Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

Luke 1:39–40
### Mass Intentions

**SAT. DECEMBER 22 VIGIL MASS**

- 3:30 † Adolph Cipriani by Family
- 5:00 † Dennis Woelfel by Pam and Doug

**SUN. DECEMBER 23**

- 7:30 ♥+ People of the Parish
- 9:00 † Lynn Shunk by Ursula Proce
- 10:30 ♥+ Amoroso and Hauptman Families by Donna and John
- 1:15 Latin Mass

**MON. DECEMBER 24**

- 8:00 † Mike Gieryic by Resurrection Ushers

**MON. DECEMBER 24 CHRISTMAS VIGIL**

- 4:00 † Miello Rosa by Camela and Vinnie Pellitteri
- 7:30 † Moe Dominguez by Friends
- 10:00 † Molly Nolan by Paula and Barry

**TUE. DECEMBER 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS**

- 7:30 † Michael Vinroe by Mother
- 9:00 † Gil Nadalin by Resurrection Men’s Club
- 10:30 † Don Carstensen by Wife and Children
- 1:15 Latin Mass

**WED. DECEMBER 26**

- 8:00 † Ed Sheehan by Tom and Beverly Sheehan

**THU. DECEMBER 27**

- 8:00 † Geno Egiziaco by Mr. and Mrs. John Troia

**FRI. DECEMBER 28**

- 8:00 † Hiram Nichols by Friends

**SAT. DECEMBER 29**

- 8:00 † Ed Sheehan by Tom and Beverly Sheehan

**SAT. DECEMBER 29 VIGIL MASS**

- 3:30 † Mary Maiorano by Dino and Rosanne Mandala
- 5:00 † Denny Woelfel by Doc and Jerrie Woods

**SUN. DECEMBER 30**

- 7:30 ♥+ People of the Parish
- 9:00 † Virginia Caramitaro by Gasper and Christine Caramitaro
- 10:30 † Hilda and Tom Marcellus by Family
- 1:15 Latin Mass

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

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### RESURRECTION CALENDAR

**Adoration**
First Fridays 8:30-9:30am, chapel

**Bereavement & Beyond Ministry**
Mondays, 10:00am. For more information call Alouise 481-8168

**Craft Club**
Tuesdays, 8:30-10:30am

**Men’s Gospel Forum**
Fridays, 8:30am.

**Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Novena**
Saturdays after the 8:00am Mass, church

**Parish Nurse Ministry**
Leave message at 239-600-6743

**Prayer for Priests**
Thursdays after the 8:00am Mass, chapel

**RCIA**
Sundays, after 9:00am Mass. For info: 482-6883

**Religious Education**
September 16 - April 28 (Sundays) 482-6883

**Resurrection for Life**
for info, call Judy at 287-1237

**Resurrection Men’s Club**
2nd Monday of the month, 7:00pm. Sept. - May

**Resurrection Prayer Line Ministry**
call Deanna Latell 481-1170

**Rosary**
before daily Masses and Tues. &Thurs., 1:30pm, chapel

**Rosary Makers**
3rd Thurs. Oct. thru May, 9-11am

**St. Vincent De Paul Board Meeting**
2nd Monday every month, 7:00pm.

**Teams of Our Lady**
for information call JoAnn, 482-7982

**Women’s Guild**
3rd Wednesday every month, 8:30am. Sept.-May

**Youth Ministry**
September 12—April 24 (Wednesdays) 481-5144

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**This week’s Sanctuary Candle:**
For Debbie Donovan Watson
By Mom and Dad

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**December 23, 2018**
**Fourth Sunday of Advent**
Blessed are you among women, And blessed is the fruit of your womb.
—Luke 1:42
WEEKLY OFFERING
Offertory amounts not available. Please see next week’s bulletin.

PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER
That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the condition of the present time.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24TH
3:30pm Children’s Christmas Pageant
4:00pm Mass and Children’s Choir
7:00pm Schola Choral Prelude
7:30pm Mass/Choir & Congregational Singing
9:30pm Schola Choral Prelude
10:00pm Mass/Congregational Singing

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25TH
7:30am Mass/Cantor & Congregational Singing
9:00am Mass/Cantor & Congregational Singing
10:30am Mass/Cantor & Congregational Singing
1:15pm Latin Mass

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
Holy Day of Obligation
MONDAY, DECEMBER 31ST
Vigil: 3:30pm and 5:00pm
TUESDAY, JANUARY 1ST
7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am
1:15pm Latin Mass

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Pope Francis says: "Christ leads us to go out from ourselves more and more, to give ourselves and serve others".

**We are need of:**
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 *(Donations to the Poor Box go directly to SVdP to assist the poor.)*

**Blessings on your generosity!**

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**Many senior citizens are living at or just below the poverty level.**
If you are in need of assistance paying your utility bills please call St. Vincent de Paul 239-600-6749 for a confidential appointment.
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**NEW PARISHIONERS:** Please fill out registration card and return to ushers or the church office.

**RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:**
Tel. 482-6883 or 481-7172
AdultFaith@resurrectionch.org

**RELIGIOUS ARTICLES STORE:** Tel. 437-9876
The Gift Shop is located in the front of the church

**RELIGIOUS ED OFFICE:** Tel. 482-6883

**YOUTH MINISTRY OFFICE:** Tel. 481-5144

**PARISH OFFICE:** Tel. 481-7171 or 481-7172
8121 Cypress Lake Dr. Fort Myers, FL 33919
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E-mail: parishoffice@resurrectionch.org

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St. John the Beloved
Gospel-writer and beloved disciple of Christ who remained with Christ to the foot of the cross
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ATTENTION: Important Music Announcement!

All are welcome to join the Children’s Choir for Christmas Eve!
Arrive at church at 3pm to sing in the 3:30pm Christmas Pageant and 4:00pm Christmas Eve mass.

Also, come join the Children’s Choir at the 10:30am Mass on the first Sunday every month!
Anyone who would like to serve as the cantor see Connie to sign up for a specific month.
Questions? all Connie (239)-464-3437

Coffee & Donuts
After the 10:30 mass in the Parish Center

MERRY CHRISTMAS!
ALL ARE WELCOME
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OPLATKI WAFERS!
The Christmas wafer is a Central European Christian Christmas tradition celebrated in Polish families during Christmas Eve Vigil.

Available in the Gift Shop or Parish Center
5 wafers for $3.00

2018 Catholic Faith Appeal

We NEED your help!
Our assessment is $366,000.

We need $19,693.00
The Deadline is December 31st.
Envelopes are available in the church OR donate to CFA ONLINE at www.dioceseofvenice.org
Click “Giving” then Catholic Faith Appeal
Please be sure to credit Resurrection!

Thank you!

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

MERRY CHRISTMAS!
ALL ARE WELCOME
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JOIN US FOR BOOK CLUB
Lunch & DISCUSSION
2ND FRIDAYS OF JAN, FEB, MARCH, APRIL
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January 11 @ NOON - Join us in Conference Room of the Parish Center for Lunch & Conversation

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Book Suggestions: [Discernment - Reading the Signs of Daily Life](#) by Henri Nouwen

All are called...
All are welcome...

Come and SEE...

Resurrection Parish Center - Conference Room
10:00am to 11:00am - Stay for donuts!

Dec. 23: Incarnation

Because Jesus took human form, it became possible for human beings to encounter the light of God’s glory, to see God through the person (human and divine) of Jesus Christ.

**Think of a loved one, how would you describe the divine spark that is within them?**

**ECUMENISM** is Joanne MacPeek to discover God’s Son the Christ born among us.

Dec. 30 - Feast of the Holy Family - **ENJOY YOUR FAMILY—NO CLASS**

Jan. 6: EPIPHANY

**ECUMENISM** is to strive for unity...Christ prayed that all would all be one.

**Why is it important to reach out in love to people from other faith traditions?**

Join Bob Oxnard to share the differences and the ways we are united with other faiths

Jan. 13: BAPTISM

This Sacrament empowers us to live good lives in the light of Christ.

**Consider the power of water in our lives and imagine God’s power as well.**

Join Lea Pascotto as we immerse ourselves in the light, healing, and power in faith.
LIVE Agelessly

Powerful Lessons in Living Agelessly

As we mature our spiritual pace quickens!
Aging is our master teacher!
God’s call is on-going and lifelong!

This program magnifies the true meaning of aging and spirituality; it provides the practical means for making the most of the lifelong years, opening to God’s grace, and becoming “Ageless in the Lord.”
Participants see how to evolve an “Other” focus vs. remaining “Self” focused.

Class size is limited so please call the Parish Office at 239-481-7172 to register.

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PLEASE CONSIDER CALLING
Please contact: Joanne MacPeek
adultfaith@resurrectionch.org
Phone: 239-481-7171
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Following the concert, host families are
needed to provide overnight accommodations
for the 52 students in the choir. Host families
will provide transportation to their home,
provide dinner and breakfast for the students,
and drive them back to St. Cecilia’s the
following morning at 9 a.m. to meet their bus.
Host families are invited to host a minimum of
two students (no maximum). Host families
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or in person at the Festival.
The drawing will be held on Sunday, January 20th,
at 7:00 p.m. during the Festival.
Thank you for your participation!

RESURRECTION WEBSITE:
www.resurrectionch.org

MINISTRY OF THE SICK
IMPORTANT NOTE TO
ALL PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS:

When admitted to the hospital please register as Catholic
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Resurrection priests visit the hospitals daily.
For a Parish Nurse, call 239-600-6743 and leave a message.
To protect your privacy, hospitals do not give
patient’s information without their permission.
The following hospitals are attended to by the parish in
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* 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

Call Silvia Jimenez, Project Rachel Coordinator,
for more information on healing after abortion and
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All contacts confidential: 941-412-5860 or
email project.rachel@dioceseofvenice.org.
RYM enjoyed spreading Christmas cheer with our neighbors at Signature Healthcare—The residents joined in as we caroled and delivered cards and gifts for all!

We are celebrating our 80th ANNIVERSARY!

Join the new Alumni Association and an exclusive St. Francis Xavier Catholic School Alumni 1938-Present Facebook group to share photos, stories, and accomplishments.

There’s also an ALUMNI BASH (21 and older) on Saturday, January 26th from 6-9pm at St. Francis Xavier Catholic School. Don’t miss out on reminiscing with former classmates!

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