

CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

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FORT MYERS, FLORIDA 33919



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Youth Director: Leslie Gaitens-Kopper

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.

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

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:

Tel. 482-6883 or 481-7172

RELIGIOUS ARTICLES STORE: Tel. 437-9876

RELIGIOUS ED OFFICE: Tel. 482-6883

YOUTH MINISTRY OFFICE: Tel. 481-5144

PARISH OFFICE: Tel. 481-7171 or 481-7172

E-mail: parishoffice@resurrectionch.org Fax 481-8007
www.resurrectionch.org

TREASURES FOR HOME & FAMILY: 489-3540
(Thrift Shop)

AUGUST 26, 2007

"WHERE ARE YOU FROM?"

Most of us would answer this question by naming the town of our current residence or perhaps the place where we were born. On the day when we face our final judgment and the Lord asks us this same question, what will be our answer? Hopefully we will easily be able to name those places where we were Christ for others on this earth: loving families, communities of faith, sites where we assisted the poor, places where we showed people hope even in times of despair. Listen carefully to today's Gospel and pray that we will one day be gathered together at the table in the kingdom of God.

If you were to meet your Maker this very day, how would you answer this question: "Where are you from?" (*Lect. 123 - Year C*)



**Twenty-first Sunday
in Ordinary Time
August 26, 2007**

Strengthen your drooping hands and your week knees. Make straight paths for your feet, that what is lame may not be dis-jointed but healed.— *Hebrews 12:12-13*

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SAT. AUGUST 25 - SUNDAY VIGIL MASSES
8:30 †Paul Jakus by Cathy McManus
5:00 †Raymond Dunston by Joan Doherty
SUN. AUGUST 26
8:00 †John Conrad by Joan & Ed Scallan
9:30 ♥People of the Parish
11:00 †Godofredo Dazon by Galang Family
MON. AUGUST 27
8:00 †Mario Giuliani by Wife, Nellie
TUE. AUGUST 28
8:00 †Joe Haggerty by Family
WED. AUGUST 29
8:00 †Betsy Sutcheck by John Sutcheck
THU. AUGUST 30
8:00 †Dorothy Karllen by John Sutcheck
FRI. AUGUST 31
8:00 †Madge Coote
SAT. SEPTEMBER 1
8:00 †Carol Mitchell by John & Donna
SAT. SEPTEMBER 1 - SUNDAY VIGIL MASSES
3:30 ♥†People of the Parish
5:00 †Harry Hurilla by Kathleen McLaughlin
SUN. SEPTEMBER 2
8:00 †George W. Morris by Marlene & John Foley
9:30 †B.J. & Mary McMenamy by Frade & McMenamy Families
11:00 †Margaret Strinka by Daughter, Margaret

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 - 3:15p.m., 30 minutes before Sunday Masses or by appointment.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS All those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith especially **Janet Geddes, Shaun Doherty.**

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

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I come to gather nations of every language; they shall come and see my glory - (Isaiah 66:18-21).

Psalm — Go out to all the world and tell the Good News (Psalm 117).

Second Reading — Strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees (Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13).

Gospel — People will come from the east and the west, from the north and the south, and will recline at table in the kingdom of God (Luke 13:22-30).

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

On August 15, **an earthquake of magnitude 8, hit the town of Pisco, Peru**, killing more than 500 people. It is reported that 85% of the town of Pisco has been leveled, and that several aftershocks, including a 5.9 quake, have caused further devastation.

We must come to the aid of the suffering who have lost loved ones, their livelihood and possessions. I am asking Pastors to take up a second collection this weekend to be sent to assist in recovery.

Your generosity and, most of all, your prayers will give strength, hope and comfort to the people of Peru. If you are not prepared when the collection is taken, please send a check, marked "Peruvian Relief" to: Director of Finance, Diocese of Venice in Florida, Catholic Center, P.O. Box 2006, Venice, Florida, 34284-2006.

May Almighty God bless you and your families. Please continue to pray for all the suffering throughout the world.

Sincerely in Christ,

+Frank J. Dewane, Bishop of Venice in Florida

(Ed.Note: Bishop Dewane's letter was written before Hurricane Dean hit Mexico, therefore he now includes the Mexican victims in this special collection.)



WILL I GO TO HEAVEN?

"Someone asked Him, 'Lord, are they few in number who are to be saved?' " — Luke 13:23

Wouldn't you like to know what percentage of people go to heaven? If we knew only 2% went to heaven, we would either be inspired to become holy or be thrust into despair. If we knew 90% went to heaven, we'd feel more secure. Jesus refused to answer the question concerning how many would be saved. He did say however that many "will try to enter and be unable" (Lk 13:24). He also said that "few" find the narrow gate that leads to life (Mt 7:14). He uses the word "few" again in the parable of the wedding banquet. "The invited are many, the elect are few" (Mt 22:14). This doesn't tell us exactly how many will go to heaven, but it can be disconcerting and certainly keeps us from the sin of presumption.

These "chosen few" will come from "nations of every language" (Is 66:18), "from the east and the west, from the north and the south" (Lk 13:29). There will be some surprises. "Some who are last will be first and some who are first will be last" (Lk 13:30). **However, you don't have to wait in suspense wondering whether you'll be "in that number," among the "chosen few."** Right now, you can repent of sin, be forgiven, and give your life to Jesus. He died so you could be with Him forever in heaven. Let Jesus have His way.

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WEEKLY SUNDAY OFFERING**August 19, 2007**

Registered families with envelopes: 2450

Envelopes received: 643 (26%) **\$14,273.01**Remaining fam. & visitors: 1807 (74%) **\$ 1,763.99****Total offering:** **\$16,037.00****Thank you!****FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OFFERING****August 15, 2007****Envelopes received:** 221 (9%) **\$2,306.00**Remaining fam. & visitors: 1818 (91%) **\$ 891.00****Total offering:** **\$3,197.00****Thank you!****ST. VINCENT DePAUL OFFERING****August 13 - August 19** **\$ 810.00****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: \$353,332.78 - 98.42% of Assessment

Actual Payment: \$315,119.34

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Children's Choir will resume singing at the 9:30a.m. Mass on Sunday, **Sept. 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: **Aug. 29, 5:30p.m.** We will begin the season with the traditional **pizza party**. Questions? Call Connie, 464-3437.

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.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES COUNSELING CENTER

The Ft. Myers Center 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 info.

Encountering the Living Christ

Resurrection Religious Education

PRE-K GOSPEL SHARING

Volunteers are needed to help share the Gospel with our younger children (3-4 year olds) during the 9:30a.m. Mass. Volunteers would rotate and lead the class once a month. **If you are able to help, please call the Religious Ed. office, 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.

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

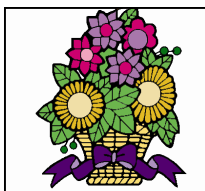
If your child will receive **First Eucharist**, 2008, we ask you to register for the Sacramental Preparation. There is no fee to families whose children attend Catholic School. We would like to remind you that at our Parish **Confirmation** is celebrated in **9th Grade**.

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 Process by which adults become Catholic**

Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Church? Are you unbaptized but recognize a need for spirituality in your life? Are you baptized Catholic or baptized into another religion but never received any formal religious education? Are you married to a Catholic and attend Mass but just don't know what the next step is to become one of the Catholic faithful? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the place for you. Every year adults are welcomed into the Catholic Church through the RCIA. It is a learning and loving process in which conversion of the heart brings you to Jesus Christ who is our Lord and Savior. Please call Joanne, 482-6883, for more details.



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
Bernard & Mary McMenamy
by Frade & McMenamy Families

In Honor of:

Kathy & Pat Galligan's 47th Anniversary

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.**

WOMEN'S GUILD will host a Welcome Basket Luncheon at the Parish Center **September 12, at 11:30a.m.** All Guild members, crafters, and women of the Parish are invited to attend. Admission is a salad to serve six. A variety of desserts will be provided. This will be a great opportunity to gather and discuss the Guild's plans for the year ahead and how you can be involved. Please call the Parish Center to RSVP 481-7172.



RESURRECTION MEN'S CLUB will commence the new season **September 10** in the Parish Center. We will recite the Rosary at 7:00p.m. and the meeting will begin at 7:30p.m. We would like to invite all men of the Parish to come and participate in a viable part of the Parish and assist us in our coming project and fun events for the season. No reservations necessary. Bring a friend along. For more information on Men's Club activities call President Don Weber at 768-3147

PANCAKE BREAKFASTS RESUME SEPTEMBER 16

The Men's Club will begin its new 2007-2008 season with a Pancake Breakfast September 16, 8:00a.m.-11:00a.m., Parish Center. Breakfast will consist of pancakes with sugar free syrup, eggs, sausage, potatoes, coffee. Book of 6 tickets for \$20 is available in advance at Gift Shop and Parish Office, tickets good through May 2008. Price at the door is \$4 each.



**PICNIC
EXTRAVAGANZA!**

Come 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 age 13 free. Cost includes all you can eat 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.

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

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 to find out more.

**AFCAAM CATHOLIC CENTER
SEEKING SOCIAL WORKER**

The applicant must have a BA in Social Work or related field required; excellent organization and communication skills; ability to meet deadlines; ability to work collaboratively in a diverse environment; and faithful to the teachings of the Catholic Church. Position includes salary plus benefits. Please contact: Ismael Hernandez 461-0233.

**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. **Sept. 13** – Thursday, 6p.m – 8p.m @ St. Columbkille Parish; **Sept. 15** – Saturday, 9:30a.m. – 11:30a.m., St. Columbkille Parish

**POPE BENEDICT XVI
SPEAKS:**

1. A New Generations of Apostles

There is an urgent need for the emergence of a new generation of apostles anchored firmly in the word of Christ, capable of responding to the challenges of our times and prepared to spread the gospel far and wide.

2. Read the Bible, Know Christ

I urge you to become familiar with the Bible, and to have it at hand so that it can be your compass pointing out the road to follow. By reading it, you will learn about Christ.



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 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 Education Office at 482-6883. As a graduate of the Rice School for Pastoral Ministry, she would be happy to share her growth experience.



THANK YOU to those of you who Sunday after Sunday place a contribution in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Boxes, or drop in the collection the blue envelopes. We appreciate your allowing us to be a channel of your kindness in providing help for the needy. **On behalf of those who come to our doors seeking assistance, we thank you.**

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 Donna, 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., 1:30p.m.

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

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

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.

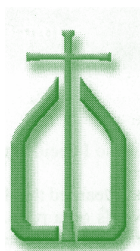
The following hospitals are the responsibility of the parish in which they are located.

- 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

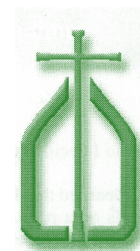
A priest is on call 7 days a week, 24 hours a day for the above hospitals at the above telephone numbers.

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.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES



Diocese of Venice, Inc., District II - Serving Lee County
Providing Help. Creating Hope.

Mission: To provide direct services for, advocate on behalf of and to convene the people of Southwest Florida. These activities shall ensure human dignity, enhance the quality of life for all persons; regardless of race, creed or color and emulate the teachings of Jesus, who came to serve rather than be served.

SERVICES & PROGRAMS

- Direct Assistance; Food Pantry, Clothing, Oral/Written Translations, Job Development/Employment Assistance, Neighbors To The Rescue
- Immigration Services- Family Based; Adjustment of Statue, Employment Authorization, renewal of Alien Registration Card; Naturalization, Document Translations
- Prevention & Support Programs; Individual/Family, Substance Abuse Education, Pre-natal Education
- Education; English as a Second Language, Citizenship Classes, After-School Tutoring, Summer Youth Program, Computer Classes
- Special Events: Income Tax Preparation Program, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Back-to-School

VOLUNTEER TODAY

Whatever your talents, interest or skills Catholic Charities needs you.

- After School Tutoring Program
- Food Drives
- Adult Education Classes/ English as a second language.
- Special Projects (Back-to-school, Thanksgiving, Christmas).
- Tax Consultant
- Computer Consultant



FOOD BANK



DONATE FOOD TODAY!

Please help us to day to eradicate hunger from Fort Myers, Cape Coral and Lehigh Acres. Many of our families do not have food on their tables today.

Food & Items Needed:

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| • Canned vegetables | • Baby Formula |
| • Beans | • Rice |
| • Pasta | • Canned Meat |
| • Soups | • Canned Tuna |
| • Macaroni & Cheese | • Infant Diapers |
| • Cereal | • Wipes |
| | • Adult Diapers |

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Hispanic Services of Catholic Charities in Ft. Myers is looking for an **Administrative Assistant**.

Job requirements are: High School Diploma, two years of office administration experience, working knowledge of community resources, and bilingual in English & Spanish.

Job responsibilities are: greeting clients, facilitating initiation of services, assisting personnel with outgoing correspondence, maintaining client database, completing weekly check requests and deposits, performing needed errands, maintaining office supplies. Interested candidates please mail resume to: Catholic Charities, 4235 Michigan Ave. Link, Ft. Myers, FL. 33916 or fax to (239)332-3799

CALL TODAY or stop by one of the agencies to learn more about volunteer opportunities and how you can help make a difference in our community.

District II Administration Office
 2133 Winkler Ave, Ste. 310
 (239) 334-4007

Hispanic Social Services
 4235 Michigan Ave Link
 (239) 334-2234



"This service you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but it is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God." - 2

Corinthians 9:12(NIV)