

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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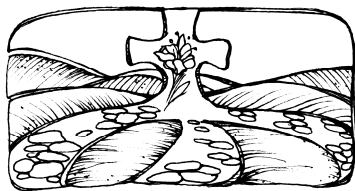
M-Th 8am-12 pm & 1-4 pm, Fri 8am-12 pm & 12:30-3:30 pm
Saturday 8:30 am - 12:00 pm

APRIL 20, 2008
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE WAY

Today we sense the apostles' trepidation as they begin to realize that the Lord would soon be leaving them. In their fear, they ask, "Master, we do not know where You are going; how can we know the way?" (John 14:5). Jesus tells them that *He* is the way. The Easter season has been a time of growing in Easter faith so that we, too, may learn to know that Jesus is the way. We can take comfort in the Lord's promise that He is going to His Father's house to prepare a place for us, His chosen people who have been called out of darkness into God's wonderful light. As the paschal candle continues to burn during this holy season, let us remember that in Baptism we were given the light of Christ. With Christ our light as the beacon lighting our way, let us march toward the glory of Pentecost.

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Fifth Sunday of Easter April 20, 2008

"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

— John 14:6

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SAT. APRIL 19 - SUNDAY VIGIL MASSES

3:00 †Carl Hessler by Florence & Anthony Gualerni

4:30 †Bruno Cortina by St. Vincent DePaul Society

6:00 †Michael Allegranzi by Karen Hutchinson

SUN. APRIL 20

6:30 ♥People of the Parish

8:00 †Ted Radecki by Matt & Barbara Grattenthaler

9:30 †Godofredo Dazon by Galang Family

11:00 †Mary Dubek by Phil & Lynn Fortin

12:30 †Barbara J. Richey by Al Kinkle & Lexington C.C. Staff

MON. APRIL 21

8:00 †Commander Kevin Davis by Dimitra Vlahopoulos

9:30 †Judy McCall by Maryanne & Steve Riege

TUE. APRIL 22

8:00 †Christopher DeRosa by George & Marian Markovich

9:30 †Dada Majluta by Monica

WED. APRIL 23

8:00 †William C. Kearns by Family

9:30 †Don English by Family

THU. APRIL 24

8:00 †Jerry Hunt by Carroll

9:30 †Kevin McElmoyle by Peg O'Brien

FRI. APRIL 25

8:00 †Patrick Howard by Parents

9:30 †Rene Bennet by Karen French-Watson Bennett

SAT. APRIL 26

8:00 †Josephine Zakierski by Louise Fusco & Family

SAT. APRIL 26 - SUNDAY VIGIL MASSES

3:00 †William Mulroy by Wife, Teresa

4:30 †Mildred Andreotti by Barbara & Bob

6:00 †Michael Allegranzi by Ken & Joy Barhite

SUN. APRIL 27

6:30 ♥People of the Parish

8:00 †Cora Mae McPherson & Family by Norma Patterson

9:30 †In Memory of Janet Geddes, Marion Scanlon, John H. Mueller by Milton J. Scanlon Sr. & Nancy Mueller

11:00 †Paul Forst by Mom & Dad

12:30 †George Shye by 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, Michael Alligranzi, George Giovannone, Yong Ahn, George Shye, Mildred Andreotti, Richard Varney, Mary Deegan, Paul Parrino, Michael Turansick, Donald DeShetler, Jean Quinn.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — To meet their growing needs, the community chooses seven reputable men to serve the new Greek believers (Acts 6:1-7).

Psalm — Lord, let Your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in You (Psalm 33).

Second Reading — We, like living stones, let ourselves be built into a spiritual house (1 Peter 2:4-9).

Gospel — "Show us the Father," Philip asks Jesus. To which Jesus replies: "Whoever sees me, sees the Father" (John 14:1-12).



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 **\$322,938.14 has been pledged, and payments made, total \$247,506.32. 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.



TRIDENTINE MASS TO BE CELEBRATED AT RESURRECTION PARISH

The Tridentine Mass will be celebrated at Church of the Resurrection Parish on **Sunday, May 4th and Sunday, May 18th at 5:30 p.m.** The Tridentine Mass is presently planned to continue through the summer months. Further dates will be forthcoming.

PRAYERS FOR PRIESTS

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

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.



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

WEEKLY SUNDAY OFFERING APRIL 13, 2008

Registered families with envelopes: 2450

Envelopes received: 834 (34%) \$25,100.50

Remaining families & visitors: 1616 (66%) \$7,732.00

Thank You!

ST. VINCENT DePAUL OFFERING

April 13, 2008

\$949.50

Thank You!

TIME AND TALENT NEEDED

We are seeking adult, confirmed Catholics who are registered members of the parish to serve as **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** for church Masses.

We especially have need at the 6:00 p.m. Vigil Mass on Saturday and the 8:00 and 9:30 a.m. Masses on Sunday. To learn more about this ministry and/or to volunteer your time and talent, please call the parish office and ask for an information and interest form to be sent to you. You will be contacted once you have completed and returned the form to us.



GIFT SHOP NEWS

The religious Gift Shop has received a supply of Frank Unger's book **"Peacing the World Together"**. Frank is a member of the Church of the Resurrection. Several members of the parish have read his book and highly recommend it. Stop in today and pick up your copy!

Welcome

Welcome to our Parish the following new parishioners: Mrs. Barbara Baranich, David & Patricia Bennett, Victor & Natalie Felix and family, Joseph & Joanne Kane, Patrick & Amy Pinner and family, Frank & Andrea Rybak and family, Ralph & Ingrid Sprandel and family, Ms. Jacquelyn St. John, John & Alice Traina, Mrs. Louise Wheeler, Ms. Lynne Gallop, Jacek & Brote Marcinkowski and family, Ms. Maria Frisenda, Fredrick Broszeit, Eugene Coleman, Curt Flynn, Ms. Marilyn Darnell, Richard & Bernadine Eschrich, John & Rosemary Gilbert, Dennis Medeivos, David & Michelle Pyle and family.



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 Thanksgiving For Healing

DONATIONS FOR CHAPEL FLOWERS

Donations are requested and will be much appreciated. They beautify our church and honor our Lord.

FLOWER MINISTRY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Would you like to serve the Lord with the Ministry of flowers in our church? We have need of a flower tender, especially for the summer months, and for the entire year if possible. Please call Judy at **482-0517** to volunteer.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY WITH LORETTA DUQUETTE

The adult bible study will be continued weekly, every **Tuesday (April 15 - May 15)** from 7:00 - 9:00p.m. The focus **April 15** will be *Jesus the Good Shepherd*. The Focus **April 22** through **May 13** will be the *Gospel of John*. All are welcome. Please **phone 482-6883** to reserve a space.



Your gift to the CFA helps support the education of our seminarians as well as the work of many of our religious women and men in the diocese. Thank you for your generosity!

THE POPE SPEAKS

"GOSPEL OF LIFE IS ALSO GOSPEL OF MERCY"

VATICAN CITY, 5 APR, 2008 (VIS) - Today in the Vatican, the Holy Father received 300 participants in an international congress entitled: "Oil on the wounds. A response to the blight of abortion and divorce". The event is being promoted by the John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and the Family in collaboration with the Knight of Columbus.

Benedict XVI expressed his satisfaction at the participants' focus on the parable of the Good Samaritan in studying questions "which bring so much suffering to the lives of people, families and society". He also recalled how in debating such matters, "often purely ideologically", a kind of conspiracy of silence is created. Only through an attitude of merciful love can we...bring help and enable victims to rise up again and resume the course of their lives.

"In a cultural context marked by increasing individualism, hedonism and, all too often, by a lack of solidarity and adequate social support", the Pope added, people make "decisions that contrast with the indissolubility of the conjugal bond and with the respect due to human life freshly conceived and still guarded in the maternal womb".

He went on: Divorce and abortion are, of course, different choices, at times made in difficult and dramatic circumstances. They often give rise to traumas and are a source of profound suffering for the people who make them...They leave wounds that mark life indelibly.

"The Church's ethical judgment concerning abortion and divorce is clear and well-known to everyone: they are grave sins which - in various ways and with due evaluation of subjective responsibilities - injure the dignity of the human person, involve a profound injustice in human and social relationships, and offend God Himself, the guarantor of the marital bond and the architect of life".

Nonetheless, "The Church, following the example of her divine Master. Always has to deal with real people, especially the weakest and most innocent...as well as other men and women who, having perpetrated those acts, are stained with sin and bear its interior wounds while seeking peace and the possibility of rehabilitation.

"The Church", said the Pope, "has the primary duty to approach these people with love and delicacy, with kindness and maternal concern, in order to announce the merciful closeness of God and Jesus Christ. ... Yes, the gospel of love and of life is also always the gospel of mercy" and, "on the basis of this mercy, the Church cultivates an indomitable faith in mankind and its capacity for recovery. She knows that, with the help of grace, human freedom is capable of the definitive and faithful giving of self which makes it possible for the marriage of a man and a woman to be an indissoluble bond", just as she knows that "human freedom, even in the most difficult circumstances, is capable of extraordinary gestures of sacrifice and solidarity to accept the life of a new human being".

"Hence", Pope Benedict went on, "it may be seen that the 'noes' pronounced by the Church in her moral guidelines, and upon which public opinion sometimes unilaterally fixes its attention, are in fact so many 'yeses' to the dignity of human beings, their lives and their capacity to love". Turning to consider the consequences of divorce, the Holy Father recommended

that pastoral efforts be concentrated on ensuring "that children do not become the innocent victims of conflicts between divorcing parents", and that efforts be made to ensure "as far as possible" the continuity "of the bond with parents and of the relationship with their family and social origins, which are indispensable for well-balanced psychological and human development".

"How much selfish complicity often lies at the roots of a difficult decision that so many women have had to face alone and of which they still have the open wound in their soul!" said Benedict XVI talking of abortion. Then, echoing John Paul II's words from his encyclical "Evangelium vitae", he added: "Do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope. ... The Father of mercies is ready to give you His forgiveness and His peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation".

In closing, Benedict XVI expressed his appreciation for "all those special and pastoral initiatives which seek the reconciliation and cure of people affected by the drama of abortion and divorce". They are, he concluded, "essential elements in building the civilization of love of which humanity today has more need than ever".



DIOCESE OF VENICE IN FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Sunday, April 20, 2008

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Next weekend, Catholics in parishes throughout our nation are asked to contribute to the Catholic Home Missions Appeal, which supports missions here in the United States.

The Catholic Home Missions Appeal offers Catholics across our country the opportunity to help fellow Catholics practice their faith in such rugged areas as Alaska, Appalachia, the Deep South, the Rocky Mountain States, and the Southwest.

The Catholic Home Missions Appeal allows more fortunate Catholic communities to offer poorer dioceses much needed support. More than 95 cents of every dollar donated to the appeal goes directly to the missions to keep church doors open, to support their pastors in their priestly ministry, and to provide basic pastoral services like religious education for children.

Please give generously to assist fellow Catholics here in America. It is one practical way our parish communities can be good stewards of God's gifts and make a difference.

May Almighty God continue to bless you for your compassion to those in need.

Sincerely in Christ,

† Frank J. Dewane
Bishop of Venice in Florida

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!

How has Jesus been the Way in your Journey?



On Tuesday, April 22nd at 6:30 p.m. Bishop Frank Dewane will anoint the following parishioners: Leah Ank-lam, Kelly Blakely, Matt Brewer, Brandon Campos, Michael Carracino, Brice Castillo, Chloe Daubenspeck, Alan DeLaTorre, Gianna DePalma, Katelyn Dorwart, Thomas Dougherty, Olivia Farrell, John Gislason, Joseph Gleason, Kim Guenther, John Hernandez, Jeanna Hermance, Charlie Huether, Harry Huether, Michelle Joel, Paul Karpowich, Kevin King, Kristine Knowles, Taylor Kramer, Samantha LePera, Charles Malt, Kaitlyn Martin, Matthew Mazur, Abby McMahon, Giovanni Melchiorre, Katherine Myers, Lauren O'Neill, Andrew Palumbo, Chelsey Palumbo, Jason Pinero, Meg Potter, Evelyn Rios, Deidre Rogan, Michael Scheer, Luke Smith, Annaelle Scanlan, Marie Scanlan, and young adult Fred Broszeit.

Pray for these being confirmed, that this next step of their initiation will confirm the direction of their lives in the footsteps of Christ who walks among us.

JUNIOR YOUTH NEWS

JUNIOR YOUTH MEETING FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL

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



BIBLE CAMP 2008 ~ MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Resurrection Bible Camp will be from **July 28th to August 1st, 9:00 a.m. - Noon** this year. The theme is **POWER LAB: DISCOVERING JESUS' MIRACULOUS POWER!!** *New Friends *Amazing Crafts

*Wacky Snacks *Incredible Music *Awesome Games *Super Bible Adventures... **Registration will begin on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 29 and 30 during Religious Education.** The **registration fee is \$25.00 per camper, or \$40.00 per family.** Sign up early to secure a spot in this fun and faith-filled week!! Volunteers are always needed ~ there are many ways to help out. We would love to have you join in the fun of planning this wonderful week - all you need is enthusiasm!! Please call Vikki Melchiorre, Youth Director at **481-5144.**

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RCIA SESSION (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

Focus Session, "Sacrament of Holy Orders", with Fr. Raymond Hughes.

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USING ENVELOPE NUMBERS

Our registered parishioners have an envelope number which is imprinted on the giving envelopes. For those times when an imprinted envelope is not used, we ask for your assistance in accurately recording your generous contributions by ensuring that you use the correct envelope number. If you have any question about your envelope number, please call the parish office. We will also appreciate your writing clearly so that there is no confusion about your name and address. *Thank you for helping us !*

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.

WOMEN'S GUILD NEWS



The Women's Guild May meeting will be held on **Wednesday, May 21st.** We will have the **Crowning of the Blessed Mother following the 8:00 a.m. Mass.** All women of the parish are invited to bring flowers and participate in the procession. There will be a communion breakfast following the crowning. There is no charge, however, reservations are necessary through the office, **481-7172.**

TEACHING POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Father Anglim Academy is accepting applications for **teaching positions for the 2008-2009 school year**, including classroom teacher and art teacher. FAA is a Catholic school that serves students ages 6-18 with learning disabilities. Applicants for the classroom position must have current teacher certification in ESE. Interested applicants can send a resume and copy of the teaching certificate to **Principal, Father Anglim Academy, 2045 Heitman St., Ft. Myers, FL 33901** or online to **Imoreau@fatheranglimacademy.org**. Learn more about the school at **www.fatheranglimacademy.org**.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Monday: St. Anselm

Tuesday: Earth Day

Wednesday: St. George; St. Adalbert

Thursday: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

Friday: St. Mark; Arbor Day

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA CATHOLIC SINGLES

The Southwest Florida Catholic Singles group is for **ages 30, 40, 50's who are single, widowed, annulled**. Their mission is strictly to promote fellowship through the Southwest Florida area. The purpose of the group is to provide spiritual, social and service activities for members in a safe Christian environment, encouraging a deeper relationship with God and support for each other. **For more information contact Pam, 989-7077.**

CATHOLIC CHARITIES NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

The Haitian Center of Catholic Charities is in need of volunteers for the following programs: Adult Education Classes, Citizenship Classes, Literacy Classes, Computer Classes. **If interested, please contact Pierrette or Rose at 334-2234.**

PAID POSITION AVAILABLE

AFCAAM Reading program at Harlem Heights branch has an opening for a paid position, part time teacher. Please contact Gwen at **985-0299 for more information.**

HELP WANTED

St. Francis Xavier School has a position available for **Front Office Receptionist**. Candidate must have excellent people skills, organizational and multi-tasking skills as well as patience. This is a full time, 12 month position with benefits. Please contact Skeeter McGarvey or Michele Cheatham at **334-7707 for an application.**

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL NEWS

St. Francis Xavier School is exploring the feasibility of opening a second **Pre-K program** (children 4 years of age by Sept. 1, 2008). For more information or to register a child, please contact Michele at **334-7707 ext. 223.**

SEPARATED AND DIVORCED MINISTRY WORKSHOP

The Separated and Divorced Ministry is hosting a workshop **April 26 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Santa Maria Chapel at Epiphany Cathedral in Venice.** The program presenter will be Marianne Skrobiak, M.S., M.A., LPC a well known author, retreat director, inspirational speaker, and spiritual mentor. Come and find spiritual nourishment, understand that you belong and have a purpose, and reconnect with God, yourself and others. The fee is \$30.00 per person and will include a continental breakfast and lunch. **For more information please call Louise or Betty in the Family Life Office at (941)-484-9543.**

MONASTERY VOCATIONS RETREAT

Attention prayerful single men! The Holy Spirit Trappist Monastery in Conyers, GA. will be hosting an exciting **Live-in Vocations Retreat June 20-22, 2008.** This is a rare opportunity to live the life of a monk for a few days! Work and pray with the monks and hear the vocational talks. No Cost. Food and room are free. If you take a bus to Conyers, GA the monks will even

pick you up at no charge. **For more details call toll free 1-800-221-1807.**



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., In the Youth Room.

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.

RCLIA, 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.

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

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.



Lord, let Your mercy be on us as we place our trust in You.