SUNDAY MASSES & CONFESSIONS: See inside

BAPTISMS & MARRIAGE: For these Sacraments, please notify the church office as soon as possible so that we may advise you of the requirements. Thank you.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Please fill out registration card and return to ushers or the church office.

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JULY 20, 2014
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PATIENTLY WAITING JUDGMENT
Matthew, more than any other evangelist, talks about Jesus leaving and returning home. Often Jesus leaves the house because crowds have assembled outside and want to be taught. Today, after having taught and dismissed the crowds, his disciples follow him home, seeking further explanation of what seem to be, at least to us today, pretty straightforward parables.

For both Matthew and Mark, when Jesus is in the house with his disciples it signals a special teaching moment, and it should cause us today to perk up our ears. Usually it is Jesus giving commonsense advice about what it will mean to follow him. Today is no different. To follow Jesus means to be ready to encounter the followers of evil, to have to live and work and preach among them. It means patiently awaiting the judgment that can only come from God, the judgment of justly deciding who will be thrown into the flame and who will live to be a brightly shining saint. Let us heed this house teaching, for it will be the same for us who follow Jesus Christ today.
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 20, 2014

Those who are just must be kind. ~ Wisdom 12:19

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — You taught your people that those who are just must likewise be kind (Wisdom 12:13, 16-19).

Psalm — Lord, you are good and forgiving (Psalm 86).

Second Reading — The Spirit comes to aid us in our weakness (Romans 8:26-27).

Gospel — Jesus proposes parables to the crowds, teaching them of the reign of God (Matthew 13:24-43 [24-30]).

The English translation of the Psalm Responses from Lectionary for Mass © 1969, 1981, 1997, Interna-

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Most parishes are now aware of the catechumenate and the journey of new faithful in the RCIA, but this form of sacramental initiation disappeared from view in the thirteenth century along with many other ancient practices. Life back then was hard, and often too short, and priests were increasingly insistent about the responsibility of parents to baptize children in danger of death. Since everyone in that society was under unimaginable threat from famine, warfare, and plague, the liturgical rites changed quickly. Everyone was in danger of death all the time. No longer were babies immersed in fonts, being lowered into the water, although the ritual books never backed down from immersion. Infusion was the new way, a simple pouring of a few drops of water on the child’s forehead. The catechumenate collapsed, being reduced to the recitation of the Creed and an Our Father at every baptism. Amazingly, any provision for adult baptism was shelved, so that as late as the 1950s, a person being baptized was presumed to be an infant, unable to answer for him or herself. Questions of creed and commitment were put to the godparents, not to the person being baptized. Even Dorothy Day and Thomas Merton, famous adult converts, remained mute at their baptisms while their sponsors answered for them. In hindsight all this appears strikingly odd, yet it was accepted as the way things were. We have good reason to give thanks for the vigorous reforms of the last fifty years!

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POPE FRANCIS’ PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JULY 2014

Sports. That sports may always be occasions of human fraternity and growth.

Lay Missionaries. That the Holy Spirit may support the work of the laity who proclaim the Gospel in the poorest countries.

GIFT SHOP HOURS
May 1st - Nov. 1st
Sat. 2:30 - 3:30
Sun. 8:00 - 12:45

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
**WEEKLY OFFERING**

July 13, 2014  
Reg. Offertory:  
$16,009.50  
Latin Mass: $424.00  
SVDP: $545.00

**2014 CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL**

Our assessment for this year is $370,000.00  
Pledges made thus far Total:  
$339,341.21

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

**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  
Resurrection for Life, 2nd Wednesday of Oct, Jan, Apr, 9 a.m  
Resurrection Prayerline Ministry, call 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

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

WEEKLY SANCTUARY CANDLE

An offering can now be made in memory of a deceased loved one.

Call or stop in the parish office for more details 239-481-7171.

This week’s Sanctuary Candle:

In loving memory of
Mark Lewis
by Tina Jacobik

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:

In loving memory of
Mark Lewis
by Friends at Resurrection

In loving memory of
Don Carstensen
by Friends at Resurrection

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

St. John XXIII, Ft. Myers 8:00 am, Fri July 25
St. Ann, Naples 8:00 am, Fri. July 25
St. Cecilia, Ft. Myers 7:30 am, Fri. July 25
St. Finbarr, Naples 9:00 am, Wed. July 23**
St. Leo, Bonita Springs 8:00 am, Fri. July 25

** Note different day
Reflecting on God’s Word

Our experience of the world is often an experience of opposites: truth and lies, goodness and evil, beauty and ugliness. They are found in intimate proximity, often on the same page of the newspaper or in the same half-hour news report, and intertwined in the same human heart. Their existence is connected to human freedom as well as to the power of sin and evil in our world.

Jesus tells a parable that makes the same point as the author of Wisdom: God’s exercise of power is tempered by leniency and mercy; God’s justice is balanced by loving-kindness. Our desire to pull up and destroy the weeds prematurely could destroy the good wheat. While the interpretation in the Gospel applies this image to different groups in a community, we can also hear this parable as referring to the weeds and wheat, the evil and goodness residing in the heart.

Jesus says God’s active presence in the world is something as small as a mustard seed and as fragile as a pinch of yeast, yet each contains a power that, when released, will bring about growth and expansion.

In the meantime, the challenge is being as patient with others as God is, while working with God to purify our own hearts. Last week Jesus warned about the sluggish heart; today he pictures a contaminated heart, good penetrated by evil. But the power of God is stronger than the power of evil and death. Be patient, and remain open to the workings of God’s grace.

—James A. Wallace, C.Ss.R.
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Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat and Spirituality Center is hosting an Open House and Volunteer Recognition Barbeque

Sunday August 17, 2014 1 pm to 4pm
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Come enjoy the beautiful grounds of OLPH Retreat and Spirituality Center.

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If you just want to revisit the places where you encountered God in a special way, or if this your first visit at OLPH, we look forward to welcoming you.

Guided tours of OLPH will be available.

All are welcome

RSVP by August 1, 2014 e-mail olphretreat@gmail.com or call us 941-486-0233
Oppose S. 2578’s Unprecedented Attack on Conscience and Religious Freedom

On June 30, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in Burwell v. Hobby Lobby Stores that the HHS contraceptive mandate cannot be used to force a family business to provide coverage for drugs and devices that violates the family members’ religious convictions. The Court relied on the Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA), passed overwhelmingly by Congress and signed by President Clinton in 1993. Legal challenges by non-profit religious groups are still pending.

Sen. Patty Murray (D-WA) has introduced a bill (S. 2578) that would not only reverse Hobby Lobby, but go far beyond that decision. It negates any right that employers, insurers, or employees may have, under RFRA or any other federal law, to opt out of federally mandated coverage. The U.S. Senate may vote in the next few days on this anti-conscience bill. Please contact your Senators today!

Recommended Actions:
- Send e-mails through NCHLA’s Action Center at nchla.org/actiondisplay.asp?ID=311.
- Contact your Senators by phone. Call the U.S. Capitol switchboard at 202-224-3121, or call Senators’ local offices. Full contact info is on Senators’ websites at www.senate.gov.

Suggested Message: “Please vote against the Protect Women’s Health from Corporate Interference Act (S. 2578). This bill would revoke conscience rights now guaranteed by the Religious Freedom Restoration Act and other federal laws. In the future it could empower federal officials to mandate abortion or any other item in all health plans, forcing Americans to violate their deeply held religious and moral beliefs on respect for human life.”

When: The Senate may vote as early as the week of July 14. Please contact your Senators today!

Background

Sen. Murray’s bill states that an employer has no right to opt out of a federal mandate for any specific benefit, for any employees or their “covered dependents.” In the future this could include RU-486 or elective surgical abortions. Employees themselves, and women and men buying individual coverage, also have no right to object. The Act overrides RFRA and “any other provision of Federal law” that gets in the way. Crippling penalties could be imposed on sponsors and issuers of insurance who provide generous coverage, but object in conscience to a specific “item or service.” The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops urges Senators to oppose S. 2578. See nchla.org/datasource/id/documents/071414LoriOMalleyLtMurrayUdallBill.pdf.

The HHS mandate requires health plans to cover all FDA-approved prescription contraceptives, female sterilization, and counseling and education” promoting these to women and minor girls. It allows only a very narrow religious exemption, chiefly for “houses of worship.” Nonprofit religious groups serving the vulnerable, such as the Little Sisters of the Poor, receive only an “accommodation” requiring them to authorize their insurer or third-party administrator to provide the objectionable items. In its Hobby Lobby decision, the Supreme Court allowed an opt-out for family businesses with religious objections (the objection in this case being to drugs or devices that can be abortifacient); other cases are pending. But S. 2578 would nullify laws to protect employers’ conscience, once the federal government decides to mandate coverage of any item. Even the “exemption” and “accommodation” on contraception could be modified only in ways that serve the bill’s purpose of maximizing mandated coverage. For more information: www.usccb.org/senate 7/14/14
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.

Registration for the 2014-15 Religious Education year is open. Pre-K through Fifth Grade=
Sundays from 11:45-1:00 or Wednesdays= 5:45-7:00
You may download forms from our web site: www.resurrectionch.org or fill one out in our office.
The cost is~
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$70 thru Aug 31
$80 after Aug 31
$15 for each additional Child and $25 for Sacramental Prep

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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

Is God calling you to volunteer your time with your church?

Do you have a call to be a Teacher or an Assistant at Resurrection?

We are looking for a few catechists to either teach or to be a teacher’s assistant. People who volunteer with this ministry find that they learn a lot about their own faith while being with our students on their journey of understanding.

Is God calling you to this ministry? I would welcome the opportunity to discern this with you— please e-mail me, Lea, at lea@resurrectionch.org
RYM’s Annual School Supply Drive has begun!

WE ARE COLLECTING SCHOOL SUPPLIES TO FILL 45 BACKPACKS WITH ALL THE SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR OUR FRIENDS AT CATHOLIC CHARITIES!

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- Pens, pencils, loose-leaf paper, spiral notebooks, binders, rulers, erasers, crayons, glue, colored pencils, markers, highlighters, scissors, pencil sharpeners, etc.

We are hoping to have all the supplies by August 1! If you are unable to pick up any supplies but would like to make a monetary donation, we’ll be happy to shop for you!

R.Y.M. ~Helping, mentoring, building community!

All donations can be dropped off in the Parish Center with Youth Ministry.

If you have any questions, call Vikki at 481-5144.

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~ Luke 4:8
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