Easter Sunday

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Psalm 118:24

March 27, 2016
Today’s Readings

First Reading — Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen (Acts 10:34a, 37-43).

Psalm — This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad (Psalm 118).

(1) Second Reading — All who are baptized, set your hearts in heaven (Colossians 3:1-4) or

(2) Second Reading — Christ our Passover is sacrificed; therefore let us celebrate (1 Corinthians 5:6b-8).

Gospel — Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (John 20:1-9) or


DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
(Sunday April 3)

❖ All parishioners are invited to participate in the special celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday, the Sunday after Easter. A special service will be conducted after the 12:00 p.m. Mass to highlight the celebration.

❖ Our Lord promised St. Faustina complete forgiveness of sins and punishment to all those who will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on this day.

❖ In addition, Pope John Paul II granted a plenary indulgence for the devout observance of Divine Mercy Sunday.

❖ So come, celebrate, and bathe in Our Lord’s ocean of graces and unfathomable mercy.

This is the day of extraordinary graces and “complete forgiveness of sins and [of its due] punishment” for those who approach Him in trust and faith.

BEGINNING AND END

Faith is the beginning and the end is love. —St. Ambrose

EASTER FLOWERS

We thank the many parishioners and visitors who contributed toward our beautiful Easter flowers. Easter flower envelopes are gathered near the altar, as they represent the prayerful remembrances for our beloved living and deceased.
WEEKLY OFFERING
March 13, 2016
Reg. Offertory: $27,501.50
Education: $6,577.00
Latin Mass: $1,431.00
SVDP: $1,010.00

Thank You

March 20 Collection figures unavailable at time of printing. See future bulletin.

On-Line Giving February 2016
Offertory: $7,960.00
Education: $330.00

Thank You

SVDP Distributions, February 2016
Rents: $3,751.00
Electric: $548.09
Food: $240.00
Water: $1,078.60
Travel: $89.99

Twinning
$500.00 to the Miami, FL District Council

Your gift to a SVDP Poor Box helps the poor to celebrate the grace of God’s love, this Lenten Season.

Thank You

Easter Sunday
Childish or Child-like?

The Gospel for Easter this year reminds me of little children. Mary of Magdala runs from the tomb when she sees it has been opened. Then Peter and the other disciple race each other to the tomb. The other one wins the race but Peter goes in first (John 20:1–5). I can picture the disciple stopping suddenly and Peter running into him, tripping and ending up in the tomb. But putting slapstick aside, there is another way they are like children.

Remember the Gospel about St. Thomas, who would not believe Jesus’ resurrection until he could see him? Compare that to the disciple in today’s reading, who “saw [the empty tomb] and believed” (John 20:9). That is real faith. For all he knew, someone could have taken Jesus’ body and left the cloths behind. But he must have remembered Jesus saying that he would rise again. That is the kind of faith we find in a little child.

Children will believe in things they cannot see, especially if there is a good reason. We “bribe” them into believing in Santa Claus or the tooth fairy by giving them Christmas presents or money under the pillow. They will also believe in Someone real who they cannot see. If we teach them that God made them and loves them, if we love them ourselves and teach them to love others, they will have good reasons to believe in God. As they get older, we can teach them how to pray, save money for the poor, visit the sick, or volunteer to help the homeless. We can reinforce what they learn in religion class and encourage them as they prepare for First Communion or confirmation.

Jesus didn’t say that only children could enter the Kingdom. He said we must become like children if we want to enter the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 18:3). What he means is that not only can we help teach children how to have faith, we can also learn from them about faith. Becoming like children does not mean being selfish or stubborn, throwing tantrums when we don’t get our way. Those are childish behaviors that we put aside. Instead, we can keep a child-like faith and trust in God. Teaching them about God is a great way to help our own faith to grow. By giving them real examples of God’s love for them, they will continue to believe long after they have given up the fairy tales of childhood. ~Tom Schmidt, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.
### Seasonal Parishioners
#### HEADING BACK NORTH
Envelopes Mailings come two months at a time. Please mark the months in which you will **NOT** Require Envelopes. Drop at Parish Office.

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- Repeat these months Yearly until further notice.

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### LOCAL COMMUNITY PREGNANCY CENTER IS IN NEED OF HELP
Resurrection for Life members ask you to help foster life by helping with your donation of much needed items. Community Pregnancy Clinic helps mothers with counseling and provides them with supplies for their babies that they cannot afford. The current needs are:

- Disposable Diapers in Sizes 1, 3, 4, & 5 - **This is the most needed item**
- Baby wipes (not adult wipes)
- New Outfits Sizes Newborn - 6 months and used baby clothes - all sizes
- New Sleepers Sizes NB - 12 months & Used all sizes thru 3T
- Shampoo/Lotions
- Teethers/Baby Toys
- New knitted baby blankets, crib or bassinet size, gender specific pinks or blues - can be combinations of colors but should be more gender specific (i.e. pink with yellow, white, or other neutral colors), Hat/Booties
- Maternity clothes, gently used are welcomed
- Donations may be dropped off at the PARISH CENTER.

We thank you as do the moms, babies, and families you are aiding!

**Thank you for your generous aid to this most worthy cause!**

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### The Easter Candle
A baptismal candle symbolizes the light of Christ and the flame of faith. The flame used to light this candle is always taken from the Easter candle, also known as the paschal candle. This very tall Easter candle is blessed and lit from a new fire at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday when we celebrate the Death and Resurrection of Jesus and welcome new members of the Church through Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. As it is carried in procession throughout a darkened church, we sing, “Christ our light. Thanks be to God!” The Easter candle remains lit in the sanctuary through the Feast of Pentecost and then is kept next to the baptismal font for the remainder of the liturgical year. It is lit as a resurrection symbol for baptisms and funerals. The candle is usually decorated with a cross, the numerals of the current calendar year, and the Greek letters alpha and omega to signify Christ as “the beginning and the end.” Five grains of incense can also be inserted in the cross to symbolize the five wounds of Christ. At the Easter Vigil, the following lines are sung in the darkness of the church:

“Accept this Easter candle. May it always dispel the darkness of this night!”

*(the Exsultet or Easter Proclamation)*

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March 27, 2016

Easter Sunday: The Resurrection of the Lord

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. Alleluia! Easter is always, but especially in this Jubilee Year of Mercy, the victory of God’s gentle but invincible mercy raising up Jesus, “faithful witness, the first-born of the dead” (Revelation 1:5), “first-born among many brothers [and sisters]” (Romans 8:29), conquering death in all its forms, in all of us in the human family. In Luke’s Vigil Gospel, heavenly messengers send the women forth: “Remember what [Jesus] said to you” (Luke 24:6). In John’s Gospel, the empty tomb likewise “sends forth” Mary Magdalene, Peter, and the Beloved Disciple, who believe though they do not fully understand. Finally, Luke’s evening “Emmaus” Gospel sends us forth, as “missionaries of mercy,” assuring us that we will encounter the Risen Lord, today and every day, in “the stranger” we meet along life’s journey, in “the Word that makes our hearts burn within us,” and “in the breaking of bread” (see Luke 24:32, 35).

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This week’s Sanctuary Candle:

In loving memory of Raymond Gier
by wife Chloe

Jubilee Year of Mercy
March 27, 2016

IMPORTANT NOTE TO ALL PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS:

When admitted to the hospital please register as Catholic and notify the parish office immediately, 481-7171. Resurrection priests visit the hospitals daily.

To protect your privacy hospitals do not give out information on patients without their permission.

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

RENEWAL 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

Craft Club, Tuesdays, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Men’s Club, 2nd Monday of month, 7:00pm., 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, for info, call Judy at 287-1237

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@resurrectionchurch.org

Teams of Our Lady, call Joann for more information, 482-7982

Women’s Guild, 3rd Wednesday every month, 8:30a.m. Sept. - May
Rejoice and Be Glad As WE Welcome our Neophytes!!!! 
Brad, Elaine, Tom, Amanda and Gregory 
Received into FULL COMMUNION AT THE EASTER VIGIL

Tom was baptized in the Congregational Church in Massachusetts at age 18. His wife is Catholic and he has attended the Catholic church with her over the years. Listening to the “Coming Home” series with Marcus Grodi on EWTN encouraged him and he decided that it was time to come into full communion in the Catholic church. He has been a faithful and determined participant in the RCIA since last fall. **Tom chose Padre Pio for his Confirmation name** as he is the . He has ample reason to be thankful for his intervention in several serious situations while serving as a paratrooper with the Army’s 82nd Airborne Division. **We welcome Thomas Herold PADRE PIO Hitchcock to the family of the Catholic Church.**

Elaine was baptized in the Drexel Park Presbyterian Church in Chicago, IL. She has been a member of both the Methodist and Lutheran churches during her search for a church family of her own. **Catholic friends influenced her to consider the Catholic church and on a visit to St. Anthony of Padua shrine in Italy she was inspired to follow her heart and inquire into the Catholic church.** Elaine has brought joy and her love of dancing to our classes. **Elaine chose Judith for her Confirmation name for St. Jutta of Prussia** who was married with 5 children and was widowed early in the marriage. She gave away her wealth after her children were grown and her attention was God first, family second and people in need next. Her focus was on God and doing good. **Welcome Elaine Ruth JUDITH Trapp to our church family.**

Amanda was baptized in Grace United Methodist church in Austin, TX. Amanda had no formal religious education until she met George Rodriguez her fiancé and sponsor. He is an active Catholic who has inspired her to join the Catholic church and to bring her son Julian for baptism and faith formation classes. Amanda is always ready to help when help is needed. **Amanda choose Mary for her Confirmation name** because Mary, the Mother of Jesus is such an inspiring role model of good mother and courageous faith-filled woman. **Welcome Amanda Rae MARY Peters to our church family.**

Gregory was baptized in the Catholic church in East Aurora, NY. After a life-threatening stroke, **Gregory was inspired through the prayers of many friends and family for his recovery.** He seeks to complete his initiation and receive Holy Communion and Confirmation. Gregory studies the Catechism diligently. He inspires us with his thoughtful reflections on the teachings of the church. **Gregory chose GREGOR after Pope Gregory for his Confirmation name because of the leadership and guidance this Pope gave to the church. We welcome Gregory Carl GREGOR Warnecke to full communion in the Catholic Family.**

Brad was baptized in the Lutheran church in Hobe Sound, FL. His mother and sister entered the Catholic church at Resurrection Parish in 2009. Brad has been attending the church with his son, Peyton for the last two years. He is a teacher and a volleyball coach. He likes the unity and teachings of the Catholic church. He chose JOSEPH for his confirmation name because of St. Joseph, father of Jesus and role model of family caring. **We welcome Brad Nathan JOSEPH Bender to Full Communion in the Catholic Family.**

ALL PRAISE AND GLORY TO GOD!
YOU ARE INVITED & WELCOME TO JOIN US!
WEDNESDAYS
7:00pm - 8:30pm
PARISH CENTER
Begins April 6

DOGmatic Theology is sure to evoke laughter and prompt newfound contemplation of the simple yet profound aspects of everyday life, dog days and all!

Based upon Father James Mallon’s many experiences with the often-mischievous “Monsi”, a nine-year old shepherd mix dog, this course explores themes central to the faith.

Each theme probes into a mystery of faith that is then illuminated with a witness story as well as a teaching by Dogmatic theologian, Dr. David Deane.

JOIN US FOR THIS DVD SERIES & DISCUSSION FOLLOWING:
WEDNESDAY EVENINGS 7:00pm - 8:30pm
THE TALKS

April 6 - I Believe in doG - The Unconditional Love of God
April 13 - You Did Not Choose Me - Coming Into Relationship
April 20 - The Seven Dogly Sins - Sin, Guilt and Forgiveness
April 27 - Cages and Fences - Surrendering to Christ
May 4 - Yum Scripture—Eating God’s Word
May 11 - The Leash and The Collar—Living Under the Lordship of Christ
May 18 - It’s a Dog’s Life - The Problem of Suffering
May 25 - Do Dogs Go To Heaven? - Mortality, Grief and Eternal Life

ALL ARE WELCOME
JOURNALS FOR DISCUSSION ARE AVAILABLE!!!

PLEASE RSVP: 481-7172
We need volunteers to serve as ushers at Sunday 12:00 pm Mass

If you are a parishioner in good standing, or are new to the parish and can provide a letter from your former parish, please call the Parish Office 481-7171 or see John Patterson, the Head Usher, after Mass.

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.

REGISTRATION FORMS AVAILABLE AT THE PARISH CENTER OR WEBSITE: WWW.RESURRECTIONCH.ORG CLICK YOUTH MINISTRY; CLICK FORMS

NO BIBLE STUDY DURING EASTER WEEK
Wednesday, April 6 - MERCY AS A SAVING ACT
ALL ARE WELCOME - JOIN US FOR A LIVELY DISCUSSION!
RSVP 481-7172

A Meeting on the Road to Emmaus -

Posted by Vinita Hampton Wright in Ignatian Prayer

This imaginative prayer exercise is based on Luke 24:13-35, the story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus.

It’s a long walk home from Jerusalem, but you’re glad for the exertion. The physical work of walking might ease, just slightly, the harder work that’s going on inside you today.

It is the work of grief. You lost a friend just a few days ago. Not only a friend, but your leader, your beloved teacher. And he didn’t simply die; he was executed in the most torturous, shameful way. You’ve seen a lot in your lifetime, but the memories of Jesus’ ordeal are forever branded into your memory. You close your eyes and see blood; you go to sleep but dream about someone suspended, gasping for air.

At least your friend is with you—both of you followed the teacher, with equal conviction and enthusiasm. So you bear your grief together now. As you walk and walk through the long, rainy afternoon, you encourage better memories—of all that the teacher said, of the people you know whom Jesus healed. You can’t seem to stop talking, although several times one or both of you must stop talking because you must cry for a while.

The stranger joins you while you are still several miles from home. Within moments, it’s clear that this person has no idea what has been going on in Jerusalem.

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St. Francis School students create a dinosaur sculpture for the 8th annual outdoor art exhibit at the Edison & Ford Winter Estates. The exhibit runs through April 24th and features unique and whimsical dinosaur sculptures form 17 Lee county schools using recycled and repurposed materials.

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With great heaviness and some annoyance, you fill in the barest details for him. All you have to say is “crucifixion” and anyone in Roman territories knows exactly what you’re talking about.

But the stranger engages in the conversation with great energy. He must be some kind of teacher, because he launches into an explanation of how Jesus’ fate is actually a good thing and the proper fulfillment of what was predicted long ago. This is fascinating—you and your friend are all ears. Before you know it, you’ve arrived at your home and it’s getting dark.

You invite the stranger to have supper with you and spend the night, rather than risk injury or other misfortune while on the road at night alone. Also you want to hear more of what he has to say. He graciously accepts your offer.

The first thing you do upon entering the house is prepare the evening meal. The three of you sit down to eat. Then the stranger takes the bread and blesses it. You feel a strange energy move through you and hover in the room. Where have you heard this sort of blessing before?

The stranger hands each of you a piece of the bread. You take it, and memory washes over you—of a hillside with thousands of hungry people. Of a few loaves and fishes being transformed in an instant to miraculous abundance. Suddenly, it is clear who this man is, eating at your table.

What do you see? What is his expression? What do you feel? What do you know in the truth of your heart?

You finish your meal—what a healing pleasure to eat the bread blessed by those hands! But then you look at each other and know what you must do. You head back to Jerusalem. You have to tell Jesus’ other followers who are still there in the city.

What is your conversation like on the way back?
You are traveling at night—something you never do, for safety’s sake. What does it feel like to be on the road at such a strange hour?
What thoughts keep running through your mind on this journey?
How has your perspective changed, now that you have met the resurrected Jesus?

We Remember You, O Risen Lord
We remember you, O risen Lord,
New Covenant at the feast of the cross.
Your resurrection dresses the table for the bread of heaven and the cup of salvation.

Blessed are you!