A MISSION FROM THE MOUNTAIN

Matthew is the only one of the evangelists who does not speak explicitly of or recount the departure of Jesus from his followers. Mark and Luke recount the Ascension, each in his own way; and John consistently has Jesus speak of the necessity of his departure so the Paraclete might come. Matthew situates his final scene for Jesus on top of a mountain in Galilee (not outside Jerusalem, as Luke does). This is the region where his mission originated, and throughout his Gospel the mountaintop has been the place for him to teach his followers. (We are familiar with the “Sermon on the Mount” from Matthew.) And here Jesus re-echoes those Ascension themes we hear from the other evangelists: It is Jesus himself, risen and glorified, charged with power from the Father, who sends us out; it is Jesus himself who gives us our mission to baptize, heal, teach, and proclaim the Good News of salvation; it is Jesus himself who will be with us always, as we continue to be his presence alive in the world.
The Ascension of the Lord
June 1, 2014
He was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight.
~ Acts 1:9

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading — Jesus tells the disciples that they will be witnesses to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:1-11).
Psalm — God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord (Psalm 47).
Second Reading — May the Father of glory give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation (Ephesians 1:17-23).
Gospel — Jesus instructs the Eleven to baptize and teach people of all nations (Matthew 28:16-20).

If you are scheduled to have a surgery and would like to meet with a priest beforehand for Confession and Blessing of the Sick please call the parish office to schedule an appointment, 481-7171.

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.

In celebration of
The 70th wedding Anniv.
of Renette & Henry Olewin
from their Children

In loving memory of
Dan Browne
from Friends at Resurrection Parish

WEEKLY SANCTUARY CANDLE
An offering can now be made in memory of a deceased loved one in lieu of a Mass. Call or stop in the parish office for more details 239-481-7171.

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 Rita Albert, Arthur Huot

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.

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

Mass Schedule
SAT. MAY 31 - VIGIL MASS
  3:30 †David Blair by Mother
SUN. JUNE 01 -
  7:30 ♥†People of the Parish
  9:00 †Nadine McGuire by Christensen and Copeland Families
10:30 †Louis Felber by Bob & Patty Casey
12:45 Latin Mass
TUE. JUNE 02 -
  8:00 †Americo Ramos Jr. & Americo Ramos, Sr. by Family
TUE. JUNE 03 -
  8:00 ♥Spec. Int. 70th Anniv. Henry & Renette Olewin
WED JUNE 04 -
  8:00 †Frank Bentz by Marilyn Eagan
THU. JUNE 05 -
  8:00 †Joseph La Barbera by Mary Ellen Geiger
FRI. JUNE 06 -
  8:00 †Deceased Mbrs of Univ. of Notre Dame Class of 1952 by James D. Reid
SAT. JUNE 07 -
  8:00 †George Schipperieit by Joe Halizak
SAT. JUNE 07 - VIGIL MASS
  3:30 †Joe & Nora McNamara
SUN. JUNE 08 -
  7:30 ♥†People of the Parish
  9:00 †Frank Bentz by Marlene Leo
10:30 †Laureen Fratus by Nancy O’Connor
12:45 Latin Mass

**WEEKLY OFFERING**

May 25, 2014
Reg. Offertory: $13,957.00
Latin Mass: $236.00
SVDP: $539.00

**2014 CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL**

Our assessment for this year is $370,000.00

Pledges made thus far Total: $321,168.21

Please join our parish family in making a sacrificial gift to the CFA

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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**, 1st Mon. of June, July & Aug. 8:30am. Regular schedule resumes in Fall, Alouise 481-8168
- **Coffee & Donuts**, Sundays after 10:30 Mass discontinued until Fall
- **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
- **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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**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.
Two adults received Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist and twelve adults were welcomed into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil this year. The light of faith is being passed on in abundant ways. Following the Easter Vigil a rich seed was shared by Adrianna Cruz and her family as she provided a special celebration dinner for the neophytes – our newly planted Catholics!

**Adrianna’s Faith Story…**

**Suffering, Searching, Studying, Praying**

Finding God in the Catholic Church was a journey started in the heart of her Grandmother’s love and in prayer to Mary, the Mother of Jesus. At age 12, after the death of her grandmother, Adrianna began a search to find God. She discovered and learned the Bible through the Pentecostal church but she missed Mother Mary and the saints. Her desire for the fullness of the faith brought her back to the Catholic Church. Through suffering she searched and discovered God’s presence.

As Adrianna grew, her relationship with God was the rock that gave her hope and strength in times of hunger and loss. When trapped, as a very young woman, in a difficult marriage, she found her way through prayer and a return to her family and a childhood friend. Her friend reminded her who she was as a follower of Christ. Through prayer and trust in God’s guidance and love for her, Adrianna was able to escape from that difficult marriage and find a good Catholic man. Their marriage of 21 years is founded in Christ and strengthened with daily prayer and active participation in the parish. Rafael, her husband and Jacob, her son are ushers. The first grade children love her way of making the gospel come alive as she teaches them on Sunday mornings. The whole family including her daughter, Angela, cooked and served a delicious meal for our newly initiated Catholics and their friends and family.

The light of Christ shines when Adrianna shares her story of how Jesus loves us, how he died for us and rose to be with us always. The teachings, forgiveness, life and love of Jesus are the guideposts for her life. Her confidence in Jesus’ presence in all of life reflects like a mirror as the parables and gospels come alive in everyday events. It is important for her to take time everyday to pray and give thanks for the many blessings that God has provided.

The light of Christ shines here at Resurrection in the lives of parishioners as together we build the kingdom of God – giving sight to the blind, setting the captives free, declaring a year of favor for the Lord.

“Faith is passed on, we might say, by contact, from one person to another. Just as one candle is lighted from another, Christians in their poverty plant a seed so rich that it becomes a great tree capable of filling the world with its fruit.” Lumen Fidei #37
The Ascension of the Lord

Reflecting on God’s Word

We can get caught up in the details and miss the heart of the message today. Where did Jesus go? Is heaven “up there”? Why doesn’t Matthew’s Gospel have Jesus being taken up? Doesn’t this feast remove Jesus from us, to some place where he “sits at the right hand of the Father”? Sound a little disengaged?

In his introduction to the writings of St. Bernard of Clairvaux, Jean Leclercq writes that the mystery of the Ascension fulfilled the mystery of love in which Jesus returns to the glory of the Father. The Son then sends the Spirit to unite us with the Father in love. Thus, in Bernard’s thought, the Ascension is a symbol for the passage of Christ from his life in mortal flesh to glorious life in the Spirit. This same transition from flesh to Spirit can also be accomplished in us, since it has already taken place in Christ.

But we are not simply passive recipients. There is work to be done. Luke’s angels bluntly tell the apostles to get moving. Matthew’s final scene spells out the work: “Go forth and make disciples, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and teaching others to observe all that I have commanded you” (Matthew 28:19). Witness to Jesus, in word and deed. The task of spreading the good news that is Jesus Christ, teaching others about him, can seem daunting. But we are not alone. We have the promise that the Holy Spirit will work with us; in Matthew, Jesus’ final words are reassuring: “I am with you always” (28:20). That is reason enough to work with confidence.

—James A. Wallace, C.Ss.R.

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Living God’s Word

We pray: Loving Father, give us your Spirit of wisdom and revelation to enlighten the eyes of our hearts, so we may have the hope that accompanies your call and come to the glory that is our inheritance. May your great power be at work in us, raising us to new life as it did your Son Jesus. Amen.

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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 that something more is 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!

Please call me so we can meet each other prior to the inquiry sessions

Did you know???

We have a Ministry for you!!

We are a faith filled community of Catholic Young Adults from area parishes who fellowship with each other and journey along side one another. We have a core group of Young Adults but want to extend an invitation for others to join us. If you are a Young Adult single or married, have kids or don’t, or know someone who may be interested contact Lea, Director of Religious Education at 482-6883 or email at lea@resurrectionch.org.

Register Now

Registration for the 2014-15 Religious Education year is open

Kindergarten– Fifth Grade= Sundays from 11:45-1:00 or Wednesdays= 5:45-7:00
Pre-K is during the 10:30 Mass in the Parish Hall
You may download forms from our web site: www.resurrectionch.org or fill one out in our office.

Sacramental Preparation
First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation

Sacramental Preparation is a two year preparation period. Faith Formation is a life-long journey; in order for a child to receive God’s graces through the sacraments he or she needs to be actively involved with Religious Education or Youth Ministry for at least two years.

♦ 1st Grade students need to be actively attending Religious Education to receive in the 2nd Grade.

♦ 9th Grade students need to be an active member of Resurrection Youth Ministry to be Confirmed in 10th grade.
St Vincent de Paul food pantry needs volunteers

We are open Tuesday and Fridays mornings from 9 to 11 a.m. We continue to average 410 people each day we are open.

We need volunteers on the Harry Chapin food bank loading dock at 7:30 a.m. to load and unload the food back to our Church location. We are done by 9:00 a.m.

We always need volunteers with pickup trucks to just drive their vehicles. We have workers to load and unload the vehicles.

We need volunteers to put the produce in small plastic bags outside in the Church yard from 8:30 to 11 a.m.

We operate the largest food pantry in SWFL. We are Harry Chapin largest agency. We try to feed and help people.

Please call or stop by. Our Church location at 2073 Lafayette Street.

Patrick Walker 239-543-4694 - home phone www.svdp-xavier.org

Schedule for Novena Masses at Local Parishes for the June Novena Mass:

- St. Ann, Naples 8:00 am, Wed. June 25
- St. Cecilia, Ft. Myers 7:30 am, Wed. June 25
- St. Finbarr, Naples 9:00 am, Wed. June 25
- St. John Evangelist, Naples 8:30 am, Wed. June 25
- St. Leo, Bonita Springs 8:00 am, Wed. June 25

* Please note the different date

BEREAVEMENT AND BEYOND SUMMER SCHEDULE

In June, July and August the Bereavement group will meet only on the first Monday of the month. The summer meeting dates are June 2nd, July 7th and August 4th. Regular meeting schedule resumes in September.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE GIFT SHOP, PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING AT THE GIFT SHOP. 481-7171

We are still in need of ushers. If you are able to volunteer please call John at 481-3456.
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