

CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

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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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Mon-Fri 8 am-12 pm & 12:30 pm -3:30 pm
Saturday 8:30 am - 12:00 pm

JUNE 8, 2008

TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ADMITTING OUR NEED FOR GOD

As often as we hear the message of today's scriptures, we seem to be able to resist it. The readings invite us, once again, to rely completely and utterly on God's love and mercy in our lives. And, once again, we continue to find ways around that invitation. It's for other people, not us. It's for tomorrow, not today. We can make it on our own talents, goodness, money, hard work, or wisdom. Yet, today's scriptures call our bluff. They invite us to admit our need for God and put our lives in God's hands. We who sit comfortably and smugly at the Lord's Table are beckoned, once again, to follow Jesus in faith and gratitude and love.

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Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time June 8, 2008

"I did not come to call the righteous
but sinners."

- Matthew 9:13

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SAT. June 7 - SUNDAY VIGIL MASSES

3:30 †Lawrence Kelly by Wife, Helene

5:00 ♥People of the Parish

SUN. June 8

6:30 ♥Staff & Volunteers of Resurrection Parish

8:00 †James McFadyen by the Haggarty & Fiedler Families

9:30 †Joe & Nora McNamara by Fr. McNamara

11:00 †Frances Marie Pavese Miller by Dr. & Mrs. John Bruno

MON. June 9

8:00 †John & Bridget Poole by Pat Poole

TUE. June 10

8:00 †Paul McCarley by Pete & Martha Delago

WED. June 11

8:00 †Lillian Doragh by Lay Carmelites of St. Francis Xavier Church

THU. June 12

8:00 †Frances P. Miller by Frances D'Alessandro

FRI. June 13

8:00 †Lillian Doragh by M/M Harry Hepburn

SAT. June 14

8:00 †Patrick & Catherine Poole by Pat Poole

SAT. June 14- SUNDAY VIGIL MASSES

3:30 ♥People of the Parish

5:00 †Paul Forst by Friends & Family

SUN. June 15

6:30 ♥†Living & Deceased Fathers of the Parish

8:00 ♥†Living & Deceased Fathers of the Parish

9:30 ♥†Living & Deceased Fathers of the Parish

11:00 ♥†Living & Deceased Fathers 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, **Victor Sanc, Thomas Hopkins.**



HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JUNE 2008

General: That Christians may cultivate a deep and personal friendship with Christ so they are able to communicate the strength of His love to those they encounter.

Mission: That the International Eucharistic Congress in Quebec, Canada, may lead to even deeper understanding of the Eucharist, the heart of the Church and source of evangelization.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — It is love, not sacrifice, that I desire; knowledge of God, not holocausts (Hosea 6:3-6).

Psalm — To the upright I will show the saving power of God (Psalm 50).

Second Reading — Those who believe will have it credited to them as righteousness (Romans 4:18-25).

Gospel — Tax collectors and sinners came and joined Jesus at table (Matthew 9:9-13).

TO HONOR THE DEAD

Concerning Cremation.....

Cremation, once not permitted for Catholics, is now allowed provided that the remains will be reverently buried or placed in a mausoleum... It is recommended that cremation take place after the funeral liturgy so that the body can be present for the full course of funeral rites. The Church recently approved allowing the cremated remains to be brought into the church to be present for the vigil, the funeral and the rite of committal. If the cremated remains are not treated with proper dignity, cremation can allow opportunity for disrespect of the human body. The practice of scattering the cremated remains over the mountains or keeping them at home is not the reverent disposition that the Church requires...Such or similar actions cheapen the respect for human life and show a lack of proper respect and dignity for the dead...I want to make it perfectly clear that the improper disposition and scattering of the ashes is contrary to Church teaching and therefore is not permitted.

(Excerpts taken from the writings of Archbishop Sheehan in *Origin*)



RCIA, INQUIRY CLASS SUMMER SESSIONS (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

- Are you looking for a deeper connection to God?
- Would you like to know more about the Catholic Church?
- Has your heart heard God's invitation to relationship?

If you know someone who is searching for a closer relationship with God, let them know about our *Summer Inquiry Sessions* on Sunday mornings from 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. in the Family Room of the church. Call Joanne, 560-4386 or Loretta, 313-9706 to register.

Sunday, June 8, 2008, 9:00 - 10:30 AM

Grace and God's Call in our Lifetime

Meet in Family Room

Sunday, June 15, 2008, 9:00 - 10:30 AM

They Mystery of the Church - God Forms a People.

Meet in Family Room

Sunday, June 22, 2008, 9:00 - 10:30 AM

Persecution and Suffering in the Journey of Life.

Meet in Family Room

"It is love that I desire, not sacrifice..."

- Hosea 6:6

WEEKLY SUNDAY OFFERING**June 1, 2008**

Registered families with envelopes: 2450

Envelopes received: 671 (27%) \$17,243.50

Remaining families & visitors: 1779 (73%) \$2,611.00**Thank You!****RESURRECTION EDUCATION FUND OFFERING****June 1, 2008****\$4,609.00****Thank You!****ST. VINCENT DePAUL OFFERING****June 1, 2008****\$911.00****Thank You!****STATUS OF CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL:****ASSESSMENT: \$379,000.00****PLEDGED: \$383,262.34 (101.12%!)****PAID: \$322,869.70**

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 are still in need of **\$56,130.30** in payments.

Your continued generosity is appreciated!

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:

To Celebrate the Wedding of:

Nicole McCormack & Brian Boss

JUNE NOVENA OF MASSES FOR LIFE

The Respect Life Department, in collaboration with Laity for Life, is pleased to announce the June schedule of the Novena of Masses for Life. On Wed., June 25th, the third month of Jesus' development in the womb of Our Lady will be celebrated with a special Mass at the following parishes: St. Joseph in Bradenton at 8:00am; St. Charles Borromeo in Port Charlotte at 8:30 am; St. Peter the Apostle in Naples at 8:00am; St. Ann in Naples at 8:00 am; and Our Lady Queen of Heaven in LaBelle at 8:00 am. Please join us at one of these parishes for our continuing meditation on the very beginnings of Our Lord's life - as an unborn child in the womb of His mother. The Masses will be offered for the special intention of "a greater respect for all human life." The complete list of scheduled Masses through Nov. is available at:

http:www.dovrespectlife.org/2008novenaforlifeschedule.pdf or www.LaityforLife.org or call (239) 352-6333 for additional information.

GIFT SHOP - SUMMER HOURS

Tuesday 8:30 - 10:00 AM

Saturday 3:00 - 5:00 PM

Sunday 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

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



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There is no evidence that the death penalty deters violent crime.

- To the extent that there is any correlation between imposition of the death penalty and violent crime, the incidence of violent crime and murder of law enforcement officers is greater in states with the death penalty.
- The average murder rate is 5.3 in the death penalty states and 2.8 in states without the death penalty (murder rates is murders per 100,000 population). As a region, the South accounts for more than 80% of the executions and has the highest murder rate.
- The Northwest carries out less than 1% of the executions and has the lowest murder rate. (2004 FBI Uniform Crime Report)

More information on murder rates by state is available from the Death Penalty Information Center:
www.deathpenaltyinfo.org

Grim statistics tell the story.

- The number of executions since the reinstatement of the death penalty in 1973 exceeds 1,000. The death row population is greater than 3,300.
- The Florida death row population is 370.
- The United States is alone among western democracies in retaining the death penalty for crimes less than treason. In employing the death penalty, it finds itself in company with China, Iran and Saudi Arabia.

Life without parole is an effective and less expensive alternative to the death penalty.

- All death penalty states (other than New Mexico) offer life without parole as a possible sentence in capital cases.
- Lifetime incarceration costs far less than the death penalty. The cost of imposing the death penalty has been estimated as 2 to 6 times greater, \$3.2 million versus \$750,000 for one person (Miami Herald, 1988).

Victim's families deserve our special care and concern.

- Repaying cruelty with cruelty does not bring healing.
- Killing the guilty does not bring back the honor of the dead.
- The finality of execution means that greater care must be exercised in its application. As a result, there are often long delays between a finding of guilt and execution, thus prolonging the involvement of the victims family in a legal process in which they are pressed to maintain a hostile stance toward the criminal. This process may actually delay "closure" for the family.

Execution of innocents is a real danger.

- The U.S. Supreme Court ruled it is constitutional to execute an innocent person if constitutionally required procedures were followed, (Herrera v Collins).
- More often than we want to recognize, some innocent defendants have been convicted and sentenced to death."

Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, 2001

Mainline religious denominations oppose use of the death penalty.

- Although prosecutors routinely use "an eye for an eye" and similar biblical texts in urging the death penalty, scripture scholars refute this interpretation.
- Attempts to support the death penalty with the Bible rest on verses taken in isolation and ignores the broader context of both the Old Testament and the teaching of Christ in the New Testament that call us to protect life, practice mercy and reject vengeance.

Statements of religious bodies are available on-line:
www.deathpenaltyreligious.org

Application of the death penalty is deeply flawed.

- More than 120 death row inmates in 25 states have been exonerated since the death penalty was reinstated in 1973.
- Florida leads the nation in death row exonerations. Since 1973, the state of Florida has exonerated twenty-two death row inmates, significantly more than any other state. Combined, these death row inmates served approximately 150 years in prison before being released..." American Bar Association, "Florida Death Penalty Assessment Report"
- Defendants in many states get poor legal advice unless they can afford counsel with death penalty experience.
- In Florida, a unanimous decision by jury is NOT required to recommend death, only a simple majority vote.

Catholic Campaign to End the Use of the Death Penalty

For resources to help individuals, parishes and dioceses participate in this national campaign, visit:

www.ccedp.org

For additional information on the death penalty in

Florida contact:

Florida Catholic Conference
 201 W. Park Ave., Tallahassee, FL 32301-7715

Phone: (850) 222-3803

www.flacathconf.org

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.

SACRAMENT PREPARATION

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.

REFLECTIONS FROM FIRST EUCHARIST CHILDREN CONTINUED:

The children who recently received their First Eucharist were asked 'How will they live Christ's commandment to love one another by helping the poor?' The following responses are anonymous:

- "Go to an orphanage and help the orphan kids."
- "Raise money for poor people in Haiti and donate food to the poor."
- "I would help the people who didn't have water in Egypt."
- "I want to wash my friends' feet because they are nice. I would like to help feed the animals in a shelter. I would like to pick up trash in the neighborhood."
- "Give money to the poor to help them live. They could use the money for clothes. They could use the money to buy food."
- "By giving food and water to the poor."
- "Help all the poor. Give them money to buy what they want."
- "I wish I could help the poor people around the world."
- "Help the people who need food or shelter or give toys to the kids who don't have any."
- "To serve others I would fly to Africa and feed the poor."

May God bless our precious children!!

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.

JR. & SR. YOUTH NEWS



BIBLE CAMP 2008 ~ MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Resurrection Bible Camp will be from July 28th to August 1st, 9:00 a.m. - Noon this year.

The theme is **POWER LAB: DISCOVERING JESUS' MIRACULOUS POWER!!** *New Friends *Amazing Crafts *Wacky Snacks *Incredible Music *Awesome Games *Super Bible Adventures. Registration is still open; sign up early to reserve your spot! The fee is \$25.00 per camper, or \$40.00 per family. Please call 481-5144 to register.

ADULT AND SENIOR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking to have adult volunteers join us for Bible Camp! We invite anyone who would enjoy working with the children! It's a great way to meet the young members of our parish, and a great way for them to know we are all one community! If you are interested, please call the Youth Ministry Office, 481-5144.



CATHOLIC HEART WORKCAMP

Our teens are excited about our mission trip planned from July 13 - 18. They are looking forward to experiencing the power of God as they care, share and offer hope to those in need!

If you would be interested in sponsoring our youth, please contact the Youth Ministry office at 481-5411.

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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



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Community Cooperative Ministries Incorporated
Post Office Box 2143, Fort Myers, FL 33902
www.CCMIofCounty.com

GET INVOLVED! YOU'LL BE GLAD YOU DID!

When you...

- Serve lunch to a family who hasn't had a hot meal for a while;
- Give a ride to an elderly widow who has no way to get to her Dr. appointment;
- Deliver a meal to a homebound, disabled veteran who looks forward to your regular visits;
- Make a home visit to a teenage mother to help determine what services she and her baby need;
- Help a homeless person on the path to a home, a job and restored dignity;
- Read a book to a wide-eyed two year old.

...you will know without question that you have made a difference in someone's life.

These are just some examples of the ways you can help Community Cooperative Ministries, Inc. (CCMI) meet our community's needs. CCMI programs include the Soup Kitchen, Senior Transportation, Meals on Wheels, Home Assessment, Homeless Services, and Hands & Hearts Montessori Preschool. **If you drive as a part of your volunteering, the commitment will require ONE GALLON of gas at most for each trip or delivery.** Volunteers are truly the backbone of our efforts in the community. If you are already a CCMI volunteer please accept our heartfelt thanks. We hope you will encourage your friends and neighbors to get involved with CCMI.

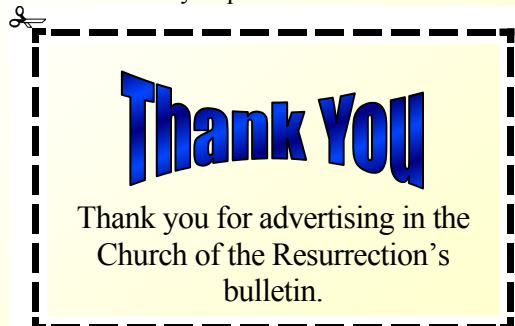
If you aren't a volunteer, perhaps you would like to lend a helping hand - whether it is two hours a week, two weeks, two months or year around we can use your help! **For more information call 332-0441 or e-mail, www.ccmileecounty.com.**

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Pilgrimage to celebrate the **150th Anniversary of the Lourdes Apparition** with a Mass celebrated by Pope Benedict XVI, September 7 - 17, 2008, plus visits to Fatima and Notre Dame. Fr. John Gordon is the chaplain with daily Mass. For more information call **267-2684**.

GIVING THANKS WHEN YOU SHOP

Please be sure to thank the generous advertisers in our bulletin. Through their participation, our parish receives our weekly bulletin free of charge. Please cut out the thank you below and present it the next time you patronize one of our advertisers.



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.

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, 561-2245
- 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.



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