

CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

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SUNDAY MASSES & CONFESSIONS: See Inside

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JULY 13, 2008

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FRUIT OF THE WORD

The seed is the word of God. The agricultural metaphors in all of today's readings give richness to the message that the word of God, cultivated in our hearts, bears much fruit in our lives. Creation itself awaits the redemption of all, even as our bodies await the resurrection. Just as we will rejoice in the fulfillment of God's word, so will all of creation sing for joy in the Reign of God. The word of God is effective and holy; it brings about exactly what it says. It is not futile or empty, but rich in meaning for those who hear and are healed. Those who hear the word of God and keep it will, with all creation, bear much fruit and sing for joy.

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**Fifteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
July 13, 2008**

You have crowned the year with
your bounty, and your paths
overflow with a rich harvest.
- Psalm 65:12

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SAT. July 12 - SUNDAY VIGIL MASSES

3:30 †Paul Forst by Friends & Family

5:00 †Antione LaPorte by M/M Luigi Visciotti

SUN. July 13

6:30 †Margaret Strinka

8:00 ♥People of the Parish

9:30 †Beverly Musial by Family

11:00 ♥†Hall Family, Living & Deceased

MON. July 14

8:00 †Wallace Westley Forte by Sue Lockart

TUE. July 15

8:00 †Eva Mansfield by David & Lynn Cassilly

WED. July 16

8:00 ♥†Living & Deceased Members of the Resurrection
Ladies Guild

THU. July 17

8:00 †William Mulroy, Sr. by William Mulroy, Jr. &
Elizabeth

FRI. July 18

8:00 †Sally & Edward Humbert by Irene Biffar

SAT. July 19

8:00 †Donna Freeman by Robert & Mary Ellen Geiger

SAT. July 19 - SUNDAY VIGIL MASSES

3:30 ♥†Richardson Family, Living & Deceased

5:00 ♥People of the Parish

SUN. July 20

6:30 †Frank DiPlacido

8:00 †Rita Tomazek by Pat & Bill Reid

9:30 †Joseph Fiorillo by Jack & Cheryl Sheer

11:00 †Florence & Stephen Walsh by Mary & Don Walsh

TRIDENTINE MASS

The Tridentine Mass will be celebrated at Church of the Resurrection Parish on the **1st & 3rd Sundays of each month at 5:30 p.m.**

CONFESSIONS - Saturdays 2:15 - 3:15, or 30 min. before
Sunday Masses or by appointment.

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REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS all those who have gone
before us marked with the sign of faith especially,
Margaret Strinka, Dean Blietz.

RESURRECTION PRAYER LINE MINISTRY - For
prayer requests call Mary Lou Fitzpatrick, 454-6752. Give
your first name, prayer petition and telephone number.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — My word will not return to me void, but
will achieve the end for which it was sent
(Isaiah 55:10-11).

Psalm — The seed that falls on good ground will yield a
fruitful harvest (Psalm 65).

Second Reading — We, who have the firstfruits of the
Spirit, groan within ourselves awaiting the redemption of
our bodies (Romans 8:18-23).

Gospel — Some seed fell on the path, some on rocky
ground, and some among thorns. But some also fell on
rich soil and produced fruit (Matthew 13:1-23 [1-9]).



**HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER
INTENTIONS FOR JULY 2008**

General:

That there may be an increase in the number of
those who volunteer to serve the Christian com-
munity with generous and prompt availability.

Mission:

That World Youth Day in Sydney, Australia, may kindle the
fire of divine love in numerous young people and render them
sowers of hope for a new humanity.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Two centuries ago, Archbishop John Carroll worried that
Americans would not appreciate the linguistic veil over our
worship, and asked that the liturgy in the new United States be
in English, not Latin. How did our liturgy come to be in Latin
in the first place? In the first century, the dominant language in
the regions where the church first flourished was Greek. Today
in much of the world, almost everyone speaks at least a bit of
English. Last year, the European Union even considered mak-
ing English its official language, a curious proposal since only
one English-speaking country, Ireland, is a member.

Just as English is a unifying language today, it was
hard to function in the ancient world without a smattering of
Greek. Even the word "Eucharist" comes from the Greek for
"thanksgiving." For a long time, Greek was the language of
worship, even in Rome. Slowly, society in the west shifted to a
bias for Latin and against Greek. Latin first appeared in public
prayer at the end of the second century, in the colonial outposts
of North Africa. Soon, Latin became the language of culture,
and so as fixed prayer forms were written, they were transmit-
ted in Latin. From Rome and Africa, over the next four centu-
ries, the new liturgical language of Latin spread north to Gaul
and Britain.

—Rev. James Field, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha
Tuesday:	St. Bonaventure
Wednesday:	Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Friday:	St. Camillus de Lellis
Saturday:	Blessed Virgin Mary

WEEKLY SUNDAY OFFERING**June 29, 2008**

Registered families with envelopes:	2450
Envelopes received: 640 (26%)	\$12,639.00
Remaining families & visitors: 1810 (74%)	\$2,819.50

Thank You!**WEEKLY SUNDAY OFFERING****July 6, 2008**

Registered families with envelopes:	2450
Envelopes received: 671 (27%)	\$15,104.00
Remaining families & visitors: 1779 (73%)	\$3,351.00

Thank You!**RESURRECTION EDUCATION FUND**

July 6, 2008	\$3,374.00
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Thank You!**ST. VINCENT DePAUL OFFERING**

June 29, 2008	\$513.00	July 6, 2008	\$943.00
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Thank You!**PETER'S PENCE OFFERING**

June 29, 2008	\$4,946.00
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Thank You!**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, 561-2245
- 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.

CONTINUING CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF JESUS IN THE WOMB

Church of the Resurrection of Our Lord Parish is one of the 29 parishes in the Diocese of Venice participating in the **2008 Novena of Masses for Life**, a continuing meditation on the beginning of our Lord's life as an unborn child in the womb of His mother. Every 25th of the month, between the Annunciation of the Lord and Christmas Day, different parishes will mark another month in Our Lady's pregnancy. Please plan to join us here at Resurrection Parish on **Friday, July 25th for the 8:00 am Mass**, when we will observe the end of the **FOURTH** month of Our Lord's life in the womb and pray for a "Greater Respect for All Human Life."



For a complete Diocese schedule of Novena Masses, visit the Respect Life Department website at www.dovrespectlife.org or the Laity for Life website at www.LaityforLife.org.

WELCOME

Please join the parish priests and staff in welcoming the following new parishioners to the Church of the Resurrection of our Lord:

Richard & Carol Jurkowski, Barbara J. Carroll, Zdenek & Zdenka Fiala and family, Lorrie Linter, Verne Mockler, Freddy & Rachel Perez, Thomas & Hema Vadakke Aymanamkuzhiyil, Ray & Maggie Weaver and family.

STATUS OF CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL:

ASSESSMENT: \$379,000.00
PLEDGED: \$391,564.34 (103.32)!!
PAID: \$341,037.54



Thank you, and may the good Lord bless you. For those who have not yet pledged or given a donation, or would like to increase their donation, it is not too late to do so. CFA envelopes are located at the entrances of the church.

We still are in need of **\$37,962.46** in payments.
Your continued generosity is appreciated!

LIVE TODAY

Live today the way you will wish you had lived when you stand in judgment before God.

—Anonymous

PRAYERS FOR PRIESTS

Please join us as we gather **every Thursday** immediately **after the 8:00 Mass** to pray for priests.



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

DO YOU KNOW YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH?

(continued....)

The long lazy days of summer sometimes bring statements from children like; *'I'm bored, what can I do?'* Does that sound familiar???

Times like these are perfect opportunities to teach your children more about their Catholic faith.

Make it FUN!.....use your imagination and turn it into a game! Below are some facts....a *study guide*, if you will, to help you teach your precious children more about the wonderful gift of our Catholic faith!...

Gifts of the Holy Spirit:

Catechism of the Catholic Church

Wisdom	Knowledge
Understanding	Counsel
Fortitude	Piety
Fear of the Lord	

Fruits of the Holy Spirit:

Charity	Joy
Peace	Patience
Goodness	Kindness
Long Suffering	Humility
Faithfulness	Modesty
Continenence	Chastity

Be sure to watch the bulletin each week for more of our Catholic faith *Study Guide*!

DIocese of Venice Peace & Justice Office

Save the dates for upcoming Social Justice Events: On Nov. 15, 2008 the Environmental Justice Commission of the Peace & Justice Office will sponsor a **forum on water conservation issues in southwest Florida**. Cynthia Barnett, author of *Mirage: Florida and the Vanishing Water of the Eastern U.S.*, will be the principal speaker. **The event will be held at Epiphany Cathedral Parish in Venice. On March 7, 2009**, the 15th Annual Leaven Conference, with the theme, *World Hunger: The Christian Response*, will be held at Our Lady of Light Parish in Ft. Myers. For more information contact the Peace & Justice Office at (941) 484-9543.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE ALTAR FLOWERS

in celebration of someone's anniversary/birthday as a memorial or in thanksgiving please call Jennifer, at the Parish Office, 481-7172. Please make check payable to Church of the Resurrection. 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.



Donations are needed for the months of July & August

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Register early to save \$\$ and help us in ordering materials. K-Grade 5 classes will meet beginning **Aug. 26, 27, 2008.**

Tuesdays 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Wednesdays 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Tuition for Religious Education/Middle School Ministry is: \$100.00 for one child/\$120.00 for family BEFORE July 1. AFTER July 1 tuition will be \$120.00 for one child/\$140.00 for family.

No family will be turned away for lack of funds.

******Religious Education Classes Resume
August 26, 27, 2008******

SACRAMENT PREPARATION REGISTRATION

All families with children in private schools/St. Francis Xavier must register for Sacramental Preparation. Costs for only First Communion/First Reconciliation is \$25.00. Costs for Confirmation Retreat and robes is \$100.00 payable at the time of retreat. Confirmation takes place in 9th grade and older. Preparation requires two years of participation in classes/youth ministry. First Eucharist and First Reconciliation takes place in 2nd grade or older after two years of participation in religious education.

CATECHISTS NEEDED!

Do you hear the Lord calling your name?

God calls us in the depth of our heart...to share The Good News of Jesus with others!

Is it to the little ones that God calls you?

Pre-K on Sunday morning during 9:30 AM Mass

Do you enjoy seeing Jesus alive in and with little children?

Tuesdays K-Grade 5 from 4:30 - 6:00 PM

Wednesdays K-Grade 5 from 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Is it the challenging energy of the young teen that invites you?

CONFIRMATION/EDGE/CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

Meetings on Sunday evenings

Would you consider sharing your faith journey with another adult?

RCIA Classes, Tuesday evenings

RCIA Dismissal, Sundays during Lent/Advent

Listen to your heart and respond.

Call Joanne 482-6883.

Consider attending **INTO THE FIELDS!**

NEW CATECHIST ORIENTATION

New catechist orientation will be **Wednesday, August 13, 7:00 - 8:00 PM in the Parish Center.**

OPENING CATECHIST DINNER

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2008

Meeting will be from **6:00 - 8:00 PM in the Parish Center.** All Religious Education assistants and catechists are invited to attend.

OPENING OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Open House for all children and parents, K - Grade 5:

Tuesday, August 26, 4:30 - 6:00 PM

Wednesday, August 27, 6:00 - 7:30 PM

ALL PARENTS PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND!

SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

This is a required program for all who volunteer with children and/or vulnerable adults. All are welcome to attend.

Tuesday, September 16, 6:30 - 8:30 AM in the Religious Education Department.

PLEASE HELP THE HOMELESS NOW!

Small hand-operated can openers, and used backpacks are needed! Bicycle locks and bicycle lights are needed too! Please drop items in vestibule of the church or at the Parish Center.

For Questions, call Joanne 482-6883 or Vikki 481-5144.

GIFT SHOP - SUMMER HOURS

Tuesday 8:30 - 10:00 AM

Saturday 3:00 - 5:00 PM

Sunday 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

into
THE
fields



Catechist
and
Teacher
Formation
for the
Whole
Community

SKILLS AND ATTITUDES TO INCREASE YOUR FAITH

"The harvest is ready. The laborers are few. Come with me into the fields."

Open to all!!

Spread the good news of Jesus!
Join us! RCIA catechists, Youth Ministry team, Catechists for Religious Education, Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Ushers, Men's Club members, Women's Guild members! Parents and Grandparents!

**SAVE THE SECOND
SATURDAY OF THE
MONTH - 9:00a.m. - NOON**

Begins September 13, 2008

Call to register...each participant receives study guides and CD with wonderful music!

PLEASE PLAN TO JOIN US!

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

**St. Francis Xavier School
Celebrates its 70th Anniversary
Diamond Jubilee
1938-2008**

SAVE THE DATE

*Saturday, October 25th
6-10p.m.*

*Lighthouse Waterfront Restaurant
Fort Myers, FL*

*This "sparkling" celebration includes
Dinner, Dancing and Reminiscing with family and friends*

Make your reservations today by calling:

334-7707 ext.243

\$70 per person / "Sparkling Sponsorships" Available

FOR COUPLES PLANNING MARRIAGE

The Diocese of Venice will hold a Pre Cana Conference on **Saturday, Sept. 13, at St. Vincent DePaul Parish in Ft., Myers** to help engaged couples prepare for the Sacrament of Matrimony. The fee is \$65.00 per couple and this non-refundable fee includes a continental breakfast and lunch. **For reservations call Betty K at (941) 484-9543.**

THE BEST OF BROADWAY

Jerilyn Hilse, Deborah Marino & Lee Van Asten will present a concert of "Broadway Show Tunes" and More **TODAY, July 13th, 2:00 PM at Iona Hall, St. Columbkille Catholic Church, 12173 Iona Rd. Ft. Myers.**

The concert will include selections from "South Pacific"; "Jesus Christ Superstar"; "Wicked"; "Phantom" and many more. All are welcome. A free will offering will be taken.

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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.

Baptismal Class, 2nd Tuesday of month, 7:00p.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.cancelled for the summer, will resume in October.

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

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

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

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..... cancelled for the summer, will resume August 3rd.

BIBLE STUDY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED THE PAIN OF ABORTION

A Bible Study focusing on healing the mental, emotional and spiritual wounds experienced by women who have suffered an abortion is being offered through **Lee Women's Center**. If you, or someone you know, has experienced an abortion and would like to know the healing touch of God's promises, please call Jennie at **Lee Women's Center 433-1929** or e-mail: jennieleelwc@embarqmail.com for further information and/or to pre-register. Confidentiality maintained.

Tuesdays, through August 19, 2008

7:00 - 9:00 PM

Lee Women's Center

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Summer is here. Many take vacations to renew themselves. Renew the joy and excitement in your marriage by going on a Marriage Encounter weekend. It is a very private way to improve your communication and make your good marriage great. Pope Benedict XVI gives his strong support. **The next weekend is scheduled for September 12 - 14th in Venice.** Call (941)-962-9904, or Toll free 1-(888)-560-1854 for more information or to register.

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