

CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

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SUNDAY MASSES & CONFESSIONS: See Inside

BAPTISMS & MARRIAGES: For these Sacraments,
Please notify the Church Office as soon as possible so
that we may be able to accommodate you. Thank you.
(Must be registered and practicing for at least 3 months)

NEW PARISHIONERS: Please fill out registration card
and return to ushers or to the church office

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Tel. 482-6883 or 481-7172

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RELIGIOUS ED OFFICE: Tel. 482-6883

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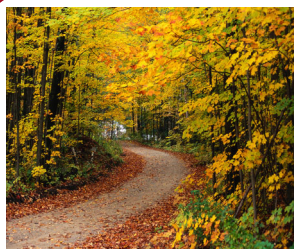
PARISH OFFICE: Tel. 481-7171 or 481-7172
Fax 481-8007, www.resurrectionch.org
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Mon-Th 8am-12pm & 1-4pm, Fri 8am-12pm & 12:30-3:30pm
Saturday 8:30am - 12:00pm

APRIL 6, 2008
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

ON THE ROAD

One central metaphor employed to describe the Christian life is a journey. In today's second reading, Peter addresses the early Christian community: "Conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of your sojourning" (1 Peter 1:17). When we think of a journey, we normally think of some kind of movement from point A to point B. The Christian journey, begun in the waters of baptism (point A) has as its ultimate destination eternal life with God in heaven (point B). Unfortunately we find ourselves on all kinds of detours along the way. Because of sin, we make foolish turns and sometimes seem unable to detect the presence of the Lord. Today's story of the two disciples on their way to Emmaus illustrates for us the fact that, even when we are dejected or on one of our many detours, the Lord is there, walking right beside us.
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Third Sunday of Easter April 6, 2008

You have made known to me
the paths of life; you will fill me
with joy in your presence.

- Acts 2:28

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SAT. APRIL 05 - SUNDAY VIGIL MASSES

3:00 †Jeanne Eddy by Eddy Family

4:30 †Dot Schober by Parish Staff

6:00 †Tina Burm by M/M James McLaughlin

SUN. APRIL 06

6:30 ♥People of the Parish

8:00 †Lillian Cootware by Husband & Family

9:30 ♥Special Intentions of the Pirog Family by Friends

11:00 †Patricia Madden by Rita Casey

12:30 †Gene Normandin & Jeannette Baran by M/M Edward Baran

MON. APRIL 07

8:00 †Carolyn Kronk by Husband & Sons

9:30 †Ralph Lemcke by Dale & Dominick D'Antonio

TUE. APRIL 08

8:00 †Olga Severino by Akol Family

9:30 †Don English by Family

WED. APRIL 09

8:00 †Sonia Halizak by Rita Zygaj & Phyllis Jazemski

9:30 ♥Spec. Int., 59th Anniv. of Francis & Catherine Pirog

THU. APRIL 10

8:00 †Alice Winberry by Virginia Tynan & the Posey Family

9:30 †Salvatore D'Amore by Edward & Mary Louise Paolino

FRI. APRIL 11

8:00 †Dr. Frank DiPlacido by Friends

9:30 †Judy Ann Thompson by M/M Clarence Nilles

SAT. APRIL 12

8:00 †Dominic Poplawski by Family of Stephen & Giovanna Belmonte

SAT. APRIL 12 - SUNDAY VIGIL MASSES

3:00 †Paul Forst by Friends & Family

4:30 †Edmund & Anna Gaudelli by Beverly & Mim

6:00 †Lydia Constantino by Friends

SUN. APRIL 13

6:30 †George Leo by Friends

8:00 †William Mulroy by Wife, Teresa Mulroy

9:30 ♥People of the Parish

11:00 †Lucille Boscaino by Ferrara Family

12:30 †Daniel Memoli, Sr. by Shirlee Tallman & Family

CONFESSIONS - Saturdays 1:45-2:45PM, or 30 min. before Sunday Masses or by appointment.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS All those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith especially,
David Low, James Flannery, Lynn Kanady, Judy McCall, Jeffrey Keim, Bruno Cortina, Michael Alligranzi, George Giovannone, Yong Ahn.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Peter proclaimed to the crowds: God has raised the crucified Jesus, who now pours forth the Holy Spirit upon us (Acts 2:14, 22-33).

Psalm — Lord, you will show us the path of life (Psalm 16).

Second Reading — Our faith and hope are not in the passing allure of silver or gold, but in God who raised Jesus from the dead (1 Peter 1:17-21).

Gospel — On the evening of the first day of the week, through his words and in the breaking of the bread, the risen Christ made Himself known to two disciples on their way to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35).



HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR APRIL 2008 -

General: That even in difficult and complex situations of present-day society, Christians may never tire of proclaiming with their lives Christ's resurrection, the source of hope and

peace.

Mission: That future priests in young churches may be ever more seriously formed culturally and spiritually in order to evangelize their respective countries and the whole world.

2008 ANNUAL CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL: TOGETHER IN CHRIST



The 2008 Catholic Faith Appeal continues in our Diocese. The annual operating support helps fund pastoral outreach, mission and poor parishes, religious education, vocations and much more. **Our parish assessment this year is \$379,000.00. Thus far \$312,333.14 has been pledged, and payments made, total \$233,030.82. Thank you for your generosity.** For those who have not yet pledged or made a donation, it is not too late to do so. Envelopes for this purpose can be found in the pews and at the entrances of the church.

RESURRECTION PRAYER LINE MINISTRY - For prayer requests call Mary Lou Fitzpatrick, 454-6752. Give your first name & prayer petition. Should you reach an answering machine, please leave your phone number so that we can call you back. Petitions are prayed for 31 days. **Prayer Line volunteers are needed** to pray & answer prayer requests. Take this opportunity to help someone else and still be able to choose your own time.

USHERS ARE NEEDED!

Men and women parishioners are needed to volunteer as ushers. Please consider giving some of your time to the Lord and to your Parish. A special **'THANK YOU'** to the current ushers for their dedication. For information phone Dan at 768-5617.



PRAYERS FOR PRIESTS

Please join us as we gather every **Thursday** immediately **after the 8:00 Mass** to pray for priests.



**PLEASE DON'T FORGET THE POOR BOXES;
THEY ARE THE BREAD BOXES OF THE POOR!**

WEEKLY SUNDAY OFFERING**March 30, 2008**

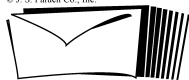
Registered families with envelopes: 2450	
Envelopes received: 820 (33%)	\$16,709.50
Remaining fam. & visitors: 1630 (67%)	\$ <u>9,636.00</u>
<u>Total offering:</u>	\$26,345.50

Thank You!**ST. VINCENT DePAUL OFFERING**

March 23, 2008	\$2,008.00
March 30, 2008	\$757.50

Thank you!

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**GIVING WITHOUT CHURCH ENVELOPES**

If you are a registered parishioner who uses a personal check without church envelope to make a weekly donation, we ask you to, please, be sure to add your envelope number on the bottom left side of your check. This will assist us in recording your donation accordingly. We cannot track a check that lacks an envelope number due to the volume of checks we receive each week-end. **We appreciate your generosity and thank you for your assistance!**

**HAPPY 102nd
BIRTHDAY
JENNIE TRUNCALE!!!**



Welcome

Welcome to our Parish the following new parishioners: Ms. Nancy Kedzior, Milton & Theresa Sierra, John & Janet Silvernail, Alexander Rodriguez, Diane Martin, Andrew & Mari Munoz and family, Stewart & Angela Sarnac and family, Carl & Mary Sansone, William & Kathleen Carik, Scott & Mary Williamsen and family, Kent & Kimberly Ramsey and family, Timothy Fash.

RESURRECTION CATHOLIC EDUCATION FUND

Our parish supports our student-parishioners who attend St. Francis Xavier School, St. Andrew's School and Bishop Verot High School. The needy and deserving families in all three schools receive financial aid and scholarships. This supreme financial sacrifice is to insure that Catholic children are taught and raised in the Faith.

We are very appreciative of your continual support to the Church of the Resurrection Catholic Education Fund.

The second collection on the first weekend of each month is taken up to help defray this cost.

BEREAVEMENT & BEYOND

All widows, widowers or others suffering the loss of a loved one, are invited to join our informal discussion group for coffee and for the desire and comfort of a deeper relationship with God through prayer and friendship. **Meetings are every Monday morning following the 8:00a.m. Mass** for one hour in the Parish Center. We'd love to see you there. Questions? Phone Cecilia, 437-2367.

2009 MASS INTENTIONS

Arranging Masses for special intentions, for the deceased, and for special circumstances for 2009 is now available, after 9a.m. in the parish office, or, by calling Mary at 481-7172.

ARE YOU NEW TO RESURRECTION PARISH?

We welcome you to our parish family. In order to better serve you, please fill out a registration card located at the entrances of the church and leave it with an usher. You may also register by stopping by the church office. A reminder that one needs to be a registered member in order to be a Baptismal or Confirmation sponsor.

ARE YOU CURRENTLY IN A MARRIAGE WHICH IS NOT RECOGNIZED BY THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

Are you free to marry but thinking of entering marriage with someone who has been previously married and divorced? If so, the staff of the Tribunal for our Diocese is willing to examine your situation so that your standing in the Church can be determined. The Tribunal is the only agency in the Diocese with the juridical power to examine and resolve such cases in the eternal forum. Should you wish more information, parish priests can assist you. Also, you may contact the Tribunal Office directly, 941-484-9543. Staff members will provide information.

Struggling after abortion? Project Rachel - a confidential healing ministry for women and men who have been touched by abortion, can help. Call Project Rachel in Florida toll-free at **877-908-1212** or e-mail **project.rachel@dioceseofvenice.org**.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

GOSPEL SHARING QUESTION

All families are encouraged to share on these questions around the dinner table or in the car. The Gospels are meant to be lived. Join us in making them alive!

Have you ever disguised yourself so that someone wouldn't recognize you? How do you recognize Jesus in the Eucharist?

Join Us for Jubilation!!!!

This weekend, April 5 & 6

After the following Masses:

Saturday, 3:00 & 4:30p.m.

Sunday, 8:00, 9:30, 11:00a.m. & 12:30p.m.

Come and See....

The Many Ministries and Youth Displays!!!

We have 60 + entries from our Youth...Come and see Faith Alive and Lived!

DOOR PRIZE DRAWN AFTER EACH MASS

Receive a free raffle ticket as you leave church and another for visiting each ministry display...*You must be present to win.*

CHRISTAIN PASSOVER PRAYER SERVICE, for Religious Education students and parents Tuesday April 8,

4:30p.m. and Wednesday April 9, 6:15p.m.

Jesus' Passover Dinner was the basis for the Eucharist, the sacrificial Lamb - the Body of Christ. This service will help us connect with our Jewish heritage as we, the Church, gather around His altar of sacrifice, and do this in His remembrance. We will not have dinner but we will learn that the Passover meal prefigures the sacramental and sacrificial part of the Mass which the Church continues to this day.

Help is needed on Monday, April 7 at 10:00a.m. to set the tables with the ceremonial foods: horseradish (bitter herbs), parsley, haroset (apples, cinnamon, nuts, honey), matza (unleavened bread), candles. A father and mother is needed for each table. Children will sit with their class and with parents.

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RCIA SESSION (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

Focus Session, "Celebration of Eucharist", with Fr. Oliver E. Toner.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY WITH LORETTA DUQUETTE -

The adult bible study will be continued weekly, every **Tuesday** (through April) from **7:00 - 9:00p.m.** The focus will be the **Gospel of Luke, study of parables and miracles.** All are welcome. Please **phone 482-6883 to reserve a space.**



How else but through a broken heart may the Lord Christ enter in?

—Oscar Wilde

JUNIOR YOUTH NEWS

JUNIOR YOUTH MEETING FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL

will meet Sunday evening, **April 13th & 27th at 6:00p.m.** Topics to be announced. As always, dinner and a beverage is \$1.00, **RSVP to 481-5144.**

EARLY SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION

Our Lady of Good Counsel Camp in Floral City, Florida, which is owned and operated by the Diocese of St. Petersburg, is taking early registration for their Summer Camp. Six or thirteen day sessions are available. **The first session begins June 15th.** For more information and to register call **(352)726-1910.**

THE FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM IS PRIVILEGED TO PRESENT THE LARGEST VATICAN EXHIBITION EVER TO VISIT NORTH AMERICA



**VATICAN
SPLENDORS**

**FROM SAINT PETER'S BASILICA,
THE VATICAN MUSEUMS AND THE SWISS GUARD**

This exhibit will make the first of three exclusive stops on its North American tour in St. Petersburg, Florida February 9, 2008 through May 11, 2008.

This is your chance to see items rarely, if ever, displayed for the public in dramatic, recreated settings such as the **Tomb of Saint Peter, The Sistine Chapel** and the **Renaissance Basilica of Saint Peter.** The exhibit, with art work dating back to the third century, includes works by Michelangelo, Bernini, Giotto, Guercino, among others. With a vast collection of nearly 200 objects dating from the earliest days of papal history, from the venerated relics of Saint Peter to items from the election of Pope Benedict XVI, Vatican Splendors offers an unprecedented opportunity for art lovers and members of the faith-based community.

From culture to history to art, come explore the Papacy's impact on the world throughout the centuries.

Resurrection has reserved group rates for Fri. April 18, 2008.

Adults: \$15.00

Rel. Ed. Students: \$6.00

Carpool will leave Parish Center parking lot at 8:00 a.m. on Fri. April 18.

Reservation Deadline: April 7, 2008

For more information and reservations phone: Patti at 482-6883

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM



IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE ALTAR FLOWERS in celebration of someone's anniversary/birthday as a memorial or in thanksgiving please call Jennifer, at the Parish Office, **481-7172**. Please make check payable to Church of the Resurrection. Bring to parish office, or mail it to us. The loved one's name as well as the name of the donor (if wished) will be printed in the bulletin.

This week's flowers are:

In Honor of:

***Francis & Catherine Pirog's 59th Wedding Anniversary
by Their Children & Grandchildren***

In Memory of:

Frank Sliva by Kitty

DONATIONS FOR CHAPEL FLOWERS are requested and will be much appreciated. They beautify our church and honor our Lord.

WOMEN'S GUILD & MEN'S CLUB NEWS

WOMEN'S GUILD MONTHLY MEETING -

The Women's Guild will hold their monthly meeting on **April 16**. Installation of officers will take place **immediately following the 8:00a.m.** Mass. Fr. McNamara will officiate. Refreshments will follow at the Parish Center. All women are welcomed.



SPRING CRAFT & BAKE SALE -

Come and visit the ladies of the Women's Guild for their *Spring Craft & Bake Sale* featuring Mother's Day items, **Sunday, April 13 immediately following the 8:00a.m. Mass in the Parish Center**. The sale will continue until noon. The Men's Club will also be having a Pancake Breakfast!



PANCAKE BREAKFAST -

April 13, 2008, the Men's Club will be having a special Pancake Breakfast **after the 8:00 & 9:30a.m. Masses in the Parish Hall**.

A Look at Pope Benedict's New Encyclical - *Christ Our Hope*

In April 2008, Pope Benedict XVI will visit the United States. The Holy Father's schedule includes a series of events in the Washington, D.C., and New York City areas, April 15-20. "Christ Our Hope" is the theme of this pastoral visit, a sure sign that the themes of his November 2007 encyclical, *Saved in Hope (Spe Salvi)*, will illumine the event. In this *Update* we'll take a look at the major themes of that encyclical. "In hope we were saved," Pope Benedict starts his second encyclical, quoting Romans 8:24 (his first encyclical, *God Is Love*, was in 2005). At the outset of *Saved in Hope*, Benedict draws a core biblical link between faith and hope, setting the stage for a long and rich reflection on the nature of hope for Christians. As he says in his opening paragraph, "*The present, even if it is arduous, can be lived and accepted if it leads towards a goal, if we can be sure of this goal, and if this goal is great enough to justify the effort of the journey*" (#1). In short, our hope, given to us by God, is key to our Christianity. The document is divided into eight sections, covering biblical foundations for Christian hope, the true nature of Christian hope (as opposed to the trend in Western society to look for hope in the wrong places) and three "settings" for learning hope: prayer, action (including suffering) and our ultimate encounter with God's judgment.

Hope is one of the great themes of Scripture. The pope observes a deep link between faith and hope, so much so that, in some passages, they are almost "interchangeable." Benedict draws on the Letter to the Hebrews, Letter to the Ephesians and other New Testament letters to make his point. In Ephesians, he observes, "To come to know God—the true God— means to have hope." He discusses Paul's encounter with the Ephesians. "Before their encounter with Christ they were 'without hope and without God in the world' (Eph 2:12)." In spite of their empty gods, the Ephesians "were 'without God' and consequently found themselves in a dark world, facing a dark future" (#2). Hope, of course, in and through Christ, is a different story. Among other aspects of hope found in the Letter to the Hebrews, Benedict discusses the link between faith and hope, translated in the *New American Bible* as "Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen." Translation issues and theological debates aside, the pope tells us this: "There are already present in us the things that are hoped for: the whole, true life." This presence of what is to come creates the certainty of hope, he says. How do we know it is here? Through the gift of faith. "Faith is not merely a personal reaching out towards things to come that are still totally absent: It gives us something. It gives us even now something of the reality we are waiting for, and this present reality constitutes for us a 'proof' of the things that are still unseen. Faith draws the future into the present, so that it is no longer simply a 'not yet.' The fact that this future exists changes the present; the present is touched by the future reality, and thus the things of the future spill over into those of the present and those of the present into those of the future" (all quotes from #7). Pope Benedict uses the example of the life and witness of St. Josephine Bakhita, the 19th-century African slave who transformed her pain and oppression into a powerful witness for hope. St. Josephine was born in the Darfur region of southern Sudan in 1868. Sold into slavery, she received brutal treatment at the hands of a series of owners in Africa. Eventually she was taken by the magistrate who had bought her to his home in Italy and given, as a gift, to a friend. Bakhita accompanied that friend's child to Venice's Institute of Catechumens and found herself, overhearing the instruction, drawn to the Catholic faith.

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COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND -

It's the season of rebirth, new life, when nature seems to take a fresh start. Why not wake up your marriage this Spring as well? A *Marriage Encounter Weekend* gives married people the time, place and tools they need to dust off their relationship. Experience Spring in your marriage **April 18-20!!** For more information call Derek & Kim at **458-8205** or email, kddnoce@yahoo.com.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION PROGRAM -

The Diocese of Venice is holding a Pre Cana Conference on **Saturday, April 12, 9:00a.m. - 5:00p.m. at St. Vincent DePaul Parish in Ft. Myers.** Cost is \$65.00 per couple, includes continental breakfast, lunch and handout materials. For reservations call the Family Life Office, Diocese of Venice **(941) 484-9543.**

Pope - Continued.....

She was baptized and confirmed in 1890. When the family wanted to return to Africa and take Josephine with them, she refused to go. The courts sided with Josephine: Slavery was illegal in Italy. Eventually, Josephine entered the Canossian religious order and lived among her sisters cooking, doing simple tasks and offering hospitality to visitors. This humble woman became a fixture in the community, encouraging those around her to "pray for those who do not know the Lord." She was widely recognized for her saintly character. She was a woman of tremendous hope!

Light of Hope

"Life is like a voyage on the sea of history," writes Pope Benedict, "...a voyage in which we watch for the stars that indicate the route. The true stars of our life are the people who have lived good lives. They are lights of hope." Who more than Mary, asks the pope, could be our hope?

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...Hail the star of the sea! Blessed Mother of God, yet ever a virgin! O happy gate of heaven!

...Loose the sinner's chains, bring light to the blind, drive from us our evils, and ask all good things for us.

Show thyself a mother, and offer our prayers to Him, who would be born of thee, when born for us.

from "Ave Maris Stella"

written by John Feister

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PARISH MINISTRIES

MINISTRY OF THE SICK

When being admitted to the hospital, it is imperative that you give the name of your parish, state that you are Catholic and WISH TO BE SEEN BY A PRIEST, otherwise you might not be visited. If you go through the emergency room, 99% of the time your name and parish will not get on the Catholic list. Please be sure that the admissions office is notified.

The following hospitals are the responsibility of the parish in which they are located.

- Gulf Coast Hospital - visited daily by Blessed Pope John XXIII Parish, 561-224
- Lee Memorial Hospital - visited daily by St. Francis Xavier Parish, 334-2161
- S.W. Regional Medical Center - visited daily by St. Cecilia's Parish, 936-3635
- Lee Memorial Health Park - visited daily by St. Columbkille Parish, 489-3973

A priest is on call 7 days a week, 24 hours a day for the above hospitals at the above telephone numbers.

Parishioners at Hospitals and Nursing Homes (within our parish boundaries) are visited by Resurrection priests as follows:

- All Hospitals: Monday, Wednesday, Friday
 - Nursing Homes & Shut-ins: Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday
- Also, Lay Ministers visit the shut-ins Monday through Friday. Should you be missed, please call the church office, 481-7172.

RESURRECTION CALENDAR

ALL events take place in the Parish Center, unless otherwise stated.

Beyond Bereavement, Monday, 8:30am, library, Cecilia, 437-2367

Bereavement Ministry, for the grieving, call Dona, 275-7875

Men's Club, 1st Monday of month, 7:30p.m. conference room.

Prayer Group, Tuesdays, 7:00p.m., class room 1.

Baptismal Class, 2nd Tuesday of month, 7:00p.m

Craft Club, Tuesdays, 8:30a.m to 10:30a.m.

Directions For Our Times Rosary Prayer Group, 4th Tuesday of month, 8:30a.m.

RCIA, Tuesdays, 7:00p.m., conference room.

Rel. Ed., Tues., 4:30p.m.-5:45p.m. & Wed, 6:15p.m.-7:15p.m.

Bible Sharing Group, Wednesdays, 8:30a.m.

Women's Guild, 3rd Wednesday of the month, 8:30a.m.

Children's Choir, Wednesdays, 5:30p.m.- 6:15p.m.

Coffee Klatch, Thursdays after the 8:00a.m Mass.

Rosary, before daily Masses; Tues. & Thurs., 2:00p.m., church.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, after 8:00a.m Mass, every 1st Friday, chapel.

Bridge Club, Thurs., 1:00p.m., call Rita, 433-0900

Prayer for Priests, Thursdays after the 8:00a.m. Mass, chapel

Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Novena, Saturdays after the 8:00a.m Mass, church.

Coffee & Doughnuts, Sundays, after 8:00a.m & 9:30a.m. Masses

 *Let us hold on firmly to the hope we profess, because we can trust God to keep His promise.*

- Hebrews 10:23