**SUNDAY MASSES & CONFESSIONS:** See inside

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**November 13, 2016**

**THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**GOD’S HEALING JUSTICE**

An old expression holds that the sun-warmed stone heals. Perhaps. But Malachi explains that only dark, sunless days are in store for those who do not find a place for God in their lives. Conversely, he tells us that the warmth and light of God’s healing justice await those who fear the Lord. That’s a pretty comforting notion—especially now in the already short and growing even shorter days of November. It’s the sun-warmed stone, and then some.

Paul speaks to us of justice as well, but points out that it is not a passive thing. To be treated justly, we need to do our fair share. If we are diligent and persevere we will be rewarded with and by the fruits of our labor. Lastly, Luke, too, tells us to persevere—in faith, this time—and our lives will be secure in God regardless of how we are treated by our enemies.

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Sing praise to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and melodious song.
— Psalm 98:5

**Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C**
**Sunday, November 13, 2016**

**This Sunday’s Readings:**

*First Reading*
Malachi 3:19-20
The day of justice is coming, says the Lord.

*Responsorial Psalm*
Psalm 98:5-6,7-8,9
Sing praise to God, who rules with justice.

*Second Reading*
2 Thessalonians 3:7-12
Paul urges the community to follow his example and to earn their keep.

*Gospel Reading*
Luke 21:5-19
Jesus predicts the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem and warns his followers that persecution will come before the end time.

**Background on the Gospel Reading**

In the context of Luke, today's Gospel appears near the end of Jesus' teaching in Jerusalem, just prior to the events that will lead to his crucifixion. His warnings and predictions are ominous but can be read in many ways.

To those who first heard Luke's Gospel, those may have been words of encouragement. The destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem by the Romans was history (70 A.D.); Luke's Gospel, Catholic scholars propose, was written between 80 and 90 A.D. His audience was probably Gentile Christians. Luke here tries to interpret the fall of Jerusalem for them and to locate it in God's plans for humankind (salvation history). At the same time, Luke is suggesting to his audience that there will be a considerable elapse of time before Jesus' final coming. Luke's listeners have likely seen much upheaval and are anxious to know if these are the signs of Jesus' coming. Luke is urging greater patience.

In the second part of today's Gospel, Jesus warns that his followers will face persecution for their beliefs. Luke presents persecution as an opportunity for the followers of Jesus for “It will lead to your giving testimony” (Luke 21:13). In persecution God's wisdom and power will be shown in the example of followers of Jesus. Perseverance in the face of persecution will lead to their salvation.

Here Jesus is assuring his followers that God is present to all believers, even in times of trouble. Ultimately, Jesus will witness to this with his own death. As disciples of Jesus, we try to follow his example, trusting in God's mercy and protection, even when we are facing difficulties.
WEEKLY OFFERING
Figures unavailable at time of printing.
See next week’s bulletin.

GIFT SHOP NEWS
The 2017 Paperback Sunday Missals are in. The price is $10.00 and they go fast! So, get your copy today.

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OPLATKI WAFERS
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The Christmas wafer (oplatek, plural oplatki) is a Central European Christian Christmas tradition celebrated in Polish families during Christmas Eve Vigil.

The unleavened wafers are baked from pure wheat flour and water, are usually rectangular in shape and very thin; they are identical in composition to a round wafer which becomes the Host after the Consecration during Mass in the Roman Catholic Church. Being only a reminder of the Body of Christ used in private homes, Oplatki lack sanctification by a priest or bishop. The Oplatki wafers are embossed with Christmas related religious images, varying from the nativity scene, especially Virgin Mary with baby Jesus to the Star of Bethlehem.

Cost is $3.00 for a pack of 5 wafers.

RESURRECTION CALENDAR

* 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

MINISTRY OF THE SICK

DATE: Saturday, November 19
TIME: 11:00 a.m.
PLACE: Epiphany Cathedral
350 Tampa Ave. West, Venice, FL
RSVP: 941-486-4714
ardy@dioceseofvenice.org

As the Year of Mercy comes to a close, and in gratitude for the time and talent given in support of the Church, Bishop Frank J. Dewane warmly invites you, your family and friends to join him, the priests, religious and laity to a Mass in “Appreciation of Volunteers” followed by a luncheon in the Parish Hall.

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LIFE ISSUES FORUM
From the USCCB

Girl on a Train
November 4, 2016
By Kimberly Baker

A few days ago, I was in a crowded metro car during early morning rush hour. At one stop a rather ordinary, but nervous young woman boarded. As the train started moving again, she braced herself and then spoke aloud to everyone. She tried to project her voice, with a controlled self-consciousness as she did so. She explained, haltingly, that she had recently become homeless, had nowhere to go, and would be grateful for any money or help offered. She hesitated, and then added that she had just learned she was pregnant. When finished, she looked down at the floor, eyes clouded with uncertainty.

I've been riding the metro for several years. This was the first time I have seen a young woman explaining that she was both homeless and pregnant, her words faltering as she looked around at the many faces ignoring her. Her entire appearance expressed, in a striking way, someone who was both trying to contain her fear yet summon the courage to express her urgent need.

A few people came forward, holding out $20 bills, which she accepted with trembling hands. I felt compelled to do more, to give her something beyond the expectation that she would have to live in the streets and the subway, day by day, begging for money. I grabbed some paper and jotted down information about a local maternity home. I offered her the piece of paper. She was startled, then took the paper and read. She looked back at me, curious. I gently explained how it was a place that could help her out. I saw a sense of longing well up in her, and something else: a flicker of hope in her eyes. She smiled in return, and thanked me quietly.

That brief encounter was very powerful. It was a small connection, with few words exchanged; but I’ll never forget the look of hope in the girl’s eyes. I pray that she was able to reach the maternity home so she will not have to spend nights on the streets, alone and vulnerable.

As it gets colder and we approach the holidays, let us especially keep in mind all who are homeless and all women facing unexpected pregnancies, especially young unmarried pregnant women who feel they have nowhere to go, no one to trust. If you know of any women in these circumstances, there are pregnancy help centers and maternity homes that can offer resources and support. Some homes have special programs to help mothers finish their education and get a job. Check with your parish or diocesan pro-life office about local resources.

The more we educate ourselves about what help is available to women in crisis pregnancies, the more we can be a light to others in dark situations. Even for the stranger we encounter, it is always possible to offer a bit of hope, no matter how small.

Kimberly Baker is Programs and Projects Coordinator for the Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. For more information on the bishops’ pro-life activities, please visit www.usccb.org/prolife.

The Life Issues Forum is a bi-weekly column by Pro-Life Secretariat staff addressing the latest issues on the culture of life.

RESURRECTION FOR LIFE

PLEASE JOIN US AT THE A BORTION CLINIC AT 3900 BROADWAY, FT. MYERS EVERY 2ND SATURDAY (after the 8:00 Mass) FOR THE ROSARY AND EVERY 2ND THURSDAY AT PLANNED PARENTHOOD, CORNER OF WINKLER & COLLEGE ANYTIME BETWEEN 9 AM AND NOON.

Spiritually Adopt
an Unborn Child

PRAY
I will commit to pray this prayer every day for 9 months from now until Christmas:

Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

Register online for a daily reminder about your spiritual baby’s growth at www.dioceseofvenice.org/respectlife.

“A Nation That Kills Its Own Children Is a Nation Without Hope.”
~ Pope John Paul II

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

All are welcome and encouraged to attend.
**Altar Flowers This Week:**

*In loving memory of:*
- **Dorothy Noonan**
  *by Friends at Resurrection*

*In loving memory of:*
- **Dolores Laporta**
  *by Friends at Resurrection*

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**Wednesday, Nov. 16**
**7:00pm - 8:30pm**
**Key 6**
**Seeking Beauty**

Join us! Resurrection Parish Center
This week’s question:
Where is your dream vacation spot?

Topics include:
Where can we find transcendence?

God invented sex

Our desire for beauty is a desire for God

Doorways to Divine Beauty
Nature, Music, Visual Arts, Athleticism, Literature

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

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Please join us for Coffee & Donuts, in the Parish Center, after the Sunday 10:30 Mass. All are welcome!!!

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**This week’s Sanctuary Candle:**

for **Joseph Pohrer**
*by Pat & Eileen Malloy*

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**Wednesday Mornings**
**10:00 am - 11:30 am**

Join us!

**Resurrection Parish Center**

**Nov. 16 - 5 Temptations Of Missionary Disciples**

Motivated by Mission or Self-Interest

“Father forgive them, for they do not know what they do…” Luke 23:34

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Come and See!

“In our times, divine Providence is leading us to a new order of human relations, which, by human effort and even beyond all expectations, are directed to the fulfillment of God’s superior and inscrutable designs, in which everything, even human setbacks, leads to the greater good of the Church.”

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**PLEASE HELP FEED THE HUNGRY!**

Your food donations will help St. Vincent DePaul, Catholic Charities, CCMI, Soup Kitchen, South Ft. Myers Food Pantry. Drop food in boxes at vestibules in the church or Parish Center. The following is most needed: Canned fruit and vegetables (corn/peas/carrot/green beans). Canned meat (tuna/chicken/sausages/ham/Spam). Spaghetti noodles and sauce, Macaroni and Cheese, Maseca flour (small bags), Canned diced tomatoes, Tomato sauce, Cereal, Canned soups (prefer chicken), and Dry beans (pinto/red/kidney).

Thank you and God Bless!
From the Women’s Guild
We wish to thank our membership and the many Resurrection parishioners for their support of our Annual Bazaar. We appreciate all of the donations as well as the delicious baked goods and lovingly crafted items contributed to make our event a success. The Craft Club did a beautiful job providing a variety of unique items which they have been working on throughout the year.

Come join the Craft Club, which continues to meet, on Tuesdays 8:30 - 10:30 am at the Parish Center.

St. John XXIII
Young Adult Ministry Program -

Young Adult Ministry
Contact Lois Kittenplan | lois@johnxiii.net 561-3022 xt 107
Contact Kelly Evers | kelly@johnxiii.net 561-3022 xt 107

St. John XXIII has launched Young Adult Ministry nights.

ROOTED: All Young Adults up to age 30ish

Young Adult Praise & Worship:
Thursday December 1st with Advent Reflection from 7:15-8:15pm
Christmas Party immediately following! Details of the party will in next week’s bulletin, on Facebook and in an email blast.

WOMEN’S GUILD FASHION SHOW
Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday November 16 at the Parish Center immediately following the 8:00 a.m. Mass. The refreshments will be ready!! Bring a guest, and enjoy the show featuring fashions from Draper’s and Damon’s. We will have a 50/50 drawing, door prizes and a table of Craft Club items for sale.

MEN’S GOSPEL FORUM -
Strengthening men’s roles as husbands, fathers, workers and community volunteers.
Join us for coffee and casual, insightful discussion on the upcoming Sunday Gospel.
Fridays at 7 - 8 a.m. in the East side of the Chapel, in the Robe Room. Call Ange Ford for more information, 216-496-0269.

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Check out our newest CD’s, DVD’s, Books and Pamphlets at the front entrance of the church.

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Calling All Moms...You are invited to share in a Catholic ministry for mothers!

Ministry for Moms:
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Join other MOMS to celebrate family, parenting and life as Mom!
Every first and third Thursday from 9:30-11:30 in the Parish Hall.

For more information:
Please contact Amanda Gavini at: 239-222-0452 or girlyamanda@yahoo.com
Catholic Charities, Clare House, in Fort Myers offers an afterschool program for underprivileged children in elementary school. Each year, RYM delivers a full Thanksgiving dinner to each of the families. It’s a great experience for the teens to meet the families and personally give them the dinners.

On Monday, November 21st we will deliver the dinners, enjoy cake with the children, sing songs, and celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday. They look forward to seeing us and count on us for their Thanksgiving dinners!

Would you kindly help us with any of the following donations:

* FROZEN TURKEY  
* Rice  
* stuffing mix  
* cranberry sauce  
* potatoes  
* canned sweet potatoes  
* corn muffin mix  
* canned veggies,  
* gravy  
* sweets/desserts

If it’s more convenient to make a monetary donation, we’ll grocery shop for you!

No amount of help is too big or too small!

Please drop off your donations at the Parish Center

no later than Tuesday, November 15th.

And do not neglect doing good and sharing: for with such sacrifices God is pleased. —Hebrews 13:16
Babysitting Bonanza

Friday, December 2, 5:30 pm – 9:00 pm
Calling all parents with young children....
plan a quiet date night or get a jump start on your Christmas shopping!
$15 for one child; $25 for 2; $30 for 3 or more

YOUTH MINISTRY will be providing babysitting in the Parish Center for children through 5th grade! Christmas movie, dinner, crafts, stories, games, just a lot of fun, fun, fun!

CALL OR STOP IN TO REGISTER AND SECURE YOUR CHILD’S SPOT...
SPACE IS LIMITED!

Any questions? Contact Vikki with Youth Ministry @ 481-5144

Christmas Angel Tree Starts Next Week!

It is almost time for our annual Christmas Angels Project to help families in need. Last year with your generosity we were able to help many enjoy a wonderful Christmas. Our Parish helped over 100 families and over 1200 children’s wishes to be granted.

We would like to do the same this year! Angels are available at all the entrances of the Church. Please visit one of the trees and select an angel.

The gifts need to be wrapped and returned with the Angel securely attached to the package. Please return to the Church or Parish Center no later than December 4th.

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