



Parishes of the
**Resurrection
of the Lord**



St. Anne | St. Gabriel | St. Catherine | St. Raphael



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DEARLY BELOVED– *Opening Prayer: May we acknowledge and confess everything that will prevent us from receiving and allowing God to dwell in our hearts and lives.*

INTRODUCTION AND READINGS: The first reading today presents us with the picture of Jerusalem as a mother about to receive back her children in glory from exile. It is the Jews who were exiled in Babylon, and they are the ones God will lead home, just as he had led their ancestors through the wilderness to the Promised Land. They were assured that all obstacles will be removed so that they will be able to make it home. Since there was great rejoicing at the return of the Israelites, so too today with the Church we repeat the words of today's response to the psalm as we wait for the fulfilment of the promise that the Lord will come: "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy." St. Paul writing to his beloved community at Philippi in today's second reading prays that the Philippians may be filled with joy as they await the day of Christ. He goes on to pray that their lives will be righteous, complete with love and knowledge. It is St. Paul's prayer still that the Philippians are able to discern what is of true value and remain pure and blameless for the day of Christ. We who today prepare ourselves to welcome the Lord are equally called to allow ourselves to be found living ideal lives as true disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ. To prepare ourselves to welcome Christ during this advent John the Baptist in today's Gospel call on us to repent and renew our lives so that we create a dwelling fit for God.

TIME FOR PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY: As we prepare to welcome Jesus, advent is not just the time to remember the birth of Jesus which happened 2000 years ago, and neither is it also a time to simply anticipate the future coming of Christ. What is most important for us during this time of advent is individually and personally to act by doing something which merit the coming of Christ in the flesh and at the end of time. Each one no matter his status is called to take personal responsibility for self and then use this moment of grace. No one is to sit back and begin to think he or she has nothing to do but just sit and wait to make merriment at Christmas time. Everyone is called to take advantage of this season, straighten one's path and then reconcile with God and with fellowman.

TIME TO MAKE OUR PATH STRAIGHT FOR THE LORD: As we prepare to welcome the Lord it is not the Lord's paths that need to be straightened but our own. Even the best and the holiest in our midst cannot honestly admit that our path or our dealings with God and our fellow men have been straight and smooth. Some of our ways which therefore need straightening are our crooked attitudes, our dishonest behaviors, our dubious relationships, our anger, our hate, our jealousy, and our selfish pride. We will only genuinely be preparing the way for the Lord when such crooked attitudes are straightened out. Part of the process of getting things right until Jesus comes requires, we examine our past and acknowledge the times we have failed God and others and then transform our lives.

TIME TO TRANSFORM OUR HEARTS AND MINDS IN THE LORD: Christians are to make the effort to meet and receive the Lord Jesus into their lives by following the instruction of the Prophet Baruch and of John the Baptist. Like the Israelites whom the Prophet Baruch reminded that their lives will be transformed with the coming day of the Lord and like the Jews whom John the Baptist invited to prepare for the coming of the Lord, we too are invited to transform our hearts and minds in order to welcome our Savior. According to John the Baptist we make the way, which is our lives fit for the coming of Christ by repenting and correcting our past mistakes. Hence, like the Jews we prepare a highway in our hearts for Jesus by levelling the mountains of pride and the valleys of impurity, injustice and neglect and straightening our crooked ways. We demonstrate our repentance and our readiness to renew our lives by approaching the sacrament of reconciliation and resolving to change our lives. When we repent of our sins and turn to God, we will be filling in the valleys in our lives, we will be making the mountains of our lives low, we will be straightening our lives and smoothening our rough lives.

TIME TO PRACTICE CHRISTIAN LOVE AND LEAD PURE AND BLAMELESS CHRISTIAN LIVES: Christians also welcome the Lord into their lives by following the teaching of St. Paul who in our second reading calls on us to realize that we can also prepare the way for the Lord in our hearts when we live lives that is ideal, when we are able to love more and more, when we are guided by what is important or absolutely necessary and when we live pure and blameless lives. This means that the Christian whose life has been transformed due to repentance and confession of sins proceeds to do what is good. We do away with sins and go on to carry out good deeds. We become witnesses to the world and to one another by maintaining our Christian morals and values and living ideal Christians lives.

Closing Prayer: *May God bless us and grant us the grace to turn away from our sins and turn towards him with our whole hearts and lives.*

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

~ FR. JOHN WILLIAM

"As each of us has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1Pt 4:10). Thank you all for the sacrifices you make as we all labor in God's vineyard to bring the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to our neighbors. 10% of everything received is donated to support charities near and far.

	<u>St. Anne</u>	<u>St. Catherine</u>	<u>St. Gabriel</u>	<u>St. Raphael</u>
Needed Each Week:	\$2,242.45	\$2,548.08	\$508.62	\$800.60
Needed Year-to-Date:	49,333.85	56,057.76	11,189.64	17,613.20
Actual Year-to-Date:	41,763.57	52,445.39	11,434.58	16,435.04
Date: Nov. 28, 2021	1,062.00	1,464.16	555.00	331.90
Other Collections:	201.00	0	0	15.00

This Week in our Parishes

Saturday, December 4, 2021

3:30pm Reconciliation at St. Raphael

4:00pm Rosary at St. Raphael

4:30pm Mass at St. Raphael

(Robert Heritier Jr)

6:00pm Rosary at St. Gabriel

6:30pm Mass at St. Gabriel

(Janet Palin)

Sunday, December 5, 2021

8:30am Rosary at St. Catherine

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine

(Mark Klemmer)

10:30am Rosary at St. Anne

11:00am Mass at St. Anne

(Special Intention for Margaret Conway)

Monday, December 6, 2021

9:00am Mass at St. Anne

(Special Intention for Katherine Ryan)

4:15pm St. Raphael Lady Sodality Meeting

Tuesday, December 7, 2021

9:00am Mass at St. Anne

{Special Intention for Margaret Mary Boyd}

9:30-10:30am Adoration/Reconciliation

11:00am St. Gabriel Altar Society Meeting

and Luncheon at 12:30pm

Wednesday, December 8, 2021

***Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary***

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine

(Parishioners of St. Anne, St. Catherine,

St. Gabriel and St. Raphael)

5:00pm-6:00pm Adoration and

Reconciliation at St. Catherine

Thursday, December 9, 2021

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine

(Lorraine Probst)

9:30am-10:30 Adoration at St. Catherine

NO FAITH FORMATION

Saturday, December 11, 2021

3:30pm Reconciliation at St. Raphael

4:00pm Rosary at St. Raphael

4:30am Mass at St. Raphael

(Parishioners of St. Anne, St. Catherine,

St. Gabriel and St. Raphael)

6:00pm Rosary at St. Gabriel

6:30pm Mass at St. Gabriel *(Tom Kane)*

Sunday, December 12, 2021

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine

(Al Vichunas)

11:00am Mass at St. Anne

(Steven Fitzgerald)

**2:00pm ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE for
St. Anne & St. Raphael at St. Anne Church**

**Advent Penance Service for St. Catherine &
Gabriel will be on 12/19 at St. Catherine's**

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST. RAPHAEL LADIES SODALITY MEETING - 12/6 @4:15PM

Due to cancellation of St. Raphael Sodality's Christmas Party, please note that there will be a regular meeting on Monday, Dec. 6 at 4:15 pm at St. Raphael. All Ladies from Parishes of the Resurrection of the Lord are invited to attend.

ST. GABRIEL ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING - 12/7 @ 11AM | LUNCHEON @ 12:30

The St. Gabriel Altar Society Meeting will be held on December 7, 2021 at 11am at St. Gabriel. Luncheon to follow at 12:30pm.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: St. Vincent DePaul is in need of help with Christmas filling candy bags, food boxes and loading the boxes on pick up day. If you would like to help, contact Sharon Gajewski Monday-Thursday at St. Raphael 989-736-6071.

Any Eucharistic Minister who was not able to attend one of the recertification classes:

By watching this they will be able to recertify. <https://dioceseofgaylord.org/liturgy-workshop-2021> or the direct link to YouTube is <https://youtu.be/uo-HZOZNzNc>. **Also to let the parish office know that you completed this video so that they can let the diocese know.**

Do you have anything that you would like shared in the weekly Bulletin?

Contact Kayla Adams at kadams@resurrectionacgr.org with your request.

To help reduce exposure to COVID-19, it is strongly recommended that all parishioners and visitors, regardless of vaccination status, wear a mask.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

For The Week (Year C)

SUNDAY:

BAR 5:1-9, PHIL 1:4-6, 8-11,

LK 3:1-6

MONDAY:

IS 35:1-10, LK 5:17-26

TUESDAY:

IS 40:1-11, MT 18:12-14

WEDNESDAY:

GN 3:9-15, 20, EPH 1:3-6, 11-12,

LK 1:26-38

THURSDAY:

IS 41:13-20, MT 11:11-15

FRIDAY:

IS 48:17-19, MT 11:16-19

SATURDAY:

SIR 48:1-4, 9-11, MT 17:9A, 10-13

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS

Sunday:

Rev. James M. Doherty

Monday:

Rev. Charles Donajkowski

Tuesday:

Deceased Priests

Wednesday:

Rev. Artur Duchnowicz

Thursday:

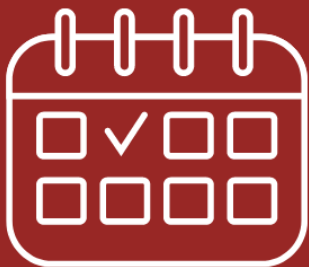
Rev. Wayne Dziekan

Friday:

Rev. Peter Eke

Saturday:

Most Reverend
Walter A. Hurley



1/20, 2/03,

2/17, 3/03,

3/31, 4/21

FAITH FORMATION FOR OUR PARISH CLUSTER

TEEN/ADULT FAITH FORMATION

THURSDAY, JAN 20, 2021 | 6:30-7:30PM

Location: St. Catherine Parish Hall

If you have any questions, please contact
Adam Brege at bregeadam@gmail.com

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

SUNDAYS FROM 10-11:15

Location: St. Catherine Parish Hall

Please sign up after Mass any Sunday, or contact Cathy Macfaldia:
Cathy@resurrectionacgr.org. There are options available if your child(ren)
cannot physically join us.

2021 RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS - DECEMBER 4/5

Give in gratitude. A donor to the Retirement Fund for Religious writes,
"I still remember the lessons the sisters gave us and how they instilled
in us the love of our faith." Show your thanks for the prayerful service
of elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Your
gift to next week's second collection helps provide care, medicine, and
more. Please be generous.

Advent

**WE WILL HAVE DAILY ADVENT ACTIVITIES
STARTING THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 5TH.**

**JOIN OUR FACEBOOK PAGE TO
SHARE IN THE ADVENT JOY!**

Search: Catholic Parishes of the
Resurrection of the Lord or
scan the QR code >>>

Advent activities will be listed on our
website at ResurrectionACGR.org



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL,
ST. CATHERINE CONFERENCE

Giving Tree

The giving tree with tags for
needy families will be in the back
of the church, starting
Nov. 14th. Please take as many
tags as you would like, and
return the gifts, wrapped
with the tag on the outside,
no later than Dec. 12th.

Thank you for your
generosity in the past,
it is greatly appreciated.

**NOV. 14 -
DEC. 12**

Advent Family Prayer

God of love,
Your son, Jesus, is Your greatest
gift to us.

He is a sign of Your love.

Help us walk in that love during
the weeks of Advent, as we wait
and prepare for His coming.

We pray in the name
of Jesus, our Savior.

Amen.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

12/12 at 2:00pm Mass for St. Anne and
St. Raphael at St. Anne Church.

12/19 at 2:00pm Mass for St. Catherine
and St. Gabriel at St. Catherine Church.