Both Isaiah and Peter had the task of comforting and encouraging their communities during times of exile. The Israelites were in geographic exile from Israel; to them this was, in effect, the same as being in exile from their God. The early Christians, following the Resurrection, expected an immediate return of Christ in glory; they, too, felt in “exile” as the delay of the Second Coming grew longer and longer. All four of scripture’s authors today—Isaiah, the psalmist, Peter, and Mark—hasten to help us see things in God’s terms, not ours. They want us to know that we can never truly be exiled from God, or from God-among-us, since we know that when the faithful are gathered, Christ has come into their midst. Instead, we are encouraged today to do what we can from our end to shorten the time of our exile: to repent of our sins, to return our lives to the Lord, to live as people who seek the coming day of the Lord, when “kindness and truth shall meet; justice and peace shall kiss” (Psalm 85:10).
Second Sunday of Advent  
December 7, 2014

Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill shall be made low.  
~ Isaiah 40:4

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — The rugged land shall be made a plain; the rough country, a broad valley (Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11).

Psalm — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).

Second Reading — Conduct yourselves in holiness, hastening the coming of the day of God (2 Peter 3:8-14).

Gospel — I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit (Mark 1:1-8).


THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY  
DECEMBER 8

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

MASS TIMES:  
8:00 A.M., 9:30 A.M., 5:30 PM

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.

GIFT SHOP HOURS:  
Thurs. 8:20 - 10:00  
Sat. 2:30 - 3:30  
Sun. 8:00 - 12:45

The Gift Shop is located at the front entrance of the Church.
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 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

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Thank You
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“As the journey of Advent continues, as we prepare to celebrate the nativity of Christ, John the Baptist’s call to conversion sounds out in our communities. It is a pressing invitation to open our hearts and to welcome the Son of God Who comes among us to make divine judgment manifest. The Father, writes St. John the Evangelist, does not judge anyone, but has entrusted the power of judgment to the Son, because He is the Son of man.

“And it is today, in the present, that we decide our future destiny. It is with our concrete everyday behavior in this life that we determine our eternal fate. At the end of our days on earth, at the moment of death, we will be evaluated on the basis of our likeness or otherwise to the Baby Who is about to be born in the poor grotto of Bethlehem, because He is the measure God has given humanity.

“Through the Gospel John the Baptist continues to speak down the centuries to each generation. His hard clear words bring health to us, the men and women of this day in which even the experience and perception of Christmas often, unfortunately, reflects materialist attitudes. The ‘voice' of the great prophet asks us to prepare the way for the coming Lord in the deserts of today, internal and external deserts, thirsting for the water of life which is Christ.”

~ Benedict XVI

Source: CatholicCulture.org
Permission granted
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!
Congratulations

for sharing in God’s loving forgiveness and mercy through the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Saturday!

Aislinn Arreglo
Cory Banasiak
Angelina Boby
Michael Briseno
Marcela Burkat
Sarah Burns
Lucas Butler
Anthony Cardenas
David Cary
Emerson Chambre
Anthony Corbellini
Luca Corricelli
Kendall Craft
Phelim Crowley
William Davey
Catherine DiPlacido
Wyatt Drake
Anthony Franco
Natalia Franco
Jillian Haataja
Lainey Hooper
John Huether
Cassandra Johnston
Bryan Kirilinas
Johan Lopez
Francisco Molina
Cory Motto
Kayla Nichols
Christopher Padilla
Daniel Paez
Isabella Paluzzi
Esther Pinner
Jacob Rodriguez
Daniel Santos
David Santos
Andrew Smiley
Isabella Smith-Cedeno
Trenton Stejskal
Sophie Tomas
Landon Unger
Iris Williams
Barrett Workman

Your Resurrection family is so proud of you and will continue to pray for you as you prepare for your First Holy Communion in May 2015.
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.

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 12/7—— Reconciliation Service
Wed. 12/10—— Reconciliation Service
Sun. 12/14—— Nativity Activity
Wed. 12/17—— NO CLASS
Pageant Rehearsal
Sun. 12/21— Wed. 1/7
Christmas Break

** Sun 1/11—— Ch. 12
**Wed. 1/14—— Ch.12

Sun 1/18—— No Class
Wed 1/21—— No Class

Sun.1/25—— Ch. 13
Wed. 1/28—— Ch. 13

December 7
Offertory we are collecting:
Socks
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
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.

RYM celebrates all that we are Thankful for with our Friends And Neighbors at Catholic Charities ~

November 24, 2014

Thank you to all of our generous Parishioners for their donations for Thanksgiving dinners. RYM was able to pack up and deliver 40 Thanksgiving Dinners for Catholic Charities and St. Vincent DePaul Families.

RYM is selling Entertainment Books for 2015!

**NEW BOOK—NEW PRICE**

$25 a book ~
Includes a NEW Mobile App!
They can be purchased at the Parish Center or the Gift Shop.
All proceeds benefit RYM

THANK YOU!
Any questions, contact Vikki Melchiorre at 481-5144
PLEASE DON’T FORGET THE POOR BOXES; THEY ARE THE BREAD BOXES OF THE POOR!

Diocese of Venice Respect Life
1000 Pinebrook Road
Venice, FL 34285
941-441-1101

RESURRECTION MEN’S CLUB SEEKING NEW MEMBERS

RMC for the last 20 years has been filling many of the needs of our parish. Formed in 1994 at the request of then Fr. McNamara. Over the years the RMC has provided man-hours and money to help those in need in our parish, our community and our Diocese. RMC was also set up as a social organization to allow us to get to know our fellow parishioners. RMC now needs your help. All men of the parish are asked to consider joining our organization to allow us to continue our service to this great parish. Time and the spinning off of 3 other parishes from ours has reduced the number of our members. We need to rejuvenate our membership. That means YOU!! We need you and your energy and commitment to serve your parish.

Our meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. The meeting is preceded by the recitation of the Rosary at 7:15 p.m. Prayer and service is our guiding mission. Can it be yours?

Call 437-6650 for more information.

Please join us Thurs. Dec. 11, 2014, 6:00 pm at Resurrection Parish Center.

Pizza & refreshments ($10.00 donation) will begin at 6:00 pm. Reservations are requested by email (faithandaleftmyers@gmail.com) or by contacting fellow parishioner, Dan Dougherty, at 239-839-3290.

All men are welcome!!
THE DIOCESE OF VENICE IN FLORIDA

CHARITABLE GIVING

END OF YEAR GIVING

As you consider your Christmas and end of year giving, remember your extended Catholic family!

Your gift can be designated to our parish, a Catholic school, the Catholic Faith Appeal or the Catholic Community Foundation of Southwest Florida. These gifts provide support for Christ's ministry and may provide you with a tax benefit.

Please consider a possible year end gift. Remember to consult with your financial advisor before making a decision.

Cash Gifts - Stock or Real Estate Gifts

A cash contribution can be made to your parish, Catholic school or to the Catholic Faith Appeal and may provide you with an income tax benefit.

For more information please contact:
Deborah Shafer
Office of Stewardship and Development
(941) 484-9543

Contribute to an Endowment Fund

One can give to an endowment fund through the Catholic Community Foundation of Southwest Florida to benefit a Catholic institution within the Diocese of Venice. A gift or series of gifts made now can provide a long-term income stream to benefit your selected institution, ministry or program. At certain levels of giving, a named endowment fund can be established.

Charitable Gift Annuities

Charitable gift annuities provide a secure income during your life and a residual gift to an endowment fund benefitting the Catholic institution of your choice afterwards. Your gift to the Catholic Community Foundation of Southwest Florida will generate regular fixed payments to you.

The chart below indicates the sample annuity rates based on a single life annuity:

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* Annuity rates listed are for illustrated purposes, actual rates may vary.

Example: A $25,000 cash contribution from a 75 year old donor will produce an annual fixed income payment of $1,450, that is partially non-taxable and an initial tax deductible amount of $11,443.

The minimum amount required to establish a charitable gift annuity is $25,000.

For more information please contact:
Babara Caldwell, Executive Director
Catholic Community Foundation of Southwest Florida
(941) 441-1124

We are most grateful for your generosity to the Church!

GOD BLESS YOU!
If you or someone you know is struggling with mental health or substance abuse challenges, call Park Royal today!

239.985.2760
ParkRoyalHospital.com

We are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and accept most insurances including Medicare and the managed plans of Medicaid.