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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Fax: 481-8007, www.resurrectionch.org
E-mail: parishoffice@resurrectionch.org

DECEMBER 14, 2014
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
MORE THAN DISCIPLES
Each of today’s four scriptural roles—disciple, prophet, apostle, herald—forms a facet of our life in Christ as we live it day by day. Isaiah tells us that a prophet is anointed, as we were anointed at our baptism in water and the Spirit, to bring glad tidings and to promote God’s reign of healing, justice, and peace. An apostle, like Paul, is one who is “sent.” Each of us, in his or her own way, is sent by Christ to be a voice of rejoicing, to encourage prophetic voices in the world, and to make sure that the work of the Spirit thrives. John the Baptist shows us the job of the herald, making the Lord’s way straight, announcing the coming of the Light of the world.

Today we also hear from Mary, model disciple. Her song, the Magnificat, shows us the world we must believe in and work for: one in which God is praised, where God’s favor is bestowed on the humble, where the hungry are filled and the rich are sent away empty, a world that continues to know and rejoice in the mercy of God that lasts for all ages.
**Third Sunday of Advent**
December 14, 2014

Rejoice always.
Pray without ceasing.

~ 1 Thessalonians 5:16

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### Mass Schedule

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### Confessions

- Saturdays 2:15-3:15 or 30 min. before Sunday Masses or by appointment.

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**PRAYERS FOR PRIESTS**

Please join us as we gather every Thursday immediately after the 8:00 Mass to pray for priests.

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**Resurrection Prayer Line Ministry**

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

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**The Gift Shop is located at the front entrance of the church**

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**Today’s Readings**

**First Reading** — As a garden makes its growth spring up, so will God make justice spring up before all the nations (Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11).


**Second Reading** — Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good (1 Thessalonians 5:16-24).

**Gospel** — I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord (John 1:6-8, 19-28).

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The English translation of the Psalm Responses from the Lectionary

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
Our Parishes in the Diocese of Venice will conduct the annual Collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious the weekend of December 13 and 14, 2014. This annual appeal benefits some 35,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests, women and men who have consecrated their lives to serving God and the Church.

Pope Francis has declared this year to be the "Year of Consecrated Life". Further, His Holiness reminds us that consecrated life is "a gift of God to the Church". Many of us have had special religious women or men who played meaningful roles in our lives. These dedicated religious often made great sacrifices in service to the Church. Most senior religious worked for small stipends, leaving a substantial gap in retirement savings. As a result, many religious communities now struggle to provide adequate care for aging members.

The Retirement Fund for Religious offers us an opportunity to support elder religious in this phase of their journeys. While many continue in some form of ministry, others are frail and need assistance. Your gift provides vital funding for medications, nursing care, and more. It also helps religious congregations implement long-term retirement strategies that ensure both quality eldercare and continued service to the People of God.

As the Church celebrates this special Year of Consecrated Life, in thanksgiving for the faithful service of senior religious, please join me in supporting the Retirement Fund for Religious and in praising God for the gifts that consecrated life offers our Church. Thank you, and know that you have the assurance of my continued consideration and prayers. May God Bless you in your generosity.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Frank J. Dewane
Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida

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**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.
"Rejoice: the Lord is nigh." As Christmas draws near, the Church emphasizes the joy which should be in our hearts over all that the birth of our Savior means for us. The great joy of Christians is to see the day drawing nigh when the Lord will come again in His glory to lead them into His kingdom. The oft-repeated Veni ("Come") of Advent is an echo not only of the prophets but also of the conclusion of the Apocalypse of St. John: "Come, Lord Jesus," the last words of the New Testament.

Today is known as Gaudete Sunday. The term Gaudete refers to the first word of the Entrance Antiphon, "Rejoice". Rose vestments are worn to emphasize our joy that Christmas is near, and we also light the rose candle on our Advent wreath.

The feast of St. John of the Cross, which is ordinarily celebrated today, is superseded by the Sunday liturgy.

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!
“Sing for Joy—The Lord Your God is in your midst…”
Isaiah 49:13
Resurrection Angel Tree Celebrates the Joy of the Gospel

“Life grows by being given away and it weakens in isolation and comfort.”
Evangelii Gaudium #10

The Angel Tree project began many years ago as a way of reaching out with Christmas Joy to answer the wishes and needs of children and share the Joy of Christmas. Each year over 1200 gifts are given to many organizations that help those in need including: Jesus the Worker, Catholic Charities, Life Line, St. Vincent DePaul, ACT, Head Start, Gladiolus Food Pantry. RYM (Resurrection Youth Ministry) and some parishioners adopt whole families and give gifts as “one family to another”.

Angel Tree Team Leaders: Diane Gislason, Laura & Nancy Gardner and Robyn Graettinger echo the Joy of Jesus!

“Goodness Tends to Spread…”
Angel Tree begins with Lucille and Luigi who cut out the angels early in November. Vikki Melchiorre works closely with team leaders Diane, Nancy and Robyn who fill the trees just before Thanksgiving and keep them filled. Parishioners, Youth Group, Ushers help the team bring the gifts from the Church to the Parish Center.

Nancy Gardner who has been involved for over 15 years says, “I think it’s important that we give practical gifts as well as wish list gifts.” She feels this project gives her joy and she sees it as her way of giving back for the blessings she has received.

Laura Gardner comes from FGCU studies to help. “Angel Tree holds a special place in my heart. I like to help because I want kids to have a joyful Christmas.”

Diane Gislason’s feels it’s a way to give back for the blessings they receive. Diane enjoys helping organize this project year after year.

Robyn Graettinger says, “It is important to show our love and care for others.” She loves to see the familiar faces of the volunteers who help with packaging the gifts. The energy and joy of all as they work together makes her glad to be a part of the Resurrection community.

“THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS NEAR!”

VOLUNTEERS READY GIFTS FOR DISTRIBUTION
BLESSINGS AND JOY to ALL!
who gave gifts, to those who helped in many ways, to those who distributed the Angel gifts and also to those who received these Angel gifts!

“THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS NEAR!”
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.

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!

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Sun. 12/14— Nativity Activity
Wed. 12/17— No Class
Pageant Rehearsal

Sun. 12/21— Wed. 1/7
Christmas Break

**Sun. 1/11 — Chapter 12
**Wed. 1/14— Chapter 12
Sun. 1/18— NO CLASS
Wed. 1/21— NO CLASS

Sun. 1/25— Chapter 13
Wed. 1/28— Chapter 13

Sun. 2/1— VIRTUS
Wed. 2/4— VIRTUS

**Sun. 2/8— Chapter 15
**Wed. 2/11— Chapter 15

Sun. 2/15— NO CLASS
Wed. 2/18— ASH WED

Sun. 2/22— Lent Reconciliation
Wed. 2/25— Lent Reconciliation

Sun. 3/1— Chapter 16
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**Sun 3/22— Seder
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Sun. 3/29-Palm Sunday-NO CLASS
Wed. 4/1— NO CLASS
Sun. 4/5— EASTER—NO CLASS
Wed. 4/8— NO CLASS

Sun 4/12— Chapter 19
Wed. 4/15— Chapter 19
Sun. 4/19— CLASS REVIEW
Wed. 4/22— CLASS REVIEW

** Parent & Student Sacramental Prep
* Student Sacramental Prep

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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
Resurrection Parish 40th Anniversary Celebration!!
Many thanks to all who participated!!

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OR YOUTH GATHERING
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RESURRECTION MEN’S CLUB SEEKING NEW MEMBERS

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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.

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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.

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REFLECTING W/ POPE FRANCIS

SUNDAYS
11:45 AM – 1:15 PM
ALL are WELCOME!

“The Joy of the Gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus. Those who accept his offer of salvation are set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness.”

Please join us in the Conference room for reflection and study of Pope Francis’ - The Joy of the Gospel.

You may download this exhortation at: http://www.vatican.va/eng/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_enc_gaudvm.html#1

Pope Francis Why He Leads The Way He Leads, will be included in our discussions.

CALL PARISH OFFICE TO RESERVE YOUR SPACE.

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NOVEMBER 2014

Celebrate Mass on the 25th of each month from the Annunciation to Christmas for a greater respect for all human life.

See the schedule of Masses throughout the Diocese of Venice at www.dioceseofvenice.org/respectlife.

Diocese of Venice Respect Life
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