

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
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**FEBRUARY 10, 2008
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

TEMPTATION'S FACES

In the movie *Oh God, You Devil* the roles of both God and Satan were played by George Burns. This completely baffled the humans. But as "God" pointed out, the face of evil has long tried to look like God, act like God, sound like God—or at least fulfill all our expectations of what God is like and desires. This is the aspect of Jesus' human nature that Satan attempts to prey upon in today's Gospel. It is in our human nature to seek the easy or surface answers; it was this part of Jesus' true human nature that was tested in the desert dryness that immediately followed his plunge into the Jordan's baptismal waters. Our surface expectations of God are in miracle-working, power and glory, the intervention of supernatural beings on our behalf. But all of these things can be accomplished by the might of evil as well. Jesus takes us deeper and shows us that, even when we're at our weakest (as he would have been in the desert after his forty-day ordeal), we need to be relentless in seeking the true presence of God's word, giving our worship to God alone, testing ourselves and not God.

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First Sunday of Lent February 10, 2008

"The Lord, your God, shall you
worship and him alone shall you serve."

- Matthew 4:10

MASSSES FOR THE WEEK

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

MON. FEBRUARY 11

8:00 †Carl Conti by George Barth

9:30 †Harry Fox by Evalyn Hilinski

TUE. FEBRUARY 12

8:00 †Gloria Carreon by Grace Akol

9:30 †Fran Isaacson by Geri Eagles

WED. FEBRUARY 13

8:00 †Patty Berg by Fr. McNamara

9:30 †Anthony Ardolino by Fiona MacDonald

THU. FEBRUARY 14

8:00 †Josephine & Timothy Dooley by Marie Costello

9:30 †Marie & Wallace Iglewski by Geri Eagles

FRI. FEBRUARY 15

8:00 †Angela Montenegro by Hidden Gardens Women's Club

9:30 †Richard Mycoskie by Emelene Boyle

SAT. FEBRUARY 16

8:00 †Jule Wagner by Lynn Shunk

SAT. FEBRUARY 16 - SUNDAY VIGIL MASSES

3:00 †Charles Puzzo by Family

4:30 †Harry Hurilla by Kathleen McLaughlin

6:00 †Patricia Andrus by Mike & Ann Croft

SUN. FEBRUARY 17

6:30 †Albert Resignolo by M/M Schreiber & Family

8:00 †Rose Badali by Sal Badali

9:30 †James Gregor

11:00 †Adolphe & Marie Dentzer by Astrid & Bill Soll

12:30 †Julia Lizak by Helen Keller

CONFESSIONS - Saturdays 1:45 -2:45p.m., or 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 Joseph Fiorillo.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The man and the woman ate the fruit of the one tree that God had told them to avoid, and their shame overtook them (Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7).

Psalm — Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned (Psalm 51).

Second Reading — Death reigned from Adam to Moses, but now grace and life abound in Christ Jesus (Romans 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]).

Gospel — Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and there he fasted for forty days and forty nights (Matthew 4:1-11).

What temptations lure us from the path of discipleship? Possessions? Pride? Power? Oh Lord, create for us a clean heart and renew a steadfast spirit within us!



Parishioners are invited to participate in **Catholic Relief Services' OPERATION RICE BOWL**. This Lenten program of prayer, fasting, education and almsgiving began on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 6. It is an effort to raise awareness of the problems of global poverty and to provide a means to address them. One of the ways families participate is by keeping a cardboard "rice bowl" on the dining table as a symbol of the hungry of the world and a reminder of their need for prayers and donations. People are encouraged to have one sacrificial meal weekly and to put in the "rice bowl". The donations should be returned by **Holy Thursday, March 20th**.

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 2008 -

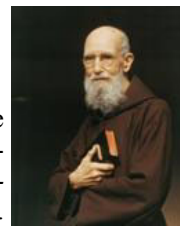
General: That the mentally handicapped may not be marginalized but respected and lovingly helped.

Mission: That Institutes of Consecrated Life, so flourishing in mission countries, may rediscover the missionary dimension and, faithful to the radical choice of Gospel counsels, be generous in bearing witness to Christ and proclaiming Him to the ends of the earth.

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 Parish Center. **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.



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

WEEKLY SUNDAY OFFERING**February 3, 2008**

Registered families with envelopes: 2450

Envelopes received: 902 (37%) **\$22,714.50**Remaining fam. & visitors: 1548 (63%) **\$8,610.00****Total offering:** **\$31,324.50****Thank You!****RESURRECTION EDUCATION FUND****February 3, 2008** **\$6,035.00****Thank you!****ST. VINCENT DePAUL OFFERING****February 3, 2008** **\$1,946.00****Thank you!****WOMEN'S GUILD NEWS**© J.S. Pabich Co., Inc.**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.

LENTEN DAY OF RECOLLECTION -

The Women's Guild will sponsor a Lenten Day of Recollection on **Tues. Feb. 19 at 10:30a.m.** in the Chapel. All men and women of the parish are invited to attend. There will be a priest moderator. **Mass will be at 2:00p.m. with Confessions to follow.** Please bring a brown bag lunch. The Women's Guild will provide beverages.

**ANTIQUE ROAD SHOW!!**

The Women's Guild meeting will be held on **Wed. Feb 20 following the 8:00a.m. Mass**. Refreshments will be served at 8:30a.m. in the Parish Center with the **meeting starting promptly at 9:00a.m.** The program will be presented by Richard Gannon of *Gannon's Antiques & Fine Art*. Bring your favorite heirlooms and antiques for this "Road Show". Mr. Gannon has been appraising antiques in Ft. Myers for over 25 years.

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**.

Coffee & Donuts

COFFEE & DOUGHNUTS are available **after the 8:00 and 9:30a.m. Masses on Sunday** in the Parish Center.

**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*

LEAVEN XIV CONFERENCE - The **March 15, 2008** conference, "Let Me Be The Face Of Christ," will feature keynote speaker Sr. Helen Prejean, CSJ, and include numerous workshops based on Catholic Social Teaching themes, related exhibits, continental breakfast and lunch. The event will be held at San Antonio Parish in Port Charlotte. Registration form is available at the Diocese of Venice website, **www.dioceseofvenice.org**. Go to the 'Calendar' and click on the month 'March' and again on 'Leaven Conference'.

ACTION ALERT FROM THE DIOCESE OF VENICE! -

Let your voice be heard. Join the *Florida Catholic Conference (FCC) Advocacy Network*. Collaborate with Catholics throughout Florida to help encourage lawmakers to defend all human life and promote the dignity of the most vulnerable in our society. Speak out on behalf of the poor, the disabled, the sick or dying, the unborn, the elderly, families and children, farm workers, immigrants, the imprisoned, and others in need. By raising our voices together, we strengthen the presence of the Catholic faithful in the political arena. *The FCC Advocacy Network* informs you of current legislative issues that relate to areas of Church teaching and provides an easily accessible channel of communication to assist you in sharing your concerns with your elected officials. Sign up now by visiting **www.flacathconf.org** and clicking on 'Join FCC Advocacy'. There is no cost to participate. For additional information contact the Florida Catholic Conference Associate for Communications at **(850) 205-6817**.



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

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION NEEDED -

Call the Parish Office for more information, 481-7172.

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.

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) ?

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.**

ST. COLUMBKILLE HOSTS PIANO CONCERT,
Sunday, Feb. 17 at 2:00p.m. Cahal Dunne, one of Ireland's best, will be performing in Iona Hall with his beautiful white grand piano. He has appeared with Bob Hope, Wayne Newton and performed for several Presidents. This is sure to be a special event. **Tickets are \$20.00** and are available in the St. Columbkille Parish Office and at the door. **For more info phone 489-3973.**

PART - TIME BOOKKEEPER NEEDED:

AFCAAM Catholic Center has an opening for a part-time bookkeeper. Knowledge of payroll processing, QuickBooks, database, excel and reconciliation required. Volunteer or salaried opportunity to help our ministry. **Please contact Ismael Hernandez at 461-0234 or email i.hernandez@afcaam.com.**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LADIES LUNCHEON -

The K of C Auxiliary of Council 2596 will have a Ladies Luncheon **Wed. Feb. 20** at 4040 Princeton St., Ft. Myers from **11:00a.m. - 3:00p.m.** Tickets are \$12.00 and include Lunch-eon, Door Prizes and Bingo. **Call 936-7874 for more info.**

NEW PRACTICE FOR LISTING FLOWER MEMORIALS OR HONORARIA

We are very grateful to so many parishioners and visitors who respond to the opportunity to contribute to the beautiful floral arrangements we have in the church for Christmas and Easter. Since we had been receiving such a tremendous response to our need for contributions, we had been listing the names of donors and names of those designated as "In memory/In Honor of...". We are adopting a **new** practice, effective immediately, ***to more closely unite the idea of memorializing and honoring our loved ones with the sacred liturgies that occur during Christmas and Easter.*** We will now place all the envelopes for flowers for Christmas and Easter on a pedestal near the sacred altar for the octaves of Christmas and Easter as a spiritual offering to our God. This new procedure will **replace** the listing of names in the parish bulletin. Please note that this procedure does not affect the listing of altar floral arrangements that we have on a weekly basis for much of the liturgical year.

CATHOLIC COFFEE CONVERSATIONS -

For young adults (from 20s through 40s) in the Ft. Myers, Cape Coral area, interested in learning more about Catholicism. Meet **every Thursday night in February from 7:00 - 8:00p.m.** at **TNT Espresso & Coffee** (6810 Shoppes at Plantation Drive - Daniels and Plantation, next to SweetBay). For more info email **catholic.coffee@gmail.com.**

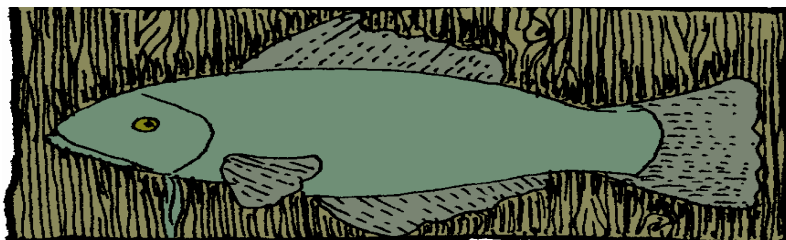
ANNUAL ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SPAGHETTI DINNER;

is Sat. **Feb. 16, 3:00p.m. - 6:30p.m.** Menu: spaghetti, salad, bread, dessert and drink. **Tickets are \$8.00** and includes Parade Parking. Enjoy your dinner and then watch the Edison Festival of Lights Parade! Tickets are available at St. Francis Parish Office and St. Francis Xavier School. **All proceeds go to the 2008 Catholic Faith Appeal.**

One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

- Matthew 4:4





**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**

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY

THURSDAY MARCH 13TH

Music by Celtic Stew



**DOORS OPEN AT 4:30P.M. SERVING AT 5:30P.M.
TICKETS ON SALE AT CHURCH OFFICE OR GIFT SHOP
\$15.00 EACH \$17.00 AT DOOR
BEER AND WINE AVAILABLE**

MENU:

**CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE by MARIO'S
PARSLEY RED POTATOES/CARROTS
BREAD/ROLLS
COFFEE
DESSERT**



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 does God's love in your life call you to respond as a sign of love in a sinful world?



THE RITE OF SENDING is at today's 11:00a.m. Mass for the catechumens and candidates who will be sent to the bishop for Election and Recognition of on-going conversion. We pray that during Lent our parish community may grow in charity and be constant in prayer as living examples of the Gospel as we journey with the catechumens: **Travis Campbell, David Ryan Edmonds, Erin Galoeti, Alec LePera, Jacquelyn St. John** to Baptism at the Easter Vigil. We also journey with the following candidates for Confirmation and Eucharist: **Lynnae Bush, Ron Cipriano, Vera LePera, Linda Melchin, Patricia Nichols, Gabrielle Oldson, Charles Pack, Susan Randa.**

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.



CONFIRMATION, SAVE THE DATE!

Tuesday, April 22 at 6:30p.m. Bishop Frank Dwane will Confirm 42 young people from our parish. Please save the date! A study guide will be sent to all the candidates to review in preparation for the sacrament.

RCIA SESSION (Right of Christian Initiation for Adults)

Focus Session: "Chosen by God" with Brian Shofran

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



VALENTINES CARD MAKING - All children are invited to join us in the Parish Center to make Valentine cards for the elderly residents of College Park Care and Rehab, on **Sun. Feb. 10 following the 9:30a.m. Mass.** We need to make about 200 cards. Materials will be supplied.

JUNIOR YOUTH/MIDDLE SCHOOL GATHERINGS are scheduled for **Feb. 24, and Mar. 2 & 16.** Meetings are in the **Parish Center from 6:00 - 7:30p.m.** with dinner included for \$1.00. Upcoming topics include "Spoons, Crazy Eights and Fun", "From Feasting to Fasting: From Mardi Gras to Lent", "Super Bowl of Caring" and "Evan Almighty: Building You're A.R.K.". All youth in grades 6,7 and 8 are invited to attend. For more information, or to RSVP for a meeting, **call Leslie at 481-5144.**

FISH FRY SERVERS NEEDED - Youth servers are needed to bus tables and clean up at the Men's Club Fish Fry each Friday night during Lent. The dates are **February 8, 15, 22 and March 7 and 14.**

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, every 1st Friday, 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. Columbkill 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.