

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
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August 19, 2007

THE COSTS OF DISCIPLESHIP

Today's responsorial psalm, Psalm 40, is more familiar to us with the refrain "Here am I, Lord." This "Here am I" is Jeremiah's great prophetic response to God's call. But today's story of Jeremiah and the refrain "Lord, come to my aid!" remind us that there are always two sides to following the call of God. The author of the Letter to the Hebrews knew this, too. He reminded his readers that even weighted down with burdens and sins, we can still persevere by keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, who himself knew the shame and pain of the cross, but saw beyond it to the joy of sitting at the right of the throne of God.

Jesus himself gave the disciples a "sneak preview" of a baptism that would not be as wondrous as the one in the Jordan that inaugurated his ministry, but would be one of fire and anguish. Today's words from scripture may not be terribly soothing, but in their honesty and strength we can acknowledge the difficulties of daily discipleship, and take comfort in the assurance of our own salvation in Christ.

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**Twentieth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
August 19, 2007**

[Jesus] endured the cross, despising its shame, and
has taken his seat at the right of the throne of God.
— *Hebrews 12:2*

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SAT. AUGUST 18 - SUNDAY VIGIL MASSES
3:30 ♥Spec. Intentions of Irene Cichowicz by Daniel Cichowicz
5:00 ♥People of the Parish
SUN. AUGUST 19
8:00 †Joseph Persico by Wife, Maria
9:30 †Deborah Mary Acromone by Grandma
11:00 ♥Spec. Intentions of Larry Gallina by Dee Gallina
MON. AUGUST 20
8:00 †Helen Weis by M/M Clarence Nilles
TUE. AUGUST 21
8:00 †June Royem by Resurrection Women's Guild
WED. AUGUST 22
8:00 †Katherine Sutschek by John Sutschek
THU. AUGUST 23
8:00 †Margaret Strinka by Daughter & Grandson
FRI. AUGUST 24
8:00 †Harry & Barbara Hurilla by Family
SAT. AUGUST 25
8:00 †Matthew Daniel by Fisher Family
SAT. AUGUST 25 - SUNDAY VIGIL MASSES
3:30 †Paul Jakus by Cathy McManus
5:00 †Raymond Dunston by Shaun & Joan Doherty
SUN. AUGUST 26
8:00 †John Conrad by Joan & Ed Scallone
9:30 ♥People of the Parish
11:00 †Godofredo Dazon by Galang Family

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.

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 2:15-3:15, 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 **Wanda Saunders & Fr. Lucas Schmidt, O.Carm.** of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Osprey, FL.

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

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — They took Jeremiah and threw him into the cistern (Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10).

Psalm — Lord, come to my aid! (Psalm 40).

Second Reading — Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith (Hebrews 12:1-4).

Gospel — I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing (Luke 12:49-53).

THE YEAR OF SAINT PAUL

From his Letters, we know that Paul was far from being a good speaker; on the contrary, he shared with Moses and Jeremiah a lack of oratory skill. "His bodily presence is weak, and his speech of no account" (2Cor10:10), his adversaries said of him.



The extraordinary apostolic results that he was able to achieve cannot, therefore, be attributed to brilliant rhetoric or refined apologetic and missionary strategies. The success of his apostolate depended above all on his personal involvement in proclaiming the Gospel with total dedication to Christ; a dedication that feared neither risk, difficulty nor persecution. (Rom 8:38-39).

From this we can draw a particularly important lesson for every Christian. The Church's action is credible and effective only to the extent to which those who belong to her are prepared to pay in person for their fidelity to Christ in every circumstance. When this readiness is lacking, the crucial argument of truth on which the Church herself depends is also absent.

Dear brothers and sisters, as in early times, today too Christ needs apostles ready to sacrifice themselves. He needs witnesses and martyrs like St. Paul. Paul ... lived and worked for Christ, for Him he suffered and died. How timely his example is today!

And for this very reason I am pleased to announce officially that we shall be dedicating a special Jubilee Year to the Apostle Paul from 28 June 2008 to 29 June 2009, on the occasion of the bi-millennium of his birth, which historians have placed between the years 7 and 10 A.D.

— *From the homily of Pope Benedict XVI, Basilica of St Paul, Outside-the-Walls, June 28, 2007*

POPE BENEDICT'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR AUG.

1. All those who are going through moments of inner difficulty and trial may find in Christ the light and support which leads them to discover authentic happiness.
2. That the Church in China may bear witness to ever greater inner cohesion and may manifest her effective and visible communion with Peter's Successor.

PRAYER FOR SEMINARIANS - O Lord Jesus Christ, great High Priest, I pray that You call many worthy souls to Your holy priesthood. Enlighten the Bishop in the choice of candidates, the Spiritual Director in molding them, and the professors in instructing them. Lead the seminarians daily in Your unerring footsteps; so that they may become priests who are models of purity, possessors of wisdom and heroes of man; apostles of Your glory and sanctifiers of souls. Amen.

Mary, Queen of the Clergy, pray for us.

WEEKLY SUNDAY OFFERING**August 12, 2007**

Registered families with envelopes: 2450

Envelopes received: 664 (27%) **\$14,298.50**Remaining fam. & visitors: 1786 (73%) **\$ 2,387.00****Total offering:** **\$16,685.50****Thank You!****ST. VINCENT DePAUL OFFERING****August 13 - August 19****\$ 909.00****Thank You!****2007 ANNUAL CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL:****TOGETHER IN CHRIST**

Please join our parish family by making a sacrificial gift to CFA. Your gift helps to pay our parish share of the cost of our diocesan programs. Once we reach our assessment goal of \$359,000, the Diocese returns all "over-goal" funds to our parish for use in our own ministries. Please join us in supporting our larger Catholic family. You can make a pledge that can be paid out until the end of the year, or you can make your gift by credit card, direct card, stock donations, or by check. Checks should be made payable to the Catholic Faith Appeal. Envelopes for this purpose can be found in the pews or entrances of the church. Thank you.

2007 CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL**STATUS****Assessment: \$359,000****Pledged: \$352,612.78****98.22% of Assessment****Actual Payment: \$312,744.34****LIBRARY HELPERS**

Resurrection Parish Library needs someone to assist in organizing our book collection. If you have a couple of hours a month to help us, we would greatly appreciate it! We look forward to seeing new faces in our library. Call Joanne at 482-6883.

A special thanks to Kathy Marr, our former librarian, who has moved out of state and we offer our prayers to our other librarian, Aida Severino, who passed into eternal rest last month.

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

The Children's Choir will resume singing at the 9:30a.m. Mass on Sunday, **September 2**. All children from 1st Grade through 9th Grade are invited to be a part of this exciting ministry.

We will rehearse on Wednesdays from 5:30p.m.

- 6:15p.m. in the Conference Room of the Parish Center. So, mark your calendars for our first rehearsal on **August 29, 5:30p.m.** We will begin the season with the traditional **pizza party**. Questions? Call Connie, 464-3437.



Encountering the Living Christ

Resurrection Religious Education

**CATECHIST FORMATION - EVENING I**

Formation is open to teachers, parents, grandparents, lectors, ministers of the Eucharist, ushers, sacristans and all who witness the Faith to our children! **Topic: *The Beauty of God*** - breaking open the *Word of God* together, integrating Liturgy into life and using mystery to understand Liturgy; Wednesday, **Aug. 22**, 6:30p.m. – 8:30p.m. For reservations call 482-6883.

CATECHIST FORMATION - EVENING II

Formation is open to teachers, parents, grandparents, lectors, ministers of the Eucharist, ushers, sacristans and all who witness the faith with our children! **Topic: *God With Us - moving*** from Life experience to Faith with the obligation to follow the moral law "*to do good and avoid what is evil*"; moving to better knowledge of God and oneself, Wednesday, **Aug. 29**, 6:30p.m. – 8:30p.m. For reservations please call 482-6883.

PRE-K GOSPEL SHARING for 3-4 year olds. We need volunteers to help share the gospel with our younger children during the 9:30a.m. Mass. **We need two volunteers to be willing to lead the class once a month. Can you help?**

REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS ED.

K- 8 classes begin September 4 & 5. Confirmation class begins October 3. If you have not registered, please come in during office hours or after the 9:30a.m. Mass on Sunday to register. Fee is \$100 for 1st child plus \$25.00 for two or more children in one family. We look forward to working with you.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL FAMILIES - If your child will receive **First Eucharist**, 2008, we ask you to register for the Sacramental Preparation. There is no fee to families whose children attend Catholic School. We would like to remind you that at our Parish **Confirmation** is celebrated in **9th Grade**.

MANY WAYS TO HELP!

- 1. Catechist Assistants Needed!** For Grade 3 & 6 Tuesdays 4:30p.m. – 5:45p.m.. Do you hear the Lord calling your name?
- 2. Rel. Ed. Office needs help getting ready to start classes.** Can you help us sort and distribute supplies? Call Joanne at 482-6883.

RCIA - The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Jesus shows the way to live a good life and how to speak and act honorably. Through Jesus' own life, we see the courage to do the right thing. Faith makes us strong in the face of our own weaknesses and helps us to know that we are not alone. **RCIA welcomes all who are interested in the Catholic Faith. Inquiry classes begin soon.** Please call Joanne, 482-6883, for further details.

WILL YOU BE LEFT BEHIND? Carl Olson and Dr. Thomas Curran offer a Catholic perspective on the numerous "*end of times*" theologies prevalent in our age. These five episodes will be presented on EWTN, TV Cable Channel 27, **October 8 - 12**, 6:30p.m.



IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE ALTAR FLOWERS in celebration of someone's anniversary/birthday as a memorial or in thanksgiving please call Barbara, Parish Office, 481-7172. You may also use the flower offering envelopes that are located at the entrances of the church. Please print all information clearly on the envelope including a telephone number. If we are unable to accommodate your date request we will call you for an alternate date. Donation offering per basket is \$35 and must be included in the envelope. Please make check payable to Church of the Resurrection. Please place envelope in the collection basket, 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.

Flowers are needed for the month of AUGUST.

This week's flowers are:

In Memory of:

Grace Gropp by Husband, Joseph

FLOWER TENDERS NEEDED

Would you like to serve the Lord by tending his flowers in church? We are in need of one or two volunteers for our Flower Committee. Please call Judy at 287-1237, if you are interested.

REGISTERED PARISHIONERS PLEASE NOTE:

Our monthly packets of envelopes cannot be forwarded to a new address by the Postal Service. They return these mailings to us for a fee. Another cost occurs when we forward the packets we have received. Registered parishioners who are moving out of the parish, have a change of address or phone number are asked to notify the parish office, 481-7171. It takes two months of processing time to resume, stop or change an address. **Please let us know about any changes as soon as possible.**

THANK YOU FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES

*"It is in giving that we receive
...in loving that we are loved."*

To all who gave so generously to our school supplies collection. Children from our parish as well as children from Harlem Heights Elementary, San Carols Elementary and Mission de Jesus Obrero received these supplies with grateful appreciation. May God Bless you and them as they begin this new school year.



MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER - Children are going back to school to improve their skills. Have you thought about going on a Marriage Encounter weekend to improve your communication skills and make your good marriage great? The **next weekend** is **Sept. 21-23** in Venice. More info? Call (941)962-9904 or toll free 888-560-1854, or log onto www.wwme.org

NO SURPRISES - We are told by all spiritual writers that one important point to bear in mind, as we seek to attain humility, is not to be surprised by our own faults and failures.

—François Fénelon, Archbishop of Cambrai

WELCOME

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY THE FOLLOWING NEW PARISHIONERS:

Sally Bravo & Family, Jill Cabai, Kelley Duane, Elaine Guerin & Family, Paul & Marika Luthringer, James Nucheren, Stephen & Elizabeth Schad, Alice Flanagan, Dorothy Patush, Paul & Kimberly Clement, Chris DeManche, Elizabeth Turner, Salvatore & Danielle Verdi, Lou & Joan Piacenza, David & Joni Norton.

PICNIC EXTRAVAGANZA! Join the fun at K of C Council 2596, Labor Day, Mon., **Sept. 3**, 1:00p.m., rain or shine at 4040 Princeton St. Fun, games, and drinks for all ages. Cost: \$5 per adult, children under 13 free. Cost includes hot and cold picnic spread. (Cash bar available). Horseshoes and bingo for the adults, putt-putt, duck pond and cake walk games for the children. Every child wins a prize. Call 936-7874 to RSVP.

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA CATHOLIC SINGLES for ages 30-50ish; for single, divorced and annulled, widowed, or separated. The next activity will be **August 25**, Miracle Baseball Game, Fan Appreciation Fireworks Night. Tickets \$8. Time 7:05p.m.. Meet at entrance at 6:25p.m. Please contact Pam Wittenauer at 239-989-7007 for more information.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

ALL diocesan employees, clergy, religious, laity, and those volunteers who have routine contact with children or vulnerable adults **must be trained** in safe environments awareness issues. If you have not attended one of these sessions, please contact the parish secretary to attend. **Aug. 18**, Our Lady Queen of Heaven, Labelle (Spanish & English); **Sept. 13** – Thursday, 6p.m – 8p.m @ St. Columbkille Parish; **Sept. 15** – Saturday, 9:30a.m. – 11:30a.m., St. Columbkille Parish.

U.S. CATHOLIC BISHOPS OPPOSE AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL'S PRO-ABORTION MOVE.

Bishop William Skylstad, President of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, issued a statement from the bishops July 2 which sharply criticized Amnesty International's decision to adopt a pro-abortion position, and supported the Vatican's call for a boycott of donations to AI.

"The action of the Executive Council undermines Amnesty's long standing moral credibility, diverts its mission, divides its own members (many of whom are Catholic or defend the rights of unborn children), and jeopardizes Amnesty's support by people in many nations, cultures and religion," the statement said.

"Abortion injures the health and dignity of women at the same time that it ends the life of the unborn child. A more compassionate response is to provide support and services for pregnant women, advance their educational and economic standing in society, and resist all forms of violence and stigmatization against them." **Several weeks ago, Cardinal Renato Martino, president of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, said that if AI does not reverse its decision, Catholic organizations must withdraw their support.**

RESURRECTION CALENDAR

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

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

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

Beyond Bereavement, Mon., 8:30am, library,
call Cecilia, 437-2367.

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

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

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

Bridge Club, Thurs., 1:30p.m.

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

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

Your child has told you he/she is gay. There is a support
Group. Call Sharon at 454-6284.

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.

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

"Those who mourn shall be comforted."

We are looking for people who know the blessing of sharing another's sorrow. Do you have a big heart and a willingness to listen? Help is needed to welcome and assist the bereaved at the funeral of their loved one. We will be happy to help you prepare for this ministry. Please call Dona Badman, 275-7875 for more information.

**Fostering Theological Education in Service of Christ's Church**

The Rice School was begun in 1995 at the initiative of Bishop John J. Nevins, D.D.

The reasons behind the foundation of the School were 1) to respond to the mandate of Vatican II that the laity would become ever more involved in advancing the Kingdom and 2) to attempt to respond to the need for ministry professionals caused by the decline in priestly and religious vocations.

The Mission of the school is to offer on-going adult faith formation; to prepare laity who feel called to ministries in the Roman Catholic Church by means of formal theological education and spiritual formation; and to provide a Catholic theological library for the Diocese of Venice.

Consider registering for the fall 2007 classes in our area!

RPM 501 Scripture Studies: Historical and Wisdom Literature. The history of the people of Israel which led to the writing of their scriptures; special attention will be given to the *Creation Accounts*, the *Covenant*, the *Exodus*, the *Development of the Kingdom of Israel* and the evolution and content of the *Wisdom Literature*. **Class held at: St. Leo (Bonita Springs); Wednesdays.**

RPM 503 Synoptic Gospels: Matthew for Teaching and Preaching. The three specific goals of the course are: 1) to become familiar with the contours of Matthew's Gospel and Matthew's theology and to gain a knowledge of the social world within which Matthew's Gospel was written; 2) to gain skill and confidence in understanding and interpreting the text of Matthew's Gospel with a special emphasis on how to preach and teach the text; and 3) to facilitate the practical application of the text to various theological and pastoral situations in our own day. **Class will be held at: St. Cecilia (Fort Myers; 6-9 p.m.); Tuesdays.**

RPM 512 Ecclesiology. An examination of the foundations for a theology of the *Church in Scripture*; development of *Various Models of Church*; development of theologies on the authoritative teaching role of the *Magisterium*; *Ecumenism*. **Class held at: St. John the Evangelist (Naples); Mondays.**

For further information see the website or email. E-Mail: riceschool@daystar.net WEB Site: www.riceschool.org

See Joanne MacPeck in the Religious Ed. Office or call at 482-6883. As a graduate of the Rice School for Pastoral Ministry, she would be happy to share her growth experience.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES COUNSELING CENTER in Ft. Myers has therapist positions available for LMHCs, LCSWs, and LMFTs. Qualified therapists can fax a resume to 239-275-3400 or call 239-274-0757 ext .2 for more information.

BIBLE CAMP 2007 - *ST. PATRICK & THE HOLY TRINITY*



THANK YOU BIBLE CAMP VOLUNTEERS

Thanks to Gil Nadalin and Don Weber of the Men's Club who stepped in at the last minute and provided a delicious meal for the closing celebration of Bible Camp! We are eternally grateful! A hearty thanks to all the adults who volunteered to make this year's Bible Camp a success! We truly could not have done it without these generous, talented, and committed people. Thanks to Pam Ferrara, Irene Gaidry and Linda Hanawacker whose talent and creativity gave us the beautiful scenery for our stories. → →

During the week of July 30 through August 3 the Resurrection Parish Center was transformed into the dangerous and ungodly land of pre-Christian Ireland. Ninety five campers and 48 middle and high school volunteers met the young St. Patrick, captured by pirates and enslaved, and learned about his life and how he taught the Irish people about God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

Twenty-five dedicated parents, took time out of their busy lives to share this experience with the parish children. They manned story rooms, teaching and interacting with the children, telling how Patrick survived his captivity and went on to be one of our most popular saints. They guided the children in making wonderful faith inspired crafts. They played games, fed them snacks, and kept the week fun and flowing smoothly.

Campers were introduced to a daily Bible verse and daily focus. Beginning with "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you" they learned that God is all knowing and gave us a soul before we were born. The week ended with, "As my Father sent me, I send you" reminding them (and us) that Jesus calls us all to share our faith by what we say and do.

Throughout the week, the Parish Center was alive with music! From 9:00a.m. until noon, children could be seen singing and dancing to lively Christian and Catholic music. Parishioner Mary Zitnik wrote the theme song for our Camp, *The Trinity Jive*. Many other Bible Camp favorites were sung, some of which were original compositions by Mary. The week was capped with a brief skit, concert and luncheon for family and friends.

In all, Bible Camp was a great success! We are grateful to our Pastor, Fr. McNamara, for again allowing us to take over the Parish Center and have such fun!



Thank you to Mary Zitnik whose music is truly a gift! Thank you to the wonderful teen volunteers who gave up a week of sleeping-in each morning to come and participate in Bible Camp. Bible Camp would not have been possible without these young people!

WE APPRECIATE EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU !