

CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

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SUNDAY MASSES & CONFESSIONS: See Inside

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Please notify the Church Office as soon as possible so
that we may advise you of the requirements.
Thank you.

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AUGUST 3, 2008

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Some of the most comforting words in scripture come to us today in these readings. The passage from Romans is particularly comforting when we are worried about our spiritual life and fretting about it. "What will separate us from the love of Christ?" (Romans 8:35) Of course, nothing can! Christ's love, manifested in his life, death, and resurrection, was wholly for God and us, and he will not permit anything, great or small, to separate us from him. Our longing, our hunger for him is sustained by the Eucharist, and even in the darkest of times, when God seems absent and it is difficult to pray, we know by faith that God is with us. God's fidelity to us is absolute, especially when we are in darkness and confusion.

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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 3, 2008

All you who are thirsty,
come to the water!

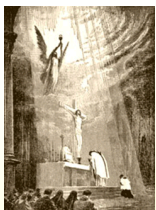
- Isaiah 55:1a

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- SAT. August 2 - SUNDAY VIGIL MASSES**
3:30 †Cora May McPherson & family by Norma Patterson
5:00 ♥People of the Parish
- SUN. August 3**
6:30 †John & Marie Rotte
8:00 †Henry Hadman by Fran Bremer & family
9:30 †Gene Craig by Patti Dean & family
11:00 †Claire Duffy by M/M Patrick Moran
- MON. August 04**
8:00 †Stacy McQuagge
- TUE. August 05**
8:00 †Joseph Fiorillo by The Resignolo Family
- WED. August 06**
8:00 †Robert Barnoski by Maureen & Arthur Charlebois
- THU. August 07**
8:00 †Poor Souls in Purgatory by Richard Maroney
- FRI. August 08**
8:00 †Sonia P. Halizak by Thomas & Elizabeth Gilliam
- SAT. August 09 - SUNDAY VIGIL MASSES**
3:30 †Paul Forst by Friends & Family
5:00 †Carl & Frances Miller by Gege & Dave Schmirler
- SUN. August 10**
6:30 †Greg Sanders by Family
8:00 †Joseph Persico by Wife, Maria
9:30 ♥People of the Parish
11:00 †Richard Dennis by Dave Hazell

CONFESSIONS - Saturdays 2:15 - 3:15, or 30 min. before Sunday Masses or by appointment.

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REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS all those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith especially,
Charles D'Alessandro, Frank Trantina, Wanda Palochak, Officer Andrew Widman, Rose Ustica, Rita Talty.



TRIDENTINE MASS TO BE CELEBRATED AT RESURRECTION PARISH

The Tridentine Mass will be celebrated at Church of the Resurrection Parish on **Sunday, August 3rd at 5:30 p.m.**



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

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — All you who thirst, come to the water! You without money, come to the feast! (Isaiah 55:1-3).

Psalm — The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs (Psalm 145).

Second Reading — Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ (Romans 8:35, 37-39).

Gospel — All ate until satisfied; they collected twelve baskets of what was left over (Matthew 14:13-21).



HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST 2008

General:

That the human family may learn to respect God's plan for the world and become ever more aware that Creation is God's great gift.

Mission:

That the answer of the entire people of God to the common calling of holiness and mission may be promoted and fostered by means of careful discernment of charisms and constant commitment to spiritual and cultural formation.

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 at 8121 Cypress Lake Drive, Fort Myers, FL 33919. The loved one's name as well as the name of the donor (if wished) will be printed in the bulletin.



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.

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.

MINISTRY OF THE SICK

The following hospitals are attended to by the parish in which they are located:

*** *Gulf Coast Hospital*** - visited daily by *Blessed Pope John XXIII Parish, 561-2245*

*** *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.

Priests from Resurrection Parish visit the above hospitals on a regular basis.

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

MAGNIFICAT BREAKFAST

All women are invited to a breakfast sponsored by Magnificat, **Saturday, August 23, 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM** at Spanish Wells Golf and Country Club, 9801 Treasure Cay Ln., Bonita Springs. Our speaker is Em Weis. **Advanced registration required by mail. Please send a \$20 check payable to Magnificat Ft. Myers** to Joanne Tarantino, 16550 Heron Coach Way #206, Ft. Myers 33908, 481-6967, or Joyce Michel, 3650 Bonita Beach Rd. #26, Bonita Springs 34134, 992-4872. **Requests must be postmarked by August 16.**



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORPORATE COMMUNION

Please join us for a Corporate Communion celebration of Mass **Sun. Aug. 10 at 10:00 a.m.**, 4040 Princeton St., Ft. Myers. **A bountiful brunch, by Giovanni's, will be served from 11:00 - 12:30.** Join us for Mass, brunch or both! **Adults, \$8.00, children under 12, \$4.00.** The theme is "Back to School" as all Catholic schools in the diocese will begin the school year the following day. **We invite you to bring school supplies to donate** to local children who are in need of notebooks, pencils, paper, crayons and other items for a successful school year. **R.S.V.P. - 936-7874**

PLEASE HELP THE HOMELESS NOW!

Bring donations of hand operated can openers, used backpacks, bicycle lights and locks to the Parish Center or the church vestibule. **For questions call Patti, 482-6883 or Vikki, 481-5144.**

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.

Baptismal Class, 2nd Tuesday of month, 7:00p.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.....*cancelled for the summer, will resume in October.*

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.

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.....*cancelled for July, will resume August 3rd.*

HELP FOR TROUBLED MARRIAGES

Is your marriage hurting? Retrouvaille may well be the answer to a new beginning for you and your spouse. It has worked for many thousands of couples. There are even couples in our own parish who have restored their marriages with the help of Retrouvaille.

The next weekend is scheduled for Oct. 31. Call today for more info., Steve & Linda Smith, **239-395-0810.** **All Inquiries are confidential.**



WEEKLY SUNDAY OFFERING**July 20, 2008**

Registered families with envelopes: 2450

Envelopes received: 579 (24%) \$10,979.00

Remaining families & visitors: 1871 (76%) \$2,112.00

Thank You!**ST. VINCENT DePAUL OFFERING****July 20, 2008****\$975.00****Thank You!****WEEKLY SUNDAY OFFERING****July 27, 2008**

Registered families with envelopes: 2450

Envelopes received: 646 (26%) \$15,340.50

Remaining families & visitors: 1804 (74%) \$2,974.77

Thank You!**ST. VINCENT DePAUL OFFERING****July 27, 2008****\$785.00****Thank You!****BLACK & INDIAN MISSIONS OFFERING****July 20, 2008****\$3,408.50****Thank you!****PAULINE YEAR CELEBRATION***(Continued.....with permission from the Diocese of Wilmington)***V. Rekindling a Love for the Eucharist and the Church in the Year of Saint Paul***Is not the cup of blessing we bless a sharing in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread we break a sharing in the body of Christ. (1 Corinthians 10:16)*

One of the classic Pauline images is that of the Body of Christ as a communion of individuals with specific charisms and talents which build up of the Body. Paul shows that the Eucharist is the source of unity, harmony and communion in the Body. Our reverent reception of the Eucharist is the great spark of missionary activity that leads us, like Saint Paul, to the ends of the earth.

In his 2003 encyclical *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, Pope John Paul II wove Paul's teaching throughout his meditation on the Eucharist:

"The words of the Apostle Paul bring us back to the dramatic setting in which the Eucharist was born...The Apostle Paul, for his part, says that it is 'unworthy' of a Christian community to partake of the Lord's Supper amid division and indifference to the poor (cf. 1 Cor 11:17-22, 27-34). Proclaiming the death of the Lord 'until he comes' (1 Cor 11:26) entails that all who take part in the Eucharist be committed to changing their lives and making them in a certain way completely 'Eucharistic.' [#20]"

Studying and praying Pauline texts on the Eucharist help us to "rekindle our Eucharistic amazement"²⁰ and to realize that every Mass has a "cosmic significance."²¹ Every Mass is "celebrated on the Altar of the World."²² When we rekindle our Eucharistic faith, awe and amazement at the truth of the Real Presence, our marriages and our families are rekindled in Christ. Vocations to the priesthood and religious life are rekindled. A missionary spirit, evangelization and effective catechesis at every level are rekindled. And as mentioned earlier, a devotion to the inspired Word of God is rekindled resulting in a new "spiritual springtime." We rekindle a concrete living of our Catholic respect for life and social justice in regard to the poor, the imprisoned, the stranger and the unborn.

In his 2007 apostolic exhortation *Sacramentum Caritatis*, Pope Benedict XVI captures the power of the Eucharist: "More than just statically receiving the incarnate *Logos* (Word), we enter into the very dynamic of his self-giving.' Jesus 'draws us into himself.' The substantial conversion of bread and wine into his body and blood introduces within creation the principle of a radical change, a sort of 'nuclear fission,' to use an image familiar to us today, which penetrates to the heart of all being, a change meant to set off a process which transforms reality, a process leading ultimately to the transfiguration of the entire world, to the point where God will be all in all (cf. 1 Cor 15:28)."²³ With Saint Paul's intercession, we too can be apostles of the Real Presence of the Eucharist in the world.

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'Pauline Year' Continued.....

VI. The Universal Call to Holiness and the Universal Call to Mission in the Year of Saint Paul

Woe to me if I do not preach the Gospel! (1 Corinthians 9:16)

Oscar Andres Cardenal Rodriguez Maradiaga, SDB, Archbishop of Tegucigalpa in Honduras, wrote a Christmas card which included these words:

"Que el año de San Pablo, evangelizador infatigable sea la ocasion para renovar nuestro Corazon misionero. 'Ay de mi si no evangelizo' (1 Cor 9,16)" ["May the Year of Saint Paul, the untiring evangelizer, be a time for renewing our missionary heart. 'Woe to me if I do not preach the Gospel' (1 Cor 9,16)"]

Bishop Saltarelli is convinced that one of the goals of Pope Benedict XVI in proclaiming the Year of Saint Paul is to have every Catholic hold up a mirror to his or her life and to ask: am I as determined and as energetic about spreading the Catholic faith as Saint Paul was? Is spreading the faith both by example and by our conversations with our friends even a concern?²⁴

What are we doing, in particular, to instill a love of Jesus and an understanding of our faith in the hearts and minds of our youth who are the future of the Church? In his boundless energy and athletic metaphors, Saint Paul's example should be especially appealing to young people, encouraging them to apply their energy and enthusiasm to spreading the Gospel of Christ.

Pope John Paul II always reminded us that our Catholic faith only grows when we consciously and conscientiously share it with others. Christ will look at each one of us with his merciful eyes at our individual judgment and ask what efforts we made during the course of our lifetime to invite people into communion with Jesus Christ and His Church. Is it any surprise to us that Pope John Paul began his 1990 encyclical on missionary activity *Redemptoris Missio* with a tribute to Saint Paul? He wrote:

"The mission of Christ the Redeemer, which is entrusted to the Church is still very far from completion. As the second Millennium after Christ's coming draws to an end, an overall view of the human race shows that this mission is still only beginning and that we must commit ourselves wholeheartedly to its service. It is the Spirit who impels us to proclaim the great works of God: 'For if I preach the Gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the Gospel!' (1 Cor 9:16) In the name of the whole Church, I sense an urgent duty to repeat this cry of Saint Paul."

May each of us living now in the 21st century sense that same duty to repeat the cry of Saint Paul. Pope John Paul II showed us that mysticism and missionary spirit go hand in hand and that the *universal call to holiness* is closely linked to the *universal call to mission*.²⁵

Pope Paul VI captured the heart of Saint Paul in a passage from his 1975 apostolic exhortation *Evangelii Nuntiandi*:

"That model evangelizer, the Apostle Paul, wrote these words to the Thessalonians, and they are a program for us all: 'With such yearning love we chose to impart to you not only the gospel of God but our very selves, so dear had you become to us.' What is this love? It is much more than that of a teacher; it is the love of a father; and again, it is the love of a mother. It is this love that the Lord expects from every preacher of the Gospel, from every builder of the Church. A sign of love will be the concern to give the truth and to bring people into unity. Another sign of love will be a devotion to the proclamation of Jesus Christ, without reservation or turning back."²⁶

What better example of that than Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, our own American Saint Paul, whose cause for canonization is currently in process. Living in the dawn of the television age, he recognized early the potential of harnessing modern means of technology to spread the Gospel. Imagine how Saint Paul would have used satellite communications, the Internet and YouTube. On the Roman campus of *Propaganda Fide*, a seminary that forms future priests for the Third World, there is a retreat center whose main room has a beautiful bust of Bishop Sheen at its heart. I can think of no better image that describes the Pauline missionary fire in the heart of this great 20th century American, a fire that spread to the ends of the earth influencing the formation of so many African, Asian and Indian priests and religious.

May the fire that the Holy Spirit cast down into the heart of Saint Paul, which in turn lit up the earth, inflame our hearts to be vibrant and effective missionaries in the Year of Saint Paul and throughout our lives.

Look for the conclusion of the 'Pauline Year Celebration' themes in next week's bulletin



STATUS OF CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL:

ASSESSMENT: \$379,000.00
PLEGGED: \$392,694.34 (103.61%)
PAID: \$346,967.38

Thank you, and may the good Lord bless you. For those who have not yet pledged or given a donation, or would like to increase their donation, it is not too late to do so. CFA envelopes are located at the entrances of the church.

We still are in need of **\$32,032.62** in payments.

Your continued generosity is appreciated!

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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LISTEN HEEDFULLY

The invitation to come and satisfy our hunger and thirst in Christ offers a great comfort to us who sometimes ache with longing for God or feel emptiness when we want to feel full of God's love. This longing is God's gift and call to us to withdraw from all the noise and racket of our lives and our world and pay attention to the quiet voice of God within us. How do we respond to such a loving invitation? By paying attention, by stilling ourselves; not by struggling and striving to make some spiritual experience happen, but just by sitting still and listening for God's delicate promptings. Our desire for prayer, even if we feel our prayer to be too distracted and ineffective, is effective because the call is from God and our response is a willingness to hear and be fed by God's holy word to us.

ALL ATE AND WERE SATISFIED

Jesus fed the five thousand men, "not counting women and children" (Matthew 14:21). We can assume, since women were among his most faithful followers and they tend to bring their children with them everywhere, that the women and children outnumbered the men—a vast crowd indeed! Yet how were they fed with five loaves and two fish? Matthew notes that first, "[Jesus] said the blessing" (Matthew 14:19). He gave thanks to God for what was given: an act of thanksgiving that is always transformative. This act of praise and thanks transforms our bread into his body and blood, and conforms us to Christ for the life of the world. The desire for God is a gift that reflects God's desire for us. It doesn't matter if we feel that our prayer is ineffective, or if we are comforted or not by our images of God. God is working in us by the gift of that desire, and our will to respond is our consent to God's call. Come to the water; come to the feast!

Today's Readings: Isaiah 55:1-3; Psalm 145:8-9, 15-18; Romans 8:35, 37-39; Matthew 14:13-21

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JR. & SR. YOUTH NEWS

CATECHISTS NEEDED!

Do you hear the Lord calling your name?

God calls us in the depth of our heart...to share The Good News of Jesus with others!

Is it to the little ones that God calls you?

Pre-K on Sunday morning during 9:30 AM Mass

Do you enjoy seeing Jesus alive in and with little children?

Tuesdays K-Grade 5 from 4:30 - 6:00 PM

Wednesdays K-Grade 5 from 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Is it the challenging energy of the young teen that invites you?

CONFIRMATION/EDGE/CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

Meetings on Sunday evenings

Would you consider sharing your faith journey with another adult?

RCIA classes Tuesday evenings

RCIA Dismissal, Sundays during Lent/Advent

Listen to your heart and respond.

Call Joanne 482-6883.

Consider attending **INTO THE FIELDS!**

NEW CATECHIST ORIENTATION

New catechist orientation will be **Wednesday, August 13, 7:00 - 8:00 PM in the Parish Center.**

OPENING CATECHIST DINNER

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2008

Meeting will be from **6:00 - 8:00 PM in the Parish Center.** All Religious Education assistants and catechists are invited to attend.

OPENING OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Open House for all children and parents, K - Grade 5:

Tuesday, August 26, 4:30 - 6:00 PM

Wednesday, August 27, 6:00 - 7:30 PM

ALL PARENTS PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND!

SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

This is a required program for all who volunteer with children and/or vulnerable. All are welcome to attend.

Tuesday, September 16, 6:30 - 8:30 AM in the Religious Education Department.

GIFT SHOP - SUMMER HOURS

Tuesday 8:30 - 10:00 AM

Saturday 3:00 - 5:00 PM

Sunday 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

The Gift Shop is currently looking for volunteers. If you are interested in serving in the Gift Shop call the parish office, 481-7171 and leave your name and telephone number...or...stop in the Gift Shop and see Catherine.