

# Resurrection Parish

December 1, 2019

A Catholic Christian Community

First Sunday in Advent

## Mass Times

Saturday Vigil 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday 8:15 and 10:30 a.m.  
Mon. Wed. Fri. 8:30 a.m.  
Tues. 7 p.m.

## Reconciliation

Tues. 6:30 p.m.  
Sat. 4:45 p.m.  
or by appointment.

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Please contact Deacon John.

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Contact clergy one year prior.

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Learn more by contacting  
Fr. Bill, Fr. Greg, or  
Deacon John

Spirituality Outreach Stewardship

GIVING TUESDAY  
December 3, 2019

GivingTuesday was created in 2012 as a simple idea: a day that encourages people to do good. Over the past seven

years, it has grown into a global movement that inspires hundreds of millions of people to give, collaborate, and celebrate generosity.

Whether it's making someone smile, helping a neighbor or stranger out, showing up for an issue or people we care about, or giving some of what we have to those who need our help, every act of generosity counts and everyone has something to give.

As the **Resurrection Parish Alternative Christmas** this year, we suggest you consider making a donation on Giving Tuesday. In our Gathering Space beginning the first weekend in December, you will find cards that you can use to let loved ones know that you have donated in their honor. Resurrection contributes to a number of charities through our parish charitable giving program, listed below with links to their homepages. There you may read about what they do and consider offering a donation. All the websites include a link to donate online. But you may also consider your own charities.

## Resurrection Charitable Giving Organizations

**Jesus House Prayer & Renewal Center** - opportunities to deepen your spirituality: <http://jesushousecenter.org>

**Delaware Center for Justice**- transforming the quality of justice through advocacy, policy, and practice: <http://dcjustice.org>

**Saint Damien Pediatric Hospital** - high quality medical treatment for disadvantaged and sick children in Haiti: [saintdamienhospital.nph.org](http://saintdamienhospital.nph.org)

**Emmanuel Dining Room**- a monthly meal for the homeless on the 12<sup>th</sup> of each month:

**Family Promise** - preventing and ending homelessness for families: [www.familypromisede.org](http://www.familypromisede.org)

**Friendship House** – services for individuals and families at risk of becoming homeless: <http://friendship-house.org>

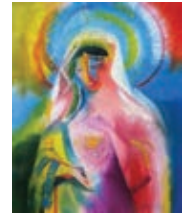
**San Marcos Project** –aiding those poverty stricken in Guatemala: Make a check out to Resurrection with a memo designating your intention and deposit it in the collection.

**Sojourner's Place** – program for adults with substance abuse issues: [www.sojournersplace.org](http://www.sojournersplace.org)

**St. Martin's Ministries** – helping families with their basic needs of food, clothing, and housing: <http://stmartinsministries.org>



**Masses for the Solemnity of the  
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
Monday, Dec. 9 – 8:30 am and 7:00 pm**



On this day we praise God for the hope and possibility that Mary embodies, as we turn to our Blessed Mother to learn from the first and most important relationship Jesus Christ experienced among us. This solemnity is the Patronal Feastday of the United States of America. (Sourcebook 2020)  
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**INTENTIONS**

Monday	Dec. 2	8:30 am	+Jim Pohlen
Tuesday	Dec. 3	7:00 pm	
Wednesday	Dec. 4	8:30 am	
Friday	Dec. 6	8:30 am	+Sharon McDermott
Saturday	Dec. 7	5:30 pm	
Sunday	Dec. 8	8:15 am	+Mary Lynn Vincent
		10:30am	Parish Community

**PARISH LIFE**

**Retirement Fund for Religious:** Please give generously to the collection on December 8. Thank you for your generous support.



A Parishioner Appreciation Brunch will be offered 12/15/19 after the 8:15 and 10:30AM Masses.

We appreciate you!



God is the source of all healing and hope, to whom we lift up in prayer the needs of the sick and those who care for them. *Lord, allow your healing hand to assist* Eva Skripchuk, Burt Strasser, JD

Howell, Jack & Jane Tabaka, Bill Dorsey, Joseph Hemphill, Alyssa Stover, Chet Andruskiewicz, Jim Gambort, Helen Meys, Candi Smith, Sean McCormick, Janice Kane, Ralph Culver, Mike Pohlen, Cass Thomas, Patty Calhoun, Katie Fink, Beth Bell, Julie Edmiston, Anna Catriew, Annabelle Capritta, Patricia Barber, Joey (Morton) Scruggs, Steven Huhn, Ed Donaldson, Frank Maguire, Kathie Wisniewski, Ginnie Marzouca, Fran Huhn, Rick Markel, Peggy Wessel others mentioned in our parish book of intentions.

**BEST ADVENT EVER** is a free email program from Dynamic Catholic that will help you slow down and focus on what matters most during the busy holiday season. Each day of Advent, you'll receive an email with Short inspirational videos from Allen Hunt, Matthew Kelly, and the Dynamic Catholic team. Practical tips for your everyday life Real-life stories to encourage you in your faith journey.

To sign up, visit [www.BestAdventEver.com](http://www.BestAdventEver.com)

**LITURGY**



Join us at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 12th for Mass on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Pope John XXIII invoked her as "Mother of the Americas" in 1961). After Mass, there will be Mexican hot chocolate and the traditional "pan dulce" (pastries). ¡Todos bienvenidos!

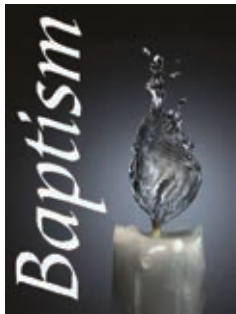
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**CONTEMPLATIVE CHRISTIANITY**

Wednesday, December 11, 2019  
6:30 - 8:15 p.m.

ALL ARE WELCOME  
please join us!





**WELCOME:** On Sunday, December 8, 2019 at our 10:30 am mass we will welcome two new members to our faith community through the sacrament of Baptism. They are Stephen Joseph Ohler and Matthew Piedimonte. Stephen is the son of David Ohler and Michaela McGowan. Michaela and David are friends of Fr. Greg.

Michaela is also the daughter of Bobbie McGowan, who worked with Fr. Greg at St. Mark's and was also a member of Resurrection. Matthew is the son of Luca Piedimonte and Sarah Savery. Both Luca and Sarah are new members of Resurrection. Please welcome Stephen and Matthew and be prepared to acknowledge our prayers and support for them as they begin their new journey in faith.

**CHRISTIAN FORMATION PROGRAM**



**Our K to 5 Elementary Program will meet**

**12/1, 12/8, and 12/15 from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.**

**See you there!**

**Would you like more information?**

Contact Nancy Maloney, CFP Coordinator, at [nmaloney@resurrectionde.org](mailto:nmaloney@resurrectionde.org) or 368-0146 ext. 104. Registration Materials are available on our website.

**CFP's Advent Adventure**

Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2:00-6:30pm  
**Registration Required**

**Sacramental Preparation Classes**

Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:45am-12:30pm,  
**Church Tour**

**YOUTH MINISTRY**



**Middle School Youth Group**

December 1, 2019 6:30—8:15 p.m.

Topic: The Jesse Tree

**High School Youth Group**

December 15, 2019 6:30—8:15 p.m.

Come connect with old friends and

new. Let us know what you want to discuss! Light refreshments will be provided.

**Confirmation**

Registration for Confirmation has begun. Our first gathering for youth *and* a parent/guardian is next Sunday December 8 at 12:00 Noon in the youth room. Register online at <https://resurrectionde.org/confirmation-registration>

For information contact Elaine at 368-0146 ext. 107 [elittle@resurrectionde.org](mailto:elittle@resurrectionde.org)

**SOCIAL CONCERNS**

***Christmas Giving Tree***



*Take a tag from the Giving Tree in the Atrium after*

Masses on November 30<sup>th</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup>

*Please return **wrapped** gifts under the tree in the Gathering Space by December 8<sup>th</sup>*

**Food Closet & Zingo's:** Thanks to all of you who continue to support our Outreach ministry by providing the much needed food for our Food Closet. Some of the items that are running a little low are as follows: canned vegetables, pasta, and pasta sauce.

We sincerely thank Zingo's for having the program of a 1% donation of receipt totals and all the Zingo shoppers who save their tapes and put them in the Zingo box on the table by the nursery



## TAKING IT HOME

We Americans are so future oriented. We save for a rainy day to get married, to buy a home, to send children to college and to retire in comfort. We protect ourselves against future misfortune by purchasing insurance of all varieties. Even as children, we seem to be in a big hurry to grow up. But there is an inherent problem with such a future driven mentality; we tend to miss what is right before us.

Today we begin the Advent season, a season that calls our attention to the future coming of the “Son of Man in glory.” We like this one because we love to constantly predict when that time will come. But Advent also looks to the Son of Man who came as one like us in real time, meaning not just in history, but in our present time as well. And so Advent is a season of joyful expectation, but it is also a season of confusion and tension. Why?

It is confusing because we don’t always know what to do with Advent. We would much rather move on to Christmas, again looking to the future. But it is also filled with tension because it is an in-between time; a time when Christ announced the presence of the kingdom now and a time that anticipates the return of Jesus and the fulfillment of that kingdom at the end of time. And perhaps because of this tension we give short shrift to Advent and instead get lost in the world in which we live. So we busy ourselves with the things of this world, like saving for that rainy day that we never seem to see what is right before us.

You see focusing on the end of the world is a frightening thing and so it is generally not something we look forward to with any joyful expectation. We would rather look forward to retirement, but not the end of life. Our gospel even addresses these fears. Something foreboding is coming, two will be in the field and two will be grinding, one will be taken and one will be left. You see the end is not pleasing because it is filled with so many unknowns, plus the end never really seems to come so we allow the temptation to get lost in the world, “to be eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage.”

But there is a problem with this absorption into the world of everyday busyness; we lose our passion for purpose, enjoyment and hope. As one person expressed it, “How can I be so busy and yet so empty?” Our spirits become depleted and we lose

our sense of the presence of God, which permeates our existence and calls us forth to live in joy and hope now even though the end has not yet come. This is what it means to be eternally present to human life in all of its fullness. And so this is the reason why Paul and Matthew remind us to stay awake; “it is now the hour for you to wake from sleep.”

So staying awake and seeing God in the present moment is our challenge, but we ask how do we stay awake when our inclination is to remain asleep and distracted? We do that by developing strategies that keep us focused, but focused on what? We need to be focused on our reasons to have hope for to be without hope, to have nothing to live for, is to surrender to death in despair and this is the reason why we are so easily distracted and asleep. We surrender to despair and allow our spirits to languish.

Advent is especially a season of hope; the hope spoken by the prophet Isaiah, that war will end, that justice and mercy will reign, that deserts will bloom and that God shall come among us. It is a season of hope not because it tries to take away our fears, but because it calls our attention to what that end will bring; the fulfillment of promises already kept now by God. For we believe as Catholic Christians that Jesus is the fulfillment of God’s promises because he not only proclaimed the future reign of God, he embodied now in his flesh. And this is the reason why Christmas is not merely a fantasy to get lost in as a way keep us distracted and forward looking, but why it is a celebration of the faithful word of God present in our midst now. And this is the reason why we can live in hope now because we know that this creation of ours is grounded in God; God permeates our existence enabling us to see its goodness. We don’t come to the God mystery through concepts and theories but by connecting with what is – with God’s immediate, embodied presence which is all around us. When we are awake we can see the good that is in our world. There is first the seeing and then there is the recognizing. How do you keep hope alive in your hearts? How do you try to see the deeper sides of life? This is what it means to stay awake and keep ourselves vigilant for the arrival of the “day of the Lord.” Deacon John



## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT GOSPEL – MATTHEW 3: 1-12

*John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!”*

*It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said: A voice of one crying out in the desert, Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. John wore clothing made of camel’s hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey.*

*At that time Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. When he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you, God can raise up children to Abraham from these stones. Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees. Therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand. He will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”*

**Gospel Reflection:** The choice of today’s gospel passage in the lectionary appears to be twofold. Firstly, the inscription above the crucified Christ reads, “This is the King of the Jews”, one of the scriptural references to Christ’s kingship—although that reference is more complicated than it first appears. Secondly, the feast of Christ the King marks the end of the liturgical year and the end of the year-long journey through the gospel of Luke. Given that the second half of the gospel is a physical and psychological journey towards Jerusalem and the death that awaits Jesus there, it is fitting that the final reading for the liturgical year is the crucifixion.

When the feast of Christ the King was first conceived by Pope Pius XI in 1925, its intention was to emphasize the majesty and power of Jesus Christ, King and ruler of the world. However, our understanding of “king” as it can be applied to Jesus has changed significantly in the intervening years. Despite earthly notions of kingship and the role of the Messiah, Jesus completely rejected such expectations and assumed the role of servant to the poor and outcast. As we have seen throughout this year, the gospel of Luke depicts in great detail the emphasis and priority that Jesus gave to the lowly and marginalized.

The theme that flows through the gospel is again captured in the account of the crucifixion. At this most critical point, it is a criminal, crucified alongside Jesus, who responds in faith to Jesus and asks to join Jesus when he enters into his kingdom. The criminal has a much better idea of the nature of the sort of king that Jesus really is than is revealed by the sign that Pilate has had nailed to the cross.

**Prepare Ye!** John the Baptist’s call to “Prepare the way of the Lord” is a summary of the purpose of the season of Advent. Every year, as we celebrate the Nativity, we celebrate once again the presence of God in our world. God became incarnate in the world through Jesus but also always was and continues to be incarnate in the world through each person. If we are to accept this reality and live it out, we need to remind ourselves this Advent to prepare the way for the Lord to be present in and through us every day of our lives.

**Out of the wilderness:** The wilderness holds a special place in scripture. Time spent in the wilderness is associated with a time of preparation for undertaking a special purpose. When Moses led the people from Egypt they wandered in the wilderness for 40 years. This was a time of renewing themselves after their time in Egypt and rediscovering their covenant with God. After his baptism, Jesus retreats to the wilderness to prepare for his public ministry. It was also out of the wilderness that a lot of rebellion and unrest emerged. A desire for change and action is what comes out of the wilderness.

**Brood of Vipers!** The gospel of Matthew in particular casts the Pharisees in a very dim light. John’s insult to them, calling them a brood of vipers, is indeed echoed by Jesus later in this gospel. In this gospel, Jesus describes the Pharisees as hypocrites and blind guides. The community for whom this gospel was written were predominantly Jewish Christians. However, at the time of writing serious cracks were appearing in the relationship between the Jewish community and the Christian sect. This gospel aligns closely with the Jewish tradition but is very critical of the inflexibility of the Pharisees.

- Q. Why might the lectionary include only this short aspect of the crucifixion?*
- Q. Which word or phrase from the gospel most catches your attention? Why?*
- Q. What can we learn from the interaction between Jesus and the second criminal?*
- Q. Where can we see reflections of the attitudes of the first and second criminals today?*

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