



THE CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

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As people of the Eucharist, Loved by God, We choose to serve.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18, 2011



Pastor

Reverend Thomas J. Guido

Deacon

Matthew D. Rezmer

YES, LORD!

God chose to announce the promised Savior to a young woman in a backwater village called Nazareth. In a small painting created over a thousand years ago, the artist shows the angel holding up one hand in greeting. Mary is standing facing him with her hands extended in welcome. The words of the angel are rich in power and promise: "you have found favor with God . . . [your child] will be called Son of the Most High . . . The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you" (Luke 1:30, 32, 35). Pure of heart and trusting completely, Mary answered God with a wholehearted "yes." Through her cooperation, God broke into our world, breathing the same air we breathe, experiencing our sorrows and joys. God became flesh in the Son, Jesus Christ, born of Mary. The world would never be the same. The time is here to let him into our hearts and change us completely.

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Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve, Saturday, Dec. 24
5 PM, 8 PM & 12 Midnight

There will be a special Christmas
music presentation starting
10 minutes before the
8 PM Mass

Christmas Day, Sunday, Dec. 25
9 AM

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 PM

Sunday Masses: 8:00 & 10:30 AM

Communion Service: Monday: 8:30 AM

Daily Masses: Tuesday-Friday: 8:30 AM

Holy Days of Obligation: 8:30 AM & 6 PM

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Friday: 9:00-10:00 AM

Confessions: Saturday: 4:00-4:45 PM

Hail,
full of grace!
The Lord is
with you.



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No Bible Studies During Christmas Holidays

There will be no Acts of the Apostles Bible Studies during the weeks of December 19-30th due to the holidays. The Bible Studies will resume on Monday, January 2; Wednesday, January 4 and Thursday, January 5.



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MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE PARISH STAFF!

WE HOPE EVERYONE HAS
A VERY BLESSED AND SAFE
CHRISTMAS SEASON!

Due to the Christmas holiday, the parish office will be closed on **Monday, December 26th**. We will reopen on **Tuesday, Dec. 27th at 9 AM**.

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Resurrection Parish Staff

Pastor Father Thomas J. Guido pastor@resurrectionbythebeach.org

Deacon Matthew D. Rezmer mbrezmer@cox.net

Secretary Lisa Foster admin@resurrectionbythebeach.org

Bookkeeping Tom Cournow business@resurrectionbythebeach.org

Music Steve McCown music@resurrectionbythebeach.org

Maintenance Mario Martinez maintenance@resurrectionbythebeach.org

RE & Youth Marilyn Austin marilyn@resurrectionbythebeach.org

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Phone: 850-837-0357 Fax: 850-837-2062

Website: www.resurrectionbythebeach.org

All bulletin announcements must be submitted in writing to admin@resurrectionbythebeach.org by 12:00 noon on Monday.

SACRAMENTS

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays 4:00-4:45 PM or by appointment

Sacrament of Baptism: Please contact Deacon Matt Rezmer at 654-1046 regarding baptisms, parent and godparent duties.

Sacrament of Marriage: Please call the parish office as arrangements must be made at least six (6) months in advance of the desired wedding date.

Anointing and Pastoral Care of the Sick: Please call the office if you or someone you know wishes to receive Communion and a visit at home, the hospital or in a nursing home.

Contributions for December 10-11, 2011

Offertory: \$10,562.00 Building Fund: \$1,809.00

Immaculate Conception: \$1,109.00

Retirement Fund for Religious: \$859.00

Building Debt (as of October 6, 2011): \$289,789.00

2011 Catholic Sharing Appeal Goal: \$68,905.00

\$70,065.00 in pledges made

Pledges left to collect as of 11/30/2011: \$4,849

We encourage everyone who pledged to CSA to complete their payments before the end of the year.

Any amount of money over our goal goes directly into our parish savings account with the diocese.

Please Update Your Contact Information!

Call the office 837-0357 or email admin@resurrectionbythebeach.org if you have had any changes in your contact information or family members, or come in to register if you're new! We would love to meet you!

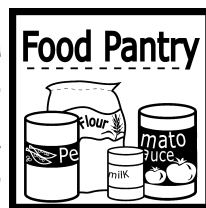
St. Vincent de Paul Society's assistance toll free number is **888-229-6582**. Anyone in need of short term help should leave their name, contact information and a brief description of their situation. A St. Vincent de Paul member will return the call within 24 hours.

POINSETTIA OFFERING

During the Christmas holidays, you can honor a friend or loved one with a poinsettia for the church. A special book will be placed in the Gathering Space with the names of those to be remembered. Please fill out the information on the flower offering envelope from your envelope box or an envelope listing the Name of Honoree, Requested By and your phone number. Please enclose your check and note "Poinsettia gift" in the memo portion of the check. Envelopes are available in the Gathering Space. A donation of \$15 is requested. The deadline to order poinsettias will be **Dec. 19th**. Please drop your envelope with check in the offering plate or return to the parish office.



Catholic Charities is in great need of items for their **Food Pantry**. Please pick up a grocery bag in the Gathering Space with a list of suggested non-perishable food and toiletries.



Thank You

The Resurrection Men's Club wants to thank parishioners and visitors for their wonderful support for providing Catholic Charities with groceries. During the past five years, we have provided 2,571 bags of food—a value in excess of \$50,000—to them. **Thank you for your generosity!**

Sacred Heart Hospital on the Emerald Coast to offer Stephen Ministry Training

Do you have gifts for caring, encouragement and listening? If so, please consider becoming a Stephen Minister. Sacred Heart Hospital on the Emerald Coast is offering Stephen Ministry training starting **Fridays, January 13th from 9 AM- 12 Noon**. Classes will run through **May 11th**.

Stephen Ministers provide emotional and spiritual support to people who are going through a difficult life event such as divorce, grief, hospitalization, unemployment, terminal illness, relocation, chronic illness, or loneliness. Stephen Ministers will serve at Sacred Heart Hospital on the Emerald Coast and/or to local congregations. To apply to participate in this ministry, please contact Chaplain Jeff Ryan at 850-278-3639 or email at Jeffrey.Ryan@shhpens.org. For more information also visit www.stephenministries.org.

2012 Offertory Envelopes

Please pick up your box of 2012 offertory envelopes in the parish office. If you don't currently have a box but wish to get one, contact Tom in the parish office at 837-0357 or business@resurrectionbythebeach.org

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

There will be no Bible study meetings on Dec. 20 & 27 due to the holidays.

We will resume on January 3rd.

For more information please call
Barbara Rezmer at 654-1046.

Come open your minds and hearts to God during this time of prayerful study.

CYM Catholic Youth Ministry

FOR ALL YOUTH 9TH GRADE & OLDER

If you have not been part of CYM yet or will be a freshman this fall—join us and be part of the fun!

CYM meets on most Sundays 5-7:30 PM

Call Marilyn to register for January's Antioch Retreat.

Middle School Youth (Grades 6, 7 & 8)

⇒ **FUN** ⇒ **FAITH** ⇒ **FRIENDS** ⇒ **FOOD**

All 6th, 7th, 8th graders!

Join us for MSY at 11:45 AM-1:30 PM

Great Adventure Bible Studies

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

have begun and your book is waiting for you!

Monday, 4-6 PM OR

Wednesday, 9:10-11:10 AM OR

Thursday, 6:15-8:15 PM

Registration is open!

CALL or SIGN UP AT THE CLASS

830-2791 or marilyn@resurrectionbythebeach.org

Centering Prayer

Be still and know that I am God!

Please join us for Centering Prayer on Tuesdays at 12:30 PM in the parish hall. For more information, please contact Barbara Rezmer at 654-1046.

"We can't imagine what just sitting twice a day in the presence of God is doing to us. It is changing us into Divine Love each in his or her own way."

Hearts & Hands in Ministry

Come join us for prayer, fun, knitting, crocheting and sewing on Thursdays, 1:30-3:30 PM in the parish hall. New members are always welcome, as well as donations of yarn, materials and gift cards. Call Eileen at 650-6188 if you'd like to participate.

◆◆ADULTS◆◆

Are YOU interested in learning more about the Catholic Church? Or YOU may be interested in joining the Church? *Are YOU searching for something more or do you know someone who is? Are YOU an Adult who would like to receive Sacraments you did not receive when YOU were younger?* The RCIA small group sessions are just what you are looking for! Let's get YOUR questions answered.

Wednesdays 7 PM

Questions? Call Marilyn at 830-2791.



SOUP FOR THE SOUL

Breaking bread, and even slurping soup, is part of our faith. When members of our Church community become ill and are hospitalized, we pray for them. We also would like to offer them something else to help them get back on their feet. **Soup.** On the day that one of our parishioners returns from the hospital, we will deliver one quart of soup for each family member living in the house. Please contact Penny Fleming, 850-424-6194 or the Church Office 850-837-0357.

Power of Prayer & Strength in Numbers.

A new ministry is starting- **The Electronic Prayer Chain!** We'll have Strength in Numbers reaching many of our parishioners electronically through an email Prayer Chain. This will enable those who want to be part of this ministry to lift up their prayer for those in need, and, because it's electronic, be able to stay connected wherever you are.

Please contact Jan Anderson at akjananderson@gmail.com for more information or to be a part of this ministry.

Prayer requests should be emailed to akjananderson@gmail.com or call 907-727-5849. The Power of Prayer will bring us all closer together!

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

We are approaching the darkest, longest night of the year. For centuries, people in the Northern Hemisphere have kindled fires against the dying of the light, turning away the dark of the winter solstice, and leading the imagination to hope and new beginnings. It is thus easy to understand why these solstice celebrations of non-Christian Europe attracted the annual remembrance of the birth of Jesus Christ, the Light of the World.


In time the solstice migrated away from December 25, but the Christmas feast remained in place. From this day, a whole season of celebration developed, stretching from Advent through the days of Christmas, and even beyond to the February 2 blessing of the candles, and beyond that to March 25, the Annunciation, nine months before the next Christmas. Centuries ago, this was New Year's Day, and many reasoned that it was the date of Adam and Eve's fall, and the date of the Crucifixion. The message is clear: don't let your Christmas be over too soon. Keep the lights blazing into January, and savor the meaning of the feast!

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—James Field



Mass Intentions for December 17-25, 2011

Saturday, December 17	+Ted Cwynar	
Sunday, December 18	8:00 +Dorothy Sanders +Hank McAllen	
	10:30 The People of Resurrection	
Tuesday, December 20	Healing for Mr. Keiran May & Family	
Wednesday, December 21	+Gordon Grant	
Saturday, December 24	5:00 +Candelaria Sablan	
	8:00 +Margaret Sammartin	
	12 Mid Special Family Intentions	
Sunday, December 25	9:00 +Dr. John McCabe	

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25
Tuesday:	Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday:	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45
Thursday:	1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56
Friday:	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66
Saturday:	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79
Sunday:	<u>Vigil:</u> Is 62:1-5; Ps 89; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25] <u>Midnight:</u> Is 9:1-6; Ps 96; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14 <u>Dawn:</u> Is 62:11-12; Ps 97; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20 <u>Day:</u> Is 52:7-10; Ps 98; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]



CHOIR NEWS

There will be regular choir practice on **Tuesday, December 20th**. A special rehearsal for Christmas Masses for both the choir and musicians will be held on **Sunday, Dec. 18th at 2 PM**. There will be **NO** choir practice on **Dec. 27th**. Call Steve at 376-7273 for details.

DAMN YANKEES

Home runs, hit songs and a temptress named Lola have made **DAMN YANKEES** a musical comedy favorite! Its sassy and winning ways earned this baseball tale 8 Tony Awards—including Best Musical! Enjoy a good time as the national tour of this Broadway hit spins the tale of a baseball fanatic who sells his soul to the Devil to help his favorite team win the pennant race against the New York Yankees. Filled with hit songs like "Whatever Lola Wants" and "You Gotta Have Heart," **DAMN YANKEES** is definitely a musical comedy home run!

DAMN YANKEES is coming to the Mattie Kelly Arts Center for one night only, on **January 28th at 7:30 PM**. The Social Committee has a group discount of \$42 including all fees. The seats are in the balcony and are accessible by the elevator. If you are interested in reserving a ticket, call **Susan Schreck at 801-726-4889; Peggy Foster at 850-837-8069; or Jean Eisel at 850-650-9592 or 312-237-1625** before Jan. 12th. Checks can be made payable to Resurrection and dropped off at the parish office. We will deliver your tickets before Jan. 28th.

VICTIMS OF ABUSE

The Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee is committed to healing the hurting hearts of sexual abuse victims and has established Victims Assistance Coordinators who are experienced and trained counselors and are available to help persons who have been sexually abused. The Coordinator for the Pensacola/Ft. Walton Beach area is Ms. Danielle Malone, LMHC. She may be reached at 850-436-6432 ext. 17.

Prayer List

Jeanne Biscone, George Dean, Monique Filion, Pat Gaunt, Warren Gravois, Sandy Hayes, Michael Heninger, Rita Keller, Dorothy Lawson, Hilda McRae, Joseph Menard, Bill Missildine, Dick Morgan, Morgan Perfilio, Margaret & Klaus Petrikat, Florence Salvan, Ron Scott, Renee Sendelbach, Cathy Swastek, John Varley

People in the Military

Let us know if there are names we may add or remove from this list. Gregory Biscone, Griffin Biscone, Tom Broderick, Nick Carey, Reginald Dagsa, Jonathan Gibson, Carl Gunnerson, Mike Via

"PRAY WITHOUT CEASING" 1 Thessalonians 5:17

Please contact Lisa (837-0357 or admin@rcc-destin.org) to add to our Prayer List. We will leave people on the list for a limited time; please call us back if you need longer.

- 18 Choir & Musicians Practice, Sun, 2 PM
- No Tuesday Bible Studies on Dec. 20 & 27
- 20 Centering Prayer, Tues, 12:30-1:30 PM
- 20 Knights of Columbus, Tues, 5-9 PM
- 20 Choir, Tues, 6:15-7:30 PM
- 24 Christmas Eve Masses, Sat, 5 PM, 8 PM & 12 Midnight
- 25 Christmas Day, Sun, 9 AM
- 26 Parish office is closed for Christmas, Mon
- 27 Centering Prayer, Tues, 12:30-1:30 PM

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PARISH MINISTRIES

<u>Altar Servers</u>	Deacon Matt Rezmer	654-1046
<u>Great Adventure Bible Study</u>	Marilyn Austin	830-2791
<u>Tuesday Morning Bible Study</u>	Barbara Rezmer	654-1046
<u>Bereavement Ministry</u>	Virginia Dwyre	267-0756
<u>Bereavement Support Group</u>	Chris Mongogna	214-310-9294
<u>Environment & Art</u>	Marybeth Creehan	259-8046
<u>Extraordinary Ministers</u>	Pat Ungarino	424-6794
	Marge Fregetto	865-1202
<u>Evangelization</u>	Sukey Brooks	608-6118
<u>Faith Formation</u> 3yrs-Adults	Marilyn Austin	830-2791
<u>Finance</u>	Mike Beam	622-0609
<u>Friends of Resurrection Gardens</u>	Jean McCarthy	650-8105
<u>Heart & Hands Ministry</u>	Eileen Hughes	650-6188
<u>Knights of Columbus</u>	Frank McDonough	269-0650
<u>L'AMORE</u>	Rita Myler	650-5944
<u>Lectors</u>	Mary Jo Napoli	837-8125
<u>Men of Resurrection</u> (MORE)	Ray Kostick	267-1205
<u>Music Ministry</u>	Steve McCown	376-7273
<u>Retirement Home Ministry</u>	Bevan Canale	622-3225
	Kathy Bilello	267-8426
<u>Sacristans</u>	Ann & Bevan Canale	622-3225
<u>Social Ministry</u>	John Czapleski	830-2702/244-6363
<u>Social Committee</u>	Jean Eisel	650-9592
<u>Ushers/Greeters</u>	Joe Biscone	267-3793
	John Twigg	837-5918
<u>Youth Ministry</u>	Marilyn Austin	830-2791