance to win a door prize!

GOOD NEWS….BIBLE STUDY IS BACK ON!!!

Loretta Duquette’s bible study will still happen... but Loretta will not be able to attend in the beginning. Fr. Toner will be doing the introduction and giving the guidelines. The day and time will remain the same - Wednesdays 7:15 - 8:45 pm beginning February 12, 2014.

Please call the parish office if you have questions, 481-7171. All are invited!

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.

SAVE THE DATE

2014

Venetian Charity Ball

Please mark your calendars for the 2014 Venetian Charity Ball to benefit the Catholic Charities program and services in Lee, Hendry and Glades counties. (For every dollar raised 93 cents will go directly to Catholic Charities programs and 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.

THERE WILL NOT BE A 5PM YOUTH MASS NEXT SUNDAY, FEB. 16

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).

ST. ANDREW RAFFLE WINNERS -

St. Andrew Catholic School sincerely appreciates your generous support of the 2014 Cash Raffle which benefits the excellent Catholic education program offered at their fine school. The winners of the raffle were drawn on Sunday evening, January 19, at the 23rd Annual Festival: $10,000 - Kris Vanderford; $1,500 - Steve Teague; $1,000 - Carol Worley. Look forward to next year's "gold raffle envelopes" and another opportunity to win while assisting the mission of Catholic education in the community! Thank you for your support and participation!
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