JULY 26, 2015
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEEDING THE WORLD

With today’s two accounts of feeding miracles and the psalm response about the Lord’s hand feeding us, it is easy to gloss over the marvelous hymn in Ephesians. It is built around the most potent biblical numbers: one, three, and seven. The core of it is the word “one” expressed seven times. Three of these describe the church: one body, one Spirit, one hope; the next three are the foundations of the church: one Lord [Jesus], one faith, one baptism. All of these are bound up together in the one Father of all. While we might feel daunted by the prospect of duplicating the wonders worked by Elisha and Jesus in the feeding of multitudes, Ephesians gives us a more realistic way to live and “feed” others as the church: by living in humility and gentleness, by acting with patience, bearing with each other in love, and always seeking and striving to preserve unity through peace. Who among us cannot increase the way we “feed” the church and the world by living this way? We are always called upon to “feed” the world in the literal sense; but our mission as church tells us that others are also fed by the way we live and act each moment of each day.
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The eyes of all look hopefully to you, and you give them their food in due season.
— Psalm 145:15

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading — Elisha feeds a hundred people with twenty barley loaves (2 Kings 4:42-44).
Psalm — The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs (Psalm 145).
Second Reading — Paul urges the Ephesians to live in a manner worthy of the call they received (Ephesians 4:1-6).
Gospel — Jesus feeds a large crowd with five barley loaves and two fish (John 6:1-15).


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 at 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:

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

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Sooner or later, as they plan their wedding liturgy, a couple will receive some advice about a “unity candle.” They need one, they are told (at great expense); it is a tradition; it is what Catholics have always done. Not so. In the last thirty years or so, the custom has enjoyed wide popularity in the United States. It has never been officially part of our liturgy, and it exists in tension with some of our core symbols. Usually there are two smaller candles and one larger one to be lit from the smaller. Large candles in our tradition always mean Christ, and smaller ones are always tokens of our baptismal candle. If the candles are meant for a kind of renewal of baptismal vows, then the meaning is clearer, yet this is seldom the understanding. Why, then, are those smaller candles extinguished?

It’s hard to tell where these pesky candles came from. Some suggest that the Presbyterian Church, which has a very lean wedding liturgy, introduced them as an option for extending a short service. Generally, it’s been experienced as a “photo opportunity” rather than a genuine liturgical ritual. The “unity candle,” a recent invention rather than an authentic tradition, has not been approved as an adaptation to our rite, and it is to be hoped that it will gradually disappear from view.

— Rev. James Field, Copyright © J.S. Paluch Co.
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Recently, the United States Supreme Court, in the Obergefell decision, mandated that all states legalize so-called “same-sex marriage.” Regardless of the decision, no human law can override the laws of God, and no human court can redefine something as integral to human society as marriage. The Catholic Church will continue to defend and promote the institution of marriage as the Church has always understood it.

This court decision has made clear that our society no longer recognizes marriage as it has been defined throughout human history. Yet marriage is not a human construct that can be redefined, but instead is an institution created by God ‘from the beginning’ to unite a man and a woman. Marriage has certain unique characteristics:

Marriage is between a man and a woman. In Scripture, when Jesus was questioned about marriage, he responded, “From the beginning of creation, God made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one.” (Mark 10:6-8). In our day, Pope Francis has declared: “The complementarity of man and woman is being questioned in the name of a freer and more just society. The difference between a man and a woman is not meant to stand in opposition, or to subordinate, but is for the sake of communion and generation, always ‘in the image and likeness of God.”

Marriage is open to life. In marriage, the husband and wife commit to each other – and no other – for as long as they both shall live. “What therefore God has joined together, let no one put asunder” (Mark 10:9). In addition to unity, procreation is one of marriage’s primary purposes. Not every marriage produces children, but even in these cases the couple affirms the life-giving aspect of marriage by their willingness to nurture new life should God bless them with it.

These central characteristics of marriage make it the foundation of a strong society, for marriage gives all new members of a society — children — the best possible environment for a healthy upbringing. Our Holy Father has stated, “Children have a right to grow up in a family with a father and a mother capable of creating a suitable environment for the child’s development and emotional maturity.” This obliges the government to support and favor such a definition of marriage in its civil laws.

As Catholics, we must continue to follow our Lord and defend and promote the institution of marriage as one that is faithful, life-long, between a man and a woman, and open to life. Let us pray for one another, and pray for our country, our government leaders, and all married couples.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Frank J. Dewane
Bishop of the Diocese of
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Altar Flowers
This Week:

In Loving Memory of
Mark Lewis 5th Anniv.
by Tina Jacobik

In Loving Memory of
George Weber
By Wife Carrie

MINISTRY OF THE SICK

The following hospitals are attended to by the parish in which they are located:

* Gulf Coast Hospital - visited daily by St. 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.

WEEKLY OFFERING

July 19, 2015
Reg. Offertory: $18,623.00
Latin Mass: $528.00
SVDP: $623.00

Thank You

2015 CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL

Our commitment for this year is $360,000.00
Pledges made thus far Total: $318,340.36
Payments made thus far Total: $276,399.63, Thank you!
We still need $83,600.37 to reach our goal.
Please join our parish family in making a sacrificial gift to the CFA

This week’s Sanctuary Candle:

In Loving Memory of
Helen McGiveron
by Friends at Resurrection

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, First Monday in June, July and August, 8:30am. Alouise 481-8168
Coffee & Donuts, Will resume after Labor Day
Craft Club, Tuesdays, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.
Men’s Club, 2nd Monday of month, 7:00p.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 Thursdays Oct. thru May, 9-11 a.m.
St. Vincent DePaul Board Meeting, 1st Tues. every month, 7:00 pm. For SVDP assistance call 239-600-6749, or email, svdp@resurrectionch.org
Teams of Our Lady, call Joann for more information, 482-7982
Women’s Guild, 3rd Wednesday every month, 8:30a.m. Sept. - May

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Thank You
Sacramental Preparation is a two year preparation period.

Faith Formation is a life-long journey.

Students in first and ninth grade who are participating in Mass and who have expressed a desire are welcome to begin the two year process of preparing for these Sacraments. In order for a child to receive God’s graces through the sacraments he or she is obligated to be actively involved with Religious Education or Youth Ministry for at least two years immediately preceding the Sacrament.

♦ 1st Grade students are obligated to be actively participating in Mass and Religious Education for their first year of Sacramental Preparation to receive in the 2nd Grade
♦ 9th Grade students are obligated to be actively participating in Mass and a member of Resurrection Youth Ministry to be Confirmed in 10th grade.

Interested in becoming Catholic?

If so, then RCIA is for you!!!

R.C.I.A. is the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. This journey of inquiring, learning and becoming Catholic will lead an individual to full communion in the Catholic Church.

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.

We will have a couple of inquiry sessions during the summer months. If you or someone you know is questioning becoming Catholic please have them call the parish office at 481-7171

2015-16 Religious Education Registration is open

Pre-K—Fifth Grade Religious Education has two options to choose from:
Sundays from 4:15pm-5:15pm followed by the New Family Mass at 5:30pm or Wednesdays= 5:45-6:45

Classes and the 5:30 Family Mass will start on Sep. 20

You may download forms from our web site: www.resurrectionch.org or fill one out in our office.

The cost is~
$60 thru July 31
$70 thru Aug 31
$80 after Aug 31
$15 for each additional Child
$25 Sacramental Prep fee for students receiving sacraments this year.

“In the family, faith accompanies every age of life, beginning with childhood; children learn to trust in the love of their parents. This is why it is so important that within families parents encourage shared expressions of faith which can help children gradually to mature in their own faith.”

~Pope Francis, #53 Lumen Fidei
**Lector Ministry**
Looking for a way to grow closer to your faith? Are you looking to learn more about Christ’s teachings? We are looking for parishioners who would like to proclaim the word of God at daily as well as weekend masses. Consider being part of this ministry by calling Todd Macke at **239-284-4979**.

**ATTENTION YOUTH**
**Would you like to serve the Lord?**
**Sign up now to be an Altar Server**
You must be 10 years old or older.

Fill out the form below and return in an envelope in the collection on Sunday, marked Attn: Tina.

Name___________________________________________

D.O.B.___________________________________________

Parents Name____________________________________

Address__________________________________________

Telephone #s  Cell____________Home______________

Deacon Mike Esper will conduct the training sessions to be scheduled at a later date.
Head Sacristan Tina Jacobik will call parents to notify of dates and times.

**ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS ARE AVAILABLE**
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 it to us. The loved one’s name as well as the name of the donor (if wished) will be printed in the bulletin.

**THERE ARE CURRENTLY SEVERAL DATES AVAILABLE FOR THE YEAR 2015**

**GIFT SHOP HOURS**
Saturday, 2:30 - 3:30
Sunday, 8:15 - 11:45

**PRESSURE**
*A diamond is a chunk of coal that has made good under pressure.*
—Anonymous

**YOUTH MINISTRY**
**REGISTRATION OPEN FOR THE FALL!**

Junior, Yth. ~ 6–8th gr.
Senior, Yth.. ~ 9-12th gr.

**Register fees:**
- $45 thru July 31
- $55 thru Aug. 31
- $65 thereafter

**NEW TIME FOR RYM BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 20TH…**
Family /Youth Mass 5:30pm
Followed by Youth Gatherings 6:30– 8:00pm
Call RYM or email with any questions: Vikki@resurrectionch.org / 481-5144

*Add’l fee for Confirmation Prep. ~
2yr. Program begins in 9th gr.*
MONTH 5 – Developing Baby
“Mommy felt me kick today!”

Your spiritually adopted baby weighs over one pound now, and his mother can feel his movement. Before this time he was too small for her to feel. Although he swam with ease in his watery world, he needed to be big and strong enough to kick hard against the outside wall and dent it - - the inside wall of the uterus has little feeling. We are mid-way through the pregnancy now. Your prayers have helped your baby’s mother continue with her pregnancy and seek the help she needs.

PRAYER TO END ABORTION

Lord God, I thank you today for the gift of my life, And for the lives of all my brothers and sisters. I know there is nothing that destroys more life than abortion, Yet I rejoice that you have conquered death by the Resurrection of Your Son. I am ready to do my part in ending abortion. Today I commit myself Never to be silent, Never to be passive, Never to be forgetful of the unborn. I commit myself to be active in the pro-life movement, And never to stop defending life Until all my brothers and sisters are protected, And our nation once again becomes A nation with liberty and justice Not just for some, but for all. Through Christ our Lord. Amen!
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