GOD’S WATCHERS

In the ancient world watchmen were extremely important people. They kept communities safe, and were there to alert them to any impending danger or attack. Before locks, alarms, and security systems, watchmen were the protectors, the safety measure. So when the Lord charges Ezekiel as a watchman today, it is a weighty charge. So weighty, we learn, that if Ezekiel fails to sound the alarm for those around him and they perish in a state of wickedness, Ezekiel will be held responsible! This profound connection between God’s will on earth and in heaven is repeated in today’s Gospel, where Jesus instructs us that we are to be the security force, the watchers placed on alert that nowhere in the Body of Christ, the church, will there be any two members of the one Body who are not reconciled. Scripture tells us that Jesus reconciled all things in heaven and on earth through the blood of his cross. But we are given the mission to continue that reconciliation on earth as in heaven through our ceaseless efforts to be, as Paul would write, ambassadors of reconciliation. Let us not get too comfortable thinking that we are responsible only for keeping our own lives from the path of wickedness and disagreement. We are also held accountable for the lives of the members of Christ’s body around us.
Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 10, 2017

“If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father.” — Matthew 18:19

Mass Schedule

SAT. SEPT 9 - VIGIL MASS
3:30 †Christopher Mathison by Tom & Sheri Mathison
8:00 †Rick Weber by Jane Weber-Slaten
10:00 †Brian Podell by Loving Wife Maria & Matt & J.R.
12:15 Latin Mass
MON. SEPT 11 -
8:00 †Edio Forchielli by John & Nancy
TUE. SEPT 12 -
8:00 †Kay Amodeo by Cathy Badali & Family
WED. SEPT 13 -
8:00 †Kay Amodeo by Cathy Badali & Family
THU. SEPT 14 -
8:00 †Henry Wojtowicz by Wasko Family
FRI. SEPT 15 -
8:00 †Rusty Wareing by Mom & Dad
SAT. SEPT 16 -
8:00 †Paul Luthringer by Loving Wife & Sons
SAT. SEPT 16 - VIGIL MASS
3:30 †Donald C. Muhlenforth by Helen Keller
SUN. SEPT 17 -
8:00 †Alphonse & Carmella Salvon by Children
10:00 †Frank Marghella by Family
12:15 Latin Mass

CONFESSIONS - Saturdays 2:15-3:15 or 15 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.

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

GIFT SHOP HOURS:
Thursdays: Closed until November Sat: 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Sun: Open 7:00 a.m.
and also open between morning Masses.
CLOSED DURING MASSES

The Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time,
Sunday, September 10, 2017

First Reading
Ezekiel 33:7-9
The Son of Man is appointed as guardian of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 95:1-2,6-9
Song of praise to God, our salvation.

Second Reading
Romans 13:8-10
The Law is summarized in the commandment to love your neighbor as yourself.

Gospel Reading
Matthew 18:15-20
Jesus teaches his disciples how to settle disputes in the Church.

Background on the Gospel Reading
Today’s Gospel reading is taken from a chapter of Matthew’s Gospel, which is sometimes called the “discourse on the Church” or the “church order” discourse. In this part of Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus speaks more directly about matters of Church discipline and order. In today’s reading we find one of only three instances in which Jesus uses the word church in Matthew’s Gospel. In Matthew’s record of Jesus’ teaching, we can hear echoes of the kinds of issues faced by the early Christian community.

In the first part of the “discourse on the Church” (Matthew 18:1-14), Matthew addresses the Christian community’s concerns about rank. Jesus responds to the disciples’ question about who is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Jesus indicates that those who wish to enter the kingdom of heaven must be like children, and he cautions those leaders who might lead these “little ones” astray. He also responds with the parable of the lost sheep, indicating how God will seek out and bring back those “little ones” who have strayed.

In today’s Gospel reading, Matthew 18:15-20, Jesus addresses a common occurrence in the Christian community: a dispute between two members of the Church. Jesus outlines a procedure for settling such matters fairly. The victim should privately address the offender and attempt to resolve the dispute without outside involvement. If that fails, then the victim should bring two or three witnesses and confront the offender again. If the dispute is still unresolved, the matter should be brought to the attention of the entire community. If the offender refuses to adhere to the reparations prescribed by the community, then Jesus suggests that the offender may be expelled from the Church.

Jesus does not discourage disagreement within the community of the Church; he acknowledges the reality of conflict and error and offers his disciples a means for addressing such matters. It is in the conclusion to this teaching that the message of hope is found: Jesus is present with the community and will guide the community in its relations. If decisions are taken in prayer, then the community can be assured of God’s assistance.
WEEKLY OFFERING
September 3, 2017

Offertory: $21,939.87
Education: $3,496.00
Latin Mass: $411.00
SVDP: $544.00

Thank You!

Collection for Catholic University of America -
This week the second collection this week will be taken up for the Catholic University of America. The Catholic University of America, located in Washington, D.C., is the national university of the Catholic Church. Founded in 1887, CUA offers students an excellent education in a faith-filled atmosphere that is grounded in the Catholic intellectual tradition. The Collection for The Catholic University of America underwrites scholarships to assist financially deserving students in completing their education at CUA in over 50 disciplines. Thank you for your generosity.

Remember in your prayers the victims of 9/11

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, 10:00 a.m. For more information call Alouise 481-8168
Craft Club, Tuesdays, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.
Men's Club, 2nd Monday of month, 7:00 p.m., Sept. - May
Men's Gospel Forum, Fridays 8:30 a.m.
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
RCLA, 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., church
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

Special Collection for Victims of Hurricane Harvey

The priests, staff and parishioners of Resurrection parish continue to send our prayers and support to those suffering from the devastation of Hurricane Harvey. This weekend, Sept. 9-10, we will take up a special collection, which was requested by Bishop Frank J. Dewane, to provide direct support to the St. Vincent de Paul Societies in those areas most impacted. Please give generously this weekend.

Prayer for Safety In Hurricane Season

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed Your order and returned to its former quietude. You are still the Master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land, and spread chaos and disaster. During this hurricane season we turn to You, O loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with passing of time.

O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son on our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem, where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen.

MINISTRY OF THE SICK

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Resurrection Parish’s Schedule for 40 Days for Life - Sept. 27 - Nov. 5

Tuesday, Sept. 26: Kickoff
6:30 pm Mass at Church of the Resurrection will be celebrated by Father Hugh McGuigan. This Mass for all 40 Days for Life participants will be followed by a 7:15 p.m. candlelight vigil on the sidewalk of Planned Parenthood, 8595 College Pkwy at Winkler Road.

Fridays are Resurrection Parish’s Days on the Sidewalk of Planned Parenthood
- Friday, October 6, 8:30 - 4:30
- Friday, October 13, 12:30 - 4:30
- Friday, October 20, 8:30 - 4:30
- Friday, November 3, 8:30 - 4:30

Please sign up at the church entrances at the Sept. 23/24 weekend Masses for your hours to pray and carry a sign. Or, if you miss the sign-up, just come and pray at any hour to support and save babies, mothers and fathers from the sad choice of abortion.

Friday, October 27: Bishop Dewane’s Mass, and Prayer Vigil at Planned Parenthood
Details of time and place to come.

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

This week’s Sanctuary Candle:
for Florence Donovan
by Nancy & Bill Gurry

Altar Flowers
This Week:
In Loving Memory of:
James Dwyer
by Friends at Resurrection Parish

In Loving Memory of:
Frank DiPlacido
by Friends at Resurrection Parish

All are welcome and encouraged to participate in the Masses, and sidewalk vigils during 40 Days for Life.
The power of prayer CAN and DOES make a difference in our effort to end abortion.
May we all continue to pray for an end to abortion, confident in the power of prayer to bring about God’s will.

A society is best judged by how it treats its most vulnerable members.
~ Anonymous

We cannot diminish the value of one category of human life - the unborn - without diminishing the value of all human life.
~ Ronald Regan, former U.S. President

Post-Abortion Reconciliation and Healing - "I felt such a relief," a retreatant explained. "I felt that I was genuinely forgiven and that helped me to forgive myself." There is hope and healing for those who suffer the pain of abortion. Call Fonda at 239-719-7210 or project.rachel@dioceseofvenice.org. See video testimonials at www.dioceseofvenice.org/offices/respect-life/post-abortion-help.

RESURRECTION FOR LIFE
PLEASE JOIN US AT THE ABORTION CLINIC
AT 3900 BROADWAY, FORT MYERS EVERY 2ND SATURDAY
(after the 8:00 Mass) FOR THE ROSARY.
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- **86 abortion** centers closed

Here's how to take part:

- **Vigil location:** Public right-of-way (Winkler Rd & College Parkway sidewalks & grass strips) outside Planned Parenthood, 8595 College Parkway, Fort Myers (Please do not use the sidewalk up at the Planned Parenthood office)
- **Vigil hours:** 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mon-Friday 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 pm Saturday
- **Local contact:** Rick & Paula @ 239-770-2591 or 40daysforlifeFM@gmail.com
- **Learn more** and get involved by visiting our campaign at the address below!

40daysforlife.com/FortMyers
ATTENTION:
Important
Music Announcement !!

Come join the "Children's Choir" at the 10:00 Mass on the first Sunday every month! The music will be chosen specifically with our younger parishioners in mind. We will meet in the choir room one-half hour before Mass to warm up and review. Anyone who would like to serve as the cantor should see Connie to sign up for a specific month. Children's choir will take place on: Oct. 1, Nov. 5, Dec. 3, Jan. 7, 2018, Feb. 4, Mar. 4, Apr. 1, and May 6.

In addition, we will also sing at the Children's Mass on Christmas Eve (4:00 pm, 12-24-17).

If you have any questions, please call Connie (239-464-3437) or the Parish Office. Looking forward to seeing all singers this season .... Let's make a joyful sound to the Lord!
REGISTER NOW FOR FAITH FORMATION!

WHO: Grades K-5
WHEN: Beginning September 10th following the 10:00 a.m. Mass
FEES: $70/$15 per additional child
Second year sacramental prep: $25

*Sacramental Prep is a two year program. Students must enroll in first grade to receive First Holy Communion in the second grade.

REGISTRATION FORMS AVAILABLE ON LINE AND IN THE PARISH HALL MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY.

Questions? Please contact the Faith Formation office: 600-6745 or deanna@resurrectionch.org

“Let the little children come to me…”
Matthew 19:14

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YOUTH MINISTRY
REGISTRATION OPEN FOR THE FALL!

Register fees:* $65.00

Junior Yth. ~ 6—8th grade
Senior Yth. ~ 9—12th grade

Youth Gatherings begin October 1st; 6:00 - 7:30pm

Call RYM or email with any questions:
Vikki@resurrectionch.org or 481-5144

*Add’l fee for Confirmation Prep. ~ 2yr. Program begins in 9th gr.

Registration forms can be printed out from our website:
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Or stop in at the Parish Center!

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