Everyone recognizes the truth of good proverbs, and so they endure from generation to generation. The Russians have a surprisingly bold one that fits this Sunday’s Gospel: “Bread is the beginning of everything.”

Judging from the first reading, Elijah might have felt that it was too late for bread—too late for life itself. This great prophet was at the end of his rope and endurance. Then, not one, but two angels visit him. One offers food and drink. The other gives startling directions. For Elijah, this food from the angels is bread for his journey. On the strength of the heaven-sent gift of food, he walks to the mountain of God.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus offers himself, not just as bread for the journey, but as bread for life itself. He gives his flesh as life for the world. “I am the bread of life” (John 6:48). He is the beginning of everything.
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 9, 2015

I am the living bread that came down from heaven.  
— John 6:51

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading — After resting and taking nourishment twice, Elijah is strengthened to walk to the mountain of God, Horeb (1 Kings 19:4-8).
Psalm — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34).
Second Reading — Be sealed by the Holy Spirit of God so as to be imitators of God and live in love (Ephesians 4:30 — 5:2).
Gospel — Jesus professes that he is the living bread and whoever eats this bread will live forever (John 6:41-51).

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

THANK YOU TO COLLEGE BOUND USHERS
A big “Thank you” for your service to our parish to two Sunday ushers who will be going to college this fall - Nicholas Lambros who will be going to St. Louis University and Eve Thomas who will be going to Ohio State. May God bless you and may you remain steadfast in your faith and witness to others as you begin your new journey.

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

August 2, 2015
Reg. Offertory: $15,256.00
Education: $2,867.00
Latin Mass: $490.00
SVDP: $594.00

Altar Flowers
This Week:

In Loving Memory of
Marcella Kostyk
by granddaughter Tina Jacobik

In Loving Memory of
Vince Murtha
By friends at Resurrection

2015 CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL

Our commitment for this year is $360,000.00
Pledges made thus far Total: $319,043.36
Payments made thus far Total: $283,514.05, Thank you!
We still need $76,485.95 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
Mark Gruell
by Friends at Resurrection

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.

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
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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
Sacramental Preparation
First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation

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 proceeding 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~
$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
YOUTH MINISTRY IS HELPING OUR FRIENDS AT CATHOLIC CHARITIES GET READY FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR.....

WE ARE COLLECTING SCHOOL SUPPLIES TO FILL 40 BACKPACKS!

Items that we will be filling the backpacks with are:
Pens, pencils, loose leaf paper, spiral notebooks, rulers, erasers, crayons, glue, colored pencils, markers, highlighters, scissors, pencil sharpeners, etc.

If you are unable to pick up any supplies but would like to make a monetary donation, we’ll be happy to shop for you!

R.Y.M. ~Helping, mentoring, building community!

All donations can be dropped off in the Parish Center with Youth Ministry
If you have any questions, call Vikki at 481-5144.

Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘worship the Lord your God, and serve only Him.’” ~ Luke 4:8

YOUTH MINISTRY
REGISTRATION OPEN FOR THE FALL!

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

Register fees:* $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.
Married and in love….most of the time! - Calling all married couples. Would you like to hear about “talking in the safe zone”, or how to have affection all day, or how to confront so everyone wins? Then you will want to attend a new one-day enrichment to be held on Saturday, August 22 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat Center in Venice. This is a special time for couples of all ages and stages to focus on the strengths in your marriage and to learn new tools to keep you in tune a s a couple. To register please contact Terry & Julkie Dorr, 941-751-4937 or email mrsjudo@verizon.net. The $45 fee per couple covers continental breakfast, lunch and materials.

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.

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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!
For Catholics

As Catholics, we fully participate in this celebration of the Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion. We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly and frequently. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should not be conscious of grave sin and normally should have fasted for one hour. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord without prior sacramental confession except for a grave reason where there is no opportunity for confession. In this case, the person is to be mindful of the obligation to make an act of perfect contrition, including the intention of confessing as soon as possible (canon 916). A frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all.

For our fellow Christians

We welcome our fellow Christians to the celebration of this Eucharist as our brothers and sisters. We pray that our common baptism and the action of the Holy Spirit in the Eucharist will draw us closer to one another and begin to dispel the sad divisions which separate us. We pray that these will lessen and finally disappear, in keeping with Christ’s prayer for us “that they may all be one” (Jn 17:21). Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to Holy Communion. Eucharistic sharing in exceptional circumstances by other Christians requires prior permission according to the directives of the diocesan bishop and the provisions of church law.

For those not receiving Holy Communion

All who are not receiving Holy Communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another.

For non-Christians

We also welcome to this celebration those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ. While we cannot admit them to Holy Communion, we ask them to offer their prayers for the peace and unity of the human family.
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