

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.

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

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FEBRUARY 3, 2008

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE CHOSEN REMNANT

Zephaniah is one of the least-known of the Old Testament prophets. He speaks in today's first reading of impending judgment. But the Lord will leave a "remnant" in Israel. This image of a remnant, or remainder, was to become vital to both Judaism and Christianity.

Paul's letter to Corinth makes obvious his deep concern for the Christians there. They are too self-confident, he says, too sure of themselves. He admonishes them to remember that Christ has given them all they have.

Today's Gospel comprises the opening of Jesus' "Great Sermon." As God gave Moses the law on Sinai, so now Jesus gathers his disciples on a hillside to teach them the new law. Each of these Beatitudes contrasts the humiliation of the present with the glory of the future: poverty vs. the riches of God's kingdom, hunger for holiness vs. fulfillment in the Spirit, persecution vs. the reign of God. Jesus is here speaking to God's chosen "remnant."

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**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 3, 2008**

“Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

- Matthew 5:3

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SAT. FEBRUARY 02 - SUNDAY VIGIL MASSES

3:00 ♥In Honor of Sister Kenan Dulzer by Roni Freer

4:30 †Tony Quinn by Jean & Fred Quinn

6:00 †Marilyn Shea by Kelly Hargaden

SUN. FEBRUARY 03

6:30 ♥People of the Parish

8:00 †Marcella VanDermeer by Carmella & Thomas DeQuinzio

9:30 †Connie Pugliese by Husband

11:00 †William Donnelly by Jodie Mazeika

12:30 †Laura Goudreau by Pauline Palkey

MON. FEBRUARY 04

8:00 ♥Special Intentions of Margaret & James Reeves by Jane & Carl Andrae

9:30 †Rita L'Heureux by Jennette Blais

TUE. FEBRUARY 05

8:00 †Margaret Aritz by Joanna Plutino

9:30 †Benoit Letendre by Leonel & Helene L'Heureux

WED. FEBRUARY 06 - ASH WEDNESDAY

6:30 †Sally Nowak by Walter & Betty Nowak

8:00 †Robert Carson by Family

9:30 †Joseph Giangreco by Wife

11:00 †Anna B. Stephens by Henry Richardson

12:30 †Parker Ochs by Robert & Barbara

5:30 ♥Special Intentions

THU. FEBRUARY 07

8:00 †Mark Buehler by Family

9:30 ♥Special Intentions of Laura Leishman by Leo & Evelyn Lemieux

FRI. FEBRUARY 08

8:00 †Beverly Musial by Family

9:30 †Mrs. Doris Dault by Geri Eagles

SAT. FEBRUARY 09

8:00 †Walter & David Bjorseth by Wife

SAT. FEBRUARY 09 - SUNDAY VIGIL MASSES

3:00 †Paul Forst by Friends & Family

4:30 †Margaret Cahill by M/M Robert Cahill

6:00 ♥People of the Parish

SUN. FEBRUARY 10

6:30 †Frances Mirtich by Bob Gens Sr.

8:00 †Mary Healey by Kathy & Frank Leslie

9:30 †Rene Bennett by Karen French-Watson & Bennett Families

11:00 †Mary Christine Coffey-Scheid-Smith by Shirley & Dave McMahon

12:30 †Lawrence MacDonald by Paul & Amy McDonald

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

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — You humble of the land, seek justice and humility, and the LORD will be your protection (Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13).

Psalm — Blessed the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! (Psalm 146).

Second Reading — God chose the weak of the world, those who count for nothing, so that whoever boasts, should boast in the Lord (1 Corinthians 1:26-31).

Gospel — Jesus taught the crowds from the mountain: Blessed are the poor in spirit (Matthew 5:1-12a).



**2008 COLLECTION TO AID THE CHURCH
IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE**

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Pope Benedict XVI writes in his first encyclical, *God Is Love (Deus Caritas Est)*, “Love is the light—and in the end, the only light—that can always illuminate a world grown dim and give us the courage needed to keep living and working” (no. 39).

With a love that brings radiant light, Catholics in the United States help to build and support parishes in many distant places through the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your generous donations support seminaries, social service programs, youth ministry, pastoral centers, schools, church construction and renovation, and the spreading of the Gospel message through the mass media.

Your compassionate concern for the Universal Church brings Christ's light to people and places once covered by a pall of darkness.

Spread the radiant light of love by generously supporting this collection.

Sincerely in Christ,

†Frank J. Dewane
Bishop of Venice in Florida

WEEKLY SUNDAY OFFERING**January 27, 2008**

Registered families with envelopes: 2450

Envelopes received: 886 (36%) **\$19,612.50**Remaining fam. & visitors: 1564 (64%) **\$ 8,899.56****Total offering:** **\$28,512.06****Thank You****ST. VINCENT DePAUL OFFERING****January 27, 2008****\$1,188.00****Thank You!**

BISHOP DEWANE WILL BE LEADING A PRAYER VIGIL FOR LIFE commemorating the 35th anniversary of the Supreme Court abortion decisions that legalized abortion at every stage of pregnancy. Priests, deacons, religious and lay people are all invited to participate. On **Thurs. Feb. 21**, he will concelebrate **8:30a.m.**

Mass at St. Cecilia, Ft. Myers, followed by the rosary at the abortion center at 3900 Broadway Ave., Ft. Myers. Those who choose may remain in church for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during the vigil. **Closing Benediction** for all is **at approximately 11:30a.m.** Mark your calendar and tell your friends! More details to come.

2008 ANNUAL CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL:

TOGETHER IN CHRIST - During February we conduct the Annual Bishop's Appeal. The annual operating support helps fund our diocesan high schools and the many diocesan educational programs in which our parish family benefits. **Our parish assessment for this year is \$379,000.00.** We must always remember "Give of yourself because all that you have and all that you are comes from the Lord." **(By giving to the Annual Catholic Appeal appreciated stock instead of cash, you can deduct the gift to avoid paying taxes on the gain.)**

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.

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

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS All those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith especially **Joseph Fiorillo, Louis Bifulco, Kevin Tyska, Barbara Badway, Sonia Halizak, Frank Conley, James McFadyen, Stephen Luther, Angele Habel.**

**FEB. 6, ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES:****6:30 AM, 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM, 12:30 & 5:30PM****STATIONS OF THE CROSS****10:00AM - Wednesdays of Lent (Feb. 13 - Mar. 19)****BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT****Each Friday of Lent - (Except Good Friday)*****Benediction will be between the 8:00 and 9:30a.m. Masses*****DIOCESE OF VENICE LENTEN REGULATIONS**

All Christ's faithful are obliged by divine law, each in his or her own way, to do penance.

However, so that all may be joined together in a certain common practice of penance, days of penance are prescribed. On these days, the faithful are in a special manner to devote themselves to prayer, to engage in works of piety and charity, to fulfill their obligations more faithfully, and to deny themselves especially by observing the fast and abstinence according to the laws of the Church.

The following are the Lenten penitential regulations issued for the Diocese of Venice in Florida.

- 1. ASH WEDNESDAY and GOOD FRIDAY are days of FAST.** On days of fast, one full meal and two lesser meals are allowed. Eating in between meals is not permitted. Catholics who have completed their 18th year are bound by this law until the beginning of their 60th year.
- 2. ASH WEDNESDAY and ALL OF THE FRIDAYS OF LENT are also days of ABSTINENCE.** On days of abstinence, meat may not be taken. The law of abstinence binds all Catholics who have completed their 14th year.

All of the faithful are obliged to do penance, but not all may be able to observe the above regulations because of ill health. **Persons legitimately excused** from the laws of fast and abstinence are urged to practice other forms of penance and self denial suitable for their condition.

IN ADDITION, all the faithful are urged to participate in Holy Mass daily, in the Sacrament of Penance, Lenten devotions, family prayer, Scripture reading, sharing of their time and resources with the less fortunate.

**Office of the Bishop
January 15, 2008**

ANNIVERSARY MASS - Feb. 9, 2008 Bishop Frank J.

Dewane will celebrate the *Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass* at Epiphany Cathedral in Venice at **1:00p.m. for couples celebrating 25, 50, and 50 plus years of marriage.** Please call the Parish Office, 481-7172 no later than Feb. 5 for reservations.



IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE ALTAR FLOWERS

in celebration of someone's anniversary/birthday as a memorial or in thanksgiving please call Barbara, at the Parish Office, 481-7172. 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 Memory of:

Henry Van Slembrouck by Ron & Joyce Franey

Tabernacle flower donations are depleted. Donations of any amount are accepted separately from the sanctuary flowers.

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GIFT SHOP NEWS -

The Gift Shop has a supply of 1st Communion prayer books, rosaries, sets, gifts and cards. Confirmation gifts, St. Patrick cards, St. Joseph cards and Easter cards are also available, along with many other treasures. Please come visit our lovely shop. You will be glad you did!

PRESENTATION:

VENERABLE FR. SOLANUS CASEY
FEB. 12, AFTER THE 8:00 A.M MASS

You are invited to hear a presentation on the life of Venerable Fr. Solanus Casey and a report on the status of his *Cause for Canonization* on **Wednesday, Feb. 12 after the 8:00a.m. Mass in the Resurrection Parish Center** and Feb. 11 at St. Raphael Church after the 8:00a.m. Mass. **Father Solanus Casey could very well be the first American born male canonized a saint.** The presentation will be given by two Capuchin Brothers, Leo Wollenweber, Vice Postulator of the Cause and Richard Merling, Dir. of the Fr. Solanus Guild. Both have personal stories in knowing and living with Fr. Solanus. The presentation consists of a short talk, a 17 minute video on his life together with some slides taken at the New Solanus Casey Center in Detroit.



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.

RECORDING CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2007:

We are planning to mail our registered parishioners an individual listing of charitable contributions to the Church of the Resurrection for the year ending 2007 **between February 6 and 12, 2008**. Please note that our listing will *not* include donations to the Bishop's Catholic Faith Appeal (CFA). Such records are maintained by the Diocese of Venice. Call the Development Office at **941-484-9543** for CFA records. Donations to the Church of the Resurrection for altar flowers, Easter flowers, Christmas flowers, Mother's Day, Father's Day and All Souls Spiritual Remembrances are *not* recorded in our parishioner giving records, as they are not considered tax deductible. **It is not necessary to contact the parish office for your parishioner record, unless you do not receive one by February 20.**

BAKE & CRAFT SALE -

The Women's Guild will be having a "**Bake & Craft Sale**" on **Feb. 10 following the 8:00a.m. Mass, and continuing until noon**. Valentine items and treats will be featured. Please show your support by stopping in to see their goodies!



HEADING BACK NORTH?

If you will be returning North for the summer, please advise us of your departure date by February 12 if you are leaving in April or May. That is the envelope company's deadline for submitting our order. *Please note that we must give the company a two month notice in advance for stopping and resuming envelopes.*

Please use this form and return it to us by mail, in the collection basket, or, leave it at the parish office. Thank you !

Your Name (PRINTED) _____

Address _____

Envelope Number _____

Departure Date _____ Return Date _____

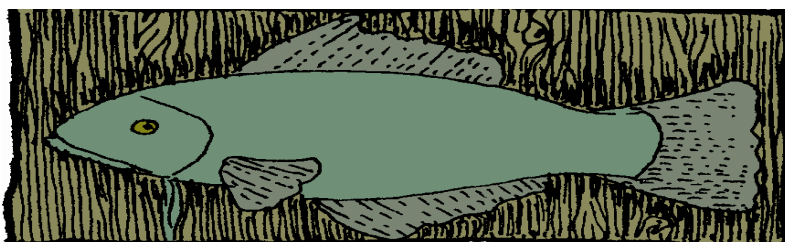
Keeping in mind that the envelopes are mailed to your FL address about two weeks prior to the month for which they are dated, shall we resume envelopes for you (Yes/No) or will you call us (Yes/No) ?



ASH WEDNESDAY SOUP NIGHT

***FEBRUARY 6, 5:30P.M.
AT THE PARISH HALL***

**ALL DONATIONS GO TO THE LOCAL SOUP
KITCHEN**



**LENTEN FISH FRY DINNERS
EVERY FRIDAY, 4:30 TO 7:00 PM
FEBRUARY 8 - MARCH 7**

ADULTS \$6.00, CHILDREN \$4.00

BREADED FISH FILLETS

FRENCH FRIES AND COLESLAW

BREAD & BUTTER

MAC & CHEESE FOR CHILDREN

COFFEE, ICED TEA, LEMONADE

BEER & WINE AVAILABLE

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!

Which Beatitude helps you make good moral choices in your life right now?

Do you find comfort in what Jesus is saying?

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS FOR SALE - Buy one now and save \$\$\$ on Dry Cleaning, Car Washes, Food, Restaurants and more!! On-line coupons too! Help the Senior Youth today.....**\$30.00 in Gift Shop or Parish Office.**

ADULT BIBLE STUDY WITH LORETTA DUQUETTE -

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

BEATITUDE LIVING - JUSTICE PLANNING MEETING

is scheduled for **Mon. Feb. 11, 7:00p.m.** in the Parish Center. Consider what we can do to repair our world and spread the light of Christ and experience the blessing of the beatitudes. Call **482-6883** for details.

TOUR THE SALVATION ARMY SOCIAL SERVICE

CENTER and learn how the community works together to serve the poor, **March 7, 10:00a.m.** Call **482-6883** for more details.

USED INK CARTRIDGE FUNDRAISER - Resurrection

Youth Ministry is collecting used ink cartridges. Parishioners can drop off used cartridges in the collection box outside the Religious Education Office. **Only cartridges that are OEM (Original Equipment Manufactured) will be accepted. Damaged cartridges cannot be accepted.** Resurrection Youth thanks you for your support!

LOOKING FOR YOUTH ACTIVITY PHOTOS -

The Youth Ministry Office is looking for photos from youth activities such as *Blessing of the Animals, Bible Camp, Palm Art, Caroling, Youth Meetings, Christmas Pageant*, etc. **If you have any photos you can share, please contact Leslie at 481-5144.**

RCIA SESSION (Right of Christian Initiation for Adults)

Focus Session: *Foundations of Christian Morality, with Father Oliver Toner*

Dismissal of Candidates preparing for Baptism will be at the **9:30a.m. Mass.**



NOTRE DAME COMMUNION BREAKFAST -The Notre Dame Club of Lee County is holding its annual Universal Notre Dame Celebration on **Sunday, March 2** with a courtyard Mass at **9:00a.m. at Bishop Verot High School** followed by a breakfast buffet. The featured speaker will be Dr. Carolyn Woo, Dean of Notre Dame's Mendoza College of Business. All Alumni and friends of Notre Dame are welcome to attend and should purchase tickets in advance. For more info call: Andy Wyrick at **561-5460** or e-mail: agwyrick@alumni.nd.edu.

RESURRECTION CALENDAR

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, after 8:00a.m Mass and continuing until noon every 1st Friday, in the chapel.

Bridge Club, Thurs., 1:00p.m.

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.