

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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NEW PARISHIONERS: Please fill out registration card and
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(THRIFT SHOP)**

July 1, 2007

FOCUS ON THE MISSION

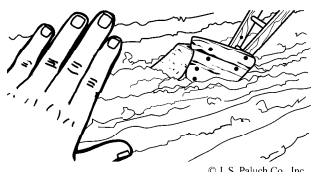
"There are so many things to do." "We have so little time."
How many variations of these statements have you heard or even
said yourself?

Actually neither statement is completely true. There are many
things to do in this life, but really few things that are vitally
important. Working, searching, conniving, and worrying our way to
"gratify[ing] the desires of the flesh," as Paul relates in today's
second reading, are really non-productive. So little time? When we
take on the freedom that Christ offers us, we have all the time we
need in this world, and even more in the next.

Elisha, the prophet Elijah's chosen servant, was slightly
befuddled about what he should do. When Elijah called, he returned
to bid farewell to his parents and provide food for his people. Only
then did he follow.

Jesus demands something different, something more of His
disciples. He calls us to a single-minded determination to drop
everything and follow Him. Now, not later.

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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 1, 2007

"No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God."— *Luke 9:62*

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SAT. JUNE 30 - SUNDAY VIGIL MASSES
3:30 †Marian Twitchen by Ann Cabral
5:00 †Rosaria Cesario by Sorbello Family
SUN. JULY 1
8:00 ♥People of the Parish
9:30 †Lil & Hughie Rae by Rae Family
11:00 †Anthony Romanus by Bill & Renie Frawk
MON. JULY 2
8:00 †Mr. Guglielmi by Nichole Hamilton
TUE. JULY 3
8:00 †Robert Miller by Catherine & Francis Pirog
WED. JULY 4
8:00 †Ralph & ♥Virginia Buonocore by Family
THU. JULY 5
8:00 †Lucille Mirabella by Charles & Josita Perone
FRI. JULY 6
8:00 †Melvin Dorak by Jan Dorak
SAT. JULY 7
8:00 †Gerald & Bertha Colella by Children
SAT. JULY 7- SUNDAY VIGIL MASSES
3:30 ♥People of the Parish
5:00 †Bernadette Browne by Dan & Jan Browne
SUN. JULY 8
8:00 †Maureen Burke by Thomas Burke
9:30 †Joanne Neutts by Scott Zehner
11:00 †Dr. Jeff & Joel Ivanof by M/M Resignolo

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 2:15-3:15PM, 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 **all those who gave their lives for our country and for Charles Cereceda, Carl Hessler.**

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

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Elisha left and followed Elijah as his attendant (1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21).

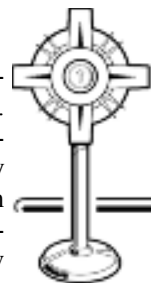
Psalm — You are my inheritance, O Lord (Psalm 16).

Second Reading — If you go on biting and devouring one another, beware that you are not consumed by one another (Galatians 5:1, 13-18).

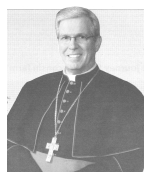
Gospel — Go and proclaim the kingdom of God (Luke 9:51-62).

BENEDICTION & ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

On the **First Friday** of every month, Benediction will immediately follow the 8:00a.m. Mass with Adoration until 9:30a.m. By remaining in prayer before the Lord Jesus, truly in the Blessed Sacrament, not only is our union with Him matured, it also prolongs those existential and reverential attitudes. **First Friday in July is the 6th.**



BISHOP FRANK J. DEWANE IS CALLING FOR APPLICANTS TO THE DIACONATE



to serve the continuing ministerial needs of our Diocese, such as prison ministry, port chaplaincies, nursing home and hospital ministry, police and fire departments, and Newman Centers in diocesan colleges. Those ordained to the Diaconate must be between the ages of 35 and 60 years by 2013. Two Saturday informational meetings will be offered for inquirers and their wives: St. Martha's Parish, **Sarasota, on Sept. 8**, and Ascension Parish, 6025 Estero Blvd., **Ft. Myers Beach, Sept. 22**. Both meetings will be held at 10:00a.m. - noon. For those who have already decided to become a permanent deacon, applications are now being accepted for the class of 2013. You must complete twelve courses at the Rice School of Pastoral Theology and twelve courses with the Diaconate Program. For info call Bill Ledroga, 941-378-7070.

SUMMER TIME EVENINGS WITH ST. LUKE'S GOSPEL

Church of the Resurrection will be having a four-week Bible Study on St. Luke's Gospel on Mondays 7:00p.m. - 9:00p.m., **July 30, Aug 6, Aug 20 and Aug 27**. This study will appeal to you spiritually and intellectually. Luke's Gospel comes alive in its historical settings and contemporary applications. The wisdom of the Fathers and the teachings of the Church is illuminated through the help of the Bible Study Guide. This course will be taught by Loretta Duquette, who has a MA in Catholic Studies from Notre Dame Pontifical Institute. **Please call Joanne at 482-6883 or Jennifer 481-7171 to reserve your study guide.** Cost of the study guide is \$8.50.

PLEASE NOTE: COFFEE & DOUGHNUTS on Sunday mornings will resume Sunday, August 5.

ALSO NOTE: PARISH OFFICE HOURS until August will be 8:00a.m. - 3:30p.m., closed 12:30p.m. - 1:00p.m.

WEEKLY SUNDAY OFFERING**June 24, 2007**

Registered families with envelopes: 2450

Envelopes received: 642 (26%) **\$ 12,824.50**Remaining fam. & visitors: 1808 (74%) **\$ 2,579.00****Total offering:** **\$ 15,403.50****Thank You****PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION****June 24, 2007****Envelopes received:** 283 (12%) **\$ 3,555.00**Remaining fam. & visitors: 2167(88%) **\$ 647.00****Total offering:** **\$ 4,202.00****Thank You****ST. VINCENT DePAUL OFFERING****June 24 - July 1** **\$ 1,610.00****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: \$346,592.78, - 96.54% of Assessment****Actual Payment: \$290,689.12****Thank you!****SUMMER RETREATS:**

1. **Priests, seminarians and pro-life leaders** are invited to a Retreat in Amarillo, TX, **Aug. 15-21**. You are welcome to attend all or part of it, as your schedule allows. For more details, please visit www.priestsforlife.org/retreats or email Ray at retreats@priestsforlife.org.
2. **Mother of God House of Prayer** - Day of Recollection, **July 21**, 9:30a.m. - 2:30p.m. Topic: *Coming Home to Inner Freedom*. Donation: \$25. Bring a brown-bag lunch. To register please call 728-3614.

**RESURRECTION CATHOLIC
EDUCATION FUND***Instruct us in
your ways*

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Classes will resume September 4 & 5. Confirmation Class will be Wednesdays 6:15p.m.- 7:30p.m. beginning October 3.

CATECHISTS & ASSISTANTS NEEDED

God's love is poured into our hearts through the power of the Holy Spirit. We ask you to allow God to fill your heart and prayer with gratitude to God for the abundant ways that God has blessed us with people who give their time and talent to help families become followers of Christ in our Religious Education programs. **Catechists and assistants are needed for primary and middle school children on Tuesdays, 4:30p.m. and Wednesdays, 6:15p.m. Will you please consider this wonderful opportunity? You will be blessed!**

WEB-SITE HELP NEEDED!

A volunteer who is great with computer is needed. Can you help us? Please call Joanne 482-6883 for details.

**CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CAMP
ARE YOU INTERESTED?**

Set goals, look at heroes, consider leadership as commitment to non-violence, discover possibilities, discuss gifts and qualities of leaders. Engage in skills and activities that teach leadership. If you are interested in attending or can help with the leadership team, please call Joanne at 482-6883.

**FLORIDA CATHOLIC
TEEN AND YOUNG ADULT SURVEY**

After a year of conducting focus groups with teens and young adults and people who minister to them, we are in the final stages of gathering information through a Teen Survey and Young-Adult Survey. The surveys are designed to give *The Florida Catholic* critical information for the development of Web site areas designed specifically for Catholic teens and another for Catholic young adults ages 20-35. **We are asking teen and young adults to please take 10 minutes of their time to fill out the appropriate survey that may be accessed at www.thefloridacatholic.org. Thank you.**

WHEELCHAIR IS NEEDED for a Poor Clare Nun of San Damiano, Ft. Myers Beach. If you have a chair that you no longer need, please consider donating it. Call John at 489-0900.



RESURRECTION BLOOD DRIVE THIS SUNDAY, JULY 1

The Lee Memorial Blood Mobile will be in the Resurrection Parking Lot on July 1, 8:30a.m. - 12:30p.m. One blood donation has the capability to help three different people in need. Your donation can be separated into different components: the platelets may go to a child with leukemia, the plasma to a patient with a clotting problem and the red blood cells to an accident victim. Due to the increased motor vehicle accidents and other accidents and traumas, their blood supply is usually at a critical level during the Fourth of July Holidays.

To donate blood you must: Weigh at least 110lbs., be at least 17 years old, be in general good health - no colds, flu, sore throat, etc., photo ID, with DOB, if new donor.

Every time you donate blood, you will receive vital health checks at no cost. You will be checked for the following:

Pulse rate, blood pressure, body temperature, hemoglobin (iron level), blood type, cholesterol level.

Please take time to “give the gift of life”

The Walking Blood Bank

Started in 1963, the then-named Lee Memorial Blood Bank began as a volunteer organization designed to create a local source for blood used in the only local hospital at the time - Lee Memorial Hospital.

In the early days, volunteers would hold “typing sessions” by going out into the community to test potential blood donors and gather blood type information. Whenever the need arose for a certain blood type, donors were called into the hospital. This was nicknamed the “Walking Blood Bank” because the blood supply was stored in the donors, to be used only when needed. It wasn’t uncommon to see lights on in the donor room at odd hours, as dedicated donors were called out of bed to avert a potential crisis.

Times have changed. Now, Lee Memorial Health System uses rigorous testing requirements to ensure the blood supply is safe. Instead of immediate use, today it can take up to three days before a unit of donated blood is ready to be given to a patient in need.

So, while we no longer use the “Walking Blood Bank” concept in practice, we still follow its spirit in theory. We continue to call donors when their particular blood type is in short supply.

Every unit of blood collected is used right here - helping local patients. And every patient who uses blood is encouraged to replace those units of blood with donations from friends, family, co-workers or other associates.

The spirit of giving continues - from the early volunteers who founded the blood bank over 30 years ago to today’s volunteer blood donors.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE TEACHER NEEDED

Résumés currently being accepted for a Science teaching position for the middle school grades of St. Andrew Catholic School in Cape Coral. Applicants must be Florida certified or certifiable in this area for this age group, be skilled in relating to and challenging students, able to integrate Catholic values with science. A commitment to Catholic education is essential. Competitive salary and benefits package. E-mail Mrs. Horan at phoran@standrewcs.org or fax résumé to 772-7182.

EDUCATION YOU CAN BELIEVE IN!

St. Francis Xavier School, established in 1938, offers Pre-K through Grade 8 Catholic education. **It is a 1999 Presidential Blue Ribbon School**, is accredited by the Florida Catholic Conference and is renowned for academic excellence founded on the Catholic Christian values. **We are currently accepting student applications for the 2007-2008 school year, tuition assistance is available to eligible families. Call 334-7707 to learn more about education you can believe in.**

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. 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 months of JULY and AUGUST.**

**THIS WEEK'S FLOWERS ARE:****In Memory of**

Grace Gropp by Husband, Joseph

Ralph Buonocore, Sr. by Virginia Buonocore (53rd Anniv.)

MAGNIFICAT

All women are invited to a prayer breakfast sponsored by *Magnificat* which will be held Sat., **August 4**, 9:30a.m. - 12:30p.m., Three Oaks Banquet and Conference Center, Estero. The speaker will be Tricia Wynne Lansing, founder of *One Accord Music Ministry*. In 1987, *Tricia and One Accord* began doing Gospel Concerts in Christian churches of all denominations in New York and Pennsylvania. In 1992, her ministry began an outreach to inmates at a maximum security prison in upstate N.Y. She and her husband currently continue this work in Florida prisons. Come hear this talented singer share the story of how a "stay at home mom" of seven children has been called to share God's miraculous gift of new life with churches and prisons. Advanced registration is required by mail. Please send a \$20 check payable to *Magnificat Ft. Myers* to Joanne Tarantino, 16550 Heron Coach Way #206, Ft. Myers, FL 33908 (481-6967), or Joyce Michel, 3650 Bonita Beach Rd. #26, Bonita Springs, FL 34134. Info? Call 992-4872.

Request must be postmarked by July 27th.

DIOCESAN WEEKLY MASS ON TV FOR SHUT-INS AND THE ILL is shown on Fox 4 - WFTX, **8:00a.m.** and WWSB, 10:00a.m. every Sunday. A group of women from the Women's Guild traveled to the Cathedral in Venice to participate in the taping of two Sunday televised Masses.

Our group will be seen on Sun., July 1 and Sun. July 8.

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, Cecilia, 437-2367.

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

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

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

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

Coffee & Doughnuts, resumes in August.

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

**WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY**
the following new parishioners: Ted & Nola

Schneider, Ryan & Rachel Edmonds,

Eric Marriaga, Margie Probst,

Charles & Susan Wininger, Warren & Melissa Jones,

Deacon Peter & Carole Fullen

BIBLE CAMP NEWS

There will be an Orientation Meeting for all Youth Volunteers for Bible Camp on Sunday, July 8th at 6:00 pm in the Parish Center. Pizza will be served. Contact Leslie at the Parish Center to RSVP, 481-7171.

LITURGICAL CONFERENCE 2007

The Conference will take place at the Orlando Airport Marriott Hotel in Orlando, **August 23-25**. The Easter Triduum of the passion, death, and resurrection of the Lord is the centerpiece of the Church's year of grace. We will explore its pastoral dimensions in the context of the ninety days of Lent and Easter. **This conference**, sponsored by the Office of Liturgy of the Diocese of Orlando is **for clergy, pastoral musicians, school music teachers, liturgists, pastoral ministers, as well as catechumenate, environment, and liturgy teams**. For info call the Diocese of Orlando, 407-246-4800 or www.orlandodiocese.org for the conference schedule and registration forms.

CATHOLIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETING

Meeting at St. Katherine Church, Mon., July 9, 7:30a.m. - 9:00a.m. All Catholic business and ministries are welcome, bring your business cards for networking. For more information contact Angela, 239-652-1002 or angela@matteographics.com.

YOU ARE INVITED!

EWTN'S FAMILY CELEBRATION

Birmingham, AL — July 21 & 22, 2007

Back by popular demand! EWTN's Family Celebration at the Birmingham Jefferson Convention Complex. Celebrate with all your EWTN family including the Poor Clare Nuns and Franciscan Friars. The event will feature talks by Fr. Benedict Groeschel, C.F.R., Marcus Grodi, Mother Assumpta Long, O.P., Fr. Antoine Thomas, F.J. and others. You'll have the opportunity to be a part of an EWTN Live Show audience, attend Mass and meet some of your favorite EWTN hosts. There will also be a special area just for kids where they can visit the "EWTN Faith Factory." **It's a weekend you will never forget and best of all it's FREE - no tickets required.** Make plans to attend this special event. Check EWTN's website: www.ewtn.com for details or call 1-205-795-5820, Monday thru Friday, 8:00a.m. - 5:00p.m., CST.

GIVING WITHOUT CHURCH ENVELOPES - If you are a registered parishioner who uses a personal check without church envelope to make a weekly donation, we ask you to, please, be sure to add your envelope number on the bottom left side of your check. This will assist us in recording your donation accordingly. We can not track a check that lacks an envelope number due to the volume of checks we receive each week-end. We appreciate your generosity and thank you for your assistance!



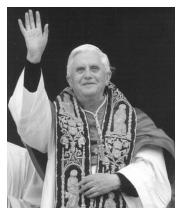
NATIONAL PATRIOTISM - A PRAYER

Father, we pray in Jesus' name that You would restore social conscience to our nation. We pray that we would again see the value of teaching our children the virtue of being good

citizens - to not only live for the good of the individual but the good of others as well.

Dear Father, we desire our nation restored to godly integrity and excellence, so that our children and our citizens can be proud of their nation and proud to be called citizens of it. In recognizing our duty to God and our country, keep us mindful to pray for our nation not only in our churches and our homes, but also in the quietness of our daily lives.

(Taken from *Pray for Our Nation* booklet - Harrison House, Inc.)



THE POPE SPEAKS

Vatican Information Service

Vatican City, June 22, 2007

PASTORAL CARE OF FAMILIES AND FORMATION

Pope Benedict speaking to the Episcopal Conference of Togo said: **"The promotion of the truth and dignity of marriage, and the defense of essential family values, must be one of your major priorities.** The pastoral care of families is an essential element of evangelization that brings young people to discover the meaning of a unique and faithful commitment." He exhorted the bishops "to pay particular attention to the formation of couples and families. ... To continue in efforts to promote Catholic schools, which are places of integral education at the service of families and of the transmission of the Faith. Despite the difficulties they may encounter, the schools' role is essential to ensure that young people receive a solid human, cultural and religious formation. **May the educators and professors themselves be models of Christian life for the young!"**

Going on to refer to the urgent need of evangelization, the Holy Father recalled the work of catechists and other pastoral care operatives. "Inculturation of the evangelical message and faithfulness to the Doctrine of the Church contribute to the effective foundation of the Faith among your people, allowing them to welcome the figure of Jesus Christ into all dimensions of their lives. ... While respecting the rich traditions that are a living expression of your people's soul, **Christians must decisively reject anything that runs counter to the liberating of Christ and entraps and alienates mankind and society.**"

Pope Benedict also stressed the importance of the formation of priests, consecrated people and the laity, so as to help them **"face the difficult situations which they are confronted and transmit the contents of the Faith through the witness of their lives, upheld by strong personal convictions.** Such formation must help the lay faithful to acquire skills that enable them to commit themselves to social life and to working towards the common good. The Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church is a valuable instrument for the formation of everyone and particularly of the laity."

LIFE IS FIRST

"Without respect for life, without respect for the family, society simply does not exist... all [other] rights presuppose the right to life. If the right to life is not defended, the defense of all these other rights is useless. It becomes a lie, because it would mean that the defense to the right to work, to society, etc. applies only to some, and not to all."

(Bishop Elio Sgreccia, Vice-President of the Vatican's Pontifical Academy for Life, May 2004 TV interview, EWTN)

THRIFT SHOP NEWS: We have many sofas, chairs, end tables, headboards, lamps, small appliances and more. Everything in the store is **20% off** until the end of June. We are located at 9250 College Pkwy., just before McGregor Blvd. Look for our white truck in the driveway. Call 489-3540 for info.