January 1, 2017
Mary, the Holy Mother of God

The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph,

and the infant lying in the manger.

Luke 2:16
Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.
— Luke 2:19

The Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God
Sunday, January 1, 2017

Today's Readings
First Reading
Numbers 6:22-27
God gives a blessing for the Israelites.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 67:2-3,5,6,8
All the people sing praises to God.

Second Reading
Galatians 4:4-7
God sent his Son to make us children of God.

Gospel Reading
Luke 2:16-21
The shepherds find Jesus in a manger in Bethlehem.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's reading is a continuation from the Gospel proclaimed at the Christmas Mass at midnight. In it the shepherds act upon the message they receive from the angel and go to find Jesus in the manger in Bethlehem. In their visit to the manger, the shepherds find things just as the angel had said. The shepherds' visit, therefore, is a moment of fulfillment, manifestation, and the beginning of the salvation we receive through Christ. In the context of today's Solemnity, this reading also helps us focus on Mary as the Mother of God. The reading tells us at least three things about Mary as a mother. First, Mary is described as a reflective person, keeping the reports of the shepherds in her heart. Second, we are reminded of how obedient Mary was to God when she named the baby Jesus as the angel Gabriel had directed. Third, this reading shows Mary and Joseph faithfully observing their Jewish tradition by having Jesus circumcised.

Mary's faithfulness to God is evident in all three of these things. Her reflection upon the events in her life indicates that she was a person of prayer. This prayer made possible her obedience to God and God's will, even if the outcome was not clear. Finally, her faithfulness to a community of faith grounded her relationship with God and enabled her to participate in God's plan of salvation. Because of Mary's faithfulness to God, she was able to receive the gift of God's Son and accept her role in God's plan for salvation. By doing so, she models for us the path of discipleship and is also called Mother of the Church. Our call to discipleship also includes these three aspects. First, discipleship means prayer and reflection on the events of our lives that we might see God's presence and work in our lives. Second, discipleship means obedience to God and God's will. Third, discipleship means fidelity to a community of faith.
WEEKLY OFFERING

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Thank You

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!

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.

PLEASE DON’T FORGET THE POOR BOXES; THEY ARE THE BREAD BOXES OF THE POOR!

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

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

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

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, Mondays, 8:30 a.m. beginning Jan. 9th. 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 8:00a.m. Mass, church
Prayer for Priests, Thursdays after the 8:00a.m. Mass, chapel
RCIA, Sundays, after the 9:00a.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., 1:30p.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

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

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

**SWF Catholic Moms:** Where mothers are nourished, strengthened and cherished, and families are celebrated!

**Come join fellow Moms......**
Every first and third Thursday of the month from 9:30-11:30 in the Church of the Resurrection Parish Hall

For more information contact Amanda Gavini at:
239-222-0452 or girlyamanda@yahoo.com
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
Awaits us through Faith

Inquiry Classes available
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.

Join us for Lunch!
All are Welcome!
“We celebrate God’s love at every Mass and we live it everyday in sharing time; in listening and learning from each other. God is present around a table...Jesus told us: “Do this in memory of me.”

YOU are Invited to Olive Garden
12870 S. Cleveland Dr.
Wednesday @ Noon - Jan 25
Call to reserve your space by Jan. 16
Dutch Treat - Separate checks
Jesus calls us to share meals with each other!

All are Welcome
Join us Wednesdays
RESURRECTION PARISH CENTER
10:00am—11:30am
Bible Study
A History We Can Share

Jan. 11 - The Spirit Arrives
Jan. 18 - Healing and Boldness
Jan. 25 - Who are you, Lord?
Feb. 1 - The Spirit Leads the Way
Feb. 8 - Grasping What God is Doing
Feb. 15 - Missionary Adventures

A call to be open to a love that
Precedes us, a love that
Transforms us from within,
acting in us and through us

Perfect In Weakness
- 2 Corinthians 12:9

February 4, 2017
from 8:30am to 9pm

Young Adult Retreat
St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary
10701 S. Military Trl.
Boynton Beach, FL. 33436

All Young Adults 18 to 30ish are invited

Come and spend the day praying and getting to know 500 other young adults from around Florida.
You can register at SVDP.edu under “Events”

Cost: $20

Hosted by St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary's Seminarians
SW FLORIDA CATHOLIC MOMS
GATHER WITH
RESURRECTION ROSARY MAKERS
Thursday, Dec. 15, 2016
The SW FLORIDA Catholic Moms meet on the first and third Thursdays each month at the Church of the Resurrection.

ALL MOMS ARE WELCOME

JOY IS THE WORD for JANUARY 5th AND 19th MEETINGS
9:30am—11:30am

MOMS SHARED HOW THEY FIND PEACE AT THIS MEETING.

Anna Perciasepe shows Rebecca Downey how to make a rosary.

Msgr. McNamara joins us for prayer and blessing of the rosaries.

Beth Jurkash teaches Amanda, Lory, Pamela, Lisa and Kristen to make rosaries. Each MOM made two rosaries—one for their family and one to share. The Rosary Makers joined MOMS to share their craft and good works.

Christine Bertosi and daughter Catherine make rosaries with help and guidance from Peggy Foley who also enjoyed holding baby Lucia, while teaching how to make a rosary.

Jessica Phillips teaches Joanne how to make a rosary.

JOY is watching Sarah make her own rosary.

Sharing in prayer with Msgr. McNamara as he blesses rosaries. We rejoice in Mary’s call to:

PRAY FOR PEACE IN THE WORLD

JoAnn Richmond shows Mary Kazor and Laura Hess how to make rosaries...as they share their family stories too!
Faith & Wine Lee County -
Faith & Wine Lee County invites you to attend on Thursday, January 26th, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at St. Columbkille. Our speaker, Sonja Corbi will present "Fearless, Conquer Your Demons and Love With Abandon". Women from all parishes are invited this event which includes a light dinner, a glass of wine and an inspiring topic by a Catholic speaker. Cost for this event is $15.00. For more information and to register please visit www.faithandwineleecounty.com.

The Annual Diocesan Conferences.....SAVE THE DATES!!
This year’s Women's conference will be held on February 11th at Bishop Verot High School in Ft. Myers. The Men's conference will be held on March 4th, also at Bishop Verot High School. Both of these events will include exciting speakers, opportunities for sharing the Faith, the Mass, and much more. Specific details on the conferences will be available soon.

St. Andrew Catholic School Cash Raffle Tickets are on sale through Sunday, January 15, 2017. Please stop and take a book or two from the box in the front door vestibule. The drawing will be held at 7:00 p.m. during the Festival. You may return the stubs and money to the collection basket, by mail, or in person at the Festival. Your annual support of this very important fundraiser helps our school to provide excellence in Catholic education. St. Andrew is excelling in every area, in great part to your faithful support. Thank you for your participation! A Very Merry, Blessed Christmas and Healthy, Peaceful New Year from the administration, faculty/staff and families of St. Andrew Catholic School!

Walking Toward Eternity: A Seminar with Jeff Cavins - Feb. 4
Christianity is more than a set of beliefs; it’s a way of life. Walking Toward Eternity is a seminar that will help you to put your faith into practice, draw you closer to Christ, and challenge you to make real and lasting changes in your life.

Free Friday talk 2/3, “Christ Looks at us with Mercy...And Calls us to Discipleship”
7-8:30pm, Doors open at 6pm. Book signing offered after. Saturday seminar 2/4 “Walking Toward Eternity” 9:00-2:45pm.
Costs $40 per person and includes materials and lunch. Register at events@ascensionpress.com or (484) 875-4550, x2003 or link to the online registration form from the OLOL website.

Faith and Wine A Dialogue Between Priest and Rabbi Reflecting on Pope Francis and Rabbi Skorka’s book “On Heaven and Earth”
Presented by Father Bob Kantor & Rabbi Adam Miller
January 19th, 2017
Time: 6:30-8:30 pm (doors open at 6:00 pm)

Father Bob Kantor, Pastor of St. Agnes Catholic Church, and Rabbi Adam Miller, Rabbi of Temple Shalom, will participate in a dialogue based on a book co-written by Pope Francis and Rabbi Abraham Skorka: "On Heaven and Earth; Pope Francis on Faith, Family, and the Church in the 21 Century." The book brings together a series of conversations between the authors - both tenacious promoters of interreligious dialogues on faith and reason - about God, fundamentalism, atheism, abortion, homosexuality, euthanasia, same-sex marriage, and globalization. Father Bob and Rabbi Miller, as members of the Catholic-Jewish Dialogue of Collier County, will recreate this fascinating dialogue, making it relevant to our lives and providing us with a better understanding of these religions and their responses to the issues we face today. Come join us for an evening of fellowship and a scrumptious dinner. Cost is just $25 per person. Men are also invited to attend! This event will be held at St. John the Evangelist Life Center Ballroom, 625 111 Avenue N., Naples FL. For event payment and more information, please visit our website at www.faithandwine.com.