You must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.

Matthew 24:44
**Mass Schedule**

SAT. NOV 26 - VIGIL MASS
3:30 †Hilda & Thomas Marcellus by Family

SUN. NOV 27 -
7:30 ♥†People of the Parish
9:00 †Michael Korff by Jean Korff
10:30 †Leo & Cecile Laporthe by Luigi & Lucille
2:15 Latin Mass
5:15 †Allison Gregory by Anne Wallace

MON. NOV 28 -
8:00 † Poor Souls

TUE. NOV 29 -
8:00 †Donald Geiger by Family

WED. NOV 30 -
8:00 †Barbara & Ray Walsh by Family

THU. DEC 01 -
8:00 †Albert & Mary Juergens by Family

FRI. DEC 02 -
8:00 †Jean Quinn by Husband

SAT. DEC 03 -
8:00 †Jeanine Hally by Husband

SAT. DEC 03 - VIGIL MASS
3:30 †Nicholas Siemasz by Barbara Kercheval

SUN. DEC 04 -
7:30 ♥†People of the Parish
9:00 †Rick Weber by Jane Weber Slaten
10:30 †Toni Wood by Dad
2:15 Latin Mass
5:15 ♥Sp Int, Fr. Raymond Van DeMoor & Fr. David Lewis by Nancy Mudge

**First Sunday of Advent, Cycle A**

**Sunday, November 27, 2016**

**This Sunday’s Readings:**

**First Reading**
Isaiah 2:1-5
Isaiah describes his vision in which all nations are gathered together by God in peace.

**Responsorial Psalm**
Psalms 122:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9
Rejoicing, let us enter the house of the Lord.

**Second Reading**
Romans 13:11-14
Be prepared, salvation is near.

**Gospel Reading**
Matthew 24:37-44
Jesus tells his disciples that the coming of the Son of Man will catch many people unprepared. Jesus tells his disciples that they are to always be ready for the day of the Lord.

**Background on the Gospel Reading**

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of a new liturgical year for the Church. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. It is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. Key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice.

In this new liturgical year, the Gospel of Matthew will be the primary Gospel proclaimed (Lectionary Cycle A). In today’s Gospel, we hear Jesus speak about the need for wakefulness, for watchful waiting, for the coming of the Son of Man.

Matthew’s Gospel is dated by most scholars after 70 A.D. Most believe that Matthew wrote for a primarily Jewish community, but one that was no longer centered on the Temple in Jerusalem. These were Jewish Christians trying to come to terms with their relationship to Judaism in a new situation: Judaism after the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem. There may have been Christians who believed that the events of the world around them gave evidence of the imminent return of the Lord in glory.

The passage from Matthew we read today is rather straightforward. No one knows the precise time of the coming of the Lord in glory, so watchful waiting and vigilance are required. The passage speaks to the uselessness of looking for signs; there will be none. As a thief sneaks in during the night, so will the Lord’s coming in glory be.

The question for us as members of the Christian community, then, is how do we prepare for this? Today’s passage speaks more about the manner of waiting, rather than the details of the preparation. Jesus compares the vigilance required of Christians to the vigilance of a homeowner who knows the plans of the thief. If one knows that the thief’s action is imminent, one remains watchful. As Christians, we know that our Lord is coming even if we cannot know the precise timing. Jesus calls us to be watchful and vigilant, like the homeowner. If we become lax in our Christian living, we may be caught unprepared.

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

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**—all those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith, especially the faithful of the parish.

**BAPTISMS & MARRIAGE**: For these Sacraments please notify the church office as soon as possible so that we may advise you of the requirements. Thank you.

**NEW PARISHIONERS**: Please fill out registration card and return to ushers or the church office.

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WEEKLY OFFERING

November 20, 2016
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2016 CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL
Our assessment for this year is $347,000.00
Payments made thus far Total: $340,726.60, Thank you!
We still need $6,273.40 to pay our assessment.
Please join our parish in making a donation today!

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, 8:30 a.m.
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, 7:00 p.m., Sept. - May
Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Novena, Saturdays after the 8:00 a.m. Mass, church
Prayer for Priests, Thursdays after the 8:00 a.m. Mass, chapel
RCIA, Sundays, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass, for info, 482-6883
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., 1:30 p.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, 8:30 a.m. Sept. - May

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

PLEASE JOIN US FOR 1ST FRIDAY ADORATION
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2nd
IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE 8:00 MASS

If any parishioner is in need of assistance St. Vincent DePaul would be honored to help you. Any requests will be kept strictly confidential. Call the SVDP President at 908-256-1871.

MINISTRY OF THE SICK

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

St Vincent de Paul is very low on food! We are in need of tuna, canned chicken, rice, beans, cereal, pasta and sauce. We have also had a need for soap. We are very grateful for your kind, generous hearts!
Advent Waiting
by D. Todd Williamson
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Waiting in line can be one of two experiences. See if you identify with the examples below:

First Example: Waiting in Dread
You’re standing in line at the post office or the grocery store, waiting for your turn. You’re tapping your foot and keep looking at your watch. You don’t want to be in this line. Before long, you begin to think, “Oh, I can’t wait for this to be over!” Often times, the other people in line with you feel the same way! No one speaks to anyone else. Clearly few are enjoying the experience; the impatience or irritability you feel might even be visible on your face. Such an experience of waiting in line can seem isolating, almost lonely.

Second Example: Waiting in Excitement
Now think about the times when you waited in line at an amusement park, to buy tickets to see your favorite baseball team, or to hear your favorite band. In these instances, the waiting is much different. People are excited and you might even be talking to some of them about the ride you’re getting ready to experience, the sports team that you love, or the band you’re about to hear.

This second example is the kind of waiting we are called to in Advent.

Waiting in Joyful Hope
At Mass, after praying the Lord’s Prayer, we hear “...as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.” This prayer reminds us that during Advent, we wait in joy, in hope, and in anticipation for the wonderful event we are about to experience—the feast of Christmas, the coming of Christ into our lives in new ways, the return of Christ in glory at the end of time. As the Church, we wait during Advent and look forward to celebrating the fact that God loves us so much that he sent his Son into the world to save us. This waiting is far from empty; rather, it is full of the hope that God promises us as we prepare for Christ in the feast of Christmas.

The Second Coming
During Advent, we eagerly anticipate the coming of Christ. However, we are not waiting for Jesus to be born—that event occurred over two thousand years ago. While we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus that has occurred, we also use the season of Advent to anticipate The Second Coming. When Jesus comes again, the Kingdom of God will appear in its fullness. The just will reign with Christ forever, glorified in body and soul, and the material universe will be transformed.
Looking for peace?
Needing hope?
Feeling God’s love?

**RCIA is here for you!**
Resurrection Parish Center
Call us, to ask your questions.
We are here to listen...
Peace, Hope, Love
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Call: Joanne MacPeek
418-7171 ext. 216

**Resurrection Parish Mission Statement**
Convinced that Jesus communicates a new life to those who believe in Him, and that He was raised from the dead in order that we might live, we are united to the risen Lord as a people born anew to a life of hope.

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The Christmas wafer (opłatek, plural opłatkii) 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, Opłatki lack sanctification by a priest or bishop. The Opłatki 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.

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**Join us for Lunch!**
Open to ALL—Men & Women
Pope Francis calls us to reach out—to encounter Christ in others!
Please join us for Lunch to connect with fellow parishioners!

**Celebrate Christ among us!**
at
Mission BBQ
12982 S. Cleveland Dr.
Wednesday @ Noon - Dec. 7
Call to reserve your space by Dec/ 5
Dutch Treat - Separate checks!
Call 481–7172 to reserve your spot!

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Wednesday Mornings
10:00 am - 11:30 am
Join us!
**Nov. 30 - Prophetic Counter-Cultural Witness**
Living in Solidarity with the Poor
"'Truly I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to Me.'
Matt. 25:40

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**
**Come and See!**
Mission of Resurrection Parish includes:
We love God above all else,
our neighbor and our self.

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**GIFT SHOP HOURS**
Thurs. 7:50 - 10:00 a.m.
Sat: 2:30 - 4:45 p.m.    Sun. 8:00 - 12:00 p.m.

**THE GIFT SHOP IS LOCATED AT THE FRONT ENTRANCE OF THE CHURCH**
ATTENTION ALL MEN!

Our guest speaker this month will be Dennis Solon, the Training Director & Program Presenter for the Southwest Florida Human Trafficking Coalition. The title of his message is Your World & the World of Human Trafficking. You will be astounded as to the magnitude of this issue which exists in our very front yards.

The program will be at the Church of the Resurrection on Wednesday, December 7, 2016. We begin at 6 PM with pizza (subs if we are a sellout) and refreshments for a $10 donation and conclude by 8 PM. Reservations are required – please register on line at www.faithandale.com

2017 Program

January 19  General Tom Draude, USMC
February 16  Dale Ahlquist, American Chesterton Society
March 16  Steve Ray, Catholic Convert, Speaker & Author
Event with Faith & Wine Lee County
April 6  Rev. Dennis Cooney, Pastor of St. Raphael

Faith & Wine Lee County invites you to attend our next event on Thursday, December 1st, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Light. Our speaker, Dr. Sue Ellen Nolan, MTS, Ed.D will present “God as Father, Jesus as Spouse: You Are Who You Hang Out With.” We invite women from all parishes to join us for a light dinner, a glass of wine and inspiring topics by Catholic speakers. Cost for this event is $10.00. For more information and to register please visit our website: www.faithandwineleecounty.com. Or mail a check payable to Faith & Wine Lee County to Julie Richards, 6946 Pickadilly Ct, Fort Myers FL 33919. Include attendee name(s), address, telephone number, email and parish.

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www.lifelinefamilycenter.org/lifewalk
Breakfast: 7:45 a.m. - Walk: 8:45 a.m.
Jaycee Park, 4125 SE 20th PL, Cape Coral, FL 33904
Children and adults will be delighted as all the parts of the Christmas story are tied together for the first time:

From the light of Creation to the manger in Bethlehem, from the origin of Saint Nicholas to the secret of the Christmas Angel himself!

Tuesday, Dec. 20
5:15 Pizza Dinner
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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
This is the last weekend for our annual Christmas Angels Project to help families in need. Please bring all wrapped gifts with the Angel securely attached to the package to the Church of Parish Center no later than Sunday, December 4th.
On behalf of all the wonderful children that will benefit from your generosity, we thank you very much.
Anyone interested in helping sort and distribute gifts, please meet in the Parish Center on December 6th at 8:30 am. This is a fun-filled morning for everyone. For more information please call Vikki Melchiorre at 481-5144
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