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TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading — Hannah gives her son Samuel back to the LORD, leaving him in the temple at Shiloh: “As long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD” (1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28) or Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14.

Psalm — Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord (Psalm 84) or Psalm 128.

Second Reading — We are children of God when we believe in the name of God’s Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us (1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24) or Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17].

Gospel — Joseph and Mary find the lost Jesus in the temple in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking questions (Luke 2:41-52).

SATURDAY DECEMBER 26 - SUNDAY VIGIL MASS
3:30 †Hilda & Thomas Marcellus by Family
5:00 †Catherine Franey by Franey Family

SUNDAY DECEMBER 27 -
7:30 ♥†People of the Parish
9:00 †Mary & Roy Fredrikson by Sister
10:30 †Don English by Wife Alice
12:45 Latin Mass
5:00 NO 5:00 P.M. Mass

MONDAY DECEMBER 28 -
8:00 †Joanne Lapenda by Carole Morelli

TUESDAY DECEMBER 29 -
8:00 †Ed Sheehan by Tom & Beverly Sheehan

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 30 -
8:00 †George Henry Schippereit by Daughter Julie

THURSDAY DECEMBER 31 - VIGIL OF SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
8:00 †Joseph Mashione by Beloved Wife Cathy
5:30 †Deceased Members of Resurrection Parish

FRIDAY JANUARY 01 - SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
7:30 †Jennie Truncale by Resurrection Women’s Guild
9:00 ♥SHJS Graduates by Friends
10:30 ♥†People of the Parish

SATURDAY JANUARY 02 -
8:00 †William Jopko by Donna Healy

SATURDAY JANUARY 02 - SUNDAY VIGIL MASS
3:30 ♥Spec. Intention for Kevin & Yutsyr Doherty by Mom
5:00 †Robert Quintel by Joe & Marsha Rouleau

SUNDAY JANUARY 03 - THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
7:30 ♥†People of the Parish
9:00 †Mary Jane Johns by Resurrection Staff
10:30 †Gloria Vevoda by Susan Cantalupo
12:45 Latin Mass
5:00 NO 5:00 P.M. Mass

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

MEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS — all those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith, especially Peter Gargano, Nicholas Googin, Yvonne O’Neil, Fionnuala Nichols.

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PRAYERS FOR PRIESTS - Please join us every Thursday immediately after the 8:00 Mass to pray for priests.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR ADORATION EVERY FIRST FRIDAY AFTER THE 8:00 MASS

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

January 1, 2016

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
Mass Times:
VIGIL MASS Thursday, Dec. 31, 5:30 pm
Thurs. Jan. 1
7:30 am
9:00 am
10:30 am
12:45 pm (Latin Mass)

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

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Thursdays 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Saturdays 2:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sundays 8:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
5:00 Mass Music:
12-13-15
Gathering: M222
Offertory: M209
Communion: M300
Recessional: M315
SS: Spirit and Song (purple book)
RB: YP Glory & Praise (red book)
M: Missalette

**WEEKLY OFFERING**

December 21, 2015

Figures unavailable at time of printing.
See next week’s bulletin.

Thank You

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**Mass to Celebrate Volunteers** -
In appreciation of the volunteers of the Diocese of Venice, Bishop Frank J. Dewane invites all volunteers to a Mass on Saturday, January 16 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Leo Parish, 28290 Beaumont Road, Bonita Springs. The Mass is an opportunity to extend gratitude and appreciation for those who generously give of their time and talent. All priests, deacons and the faithful are invited to participate in a celebration of the active stewardship of our laity. A lunch will follow the Mass in the Parish Hall. No registration is required, all are welcome.

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**FAMILY LIFE** -

Family life is sacred, but it is not without trial. Perhaps this is the most important message we can glean from today’s readings. If Jesus, Mary, and Joseph can trip up sometimes—can disconnect—then we shouldn’t find it surprising when such things happen to us as well. And parents everywhere (children, too) can probably relate to—and take some solace in—the Gospel’s account of Mary and Joseph after Jesus explained why he stayed behind in the temple. They heard his words, Luke tells us, “But they did not understand what he said to them” (Luke 2:50). Amen! Nevertheless, Jesus does go back home with them, and continues to thrive under their care.

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**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

This New Year’s Eve, at the turning of the year, you may catch a glimpse of the old year, a cartoon figure of a hunched old man with a sickle, Father Time. Where else but in this column could you learn that this is in fact a pope? December 31 was in the old calendar the feast of St. Sylvester. Legend says that Sylvester healed the Emperor Constantine of leprosy, and presided at the liturgy of baptism for the grateful emperor. In 314, he was chosen pope, and it fell to him to organize the peace church, free at last from persecution. He founded the Lateran Basilica, the cathedral of the Diocese of Rome.

In northern Europe “Sylvester Night” is a time of great parties with eating, dancing, and singing—recalling perhaps the joy of the church in the fresh air of Sylvester’s papacy. In Poland, there was great fear as the year 1000 approached that an immense dragon would devour the earth and set fire to the heavens. The people prayed earnestly to St. Sylvester, trusting that the saint would not permit such suffering on his feast day. They’ve been celebrating ever since!

Many New Year’s customs have pagan roots, like the British “First Footer” tradition. The idea is that the first person setting foot into your house in the new year determines the luck for the year ahead. The ideal first footer was not a bit like old Pope Sylvester, but rather a tall, dark-haired man carrying the right gift. A handsome first footer meant the year ahead would be pleasant, and if he carried bread or a shovel of coal there would be food and warmth in the future. Who will be your household’s first footer?

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Monday, February 1, 2016
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Prayer of Pope Francis for the Jubilee Year of Mercy -

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him. Show us your face and we will be saved.

Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money; the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things; made Peter weep after his betrayal, and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.

Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman: “If you knew the gift of God!”

You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified.

You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this of you, Lord Jesus, through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy; you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.

Amen.

Jubilee Year of Mercy

December 27, 2015

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Imagine: three New Year’s celebrations in little over a month! In late November, Advent began the new liturgical year; December 8, the Jubilee Year of Mercy; this coming Friday, the New Year 2016. In today’s Gospel, after three days of anguish, Mary tells Jesus how desperately she and Joseph have been searching for him. Mary could be speaking for the whole human race. With religious persecutions raging, international and domestic conflicts seething, our family and friends suffering various difficulties, not to mention our own personal problems, how much our world needs Jesus as another New Year veiled in mystery begins!

As we pray for God’s mercy to enfold our world and embrace each of us in 2016, let our New Year’s resolution be to live the Jubilee Year of Mercy by being for others, as Mary was, a channel of God’s mercy and an instrument of Christ’s peace.

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MEN’S GOSPEL FORUM -

Fridays at 7:00 a.m. at Sweet Bean Coffee Café, McGregor Blvd. Call Ange Ford for more information, 216-496-0269.

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, Sundays, 3:30p.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
Bible Study During Holy Year of Mercy

Join us in January
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End of Year Giving

As you consider your Christmas and end of year giving, remember your extended Catholic family!

Your gift can be designated to our parish, Catholic School, the Catholic Faith Appeal, the Catholic Community Foundation or an individual ministry. These gifts provide support for Christ’s ministry and may assist you with some tax benefits. We are most grateful for your generosity to the Church!

Please consider a possible year end gift. Remember to consult with your financial advisor before making a decision.

Cash Gifts – Stock or Real Estate Gifts

A cash contribution can be made to your parish, Catholic school or to the Catholic Faith Appeal and may provide you with an income tax benefit. Call the Development Office to facilitate a transfer of stock. Be sure to let us know if your gift is being restricted for a certain use such as a building fund, scholarship, CFA or unrestricted for the greatest need. For more information please contact: Mrs. Deborah Shafer (941) 486-4719

Contribute to an Endowment Fund

One can give to an endowment fund through the Catholic Community Foundation of Southwest Florida to benefit a Catholic institution within the Diocese of Venice. A gift or series of gifts made now can provide a long-term income stream to benefit your selected institution, ministry or program. At certain levels of giving, a named endowment fund can be established.

Charitable Gift Annuities

Charitable gift annuities provide a secure income during your life and a residual gift to an endowment fund benefitting your parish, Catholic School or the Diocese of Venice. Your gift to the Catholic Community Foundation of Southwest Florida will generate regular fixed payments to you.

The chart below indicates the same annuity rates based on a single life annuity:

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Example: A $25,000 case contribution from a 75 year old donor will produce an annual fixed income payment of $1,450, that is partially non taxable and an initial tax deductible amount of $11,443.

The minimum amount required to establish a charitable gift annuity is $25,000

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