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SUNDAY MASSES & CONFESSIONS: See Inside

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Please notify the Church Office as soon as possible so
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Thank you.

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JULY 27, 2008

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LISTEN TO YOUR DREAMS

God visits Solomon in a dream, and the scripture story nowhere tells us that Solomon awoke to have this conversation with God! So, still in his dream, Solomon answers God's question about what he desires most, and God grants his request for wisdom in abundance.

In our waking hours, we are much distracted by work, home, family, traffic, entertainment, and many worries. When we try to think about what we really want out of life, we have trouble even imagining what that might be. But deep inside, our real longings dwell, known to God and to the Holy Spirit. Our dreams, unencumbered by defenses, may hold clues to what our deepest needs are, or what bothers us most. They could be God speaking.

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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 27, 2008

All things work for good
for those who love God.

- Romans 8:28 a

MASSSES FOR THE WEEK

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
MON. July 28
8:00 †Lillian Doragh by Project Gabriel Angels
TUE. July 29
8:00 †Harry Hurilla by Bob & Sue Kincaid
WED. July 30
8:00 †Lena Molinaro by Thomas Marrone
THU. July 31
8:00 †Poor Souls in Purgatory by Richard Maroney
FRI. August 1
8:00 †Barbara Romeo by Dr. & Mrs. Yindra
SAT. August 2
8:00 †Sonia Halizak by Howard & Carolyn Gilliam
SAT. August 2 - SUNDAY VIGIL MASSES
3:30 †Cora May McPherson & family by Norma Patterson
5:00 ♥People of the Parish
SUN. August 3
6:30 †John & Marie Rotte
8:00 †Henry Hadman by Fran Bremer & family
9:30 †Gene Craig by Patti Dean & family
11:00 †Claire Duffy by M/M Patrick Moran

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, Stacy McQuagge, Carolina Ferrero, Charles D'Alessandro, Frank Trantina.

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.**



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

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Solomon prays for an understanding heart (1 Kings 3:5, 7-12).

Psalm — Lord, I love your commands (Psalm 119).

Second Reading — All things work for the good for those who love God (Romans 8:28-30).

Gospel — The one who knows of the kingdom of heaven brings out the new and old from the storeroom (Matthew 13:44-52 [44-46]).



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 community with generous and prompt availability.

Mission:

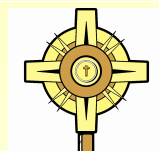
That World Youth Day in Sydney, Australia, may kindle the fire of divine love in numerous young people and render them sowers of hope for a new humanity.

RESURRECTION PRAYER LINE MINISTRY -

For prayer requests call Mary Lou Fitzpatrick, 454-6752.

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.



BENEDICTION & ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Benediction and Exposition will follow

The 8:00a.m. Mass on the First Friday of August. During the month of August Adoration will be for one hour only.

STATUS OF CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL:

ASSESSMENT: \$379,000.00
PLEDGED: \$392,694.34 (103.61%!)
PAID: \$346,967.38



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 **\$32,032.62** in payments.

Your continued generosity is appreciated!

MINISTRY OF THE SICK

The following hospitals are attended to by 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.**

*Priests from Resurrection Parish visit the above hospitals on a
regular basis.*

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

July 20, 2008

Figures unavailable at time of printing. Please see next week's bulletin.

July 20, 2008

St. Vincent DePaul

\$975.00

Thank You!!

PAULINE YEAR CELEBRATION

(Continued from last week's bulletin.....with permission from the Diocese of Wilmington)

III. Praying, Studying and Living the Inspired Word of God in the Pauline Year

The Word of God cannot be chained. (2 Timothy 2:9)

In a September 16, 2005 address to participants in the International Congress organized to commemorate the 40th anniversary of *Dei Verbum*⁷ (*The Word of God*), the Second Vatican Council's Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation, Pope Benedict XVI wrote:

"I would like in particular to recall and recommend the ancient tradition of *Lectio divina* (divine or sacred reading): the diligent reading of Sacred Scripture accompanied by prayer brings about that interior dialogue in which the person reading hears God who is speaking, and in praying, responds to him with trusting openness of heart (cf. *Dei Verbum* 25). If it is effectively promoted, this practice will bring to the Church – I am convinced of it – a new spiritual springtime. As a strong point of biblical ministry, *Lectio divina* should therefore be increasingly encouraged, also through the use of new methods carefully thought through and in step with the times. It should never be forgotten that the Word of God is a lamp for our feet and a light for our path (cf. Ps 119[118]: 105)."



Bishop Saltarelli echoes Pope Benedict's advice for Catholics to engage daily in *Lectio divina* of the Sacred Scriptures as a means for deepening our communion with God and attaining spiritual insight. "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly." (Colossians 3:16) This daily meditative prayer on the Sacred Scriptures engages thought, imagination, emotion and desire. This mobilization of our faculties deepens our convictions of faith, prompts the conversion of our hearts and strengthens our wills to follow Christ.⁸

A deep focus on the Word of God reveals to us the fundamental Catholic truth of the road to Emmaus story in the Gospel of Luke⁹. To be authentically biblical is at the same time to be authentically sacramental and Eucharistic. Any investment in understanding and praying the Scriptures more deeply is at the same time an investment in a fuller, more active and conscious participation in our Catholic Mass and sacramental liturgies.

Saint Jerome described the union of the Word and the Eucharist: "The Lord's flesh is real food and His blood real drink; this is our true good in this present life: to nourish ourselves with His flesh and to drink His blood in not only the Eucharist but also the reading of Sacred Scripture. In fact, the Word of God, drawn from the knowledge of the Scriptures, is real food and real drink."¹⁰

In addition to prayerful *Lectio Divina*, the Year of Saint Paul affords us the opportunity to rediscover the Roman Catholic Church's contemporary biblical scholarship. The Church's scientific approach to the Sacred Scriptures, characterized by a balanced use of the historical critical method, canonical exegesis¹¹ and many other sophisticated tools for the interpretation of the sacred texts, is well documented in the Pontifical Biblical Commission's *The Interpretation of the Bible in the Church* issued in 1993 and available on the Vatican website.

Of course, *Dei Verbum* continues to be an excellent resource to understand the Church's approach to Sacred Scripture:

"Sacred tradition and Sacred Scripture form one sacred deposit of the word of God, committed to the Church. Holding fast to this deposit the entire holy people united with their shepherds remain always steadfast in the teaching of the Apostles, in the common life, in the breaking of the bread and in prayers (see Acts 2, 42), so that holding to, practicing and professing the heritage of the faith, it becomes on the part of the bishops and faithful a single common effort. But the task of authentically interpreting the word of God, whether written or handed on, has been entrusted exclusively to the living teaching office of the Church, whose authority is exercised in the name of Jesus Christ. This teaching office is not above the word of God, but serves it, teaching only what has been handed on, listening to it devoutly, guarding it scrupulously and explaining it faithfully in accord with a divine commission and with the help of the Holy Spirit, it draws from this one deposit of faith everything which it presents for belief as divinely revealed." (*Dei Verbum* 10)

The popularity of recent books and films, which purport to expose Church history or to challenge our beliefs, serve as a catechetical wake up call to promote biblical literacy and daily biblical engagement as well as a fuller understanding of Catholic teaching on Revelation according to the Catholic principle of the union and harmony of faith and reason¹².

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'Pauline Year' Continued

I was determined that while I was with you I would speak of nothing but Jesus Christ and Him crucified. (1 Corinthians: 2:2)

The Cross of Jesus Christ is at the center of all that Paul does. He teaches us how to deal with the hardships and grief of life. Paul experienced it all: rejection, calumny, indifference, shipwrecks, imprisonment and, ultimately, martyrdom as symbolized in art by Paul holding a sword.¹³

The Cross influences everything about Paul. He states: "I preach Christ and Him Crucified." The Cross transformed his teaching and allowed him to evangelize others by helping them to interpret the meanings of their own sufferings. He also uses a curious phrase: "I boast in the Cross of Christ." (Galatians 6:14) He puts the Cross of Christ above any temptation to egoism or pride. The Cross is the true source of his apostolic effectiveness.

Paul's letters reveal an intense driving personality. The tone of his letters also reveals temperamental struggles. Easily hurt, he was prone to brooding especially when the early Christian communities did not live up to the Gospel. Paradoxically, his interior struggles offer us encouragement and strength to continue fighting with regard to our own character and temperament struggles.

With Paul, we too fight the good fight, endeavoring to allow the Beatitudes, the theological and cardinal virtues, the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, and ultimately Father, Son and Holy Spirit to reign in us. Dying to self and rising in Christ, we embrace the Cross and remember: "Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends." (1 Corinthians 13:7-8)

Pope Saint Clement I, in his own letter *To the Corinthians*, 5¹⁴, described how Paul made progress in these struggles: "It was through jealousy and conflict that Paul showed the way to the prize for perseverance. He was put in chains seven times, sent into exile, and stoned; a herald both in the east and the west, he achieved a noble fame by his faith. He taught justice to all the world and, when he had reached the limits of the western world, he gave his witness before those in authority; then he left this world and was taken up into the holy place, a superb example of endurance."

Pope Benedict XVI's recent encyclical on the theological virtue of hope entitled *Spe Salvi* has many references to Paul's living the virtue of hope while he was in prison¹⁵ and shows the inspiration his texts provided to subsequent saints such as Saint Augustine¹⁶ and a Vietnamese martyr Paul Le-Bao-Tinh (+1857)¹⁷ and the African religious Saint Josephine Bakhita.¹⁸

In the Year of Saint Paul, each of us is called to lift high the Cross of Christ and to carry it with Paul's courage, determination and trust in God's providential design.¹⁹

Look for Theme V., "Rekindling a Love for the Eucharist and the Church in the Year of Saint Paul" in future bulletins.

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

HELP FOR TROUBLED MARRIAGES

Is your marriage hurting? Retrouvaille may well be the answer to a new beginning for you and your spouse. It has worked for many thousands of couples. There are even couples in our own parish who have restored their marriages with the help of Retrouvaille. **The next weekend is scheduled for Oct. 31.** Call today for more info., Steve & Linda Smith, **239-395-0810**.

MAGNIFICAT BREAKFAST

All women are invited to a breakfast sponsored by Magnificat, **Saturday, August 23, 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM** at Spanish Wells Golf and Country Club, 9801 Treasure Cay Ln., Bonita Springs. Our speaker is Em Weis. **Advanced registration required by mail. Please send a \$20 check payable to Magnificat Ft. Myers** to Joanne Tarantino, 16550 Heron Coach Way #206, Ft. Myers 33908, 481-6967, or Joyce Michel, 3650 Bonita Beach Rd. #26, Bonita Springs 34134, 992-4872. **Requests must be postmarked by August 16.**



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.

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.

Bible Sharing Group, Wednesdays, will resume in October.

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.

WHAT IS AN ADVANCE DIRECTIVE?

A health care advance directive is a written or oral statement made and witnessed in advance of a serious illness or injury to address medical situations that may arise when a person becomes unable to make one's own decisions. Executing an advance directive exercises good stewardship over the gift of life. For a copy of the *Catholic Declaration on Life and Death* and its companion piece *Understanding the Catholic Declaration on Life and Death*, go to <http://www.flacathconf.org/AdvocacyAreas/Health/EndofLifeHealthCare/CDLD/index.htm> or call 941-441-1112.

Catholic Heart Workcamp

A HUGE THANKS TO ALL THOSE THAT DONATED AND MADE THIS MISSION TRIP POSSIBLE!! THIS WEEK IN ORLANDO HAS BEEN A WONDERFUL GROWING EXPERIENCE FOR EACH AND EVERY ONE OF US, IN SO MANY WAYS!! WE HAVE SERVED THE LORD AND DEEPENED OUR FAITH

~ YOUTH MINISTRY



This week I was inspired to open up to the Word of God and the love that comes with it. We did an extremely emotional and spiritual activity called "Four Corners". Ever since then I have felt a great peace within myself and even though I am still weary, I am not completely afraid to let others in. ~Lauren



This week at camp, I was inspired by "Four Corners". I am definitely coming back next year. ~Brice

This week at CHWC, I was challenged by the Lord to access my inner-self. I was also very inspired by "Four Corners". ~Johnny



This week I have been inspired by my faith and it has grown! ~ Anthony

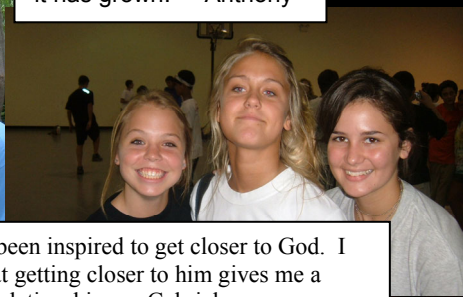
I have learned how to work better as a team. ~ Aaron



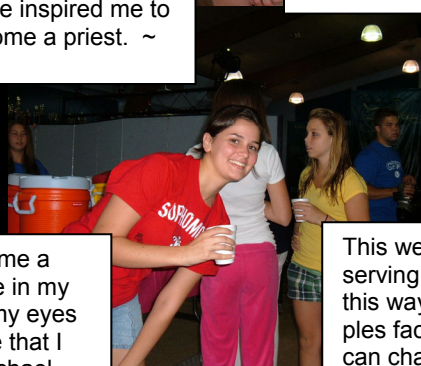
I have been inspired to be closer to God and to have a better relationship with Him. I love God! ~Meghan

This week I have been encouraged to become a Priest or something religious. Steve inspired me to become a priest. ~ Kurt

I have been inspired to get closer to God. I feel that getting closer to him gives me a better relationship. ~Gabriela



This week has inspired me to become a bigger part of the Church and serve in my community. This trip has opened my eyes to problems that many people have that I am thankful for not having. ~ Rachael



This week I have been inspired to continue serving others. What prompted me to feel this way was seeing the joy on others peoples faces that I helped and realized that I can change the world despite how young I might be. ~ Abby



This week I was inspired to relate everything I do to my catholic religion. After serving those in need, I have realized that having God shed his light on us was a beautiful thing. We should cherish this and follow in Christ's footsteps. ~ Jeanna

