SEPTEMBER 27, 2015
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OUR PRODIGAL GOD

We keep having to relearn how prodigal God is. It is as if God cannot quite manage to say no. We think it is surely fine when God is prodigal with us—rich in mercy and forgiveness, generous in grace. But what about the other—the enemy, the sinner, the heretic, the outsider? Well, we expect God to be as stingy with that person as we are.

Moses and Joshua wanted such a cozy world, too. They wondered how the spirit of God could be given to the two who did not show up at the meeting tent—today’s church. And the apostles in the Gospel complained because there were some miracle workers who were clearly not followers of Jesus. God’s great free wheeling generosity confounded them all. Let this be, says Jesus. Just see to it that you who lead continue to be worthy of your calling.

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TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading — Moses said, “Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets!” (Numbers 11:25-29).
Psalm — The precepts of the LORD give joy to the heart (Psalm 19).
Second Reading — Come now, you rich. The wages you withheld from the workers who harvested your fields are crying aloud (James 5:1-6).
Gospel — Whoever is not against us is for us (Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48).


To Belong to Christ: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today’s Gospel begins with a scene that recalls a similar moment in the history of Israel, the episode recalled in today’s First Reading. The seventy elders who receive God’s Spirit through Moses prefigure the ministry of the apostles. Like Joshua in the First Reading, John makes the mistake of presuming that only a select few are inspired and entrusted to carry out God’s plans. The Spirit blows where it wills (see John 3:8), and God desires to bestow His Spirit on all the people of God, in every nation under heaven (see Acts 2:5, 38).

God can and will work mighty deeds through the most unexpected and unlikely people. All of us are called to perform even our most humble tasks, such as giving a cup of water, for the sake of His name and the cause of His kingdom.

John believes he is protecting the purity of the Lord’s name. But, really, he’s only guarding his own privilege and status. It’s telling that the apostles want to shut down the ministry of an exorcist. Authority to drive out demons and unclean spirits was one of the specific powers entrusted to the Twelve (see Mark 3:14–15; 6:7, 13).

Cleanse me from my unknown faults, we pray in today’s Psalm. We need the advice we give, or the example of our actions, to do with mixed motives instead of seeking only the Father’s will? Are we living, as this Sunday’s Epistle warns, for our own luxury and pleasure, and neglecting our neighbors?

We need to keep meditating on His Law, as we sing in today’s Psalm. We need to pray for the grace to detect our failings and to overcome them.

Yours in Christ,
Scott Hahn, Ph.D.

NEW GIFT SHOP HOURS BEGINNING OCT. 1

Thursdays 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Saturdays 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Sundays 8:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
Meditation from the Diary of St. Faustina

Sacrifice and Prayer

Meditation:
Conference on Sacrifice and Prayer.

Outwardly, your sacrifice must look like this: silent, hidden, permeated with love, imbued with prayer. I demand, My daughter, that your sacrifice be pure and full of humility, that I may find pleasure in it. I will not spare My grace, that you may be able to fulfill what I demand of you (Diary, 1767).

My Prayer Response:

Lord Jesus, may my sacrifice be silent, hidden, loving, prayerful, and joyful! May it be pure and humble, so it may please You. Fulfill Your purpose for my life.

WEEKLY OFFERING
Sept. 20, 2015
Reg. Offertry: $14,585.97
Latin Mass: $706.00
SVDP: $633.00

Thank You

Altar Flowers
This Week:

In Loving Memory of
Bob Geiger
by Wife

This week’s Sanctuary Candle:

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by Friends at Resurrection

Sacrifice -
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~ Blessed Teresa of Calcutta

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.

For more information call Alouise 481-8168

Coffee & Donuts, Sundays after 10:30 Mass beginning Oct. 4
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

Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Novena, Saturdays after the 8:00a.m. Mass, church

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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Thursday, October 8, 2015

8:00 a.m. Mass with Bishop Frank J. Dewane, Celebrant
Resurrection of Our Lord Church,
8121 Cypress Lake Dr, Ft. Myers

9:00 a.m. Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
for those not participating at the abortion site

9:00 a.m. Proceed by car to Viva parking lot, 5990 Winkler Road
(just north of the intersection of Winkler and College Parkway). Parking permission
granted for this event only.

Prayerful procession with Bishop Dewane
to abortion site, Planned Parenthood,
8595 College Parkway.
Line sidewalk along Winkler to pray rosary.

10:45 a.m. Closing Benediction at Resurrection of Our Lord Church

In memory of more than 58 million unborn babies
who have died since the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court
decisions legalizing abortion for any reason.

For more information:
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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.

Inquiry Sessions Begin Sept. 28

RCIA may be for you!!!

Would you like to know more about the Catholic Faith? If so please join us for a:

“COME AND SEE!”
Monday Evenings
6:30PM - 7:30PM

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.

Inquiry sessions continue on Mondays in October.

If you or someone you know is contemplating becoming Catholic please have them call or e-mail me, Joanne @ 482-6883 or Resurrectionre@gmail.com

2015-16 Religious Education K– 5

Sundays 3:45pm– 4:45pm
followed by the Mass at 5:00pm
or
Wednesdays: 5:45– 6:45

Sunday September 27 — Philadelphia

As Pope Francis goes to visit the imprisoned, please pray for justice and for true interior freedom for all people. Here is a prayer from the Roman Missal for those held in captivity:

O God, whose Son humbled himself and took the form of a slave to redeem the human race from being captive to sin, grant to your servants held in confinement that they may obtain the freedom you destined to all, for we are your sons and daughters. Through Christ our Lord.

As Pope Francis celebrates Mass on the Parkway in Philadelphia at the conclusion of the World Meeting of Families, please join him in prayer. Here is the World Meeting of Families Prayer:

God and Father of us all, in Jesus, your Son and our Savior, you have made us your sons and daughters in the family of the Church.

May your grace and love help our families in every part of the world be united to one another in fidelity to the Gospel.

May the example of the Holy Family, with the aid of your Holy Spirit, guide all families, especially those most troubled, to be homes of communion and prayer and to always seek your truth and live in your love.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!
Pope Francis prayer intentions for October -

**General Prayer Intention** - That human trafficking, the modern form of slavery, may be eradicated.

**Mission Prayer Intention:** That with a missionary spirit the Christian communities of Asia may announce the Gospel to those who are still awaiting it.

Calling for Safety In Hurricane Season

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed Your order and returned to its former quietude. You are still the Master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land, and spread chaos and disaster. During this hurricane season we turn to You, O loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son on our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem, where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen.

**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.

**Join us for Lunch!**

All are invited

Faith Formation happens all the time in everyday experiences of friendship and support - we come to know God’s presence. We celebrate God’s love at every Mass and we live it everyday in sharing time with others building right relationships!

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Wednesday @ Noon - Oct. 28

Call to reserve your space by Oct. 25
Dutch Treat - Separate checks
Jesus calls us to share meals with each other!
Call 481-7172 to reserve your spot!

**WE WELCOME OUR NEWEST PARISHIONERS:**

Chris DePaola, Jose & Rusanqui Gamboa
Family, Jimmy Miller and Family, Jorge Rodriguez, Amanda Peters, Keith & Marcela Anderson and Family

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

**Faith**

“What do you possess if you possess not God?”
~ St. Augustine
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Resurrection priests will be happy to visit you but you must make sure that you are on the hospital list and notify the parish office, otherwise we have no way of knowing that you are hospitalized.

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