

Church *of the* Resurrection

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Herald of Light O God of Justice, you called the prophet John the Baptist, to prepare the way for the coming of your Son. John's message of repentance led others to embrace you. Grant your servants ears to hear his cry in the desert of their hearts so that, transformed by love, we, too, may turn and embrace you. Fill us, O God, with the Spirit of courage and strengthen our will to be heralds of the Light. Make us fervent in our prayer and direct us to bring glad tidings to the poor so that, on that final day, we may be found holy and blameless in your sight as we rejoice in the gift of your mercy.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

December 17, 2017, Third Sunday of Advent



Weekly Words from The Rock

Quiz Question

Last week, I provided questions from the Creed. Here are the answers.

- A. What phrase in the creed describes what happened on Easter Sunday?
Answer: He rose from the dead.
- B. Who was the Roman governor when Jesus was condemned?
Answer: Pilate
- C. What phrase in the creed tells about our connection with the holy people in heaven and the suffering souls in purgatory?
Answer: communion of saints.
- D. What word in the creed reminds us that our church is for all people? Answer: catholic.
- E. What words in the creed tell us that Joseph was not the human father of Jesus? Answer: Conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Next, we are going to look at questions about the Apostles.

- A. Who did Jesus appoint to be the leader of the apostles?
- B. Which apostle betrayed Jesus?
- C. Names two apostles who were brothers.

- D. Which apostle had been a tax collector before he started following Jesus?
- E. Who was chosen to take Judas' place after the resurrection?

I'll give you a week to see if you can come up with the correct answers. Good luck!

Biblical Terminology

We continue our work of defining words and names from the pages of the Bible. My source for this is Harper's Bible Dictionary, Harper & Row Publishers, Copyright 1985.

Resurrection – a rising to life from death. The concept of resurrection is derived from Jewish apocalyptic literature. In the earlier Old Testament writings there is no belief in life after death (Psalm 115:17).

When eventually this belief developed it was in the form of the resurrection of the dead, rather than the immortality of the soul (Isaiah 26:19; Daniel 12:2). Resurrection is to be distinguished from resuscitation or reanimation of the physical body.

It denotes a complete transformation of the human being in his or her psychosomatic totality (1 Corinthians 15:53-55).

This is expressed in a number of metaphors. The resurrected will shine like stars (Daniel 12:3). They will be like angels (Mark 12:25). Resurrection was thought of not as an event for each individual at death but as a corporate event.

God would raise all of the elect at the end of history. The post-Easter proclamation of the resurrection of Jesus is to be seen in the context of this apocalyptic hope. Jesus' resurrection

is an act of God.

God raised the Son from the dead as the first fruits in anticipation of the general resurrection (1 Corinthians 15:20). The resurrection of the believers would follow as a result of Christ's resurrection (1 Corinthians 15:22).

Although these terms are not in the Harper's Bible Dictionary, they may prove helpful with my definition on resurrection above. These are taken largely from Webster's Dictionary.

Apocalyptic – describing the events leading to the end of the world.

Psychosomatic – of, relating to, concerned with, or involving both mind and body.

Resuscitation – the action or process of reviving someone from unconsciousness or apparent death.

Reanimation – the action of restoring to life or consciousness, revive.

Holy Humor



God's blessings! Father Peter Schuster

Christmas Flower Offering In Memory of/Honor of



(Name) Memory/Honor

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Liturgy Notes from Joann,

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Rejoice!

Today our readings at Mass overflow with joy. Today is GAUDETE SUNDAY – Rejoice Sunday! The word “rejoice” appears in the first reading, the second reading and the psalm; and the Gospel speaks of “glad tidings”. This Sunday is meant to communicate the joy of our faith in Christ the Light.

Now take a look at the people around you, especially at Mass. Do you see faces that testify to this joy? Do we look like people who are joyful in the Light of Christ or do we “have expressions like we are going to a funeral procession rather than going to praise GOD” (*Pope Francis Homily in Casa Santa Marta, May 31, 2013*)?

All of us who minister to others in the name of Christ the Light must not give in to what Pope Francis called the “*disease of a lugubrious (sad, somber) face*” that “*weakens our service to the Lord*”. For homilists and lectors – when we acclaim the word “rejoice” we should mean it and more importantly look it. David Haas (a composer of liturgical music) often reminds cantors and music ministers to “let your face know what your mouth is singing.” For ushers and greeters – we can radiate the joy of Christ our Light in how sincere we are in greeting those we know, those we do not recognize and those who come late. For Communion ministers – our short time with each person is an opportunity to testify with our eyes and faces, to the love we have for the Body and Blood of Christ in our hands as well as in the hands of the person before us. For the assembly – when we turn to our neighbor to offer the peace of Christ, whether extending the hand or not, do our eyes and our faces express the joy of knowing and sharing Christ’s peace?

At every Sunday liturgy, and especially on this Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday of the Advent Season – let us reflect in our faces, words and actions the truth of Christ the Light – and in every circumstance give thanks to GOD.

NEXT WEEKEND (December 23 and 24) we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Advent. The Mass on Saturday evening and the Masses on Sunday Morning at 8:30 AM and 10:00 AM are celebrations of the Fourth Sunday of Advent. We will NOT have a 11:30 AM Mass next weekend. After the 10:00 AM Mass on Sunday, everyone is invited to move poinsettias and the nativity figurines into the Gathering Space and the Church as we make final preparations for the Christmas Season.

Christmas Eve Mass Schedule: Sunday, December 24

4:00 PM in Church (Fr Shawn) Readings from the Vigil Mass
4:00 PM in Zenk Hall (Fr. Schuster) Readings from the Vigil Mass
6:00 PM – Readings from the Vigil Mass
10:00 PM – Readings from the Mass at Midnight

Monday, December 25 9:00 AM Readings from the Mass During the Day

**Psalm Refrain for December 24 – 4th Sunday of Advent
(Psalm 89:2)**

Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Liturgical Ministries

NOTE: Please remember to find a substitute if you are unable to fulfill your ministry as scheduled. Thank you.
Dec. 23rd/24th

Altar Servers

- 8:00 pm Gabriella Schimnich, Taya Viker
- 8:30 am Joe Copeland, Chris Simonson
- 10:00 am Abby Weick, Nick Weick
- 11:30 am NO MASS

Eucharistic Ministers

- 8:00 pm Patricia & Walter Max, Debbie Olson, Judith Pelowski, Theresa Root, Patricia Schoenfelder, Kim Shimak-Hansen, Elizabeth Teuteberg
- 8:30 am John-Howard Carroll, Calvin Guyer, Patty Haler, Ellen Harford, Nancy Hass, George Klann, Audrey Nervig, Eugene Nolan, Deb Rowekamp, Patrice Steier, Donna Weber
- 10:00 am Robert Degnan, Charles DeVos, Lynn Gaber, Elaine & Jerome Garry, Mary Stettler, Richard Streit, Robert Techentin, Gary Tschann, Brenda Tschann, Shannon Weick
- 11:30 am NO MASS

Lectors

- 8:00 pm Denise Koster
- 8:30 am Martin Cormack, Micki Miller
- 10:00 am Bryan Pierskalla, Robert Taylor
- 11:30 am NO MASS

Greeters

- 8:00 pm Kirt & Diane Grantner, **NOT FILLED**
- 8:30 am Jacob, Mark & Renee Kobilarcsik, Richard & Beverly Sanders
- 10:00 am Rae Ann & Jim Vigen
- 11:30 am NO MASS

Ushers

- 8:00 pm Greg Hansen, Kevin Schimnich, Randall Schoenfelder
- 8:30 am Tom Brown, Eric Ladin, J.R. Miller, Albert Weber
- 10:00 am Jacob Maronde, William Sullivan, Bob Voss, Will Weick
- 11:30 am NO MASS

St. Francis School News

The weekly all school Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, December 19th at 9:15 a.m.

Our monthly HERO assembly will be held on Tuesday, December 19th at 1:20 p.m.

The all school Advent Prayer Service will be prayed on Wednesday, December 20th at 2:30 p.m.

Christmas break begins at dismissal on Friday, December 22nd. School resumes Wednesday, January 3rd.

Community News

Volunteer Opportunities-Madonna Towers Volunteers are needed at Madonna Towers for different pastoral ministries: visiting residents, praying with and bringing Communion to residents, leading Communion Services or leading music during services, and praying the rosary with residents in assisted living, skilled care and memory care units. Training will be provided at Madonna Towers, but the most important qualifications are a desire to give of your time, a listening ear, and a caring and faith-filled spirit. For more information or to sign up to be a volunteer, contact Sr. Sue Reif, OSF at 206-2227 or Sue.Reif@bhshealth.org

Be A Part of St. James Coffee's Mission As a non-profit 501c3 St. James Coffee relies on the dedication of a volunteer staff of baristas and generous donations from customers and fans in general. Contact St. James if interested in a volunteer position or donating. St. James Coffee, 4156 18th Ave NW; 507-281-3359; www.stjamescoffee.com

About the Parish

Weekly Bulletin deadline is Monday before noon.
General Email: communications@rescathroch.org

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Friday 9:00 am- 5:00pm

Mass Schedule

Saturday 8:00 pm

Sunday 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 am

Daily Mass 8:30 am; Monday-Friday

Rosary: 8:10 am Mon-Fri; Sat. 7:30 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 6:45-7:45 pm

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Communion for Shut-ins Each First Friday and upon request. Call the office for assistance.

Hospital/Homebound Visitation Please notify the parish office if you would like a visit from a priest.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

(RCIA) For those considering becoming Catholic, contact Joann Reier, 288-5528.

Marriage Please make arrangements with the parish at least six months prior.

Baptism Pre-Jordan class is held the second Tuesday of the month. Contact the Parish Office to register for the class or schedule a baptism.

First Communion/Reconciliation is usually in second grade.

Confirmation is a two-year program starting in ninth grade with Confirmation being at the end of the tenth grade.

SPRED (Special Religious Education for adults with development disabilities)

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Weekly Calendar

Monday, Dec 18th

Faith Formation Classes Grs. 1-5,

4:30 pm and 6:00 pm

Heart of Trinity Prayer Group

7:00 pm

Tuesday, Dec 19th

Holy Hour 7:00 pm/Social 8:00 pm

Wednesday, Dec 20th

Food for Friends 4:30 pm

Faith Formation Classes Gr 6-10

6:00 & 7:30 pm

Pre Jordan Class 6:00 pm

Teen Ensemble 7:15 pm

Thursday, Dec 21st

Reconciliation 6:00-7:30 pm

Children Choir 6:00 pm

Adult Choir 7:00 pm

Friday, Dec 22nd

Widow's Group Meeting 9:15 am

Saturday, Dec 23rd

Society of Divine Mercy Monastery

Prayer Group 6:30 am

Reconciliation 6:45-7:45 pm; Mass 8:00 pm

Folk Music Group 7:00 pm

Sunday, Dec 24th

4th Sunday of Advent Masses: 8:30 am &

10:00 am (no 11:30 am Mass)

Christmas Eve Masses: 4:00 pm (Hall);

4:00 pm (Church); 6:00 pm, 10:00 pm

Monday, Dec 25th

Mass 9:00 am



Musical Musings from Joy

Music and Choral Director,
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Did anyone come up with any distractions or other hindrances to prayer due to active participation? How about musically? What were some of your examples? Incidentally, keep your emails coming! I love hearing from you!

I challenge you to think about ways you can help promote active participation from the pews. Maybe it's as simple as picking up your hymnal and following along. Or perhaps offering to share your hymnal with the person next to you. Sometimes, all it takes is being an example and lending a friendly hand!

Beginning this week, I'm going to start walking us through the various sung parts of Mass and explore how we are called to actively participate in them. This will be comprised of both historical context and matter of opinion:

The entrance procession was once meant to be accompanied by the Introit, which includes the entrance antiphon and psalm verses. (Today it is one of many options for this part of the Mass, but we are only given the antiphon and not the psalm verses to choose from.) "One can only speculate about the origins of the Roman Introit...it was not yet in place during the later fourth and earlier fifth-century period of...liturgical reference and must therefore have been introduced sometime during the centuries of relative silence preceding [Ordo Romanus I]."¹ There is a possibility that it was born out of the Divine Office because of its structure as a variable antiphonal psalm, which would have likely been familiar to those responsible for making the decision to include it in the Mass.² Regardless, it follows a simple format that complements the liturgical action it accompanies.

Did you know that today's *Gaudete* Sunday, complete with its rose-colored candle, is named for the day's *Introit*? The first line of the original Latin reads, "*Gaudete in Domino semper,*" meaning, "Rejoice in the Lord always." Today, the General Instruction of the Roman Missal gives us many concessions as to what the entrance processional music may be. (Antiphon, suitable hymn, etc.) However, the fact remains, it accompanies the rite. In this case, the Priest's procession to the altar. How do you feel when the processional hymn goes for longer than that? I'm eager to hear your thoughts on this one!

¹. James McKinnon, *The Advent Project: The Later Seventh-Century Creation of the Roman Mass Proper* (Berkeley, CA, USA: University of California Press, Ltd., 2000), 196.

². *Ibid.*

Hymnal Scavenger Hunt How'd you do with last week's Hymnal Scavenger Hunt? It was *People Look East*, which can be found in your green hymnal at #297 and your red hymnal at #337.

Here's this week's clue:

This Advent song also speaks of looking to the east, as it declares Christ will arrive at the time of day sunrise occurs.

Hint: The tune of this hymn is called "MORNING SONG."

Mass Intentions

Mon., Dec., 18th	8:30 am	†Tom Nguyen
Tues., Dec., 19th	8:30 am	Rob Frisby (healing)
Wed., Dec., 20th	8:30 am	†Eileen Dykes
Thurs., Dec., 21st	8:30 am	†James Stanton
Fri., Dec., 22nd	8:30 am	Thanksgiving for Holy Family
Sat., Dec., 23rd	8:00 pm	†Matthew Hanson
Sun., Dec., 24th	8:30 am	For the Parish
	10:00 am	†Cora Reopelle
	11:30 am	No Mass
Sun., Dec., 24th	4:00 pm	Raymond & Dixie Shimak
	4:00 pm	†Don Davis
	6:00 pm	†Tom Gould
	10:00 pm	For the Parish
Mon., Dec 25th	9:00 am	†Lyle Yokiel

**Eucharistic Adoration Chapel
will be closed**
**Sunday, December 24th:
8:00 am until midnight**

**Monday, December 25th:
8:00 am until 10:00 am**

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel

Our chapel is available 24 hours/7 days a week
Prayerfully consider committing to one hour a week before Him in Eucharistic Adoration.

Life changes when we spend time with Jesus face to face.
Could you not spend one hour with Me?*
Matthew 26:40

Hours of Need
Call Tim Fague at 507-288-6578 to sign up.

*** We are looking for a second adorer in these hours.**



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 am	3 am	12 am*	12 am*	11 am	3 am*	12 am
3 pm	11 am*	1 am*	5 am*	12 pm*	10 am*	5 am*
		3 am*	11 am*	1 pm	1 pm*	8 am*
		4 am*	3 pm*	3 pm	2 pm*	1pm
		9 am*			11pm*	3 pm
						4 pm
						9 pm*
						10 pm*

Faith Formation



News from Sheila, Sunday School, Children's Ministry dresscm@rescathroch.org or 288-5528 x 101

Nursery and Sunday School Families:

Thank you for the amazing turn out to the Jesse Tree Family Activity that was held on Friday, December 1st. We had 20 families numbering over 70 people in attendance. We enjoyed pizza and social time. 40+ kids gathered around a giant parachute before settling in for prayer with Father Shawn and to make some Jesse Tree themed ornaments and crafts. The Jesse Tree is named from Isaiah 11:1 "A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots." The stump symbolizes the family of the Jewish people, the shoot is Mary, and the branch is Jesus. Jesse had a son, David, who was chosen by God to serve as king of Israel. Jesse, David, and their children and grandchildren were ancestors of Jesus and are all part of Jesus' family tree. When we make a Jesse Tree, we trace God's promise of a Savior, we honor the events that lead to Jesus' birth, and we remember the family of Jesse and those who helped prepare the world for the coming of Jesus. We do this by reading scripture and placing ornaments on a "Jesse Tree" during Advent.



SUNDAY SCHOOL: Christmas Concert after each class today for Sunday School families and friends. St. Nicholas pray for us! Amen.

NO NURSERY or SUNDAY SCHOOL: December 24th and 31st.



News from Stacey, Grades 1-5, Family Ministry, dre1to5fm@rescathroch.org or 288-5528 x 108

Grades 1-5: We have faith formation classes on Monday, December 18th at 4:30 and 6:00pm. The children will be having a Christmas celebration with all the classes together for part of the time and some individual class time for reading Christmas books, watching Christmas DVDs and crafting projects. We will not have classes on December 25th and January 1st. Then we come back together for classes on January 8th for grades 1,2,3 and 4. The 5th graders will have their **5th grade Learning Centers with parents on January 8th.**

First Reconciliation: Congratulations to all those who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time at our Communal Penance Service on Tuesday evening. May you be witnesses to our faith within your families. We rejoice with you as you begin preparing to receive your First Communion.

First Communion: We will have a Parent Meeting on Monday, January 15th at 6:30pm in Fr. Zenk Hall. There will be time to go over the sacrament requirements, to choose the Mass time for your child to receive the sacrament, and to ask questions. Please bring your calendars.

Virtues in Practice: Our December virtue is *generosity* and the 3rd-5th graders have been learning about St. Mary Magdalene. She was looked upon as a great sinner. Jesus healed her of seven devils (Luke 8:2) and many people think she is the sinful woman who washed Jesus' feet with her tears (Luke 7:38). Yet she became one of Jesus' closest followers. In fact, she was one of only a few people besides the Blessed Mother and St. John the Apostle who stayed with Jesus during His crucifixion and death. *St. Mary Magdalene, you supported Our Lord and His disciples with your wealth, never counting the cost, because you had found the pearl of great price. Fearless and steadfast, you stood at the foot of the cross. Help us to be generous with our love, so that we too might be witnesses to the good news of the Resurrection. Amen. St. Mary Magdalene, pray for us!*



News from Rosemary, Grades 6-12, Youth Ministry, dre6to10ym@rescathroch.org or 288-5528 x 104

First Year Confirmation (9th Grade): Save the date: Parent and Candidate meeting January 21st at 2:00pm.

This is when we organize our faith sharing groups. **Volunteers needed to be faith sharing leaders!** We need a minimum of 10 adults willing to lead a group with a partner. This is a great opportunity to take an active part of the Confirmation process with the candidates. Please contact me if you are interested or would like more information. No experience necessary!

Second Year Confirmation (10th Grade): The mandatory Confirmation Retreat is January 6th at the Ironwood Springs Christian Ranch from 10:30am-5:00pm. Please look for a mailing in the next couple of weeks for the complete information. If you are unable to attend, you must notify me so we can arrange an alternative.

FYRE: Dec. 10 & 17: no meeting

Dec. 23: bell ringing for the Salvation Army at the West entrance of Macy's from 1:00pm-2:00pm. Come join us!

Jan. 28: "Art on the Go" event in the Fr. Zenk Hall, 3:00pm. For ages 8 and up. All proceeds will benefit youth scholarships.

In January, our FYRE nights will focus on a study of the Gospel of Matthew. All middle and high school students are welcome!

Young Adults: Visit the Rochester Catholic Young Adult Ministry webpage at www.rochestercatholicmn.org