

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 advise you of the requirements.
Thank you.

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JULY 20, 2008

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE MERCY, POWER, AND LOVE OF GOD

The first reading today, from the book of Wisdom, makes its point over and over, at least five times in five verses! God is mighty, but lenient to all. God's power is shown in kindness and clemency, not in harshness and condemnation, and those who govern God's people must govern in the same way, with kindness. This loving kindness and gentleness is not contrary to God's might, but is a direct result of God's primacy over all. Who are we, then, to judge what is in the hearts of our fellow Christians and all people, when God commands justice with love and clemency?

Likewise, the Holy Spirit makes up for our ignorance of what we need, speaking in a language we do not yet understand. But God knows our needs before we do, understands the intercessions of the Spirit, and helps us in our weakness. This is our hope: God's mercy, power, and love.

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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 20, 2008

Those who are just must
be kind.

- *Wisdom 12:19*

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

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

MON. July 21

8:00 †Barbara & Virginia Keley by Margaret Keley-Ferry

TUE. July 22

8:00 †Elizabeth Brunick by Nicolett Powell

WED. July 23

8:00 †Poor Souls in Purgatory by Richard Maroney

THU. July 24

8:00 †Jeanne Eddy by Eddy Family

FRI. July 25

8:00 ♥Greater Respect for all Human Life

SAT. July 26

8:00 †Joseph Viselli by Ferguson Family

SAT. July 26 - SUNDAY VIGIL MASSES

3:30 †Clifford Smiley by John & Virginia Schwarzmann

5:00 †Alfred Tempera by M/M Mario Tempera

SUN. July 27

6:30 †Margaret Strinka

8:00 †Frank & Eleanor Lewandowski by Lois Poff

9:30 †John Patterson by Norma Patterson & family

11:00 ♥People of the Parish

**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, Stacy McQuagge, Carolina
Ferraro.**



TRIDENTINE MASS TO BE CELEBRATED AT RESURRECTION PARISH

The Tridentine Mass will be celebrated at
Church of the Resurrection Parish on **Sun-
day, July 20th at 5:30 p.m.** The Tridentine
Mass is presently planned to continue
through the summer months on the first and
third Sundays.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — You taught your people that those who
are just must likewise be kind (Wisdom 12:13, 16-19).

Psalm — Lord, you are good and forgiving (Psalm 86).

Second Reading — The Spirit comes to aid us in our
weakness (Romans 8:26-27).

Gospel — Jesus proposes parables to the crowds, teach-
ing them of the reign of God (Matthew 13:24-43 [24-30]).



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.

**RESURRECTION PRAYER LINE MINISTRY - For
prayer requests call Mary Lou Fitzpatrick, 454-6752.** Give
your first name & prayer petition. Should you reach an answer-
ing machine, please leave your phone number so that we can
call you back.



YEAR 2008 NATIONAL COLLECTION FOR BLACK AND INDIAN MISSIONS

Support United States Black, In- dian, Eskimo and Aleute Missions.

The annual appeal is a vital part of the
Church for the year 2008. The funds
are needed to continue present Evangelization programs; even
more, to continue to assist those parishes devastated by hurri-
cane to totally rebuild their programs. Many places, lost eve-
rything and how soon we forget the rebuilding that needs to be
done *cannot be done overnight*. The evangelization programs
torn apart by the devastation need to be woven back together. It
will take years. Many new evangelization efforts are being
made in these areas as well as the other Black, Indian, Eskimo
and Aleute communities assisted by the Church's National
Black and Indian Collection.Working together leads to suc-
cess. Will you try to help us be successful? This Collection is
being taken up this weekend at all Masses. Because of the gen-
erosity of the people of this parish and parishes around the
U.S., last year, over 9 million dollars were contributed to the
Collection and 98 cents of every dollar was distributed. The
support went to some of the neediest people across the United
States; from the inner cities of the rural South and from the
deserts of the Southwest to Alaska's cold wilderness. 134 dio-
ceses received assistance from the Collection. Through your
gifts, you join your sacrifice to those who sacrifice daily to lead
others to Christ. You become a Co-missionary for the Church.
Please give what you are able. If we all give a little - alot will
be accomplished.

WEEKLY SUNDAY OFFERING

July 13, 2008

Registered families with envelopes: 2450

Envelopes received: 642 (26%) \$12,894.50

Remaining families & visitors: 1763 (72%) \$2,809.50

Thank You!

ST. VINCENT DePAUL OFFERING

July 13, 2008

\$989.00

Thank You!

PAULINE YEAR CELEBRATION

The celebration of "The Year of Saint Paul" is from June 28, 2008 - June 29, 2009. The following excerpts are taken, with permission, from a Pastoral letter by Bishop Michael Saltarelli to the people of the Diocese of Wilmington.

On the Eve of the Solemnity of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul, celebrated on June 28, 2007 at the Basilica of Saint Paul Outside-the-Walls, Pope Benedict XVI stated in his homily at Vespers: "Dear brothers and sisters, as in early times, today too Christ needs apostles ready to sacrifice themselves. He needs witnesses and martyrs like St. Paul. Paul, a former violent persecutor of Christians, when he fell to the ground dazzled by the divine light on the road to Damascus, did not hesitate to change sides to the Crucified One and followed Him without second thoughts. He lived and worked for Christ, for Him he suffered and died. How timely is his example today! And for this reason I am pleased to announce officially that we shall be dedicating a special Jubilee Year to the Apostle Paul from 28 June 2008 to 29 June 2009, on the occasion of the bimillennium of his birth, which historians have placed between the years 7 and 10 AD. It will be possible to celebrate this 'Pauline Year' in a privileged way in Rome where the sarcophagus which, by the unanimous opinion of experts and an undisputed tradition, preserves the remains of the Apostle Paul, has been preserved beneath the Papal Altar of this Basilica for 20 centuries."

This Pauline Year presents us with many opportunities to spread our Catholic faith.

The following themes can help you discern how best to study, pray and celebrate the life, inspired writing, spirituality and missionary spirit of Saint Paul.

I. Paul's Conversion Experience on the Road to Damascus and our Personal Conversion in the Year of Saint Paul

I am Jesus, the one you are persecuting. Get up and go into the city, where you will be told what to do. (Acts of the Apostles 9:5-6)

Paul was complicit in the murder of Saint Stephen, the first martyr, whose feast day we celebrate on December 26. The Acts of the Apostles tells us that those who were stoning Stephen to death "laid down their cloaks at the feet of a young man named Saul." (Acts 7:58).

Stephen's glowing, peaceful face and his forgiveness of his persecutors as he died must have made an indelible impression on Saul, and prepared him for the experience of the Risen Lord that he had on the road to Damascus, when all of Saul's energetic personality previously focused on the persecution of Christianity suddenly became focused on the spread of Christianity. In a blinding flash of light, the Risen Lord penetrated the inmost being of Saul – henceforth to be known as Paul – and shattered his resistance, causing a complete change of mind and heart, a *metanoia*, that led him to be a "servant" and "apostle" of Jesus Christ. (Romans 1:1)

We can never underestimate the power of a Catholic life lived with integrity and radiant vitality. How many potential "Saint Pauls" might we influence by radiating the power of Christ from deep within as Saint Stephen did? Paul's reversal was so striking and complete as to be almost unbelievable to his contemporaries. When the Lord spoke in a vision to Ananias to seek out Paul and lay hands on him to restore his sight, Ananias replied "Lord, I have heard from many sources about this man, what evil things he has done to your holy ones in Jerusalem." (Acts 9:13) It's as though Ananias was politely asking the Lord if he really knew who this man was!

The great English churchman, theologian and writer, John Cardinal Newman, meditated on how Paul's conversion prepared him for his missionary role: "...his awful rashness and blindness, his self-confident, headstrong, cruel rage against the worshippers of



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'Pauline Year' Continued.....

the true Messiah, then his strange conversion, then the length of time that elapsed before his solemn ordination, during which he was left to meditate in private on all that had happened, and to anticipate the future – all this constituted a peculiar preparation for the office of preaching to a lost world, dead in sin. It gave him an extended insight, on the one hand, into the ways and designs of Providence, and, on the other hand, into the workings of sin in the human heart, and the various modes of thinking in which the mind is actually trained.”²

So much of the story of the early Church can be traced back to the contemplative and enthusiastic heart of Saint Paul ignited by his intimacy with the Risen Lord. Saint Paul understood how sin works in human nature and how the Holy Spirit can completely transform habits of corruption. Saint Paul also understood how to influence non-Christian and anti-Christian mindsets with charity so as to be able to be an instrument of another mind's enlightenment.

The best way that we can celebrate the Year of Saint Paul is to go to the Risen Lord and ask Him about what deep and intimate conversion of life He is calling us to.

We know from Paul's life that at the heart of conversion is a surrender to the love of the Risen Lord. Any interior movement leading from pride to humility, anger to mildness, greed to detachment, lust to a chaste spirit, envy to joy in the talents of others, sloth to zeal, gluttony (including internet, television, cell phone and blackberry gluttony!) to temperance is a surrender to the power of Christ's love within. This love allows us to let go of the fear of surrendering completely to Christ³ so that we can see others with the eyes of Christ⁴.

II. Living and Praying Christ in the Year of Saint Paul

It is no longer I who live but Christ who lives in me. (Galatians 2:20)

Many great saints have built their lives on Galatians 2:20: "It is no longer I who live but Christ who lives in me." It can be so easy for us to hear these inspired words over and over again during the course of our lives and never really understand their revolutionary character.

Christ lives within us. He wants to express himself through our facial expressions, our tone of voice, even our body language. Paul was aware of his personal weaknesses, his intellectual and personality shortcomings, his unnamed struggle with "a thorn in his flesh." (2 Corinthians 12:7) But his humble awareness of these weaknesses only made him more reliant on Christ: "I can do all things in He who strengthens me." (Philippians 4:13) His understanding of his personal weakness drove him to open up to the presence and power of Christ within him.

When we are aware of Christ's presence in this way, we enkindle it in many ways: through prayer, meditation, Mass and the sacraments, the sanctification of our daily work⁵, through joyful and sacrificial family life. Then the light of Christ that naturally emanates from us can be an illumination for a wide range of people, be they fellow believers and people of good will on the road to belief or be they atheists and agnostics. All whom we encounter will sense something different in us and be led to ask themselves questions that could alter their lives and destinies. We have seen this not only in the lives of saints like Stephen and Paul, but in many others. Think of Saint Thomas More, Patron of Statesmen, Politicians and Lawyers, ...cont. on pg. 5

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!...

Parts of the Mass:**Introductory:**

Entrance Song	Greeting
Penitential Rite	Gloria
Opening Prayer	

Liturgy of the Word:

First Reading	Responsorial Psalm
Second Reading	Gospel Acclamation
Gospel	Homily
Profession of Faith	General Intercessions

Liturgy of the Eucharist:

Preparation of the Altar and the Gifts
Prayer over the Gifts
Preface
Eucharistic Prayer
Memorial Acclamation/Great Amen
Communion Rite: Lord's Prayer
Sign of Peace
Breaking of the Bread
Communion
Silence/Song of Praise

Prayer after Communion**Concluding Rite:**

Prayer
Blessing
Dismissal



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

'Pauline Year' Continued.....

and his example of virtuous governance and family life⁶. Think of Saint Vincent de Paul and Saint Louise de Marillac serving the poor on the streets of Paris. Think of Blessed Damien serving his lepers in Molokai. Think of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta serving the destitute and disfigured in city streets around the world even as she courageously navigated through dry times in her interior life. Think of Pope John Paul II's radiant and joyful face on his papal journeys. Think of millions of Catholic lay people who through the centuries have lived the sacrament of marriage heroically and radiated Christ to the generations that came before and after them. All of these lives are eloquent, tangible commentary on Paul's testimony that, "It is no longer I who live but Christ who lives in me."

The Year of Saint Paul is a time for us to stand on the shoulders of Catholic saints through the centuries and to live Paul's life-changing words in ways that address the world's need for holiness in the 21st Century. *****

Look for more 'Pauline Year' themes in upcoming bulletins.

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 a.m. Mass**, when we'll 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.



Good stewards in a parish are like the yeast in today's Gospel. Their selfless gifts of time and talent help the parish grow and thrive, and their example inspires others to become good stewards also.

STATUS OF CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL:

ASSESSMENT: \$379,000.00
PLEDGED: \$392,394.34 (103.53%!)
PAID: \$344,165.54



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 **\$34,834.46** in payments.
Your continued generosity is appreciated!

JR. & SR. YOUTH NEWS

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.

GIFT SHOP - SUMMER HOURS

Tuesday 8:30 - 10:00 AM

Saturday 3:00 - 5:00 PM

Sunday 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

The Gift Shop is currently looking for volunteers. If you are interested in serving in the Gift Shop call the parish office, 481-7171 and leave your name and phone number...or...stop in the Gift Shop and see Catherine.

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**.

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.

COMMUNITY HYMN SING

A Community Hymn Sing is scheduled for **July 22, 7:00 p.m.** at First Presbyterian Church, **2438 Second St., Ft. Myers.** **The Soup Kitchen will be the beneficiary of a food drive held in connection with the event.** Admission: At least 2 cans of food per person and a voluntary cash donation for The Soup Kitchen.

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.



This week's flowers are In Memory of:

Ed & Terry Chiasson by Ruth Nowak

Donations are needed for the month August

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 July, will resume August 3rd.*

SINGERS WANTED FOR TRIDENTINE MASS

Sight reading singers are wanted for the Tridentine Mass, on the 1st and 3rd Sundays at 5:30 p.m. at Resurrection Parish. **For more info call 239-910-4271**