NOVEMBER 30, 2014
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

WATCH!
“Watch!” This word occurs three times in today’s Gospel passage. Moreover, it is placed at significant points: the beginning, the center, and the end. Though this is technically a parable, it is quite short (four verses). The threefold repetition of “watch” leaves no doubt as to what the story is about.

We often think of Advent as a time of waiting, but it truly is a season of watchfulness, a very active form of waiting for the coming Day of the Lord. It is that day, more than Christmas day, that the Christian community faithfully expects, using all of our gifts and talents for this purpose, as Paul reminds us in the Letter to the Corinthians. When we use these gifts in faithful watching and expectation, we become like the servants of the parable, set to their tasks, not waiting around idly, but engaged in the master’s work until his return. May our Advent be a time when we return or rededicate our lives and our communities to this work—the active and diligent faithfulness that the Lord will expect to find.
First Sunday of Advent  
November 30, 2014

Be watchful! Be alert!  
You do not know when the time will come.  
~Mark 13:33

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading — We are the clay and you, O Lord, are  
the potter: we are the work of your hands  
(Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7).
Psalm — Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face  
and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).
Second Reading — God is faithful; by God you were  
called to fellowship with the Son (1 Corinthians 1:3-9).
Gospel — Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when  
the time will come. (Mark 13:33-37).

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Resolution Prayer Line Ministry  
For prayer requests or to sign up as a volunteer call: 481-1170.

The Gift Shop Hours: 
- Thurs. 8:20 - 10:00  
- Sat. 2:30 - 3:30  
- Sun. 8:00 - 12:45
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.

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, Every Monday, 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, 2nd Wednesday of Oct, Jan, Apr. 9 am
Resurrection Prayerline Ministry, call Deanna Latell 481-1170.
Rosary, before daily Masses and Tues. & Thurs., 1:30p.m., chapel
Rosary Makers, 3rd Thurs every month, 9-11 a.m.
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

WEEKLY OFFERING

November 23, 2014

Collection amounts not available at time of printing.

See next bulletin.

2014 CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL

Our assessment for this year is $370,000.00
Pledges made thus far Total: $354,190.21
Pmnts. made thus far Total: $344,311.21

We are still $25,688.79 short of paying our assessment. Please join our parish family in making a sacrificial gift to the CFA
ADVENT: EXPECTANT DELIGHT FOR THE COMING OF THE LORD

The season of Advent is an invitation to pause in silence to recognize the signs of the presence of the Lord. Advent has a multi-fold character, for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnity of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered and likewise, a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ’s Second coming at the end of time. We may also reflect on the coming of Christ in our lives today through grace and the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Our preparations should have all three comings in mind. We need to prepare our souls to receive Christ worthily. Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight.

Advent (from the Latin “ad” + “venio” meaning “to come to”) begins the Liturgical Year of the Catholic Church and consists of the four Sundays leading up to Christmas. The Advent Season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to the Anniversary of the birth of Our Lord on Christmas and also to the Second Coming of Christ at the end of time.

The Christmas Season runs from First Vespers (Evening Prayer I) of the Nativity of the Lord up to the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on January 11, 2015.

May we all use this Advent Season to prepare, with expectant delight, for the Coming of the Lord.
Please join us November 30th for Mass with Bishop Dewane at 3:00 p.m. Reception in the Parish Center, immediately following.
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Thank You
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 NEWEST PARISHIONERS:
Brian & Terry Hornert and Family, Carl Latronica, Karen Bonner, Cesar & Kayla Mateo and Family, Gerard & Tiffany Kane, Tricia Besozzi, Mark & Brenda Devine and Family, Steve & Stephanie Genoway and Family, Laura Griffin, Larry & RuthAnn Robbins,


May they experience the love of Christ here at Resurrection Parish, and may we all help them feel welcome in their new church home.

In anticipation of the World Meeting of Families in 2015 the Diocese of Venice will be promoting family throughout the year leading to the WMF in Philadelphia. Each month they will bring different ideas to strengthen your family.

The first issue of the Diocese of Venice Family Life Newsletter is now available. Each issue contains articles and information related to Catholic family life. This newsletter is available online at:

www.dioceseofvenice.org

WOMEN’S GUILD NEWS
To the Ladies of the Parish -
The Guild will have a special Christmas breakfast at the Parish Center following the 8:00 Mass on Wednesday, December 17th. Our program will feature a musical presentation of the season.
Please call Joan at 432-0656 or Rosemary at 482-1526 to make a reservation. There is no charge but we are asking for a special Christmas donation for the St. Vincent De Paul Society. Bring a friend or a house guest and share some Christmas time with us.
We will; have a 50/50 drawing and door prizes.
Looking forward to wishing you a Merry Christmas in person!

God is faithful; by God you were called to fellowship with the Son.
~ 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

This week’s Sanctuary Candle:
In loving memory of
Vincent D’Acunto
by Wife
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 @ 482-6883 or lea@resurrectionch.org

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!

Religious Education Syllabus

Sun. 11/30— NO CLASS
40th Anniversary Celebration 4-6pm
Wed. 12/3— Reconciliation Service
Fri. 12/5- Babysitting Bonanza (pre-register)
**Sat 12/6-1st Reconciliation @ 10
Sun 12/7— Reconciliation Service
Wed. 12/10— Nativity Activity
Sun. 12/14— Nativity Activity
Wed. 12/17— NO CLASS Pageant Rehearsal
Sun. 12/21– Wed. 1/7 Christmas Break

December 7 Offertory we are collecting: Socks

Be part of our Christmas Eve Pageant!
The Christmas Pageant is at 3:30 on Christmas Eve and helps to illustrate the birth of baby Jesus. Children can sign up to be Readers, Wise men, Angels, Shepherds, Camels, Sheep, Cows, Donkeys, and of course the Holy Family.

Christmas Pageant Sign Ups:
Dec. 3th @ 5:30pm, Dec. 7th @ 11:30am

Christmas Pageant Costume Fitting:
Dec 10th @ 7:00pm, Dec 14th @ 1:00pm

Mandatory Christmas Pageant Rehearsal:
December 17 @ 5:45pm

St. Francis of Assisi first brought us the tradition of a nativity in 1224. He wanted to explain the birth of Christ to his followers in a very tangible way. The children will re-enact this blessed scene for us preceding the Christmas Eve Children’s Mass at 4pm.
The Catholic Faith Explained

Come and join us in the Parish center
Wednesdays 7:30-9pm to join in discussion each week

Or

Watch each session in your own home and join our discussion when you can!

Two ways to Register:
1) Go to the Church of the Resurrection Web Page at www.resurrectionch.org and click the register now link on the left hand side of the page (under the green buttons)
Or:
2) Go to Http://symboloncatholic.org/register and enter code 377363 to watch each session and to print out participant study guides

Knowing the Faith

October 29—SESSION 2: DIVINE REVELATION: God Seeking Us and the Compass for Our Lives
November 5- SESSION 3: THE BIBLE: God’s Love Letter to Humanity
November 12- SESSION 4: THE STORY OF SALVATION: Creation, Fall and Redemption
November 19- SESSION 5: WHO IS JESUS?: Just a Good Man or Lord of our Lives?
December 3- SESSION 6: THE PASCHAL MYSTERY: The Mystery of Jesus’ Death and Resurrection
December 10- SESSION 7: THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THE LIFE OF GRACE: God’s Divine Life Within Us
January 14- SESSION 8: WHY DO I NEED THE CHURCH?: The Mystery of the Catholic Church
January 21- SESSION 9: MARY AND THE SAINTS: Our Spiritual Mother and the Communion of Saints
January 28- SESSION 10: THE LAST THINGS: What Happens After We Die?

Living the Faith

February 4- SESSION 11: THE SACRAMENTS: Baptism & Confirmation
February 11- SESSION 12: THE EUCHARIST: Source & Summit of Christian Life
March 4- SESSION 14: PENANCE & ANOINTING OF THE SICK: God’s Mercy Revealed
March 11- SESSION 15: MATRIMONY & HOLY ORDERS: The Sacraments of Service & Communion
March 18- SESSION 16: A CATHOLIC MORAL VISION: Virtue, Grace & the Path to Happiness
March 25- SESSION 17: A LOVE THAT LASTS: The Call to Self-Giving Love
April 15- SESSION 18: A LOVE THAT LASTS: God’s Plan for Sexuality
April 22- SESSION 19: CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING: Building a Civilization of Love
April 29- SESSION 20: CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING: Protecting the Dignity of the Human Person
**Babysitting Bonanza**

Friday, December 5, 5:30 pm – 9:00 pm
Calling all parents with young children....
plan a quiet date night or get a jump start on your Christmas shopping!
$15 for one child; $25 for 2; $30 for 3 or more

YOUTH MINISTRY will be providing babysitting in the Parish Center for children through 5th grade! Christmas movie, dinner, crafts, stories, games, just a lot of fun, fun, fun!

CALL OR STOP IN TO REGISTER AND SECURE YOUR CHILD’S SPOT...
SPACE IS LIMITED!
Any questions? Contact Vikki with Youth Ministry @ 481-5144

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**Christmas Angel Trees**
We are sponsoring Christmas Angels for needy families again this year. Last year with your generosity we were able to give a wonderful Christmas to numerous families and over 1200 children’s wishes were granted. We would like to do the same this year. The angels are available at all the entrances of the church. Please visit one of the trees and select an angel. Gifts need to be returned wrapped with the Angel attached and brought to the Church or the Parish Center no later than December 7th. If you prefer to leave a cash donation, please do so in the Parish Center, also by December 7th. On behalf of all the wonderful children that will benefit from your generosity, we thank you very much.

~ Resurrection Youth Ministry

Anyone interested in helping sort and distribute gifts please meet in the Parish Center Dec. 8, 8:30 a.m. This is a fun-filled morning for everyone.

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**RYM is selling Entertainment Books for 2015!**

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SAVE THE DATE - 2015 Venetian Charity Ball

Please mark your calendars for the 2015 Venetian Charity Ball. Enjoy an exciting elegant evening filled with dinner, cocktails, dancing, entertainment and auction. This event will 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 & services) The Ball will be held on February 14, 2015 at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point. Reservations are $200 per person. For more information to reserve tickets, donate, volunteer, or to learn about sponsorship opportunities please call (239) 337-4193 or email at VenetianBall@ccslee.org.

UNWRINKLED
To keep the heart unwrinkled, to be hopeful, kindly, cheerful, reverent—that is the triumph over old age.
—Thomas Bailey Aldrich

LIKE A CHILD
One who aspires to the grace of God must be pure, with a heart as innocent as a child’s.
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Give up your small ambitions; come with me to save the world.
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