

CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

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SUNDAY MASSES & CONFESSIONS: See Inside

BAPTISMS & MARRIAGES: For these Sacraments,
Please notify the Church Office as soon as possible so
that we may be able to accommodate you. Thank you.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Please fill out registration card
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JANUARY 6, 2008

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

The unfolding story of the Incarnation continues today as the Church celebrates the Epiphany. The tale of the magi from the East is one of the most fascinating in all of scripture. It has much to teach us about what we can come to expect, even in circumstances and places that may seem insignificant or small. Bethlehem was a tiny town, what we might refer to today as a town without even one stop light. Yet it is over this seemingly insignificant place that the guiding star stops in its own search for the place where the Savior would be born. Too often we fail to recognize the fact that the star of Bethlehem comes to rest in our everyday lives, where we can experience God's presence, manifested in ever new ways. Epiphany calls us to shake off our stupor and recognize the One who comes to save us.

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They opened their treasures
and offered Him gifts of gold,
frankincense, and myrrh.

- Matthew 2:11b

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

- SAT. JANUARY 05 - SUNDAY VIGIL MASSES**
3:00 †Joseph Carroccio by Family
4:30 †Paul McCarley
6:00 ♥People of the Parish
SUN. JANUARY 06
6:30 †Patrick, Sophie, Hilery, Arthur O'Shaughnessy by Joan O'Shaughnessy
8:00 †Henry Siemer by Henry J. Wojtowicz
9:30 †Phil Nasti by Darryll Bauchert
11:00 ♥Spec. Int. of M/M Ed Baran, 1st Wedding Anniv. by M/M DeWolfe
12:30 †Frank Frappier by Bob & Barb Ochs
MON. JANUARY 07
8:00 †Anthony Gleason by Shirley & Al Haager
TUE. JANUARY 08
8:00 †Anthony Gleason by Bev & Don Strong
WED. JANUARY 09
8:00 †Leonard & Evelyn Tupy by Daughter
THU. JANUARY 10
8:00 †Mary Barrett by Kathleen O'Sullivan
FRI. JANUARY 11
8:00 †Elizabeth Brennen by Jim & Elaine Bogan
SAT. JANUARY 12
8:00 †Anna Glieco by Bernie & Janice DiDuro
SAT. JANUARY 12 - SUNDAY VIGIL MASSES
3:00 †Paul Forst by Friends & Family
4:30 †Paul McCarley by Sally McGrath
6:00 ♥People of the Parish
SUN. JANUARY 13
6:30 †Art & Dot Schober by Family
8:00 †Henry Siemer by Henry J. Wojtowicz
9:30 †Josephine Dooley by Barbara & William Graham, Joan & Carl Palermo
11:00 †Ann Pasquerella by Canasta Four
12:30 †Librada Perez by Flores & Ayala Families

CONFESSIONS - Saturdays 1:45-2:45PM, 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 **Harry Hurrilla, Frank Higgins, Jean Mullen.**

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

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The LORD shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

Psalm — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — The mystery has been made known that the Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel — Magi from the east arrived, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews?" (Matthew 2:1-12).

ARE YOU NEW TO RESURRECTION PARISH?

We welcome you to our parish family. In order to better serve you, please fill out a registration card located at the entrances of the church and leave it with an usher. You may also register by stopping by the church office. A reminder that one needs to be a registered member in order to be a Baptismal or Confirmation sponsor.

ARE YOU CURRENTLY IN A MARRIAGE WHICH IS NOT RECOGNIZED BY THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

Are you free to marry but thinking of entering marriage with someone who has been previously married and divorced? If so, the staff of the Tribunal for our Diocese is willing to examine your situation so that your standing in the Church can be determined. The Tribunal is the only agency in the Diocese with the juridical power to examine and resolve such cases in the eternal forum. Should you wish more information, parish priests can assist you. Also, you may contact the Tribunal Office directly, 941-484-9543. Staff members will provide information.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF VENICE -

Next week's second collection will be for the Timothy Fund. The Timothy Fund is the endowment of the Diocese of Venice for the education of our seminarians and priests. As an endowment it provides a perpetual stream of income to pay for education of seminarians for the priesthood. Our bishop, Frank Dewane, has made vocations and seminarian education his top priority. Resurrection parishioners have shown by their past generosity that they care deeply about the seminarians. Please continue your generosity toward this fund at next week's second collection.

DIOCESE OF VENICE

Keep up-to-date by checking our www.dioceseofvenice.org. There's a calendar of events, TV Mass schedule, lists of clergy and religious, saint of the day, and lots more.

RESURRECTION PRAYER LINE MINISTRY -

For prayer requests call Mary Lou Fitzpatrick, 454-6752. Give your first name & prayer petition. Should you reach an answering machine, please leave your phone number so that we can call you back. Petitions are prayed for 31 days. **Prayer Line volunteers are needed** to pray & answer prayer requests. Take this opportunity to help someone else and still be able to choose your own time.

WEEKLY SUNDAY OFFERING**December 23, 2007**

Registered families with envelopes: 2450

Envelopes received: 736 (30%) **\$17,353.50**Remaining fam. & visitors: 1714 (70%) **\$ 3,010.00****Total offering:** **\$20,363.50****Thank You!****CHRISTMAS OFFERING****December 25, 2007**

Registered families with envelopes: 2450

Envelopes received: 681 (28%) **\$39,964.00**Remaining fam. & visitors: 1769 (72%) **\$9,648.00****Total offering:** **\$49,612.00****Thank You!****CHRISTMAS EDUCATION FUND****December 25, 2007****Total offering:** **\$36,512.00****Thank You!****ST. VINCENT DePAUL OFFERING****December 23** **\$1,395.00****Thank you!****THANK YOU****TO THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE WHO
HAVE MADE THE CHURCH'S
CHRISTMAS****DECORATIONS POSSIBLE:**

(Continued from last week's bulletin)

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS ARE IN HONOR/MEMORY OF:*John T. Coliton, Edna Coliton, Margaret Burke, Charles J.**Burke by M.M. Charles J. Burke, Jr.**George & Mary Eberwine by Mary Eberwine**Frances & Raymond Foster, John Fleming, Roszarek, Foster**& Fleming Families, John W. Watdy by Lorraine Fleming**Ostojich-Bruygenworth Family by Ostojich Family**P.G. Phillips Family by P. Gregory Phillips*

CLEAN, WARM BLANKETS NEEDED for the migrant workers. Please help the less fortunate stay warm during this cold season. God's people are called to help one another. Please be a blessing to someone today with your donation. Call the Parish Center for more information 481-7172.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE ALTAR FLOWERS

in celebration of someone's anniversary/birthday/as a memorial/or in thanksgiving, please call Barbara, Parish Office, **481-7172**. Donation per basket is \$35. **Flowers are needed for the month of JANUARY.**

**RESURRECTION CATHOLIC
EDUCATION FUND**

Our parish supports our student-parishioners who attend St. Francis Xavier School, St. Andrew's School and Bishop Verot High School. The needy and deserving families in all three schools receive financial aid and scholarships. This supreme financial sacrifice is to insure that Catholic children are taught and raised in the Faith.

We are very appreciative of your continual support to the Church of the Resurrection Catholic Education Fund.

The second collection on the first weekend of each month is taken up to help defray this cost.

WOMEN'S GUILD: The first meeting of the year will be held on Wed. Jan. 16, 2008. Refreshments will be served following the 8:00a.m. Mass at the Parish Center. Meeting will start promptly at 9:00. The program will be a fashion show presented by Draper & Damon's. We welcome all the women of the parish.

LECTOR'S MEETING: The first meeting of the new year will be held on Jan. 19. A continental breakfast will be served at 8:30a.m. at the Parish Center. Meeting begins at 9:00 in the church. Parishioners wishing to be lectors, please join us. For more info call Dolores at 481-6078.

BEREAVEMENT & BEYOND: All widows, widowers or others suffering the loss of a loved one, are invited to join our informal discussion group for coffee and for the desire and comfort of a deeper relationship with God through prayer and friendship. Meetings are every Monday morning following the 8:00a.m. Mass for one hour in the Parish Center. We'd love to see you there. Questions? Phone Cecilia, 437-2367.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**FAITH SHARING QUESTION**

All families share on these questions around the dinner table or in the car. The Gospels are meant to be lived. Join us in making them alive!

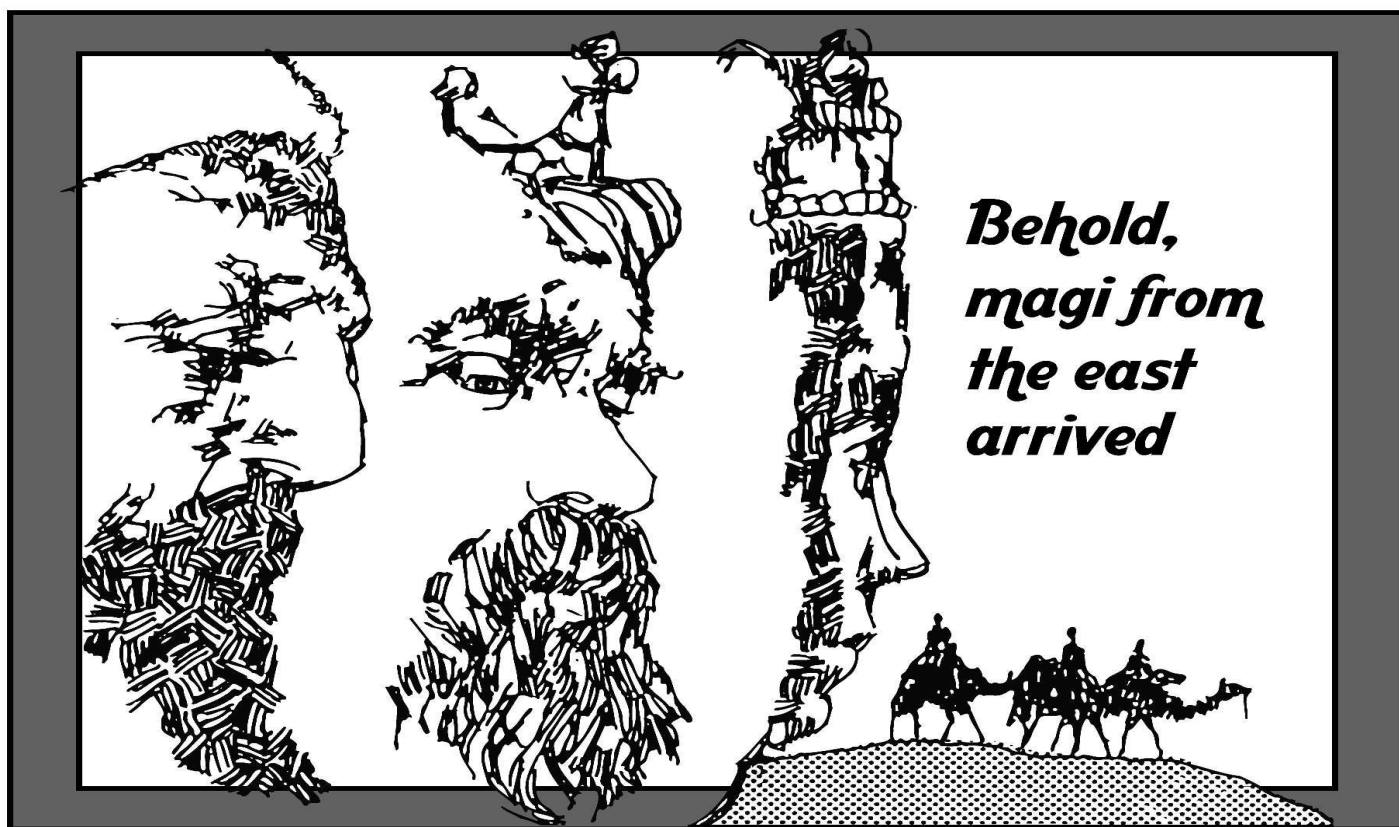
How Does Christ's light fill your times of darkness? How do you offer light to others

LUMINARY SKATE- Come one, come all for our annual Luminary Skate on Sat. Jan. 26, 7:15p.m. in the church parking lot! Bring your skates, roller blades, skateboards, heelys and scooters (non-motorized only) and enjoy an evening of fun, food and music. Cold drinks and hot cocoa will be provided. Bring a snack to share. Don't forget your lawn chairs! Bicycles not permitted this year.

We will be taking up a collection for the food bank, so please bring a non-perishable food item. No expired foods can be accepted. For information, contact Leslie at 481-5144.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS FOR SALE -

Buy one now and save \$\$\$ on Dry Cleaning, Car Washes, Food, Restaurants and more!! On-line coupons too! Help the Senior Youth today.....\$30.00 in Gift Shop or Parish Office.



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The Epiphany of the Lord

A DAWNING EPIPHANY

“It suddenly dawned on me!” We have all had experiences when, on hearing a joke, we laugh along with everyone else at the punch line, only at some later moment to actually “get” the joke. We feign understanding so that no one will think less of us. Having something suddenly dawn on us is very much like what we celebrate today. The Church’s yearly celebration of Epiphany is a reminder and an elaboration of what we celebrated at the feast of Christmas—just in case we didn’t get it the first time. Today’s “punch line” is contained in the second reading, where Saint Paul writes, “It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel” (Ephesians 3:5–6).

CULTIVATING EXPECTATION

Some non-Catholics complain that our religious expression is dull and boring. They might ask, “How can you say the same prayers week after week—doesn’t it just put you to sleep?” Our three-year cycle of readings, our codified prayers, and our liturgical calendar continue to repeat over and over again throughout our Catholic journey of faith. Today’s feast reminds us that all along the way, epiphanies can pop up out of nowhere. A prayer or reading that washed over us last week or last year suddenly has a tremendous impact and reveals God’s presence in our lives. This happens because it is we who are different each time we come to Mass. We should cultivate an attitude of expectation, just as the three magi did. They followed the star expecting to find the Savior of the world. Let us be ready to welcome the Savior today and each day of our lives.

Today’s Readings: Isaiah 60:1–6; Psalm 72:1–2, 7–8, 10–13; Ephesians 3:2–3a, 5–6; Matthew 2:1–12

RESURRECTION MEN'S CLUB
ANNUAL POLISH DINNER
JANUARY 20, 2008

DOORS OPEN 4:30PM, SERVING, 5:30PM

LIVE BAND 6:00 - 10:00PM

MENU:

**PEROGIS, CABBAGE ROLLS, SAUERKRAUT, KIELBASSA,
COFFEE, DESSERT
BEER AND WINE AVAILABLE**

LIMITED SEATING

PRE PURCHASED TICKETS \$13.00
(AVAILABLE AT THE GIFT SHOP & PARISH OFFICE)

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR \$15.00



MAGNIFICAT BREAKFAST

All women are invited to a breakfast sponsored by Magnificat which will be held Saturday, Jan. 19, 9:30a.m. - 12:30p.m. This event will be held at Spanish Wells Golf and Country Club, 9801 Treasure Cay Lane, Bonita Springs. The speaker is Susan J. Shaw. Susan will share how, after 26 years of marriage, life threw her an unexpected curve and how she survived this tremendous loss by her faith, devotion to Jesus and Mary, daily Mass, receiving the sacraments and prayers of many of her faithful friends. Susan will share how Jesus holds her in the palm of His hand and remains steadfast in her faith walking with the Lord. Advanced registration required by mail. Please send a \$20 check payable to Magnificat Ft. Myers to Joanne Tarantino, 16550 Heron Coach Way #206, Ft. Myers, FL 33908. Requests must be postmarked by January 12. For more info contact Joanne Tarantino at 481-6967 or Joyce Michel at 992-4872.

ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC SCHOOL FALL FESTIVAL is just around the corner. It will be held Jan. 17 - 20 at St. Andrew Catholic School, Cape Coral. Some of their parishioners will be selling the Cash Raffle Tickets, Texas Hold 'Em Tickets and Ride Bracelets before and after Mass on Jan. 12 and 13.

THE RICE SCHOOL - Sr. Sallie Latkovich, C.S.J. will be teaching "Catholic Social Thought" at the Resurrection of Our Lord Parish this coming Spring Semester. Class is held on **Tuesdays from 6:45-9:00p.m.**, starting **Jan. 22, 2008**. "Catholic Social Thought" is about an examination of the Church's teaching on major social issues from the time of Leo XII in the 19th century to the present. For more information call The Rice School, **941-766-7334**.

LOOK FOR MEN'S CLUB 50/50 TICKETS IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN - Drawing to be held Jan. 20 at the Polish Dinner.

SPECIAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST -

Jan. 13, 2008, the Men's Club will be having a special Pancake Breakfast after the 8:00 & 9:30a.m. Masses in the Parish Hall.



**ALL
PROCEEDS
WILL BE
DONATED TO
ST. VINCENT
DEPAUL
SOCIETY.**

RESURRECTION CALENDAR

ALL events take place in the Parish Center, unless otherwise stated.

Beyond Bereavement, Monday, 8:30am, library, Cecilia, 437-2367

Bereavement Ministry, for the grieving, call Dona, 275-7875

Men's Club, 1st Monday of month, 7:30p.m. conference room.

Prayer Group, Tuesdays, 7:00p.m., class room 1.

Baptismal Class, 2nd Tuesday of month, 7:00p.m.

Craft Club, Tuesdays, 8:30a.m to 10:30a.m.

Directions For Our Times Rosary Prayer Group, 4th Tuesday of month, 8:30a.m.

RCIA, Tuesdays, 7:00p.m., conference room.

Rel. Ed., Tues., 4:30p.m.-5:45p.m. & Wed., 6:15p.m.-7:15p.m.

Bible Sharing Group, Wednesdays, 8:30a.m., Starting 1-9-08

Women's Guild, 3rd Wednesday of the month, 8:30a.m.

Children's Choir, Wednesdays, 5:30p.m.- 6:15p.m.

Coffee Klatch, Thursdays after the 8:00a.m Mass.

Rosary, before daily Masses; Tues. & Thurs., 2:00p.m., church.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, after 8:00a.m Mass, every 1st Friday, chapel.

Bridge Club, Thurs., 1:00p.m.

Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Novena, Saturdays after the 8:00a.m Mass, church.

Coffee & Doughnuts, Sundays, after 8:00a.m & 9:00a.m. Masses

MINISTRY OF THE SICK

When being admitted to the hospital, it is imperative that you give the name of your parish, state that you are Catholic and WISH TO BE SEEN BY A PRIEST, otherwise you might not be visited.

If you go through the emergency room, 99% of the time your name and parish will not get on the Catholic list. Please be sure that the admissions office is notified.

The following hospitals are the responsibility of the parish in which they are located.

- Gulf Coast Hospital - visited daily by Blessed Pope John XXIII Parish, 561-224
- Lee Memorial Hospital - visited daily by St. Francis Xavier Parish, 334-2161
- S.W. Regional Medical Center - visited daily by St. Cecilia's Parish, 936-3635
- Lee Memorial Health Park - visited daily by St. Columbkille Parish, 489-3973

A priest is on call 7 days a week, 24 hours a day for the above hospitals at the above telephone numbers.

Parishioners at Hospitals and Nursing Homes (within our parish boundaries) are visited by Resurrection priests as follows:

- All Hospitals: Monday, Wednesday, Friday
 - Nursing Homes & Shut-ins: Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday
- Also, Lay Ministers visit the shut-ins Monday through Friday. Should you be missed, please call the church office, 481-7172.