WATCHING FOR THE MESSIAH

Today’s Gospel story of John and his disciples seeing and following Jesus sounds so simple and casual, it’s easy to miss the significant acts of faith that are made.

John points to Jesus: “Look,” he says, “there is the Lamb of God.” John’s faith in Jesus is evident, so evident that John’s disciples immediately leave his side to follow this Jesus.

The two disciples make their own act of faith. They follow Jesus, spend time with Him, and are quick to spread the good news of their discovery: “We have found the Messiah.”

It is easy to forget that the expectations of generations, the hopes of many ages of faithful people were being fulfilled in these simple acts of faith. The Lamb of God, the Messiah, foretold by the prophets, had finally come. Nearly everyone among the Jewish people was watching for the Messiah back then; who in our own society watches for signs of the presence of the Messiah today?
The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 18, 2015

Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you.  
— 1 Corinthians 6:19a

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First Reading — Speak Lord, for your servant is listening (1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19).
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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.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS……all those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith, especially Victoria Collins.

RESURRECTION PRAYER LINE MINISTRY

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

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

GIFT SHOP HOURS:

Thurs. 8:20 - 10:00
Sat. 2:30 - 3:30
Sun. 8:00 - 12:45
WEEKLY OFFERING

January 11, 2015
Reg. Offertory: $25,084.41
Vocations: $6,526.00
Vocations: $500.00
(from Women’s Guild)
SVDP: $524.00

Additional Donation for December 2014: $10,000
Given anonymously....
“Thank You!”

“Thank You” to the Women’s Guild for their $500.00 donation to Vocations!

SVDP Distributions for December, 2014
Rent Assists: $3,006.00
Electric Utilities: $1,384.47
Water Utilities: $616.99
Food Certificates: $400.00
Travel Assist: $340.00
Domestic Twinning: $2,000.00 (To St. Francis Xavier, Food Pantry, & a needy Miami Conference family).
Please continue your help to the local SVDP Conference, to bring the love and mercy of Jesus to those who feel left out and abandoned.
Forty-one children from 14 SVDP families received Christmas gifts, in cooperation with the RYM Christmas Tree Program.
Many thanks for your Christmas donations and support throughout the year by your contributions to the Poor.
Yours in Christ, St. Vincent and BL. Frederic Ozanam.
Your Resurrection SVDP Conference.

2014 CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL

Our assessment for 2014 was $370,000.00

Total Pledges made: $374,834.00
Total Payments made: $372,351.75

THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO SUPPORTED THE 2014 CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL.
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 a.m
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

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.

A SPIRITUAL LENTEN MORNING WITH FATHER TONER

To all men and women of the parish -
You are invited to a special morning with Father Toner on Tuesday, Feb. 24th at the parish center immediately following the 8 a.m. Mass. Father’s Lenten Talk will include a question and answer period. Coffee and light refreshments will be provided. Come and join us for this opportunity to reflect on our Lenten season.

RESURRECTION MEN'S CLUB
ANNUAL POLISH DINNER & DANCE
Sunday, February 15, 2015
Tickets available at Parish Center—481-7171

DOORS OPEN AT 4:30PM
SERVING AT 5:30PM
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LIVE BAND
5:00—8:00PM
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TICKETS $18 IN ADVANCE
$25 DAY OF THE EVENT

FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT PARISH CHARITIES
(REFRESHMENTS MAY NOT BE BROUGHT INTO THE HALL BY GUESTS)

MENU:
Pierogi, Cabbage Rolls, Sauerkraut, Kielbasa, Coffee, Dessert
Beer & Wine Available
This week’s Sanctuary Candle: 
In loving memory of Stephanie Wekenman
by Sister

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

RESURRECTION FOR LIFE

PLEASE JOIN US AT THE ABORTION CLINIC AT 3900 BROADWAY, FT. MYERS EVERY 2ND SATURDAY (after the 8:00 Mass) FOR THE ROSARY AND EVERY 2ND THURSDAY AT PLANNED PARENTHOOD, CORNER OF WINKLER & COLLEGE ANYTIME BETWEEN 9 AM AND NOON.

PREGNANT? NEED HELP? CALL 239-772-4673

Women's Guild News

Our first meeting of 2015 will take place on Wed. Jan. 21st at the Parish Center following the 8 a.m. Mass. Light refreshments will be served.

We extend best wishes to all ladies of the parish for a happy and healthy New Year and invite you to come and join us as we prepare for the coming season. We plan to announce our upcoming events at this meeting.

Members of our Craft Club will be introduced and given the opportunity to demonstrate and explain some projects they are working on.

We look forward to seeing you!

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Open Enrollment
Pre-K to Grade 8

St. Francis Xavier Catholic School
UPCOMING OPEN HOUSE DATES:
Tuesday, January 27, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Wednesday, March 4, 9-10 a.m.
Thursday, April 30, 1-2 p.m.

Call 239-334-7707 to meet our faculty and students, tour our campus and see what Saint Francis Xavier School is all about! Limited opportunities are available.

Visit www.saintfrancisfortmyers.org for more information.
“Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means “God is with us.” Matthew 1: 23

“And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: “Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”’ -Luke 2: 13-14
Thank you to all who made the Christmas Pageant a blessing!

“After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.”

-Matthew 2: 9-11
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
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.

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**Religious Education Syllabus**

**January Offertory Sunday**

**we are collecting:**

Toiletries

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**Wednesday Morning ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

9:00 am 10:15 am

Our Lady of Light Catholic Church

19680 Cypress View Drive,

Fort Myers, FL 33967

January 21: Discernment—How Can We Know God’s Will? Rose Talbot-Babey

January 28: Dangers of Mixing East and West Spiritualities: George Smith

February 4: The Seven Deadly Sins—A Cautionary Tale: Matt Nowicki

February 11: Lent: Prayer and Fasting: Eric Sammons

February 18: Lent: Forgiveness and Reconciliation: Dr. Kathy Kleinlein

February 25: Praying the Liturgy: Fr. John Ludden

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**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

Wed. 3/4—Chapter 16

**Sun. 3/8—Chapter 17**

**Wed. 3/11—Chapter 17**

Sun. 3/15—Chapter 18

Wed. 3/18—Chapter 18

**Sun 3/22—Seder**

**Wed. 3/25—Seder**

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

Sun. 4/26-RELICS-LAST CLASS

Wed. 4/29-RELICS-LAST CLASS

**Sun. 5/3—Communion Retreat**

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**Parent & Student Sacramental Prep**

* Student Sacramental Prep
Week One: Your Past
We will take a look at God’s Vocational calling in our church through the Bible and the community of saints.

Thursday
For Four Weeks!
6:30pm – 8:00pm
Admission to the program is FREE!

Vocation: Your Past
January 22, 2015

Church of the Resurrection
of Our Lord
8121 Cypress Lake Dr.
Fort Myers, FL 33919
Attendees are welcome to purchase dinner and spirits at the venue.

Theology On Tap is a monthly gathering for Catholic young adults (20’s and 30’s). We meet in a comfortable setting to explore our faith, make friends and build community. We invite you to join us for a pint and a prayer. For Questions and RSVP contact: George L. Smith • (941) 484-9543 ext. 3036 • gsmith@dioceseofvenice.org
COUPLES WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS - Feb. 7 and March 14. All couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, or more than 50 years of marriage are invited by Bishop Frank J. Dewane to an Anniversary Mass in their honor. The Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in two locations: February 7th at Epiphany Cathedral in Venice and March 14th at St. Leo the Great Parish in Bonita Springs. Mass will begin at 11 a.m. Please call Resurrection parish office (239-481-7171) for reservations no later than a week before the event you choose to attend.

ALL ARE WELCOME! Reflection on Pope Francis JOY OF THE GOSPEL Mondays 7 PM - 9 PM Fridays 9 AM - 10:30 AM beginning January 9th to Easter! Come and See...Join us! Call 481-7172 To reserve your space!

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM BISHOP DEWANE REGARDING THE CURRENT FLU SITUATION - All parishes/missions/chapels in the Diocese of Venice in Florida are being asked to take the following precautions to help mitigate the spread and effects of the Flu. The faithful should be encouraged to share the Sign of Peace without touching hands. This can be done with meaningful eye contact, smiles, and a bow of the head in reverence to another. Please note: the “Sign of Peace” is optional in the celebration of the Mass as the rubrics indicate. Regarding the Precious Blood, at this point individuals have the choice as to whether or not they are comfortable receiving the Precious Blood at this time. Parishes may decide to discontinue reception under both species at Communion. Priests, deacons and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion are especially reminded of the need to practice good hygiene. All Ministers of Holy Communion are encouraged to wash their hands before Mass begins and after Mass. The faithful are encouraged not to hold hands during the reciting of Our Father. Parishioners should not come to Mass when they are not feeling well. Until the Flu season has passed, these guidelines should be followed. Continuously updated information is available from the CDC at www.CDC.gov.

WOMEN’S CONFERENCE - The 2015 Diocese of Venice Women’s Conference will be held Sat. Feb. 14, 2015 at Bishop Verot High School, Ft. Myers. Speakers this year include Dr. Ray Guarendi and atheist-turned-Catholic, Jennifer Fulwiler. To register go to www.dioceseofvenice.org/womens

MEN’S CONFERENCE - The 2015 Diocese of Venice Men’s Conference will be held Sat. Mar. 7 at Bishop Verot High School, Ft. Myers. Speakers this year include Tom Peterson, founder of Catholics Come Home and Catholic Apologist Trent Horn. To register go to www.dioceseofvenice.org/mens

The Magnificat breakfast will be held Saturday, January 31, 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM at the Holiday Inn Airport at Gulf Coast Town Center, Fort Myers. Please send a $20 check, payable to Magnificat Fort Myers, to Joanne Tarantino, 3315 Bermuda Isle Circle, Unit 128, Naples, FL 34109, 239-887-0060 or Shirley Ruelh, 11451 Pembrook Run, Estero, FL 33928, 239-949-7015. Requests must be post-marked by Friday, January 23.

The 2015 Venetian Charity Ball
Please mark your calendars for the 2015 Venetian Charity Ball on February 14, 2015 at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point. This is an elegant masquerade ball with dinner, cocktails, dancing, entertainment and wonderful auction items. Reservations are $200 per person. The Guest of Honor is Bishop Frank J. Dewane and the Mistress of Ceremonies is Lois Thome from WINK News. The Galeana Humanitarian Award will be presented to Bernie and Gina DeWolfe. This year a brand new Chrysler 200 car will be raffled and tickets are still available online! You do not have to be present to win. To reserve your tickets for the event or car raffle, please visit www.catholiccharitiesdov.org. For more information call (239) 337-4193 or email VenetianBall@ccslee.org. Proceeds will benefit the Catholic Charities program and services in Lee, Hendry and Glades counties.

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