



# THE CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

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

## The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

December 25, 2011

**Pastor**

Reverend Thomas J. Guido

**Deacon**

Matthew D. Rezmer

## 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

## THE GIFT OF GOD'S WORD

On this day of gifts and gift-giving, it seems appropriate that we take a moment to reflect on the great gift of God's Word. Because it is creative, God's Word always points to its author, always calls us to respond. Because it is powerful, God's Word can link the sublime with the ridiculous, the transcendent with the immanent, the divine with the human. Because it is graceful, God's Word establishes a relationship of deep intimacy between us and God.



At the heart of God's Word lies a tantalizing tension between the mysterious and the mundane. In our liturgical celebration, this unresolved tension both reveals the meaning of life for us and calls us to respond, to act upon that meaning.

Once accepted and opened, the gift of God's Word is a gift that keeps on giving and keeps on calling us to give in return. It dares us to be like the gift-giver and to become gifts for others, not only at Christmas, but at every moment of life.

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## GIVING TREE

Thanks to your generosity, Catholic Charities and St. Vincent DePaul Society were able to deliver gifts to 57 children in 21 families and brighten their Christmas days!! Donations to the Bike Fund purchased 8 bikes and helmets with a balance remaining given to St. Vincent DePaul Society to continue its work assisting families in need.

**Many, many thanks to all who shopped, gave and participated in this project. Ho! Ho! Ho!**

## 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



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**MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE PARISH STAFF!**

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

Due to the Christmas and New Year's holidays, the parish office will be closed on **Mondays, Dec. 26 & Jan. 2** and reopen on **Tuesdays, Dec. 27 & Jan. 3.**

**The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)**  
**December 25, 2011**

**Resurrection Parish Staff**

**Pastor Father Thomas J. Guido** [pastor@resurrectionbythebeach.org](mailto:pastor@resurrectionbythebeach.org)

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**RE & Youth Marilyn Austin** [marilyn@resurrectionbythebeach.org](mailto: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](http://www.resurrectionbythebeach.org)**

All bulletin announcements must be submitted in writing to [admin@resurrectionbythebeach.org](mailto: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 needed 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.**

**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.

**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.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Merry Christmas to you and your families! What an exciting and joyful time of the year... people are hitting the roads; families are gathering and retelling stories of Christmases long ago.

All the parties are winding down; hopefully most of the shopping is behind us. Now we can concentrate on the true meaning of Christmas...the Birth of Christ...the greatest of gifts for all human kind!

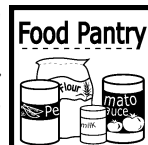
Today as we sit down at table to share an enjoyable Christmas dinner, please take a moment to pray and give thanks to God for such a great gift, the gift of Himself, in the flesh...Christ Jesus our Lord.

To him, all honor and thanksgiving, glory and praise, forever and ever!

May the good Lord bless each one of you and your families this Christmas.

Sincerely,  
Father Tom

**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.



**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](mailto:Jeffrey.Ryan@shhpens.org). For more information also visit [www.stephenministries.org](http://www.stephenministries.org).

## TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

There will be no Bible study meeting on Dec. 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 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE & OLDER  
AND

**Middle School Youth**

All 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> graders!

**ICE SKATING!**



**Sat., Dec. 31**

Followed by **LUNCH**

Call Marilyn for details  
850-830-2791

**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](mailto:marilyn@resurrectionbythebeach.org)

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**Studies will resume Jan. 2nd, 4th, and 5th**

## 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](mailto:akjananderson@gmail.com) for more information or to be a part of this ministry.

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

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

An old joke asks, "What time is Midnight Mass?" The answer is not really obvious, since Christmas is unique in having several distinct celebrations. The readings and prayers vary greatly from hour to hour. The Vigil Mass hinges on the family heritage of Jesus and his origins. The concept of "midnight" predates clock time, and really has to do with a celebration in the hours of darkness. Years ago, it was not possible to receive Communion without fasting for a full day, so the late hour of this Mass made it possible for the people to receive. The first Mass after sunrise, the Mass at Dawn, was once known as "The Shepherds' Mass," and later Masses set aside stories of Jesus' birth to focus on the key to the day's celebration: John the Evangelist's majestic theology of Christ's identity as the Word made flesh, dwelling among us. One feast, four separate Masses. Only monasteries manage the whole round. Parishioners typically take just one entry point into the mystery. Yet there is much to savor and celebrate in the coming of Christ into the world. Christmas is not a day, but a season. You still have two weeks to send those Christmas cards before you're officially late!

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## Mass Intentions for Dec. 24, 2011-Jan. 1, 2012

Saturday, Dec. 24	5:00	+Candelaria Sablan
	8:00	+Margaret Sammartin
	12 Mid	Special Family Intentions
Sunday, Dec. 25	9:00	+Dr. John McCabe
Tuesday, Dec. 27		+Minnie Morelli
Friday, Dec. 30		+Maureen Love-Smith +Michail (Michael) Love
Saturday, Dec. 31		+Evelyn Balcerak
Sunday, January 1	8:00	+Paul W. Smith
	10:30	+Angelo & Diva Flaim

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22
Tuesday:	1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Wednesday:	1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Mt 2:13-18
Thursday:	1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35
Friday:	Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]
Saturday:	1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18
Sunday:	Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21



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](mailto:business@resurrectionbythebeach.org)

The **Resurrection Men's Club** wants to thank parishioners 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!**

### 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 Fillion, 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, Thomas Sherwood, 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](mailto: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.

- 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 No Tuesday Bible Study
- 27 Centering Prayer, Tues, 12:30-1:30 PM
- January 2 Acts Bible Study, Tues, 4-6 PM
- 3 Tuesday Morning Bible Study, Tues, 9-10:30 AM
- 3 Centering Prayer, Tues, 12:30-1:30 PM
- 3 Choir, Tues, 6:15-7:30 PM
- 4 Bereavement, Wed, 9:30 AM
- 4 Acts Bible Study, Wed, 9:10-11:10 AM
- 5 Hearts & Hands, Thurs, 1:30-3:30 PM
- 5 Acts Bible Study, Thurs, 6:15-8:15 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 &amp; 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>Hearts &amp; 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