

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 be able to accommodate you. Thank you.
(Must be registered and practicing for at least 3 months)

NEW PARISHIONERS: Please fill out registration card
and return to ushers or to the church office

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:
Tel. 482-6883 or 481-7172

RELIGIOUS ARTICLES STORE: Tel. 437-9876

RELIGIOUS ED OFFICE: Tel. 482-6883

YOUTH MINISTRY OFFICE: Tel. 481-5144

PARISH OFFICE: Tel. 481-7171 or 481-7172

Fax 481-8007, www.resurrectionch.org

E-mail: parishoffice@resurrectionch.org

Mon-Th 8am-12pm & 1-4pm, Fri 8am-12pm & 12:30-3:30pm
Saturday 8:30am - 12:00pm

MARCH 2, 2008 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

CHILDREN OF THE LIGHT

The future king, David, in today's first reading, is an example of a type of character present throughout the Hebrew scriptures. He is the child born out of place (not the eldest or most favored) who ends up receiving the promise of the covenant. The spirit of God's anointing rushes upon him. In this way, he is similar to the man born blind from today's Gospel. David's family and the blind man's community did not expect the miraculous grace of God's love to work through them. Perhaps they, too, were "blinded" by the expectations and assumptions of those around them. Yet, after being touched by God, they both came to "see" the presence of God's will for them. Both became messengers of God's will. That same Spirit of God's anointing rushed upon us at our baptism; we were given a candle as a sign of our membership in the Body of Christ, the Light from Light. Our vocation, then, is to fulfill that enlightenment, that anointing, as Ephesians tells us, by living as "children of the light."

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Fourth Sunday of Lent March 2, 2008

The LORD is my shepherd; I
shall not want.

— Psalm 23:1

MASSSES FOR THE WEEK

SAT. MARCH 01 - SUNDAY VIGIL MASSES

3:00 ♥People of the Parish

4:30 †Steve Quinn by Jean & Fred Quinn

6:00 †William Keffer by Barb & Bob Ochs

SUN. MARCH 02

6:30 †Robert Sides by Robert & Dorinda Klemp

8:00 †Donald F. Hansen by Mary Ann & Bob Hansen

9:30 †Jennifer Fair by John Nastasi

11:00 †Pauline Norton by Dee Gallina

12:30 †Virginia Mary Hightower by Barbara Berry

MON. MARCH 03

8:00 †Melvin Dorak by Jan Dorak

9:30 †Frank Giglio by Sue Chernesky

TUE. MARCH 04

8:00 †Lydia Constantino by Friends

9:30 †Jerry Casey Family by Rita

WED. MARCH 05

8:00 †Mrs. Mirecki Senior by Bob & Margaret Masterson

9:30 †Barbara Embrey by Barbara Berry

THU. MARCH 06

8:00 †Francis LaPointe by Elizabeth & Nick Matarazzo

9:30 †Harvey Gibbing by Teddi Saunders

FRI. MARCH 07

8:00 †Robert Mai by Kay Hibbs

9:30 †Ken Borton by Scallon Family

SAT. MARCH 08

8:00 †Josephine Dooley by Mary Ellen & Robert Geiger

SAT. MARCH 08 - SUNDAY VIGIL MASSES

3:00 ♥People of the Parish

4:30 †Louise Gudac by Jean & Fred Quinn

6:00 †Cassidy Geary by Jan & Ed Grella

SUN. MARCH 09

6:30 †Art & Dot Schober by Family

8:00 †Rosaline Brennan by Kathleen O'Sullivan

9:30 †Anthony DeSanctis by Don & Pat Angelini

11:00 †Laura Jallits by Mother

12:30 †Ben Carroccio by Family

CONFESSIONS - Saturdays 1:45-2:45PM, or 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 **Cora Hanley, Barbara Richey, Bernadette Quirion, Barbara Pronicki, Ruthie Jones, Frank O'Donald, Rosalie Diersing, Joseph Bonifazio, Edith Beeson, Joan Kershaw.**

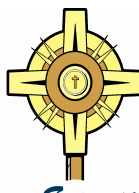
TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — As the prophet Samuel anointed David with oil, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David and remained with him from that day forward (1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a).

Psalm — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

Second Reading — You who were once darkness are now light in the Lord. Live as children of light (Ephesians 5:8-14).

Gospel — The man who was blind from birth proclaimed: The one called Jesus made clay with his saliva, anointed my eyes with it, and told me wash. When I washed, I was able to see! (John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]).



BENEDICTION & EXTENDED ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Benediction and Exposition will follow

The 8:00a.m. Mass on the First Friday of March. Following the 9:30a.m. Mass, Exposition will continue until noon. If you are interested in spending time with the Blessed Sacrament, please call the parish office at **481-7171**. A sign up sheet will also be available in the church vestibule.

2008 ANNUAL CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL-

Thank you for assisting Church of the Resurrection and the Diocese! Your gift to the Catholic Faith Appeal directly impacts the lives of people from all walks of life who seek spiritual nourishment or temporal services from one of the following:



CCHD, Outreach to the Homebound, Cultural Group Ministry, Haitian Ministries, Hispanic Ministries, Campus Ministries, Criminal Justice, Office of Family Life, Respect Life Ministry, Safe Environment Program, HIV/AIDS Ministry, Catholic Charities, Catholic Schools, Religious Education, Permanent Diaconate, OLPH Retreat Center, Religious Vocations, Tribunal, TV Mass for Shut-ins, Caritas, Stewardship & Development, Administrative Services of the Diocese, Support of Religious Orders, Blessed Edmund Rice School, Peace and Social Justice.

Your gift to the Catholic Faith Appeal extends your stewardship beyond your parish to reach those in our larger Catholic family. Resurrection receives full credit for your gift. Once our assessment has been satisfied, the parish receives all monies collected over the assessment amount for its own essential needs.



From the Bishop

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We have been asked by the Diocese to inform our parishioners and visitors that

"Mary Mother of Jesus Catholic Community House Church" is not recognized by the Diocese of Venice. All information on Churches of the Diocese can be found by visiting www.dioceseofvenice.org, or phoning the Diocese at (941) 484-9543.



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

WEEKLY SUNDAY OFFERING**February 24, 2008**

Registered families with envelopes: 2450

Envelopes received: 848 (35%) **\$18,647.75**Remaining fam. & visitors: 1602 (65%) **\$ 10,503.25****Total offering:** **\$29,151.00****Thank You****ST. VINCENT DePAUL OFFERING****February 24, 2008****\$1,160.00****Thank you!****STATIONS OF THE CROSS****10:00AM - Wednesdays of Lent (Feb. 13 - Mar. 19)****BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED****SACRAMENT****Each Friday of Lent - (Except Good Friday)*****Benediction will be between the 8:00 and 9:30a.m. Masses*****HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR
MARCH 2008 -**

General: The importance of forgiveness and reconciliation between individuals and peoples may be understood and that through her testimony the Church may spread Christ's love, the source of new humanity.

Mission: That Christians persecuted because of the Gospel in various parts of the world and in various manners may be sustained by the strength of the Holy Spirit and continue to bear witness courageously and openly to the Word of God.

**ANNUNCIATION MASS & LUNCHEON
WITH THE BISHOP -**

You are invited to a special celebration of the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord on **Monday, March 31, at Epiphany Cathedral, Venice.** Bishop Dewane will celebrate an **11:00a.m. Mass** and will be the guest speaker at the catered luncheon in the parish hall afterward. These events launch the *2008 Novena of Masses for Life*, a series of monthly Masses scheduled around the Diocese from April 25 through November 25, marking the months of Jesus' development in the womb of Our Lady. Please join us to launch this beautiful season of the liturgical meditations on *Jesus in the Womb*. **Luncheon tickets are \$25.00, to be paid no later than March 24.** Make checks payable to *Laity for Life, Inc.* and mail to P.O. Box 111478, Naples, FL 34108. Visit **www.LaityforLife.org** or call **(239) 352-6333 for further information.** This event is cosponsored by the Respect Life Department of the Diocese of Venice.

**RESURRECTION CATHOLIC
EDUCATION FUND**

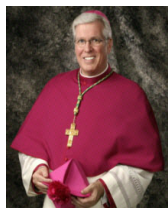
Our parish supports our student-parishioners who attend St. Francis Xavier School, St. Andrew's School and Bishop Verot High School. The needy and deserving families in all three schools receive financial aid and scholarships. This supreme financial sacrifice is to insure that Catholic children are taught 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.

LEAVEN XIV Conference – March 15, 2008***"Let Me Be the Face of Christ"*****Sr. Helen Prejean, CSJ – Keynote Speaker**

She has long had a ministry to death row inmates and who received international acclaim for her book "Dead Man Walking: An Eyewitness Account of the Death Penalty in the US" (1993)

Hosted by: San Antonio Parish***24445 Rampart Blvd., Port Charlotte, FL******Sponsored by: Peace and Justice Office, Diocese of Venice*****Bishop Frank J. Dewane, Principal Celebrant at 11:45 Mass at conference.**

Workshops include: Water is Life, Catholic Youth and Social Concerns, My Experience in Iraq, Farmworker Justice, Criminal Justice Ministry, The Question of Palestine, etc.

Fees: Full Conference, continental breakfast, workshops, box lunch - \$20.00, Students: \$10.00 after 2/29

Checks payable to Leaven XIV Diocese of Venice**Mail to: Peace and Justice Office, 1000 Pinebrook Road, Venice, FL 34285**

***Resurrection Parish will have a group attending.
If you are interested, please call 482-6883 asap!***



Parishioners are invited to participate in **Catholic Relief Services' OPERATION RICE BOWL.** This Lenten program of prayer, fasting, education and almsgiving began on Ash Wednesday. It is an effort to raise awareness of the problems of global poverty and to provide a means to address them.

One of the ways families participate is by keeping a cardboard *rice bowl* on the dining table as a symbol of the hungry of the world and a reminder of their need for **prayers and donations.** People are encouraged to have one sacrificial meal weekly and to put the cost of that meal in the *rice bowl*. The proceeds from those *rice bowls* should be returned by **Holy Thursday, March 20th.**

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY **THURSDAY MARCH 13TH**

Music by Celtic Stew



DOORS OPEN AT 4:30P.M. SERVING AT 5:30P.M.
TICKETS ON SALE AT CHURCH OFFICE
OR GIFT SHOP
\$15.00 EACH \$17.00 AT DOOR
BEER AND WINE AVAILABLE

MENU:

CORNER BEEF AND CABBAGE by MARIO'S
PARSLEY RED POTATOES/CARROTS
BREAD/ROLLS
COFFEE & DESSERT



LENTEN FISH FRY DINNERS
EVERY FRIDAY, 4:30 TO 7:00 PM
FEBRUARY 8 - MARCH 7

ADULTS \$6.00, CHILDREN \$4.00
BAKED & FRIED FISH FILLETS
FRENCH FRIES AND COLESLAW
MAC & CHEESE FOR CHILDREN
COFFEE, ICED TEA, LEMONADE

MORE MEN'S CLUB NEWS



ANNUAL RETREAT FOR ALL MEN -

The Resurrection Men's Club is inviting all men to the Annual Retreat on **Friday, March 14, 7:00p.m. - 9:00p.m.** in the Chapel, and **Saturday, March 15, 7:40a.m.** in the church for the rosary and **8:00a.m. Mass.** Continental Breakfast after Mass in the Parish Center. **The Retreat begins at 9:00a.m.** and continues until noon, followed by a **light lunch.** Free admission. The Retreat Masters are Fr. Oliver Toner, Friday and Fr. Chris Beretta, Saturday RSVP by calling Joe Halizak, 482-1743

ITALIAN DINNER -

The Men's Club will be having an Italian Dinner on **March 30.** Watch bulletin for further details.

DAYLIGHT



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME -

Don't forget, *Daylight Savings Time* begins Sunday, March 9th!!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

GOSPEL SHARING QUESTION

All families are encouraged to share on these questions around the dinner table or in the car. The Gospels are meant to be lived. Join us in making them alive!

What are the consequences of being drawn into darkness, evil - the easy path of having it all?

How has grace been present in your weakness?



THE SECOND SCRUTINY -

The second Scrutiny is celebrated on the 4th Sunday of Lent with those who are preparing for Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist this Easter. A Scrutiny is meant to uncover and heal all that is sinful in their hearts, and bring out and strengthen all that is good. The Scrutiny is also for us. We are sometimes blind to the call of Jesus.

IMPORTANT REMINDER ABOUT JUBILATION-

- ENTRY FORMS ARE DUE NOW
- PROJECTS ARE DUE APRIL 1ST

JUNIOR YOUTH NEWS

JUNIOR YOUTH/MIDDLE SCHOOL GATHERINGS are scheduled for **Mar. 2 & 16**. Meetings are in the **Parish Center from 6:00 - 7:30p.m.** with dinner included for \$1.00. Upcoming topics include "Spoons, Crazy Eights and Fun", "From Feasting to Fasting: From Mardi Gras to Lent", "Super Bowl of Caring" and "Evan Almighty: Building You're A.R.K.". All youth in grades 6,7 and 8 are invited to attend. For more information, or to **RSVP for a meeting, call Leslie at 481-5144**.

FISH FRY SERVERS NEEDED - Youth servers are needed to bus tables and clean up at the Men's Club Fish Fry Friday night during Lent on **March 7**.

PALM ART - Mark your calendars for our Palm Sunday Crafts! Join us in the Parish Center on Sunday, **March 16, following the 9:30 Mass** to make Palm Crosses.



RCIA SESSION (Right of Christian Initiation for Adults)

Focus Session: "Original Sin & Social Sin" with Fr. Oliver Toner.

Dismissal of Candidates preparing for Baptism will be at the **9:30a.m. Mass**.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY WITH LORETTA DUQUETTE -

The adult bible study will be continue weekly, every **Tuesday** (through April) from **7:00 - 9:00p.m.** The **focus will be the Gospel of Luke, study of parables and miracles**. All are welcome. Please **phone 482-6883** to reserve a space.



WOMEN'S GUILD -

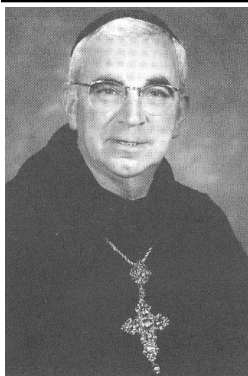
The Women's Guild Bake & Craft Sale will be held on **Sun. March 9th following the 8a.m. Mass until noon**. Leprechauns and Easter Bunnies will be visiting our tables. We will have Soda Bread, Cookies and Cakes. Come visit us!!

RETURNING FROM THE NORTH AND RESUMING ENVELOPES -

When our registered parishioners return from the North, we try to match the return date with the monthly arrival of envelopes as closely as possible - if this information has been provided to us by the parishioner at least 2 months in advance of returning. Here is a quick guide as to the month when you might anticipate your envelopes being resumed:

<u>Return by the 12th of</u>	<u>Envelopes for Month of</u>
August	September
September	October
October	November
November	December
December	January, 2009
January, 2009	February, 2009

This schedule applies only to those parishioners who have notified us of their return by using the form we provided in various issues of the parish bulletin, or, who have telephoned us with this information.



YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR MISSION

Weekend Mass Homilies of March 29 & 30 and continuing as the Mission on March 31, April 1 & April 2.

MISSION THEME: "PRAY AS CAN, NOT AS YOU CAN'T"

PRESIDER: ARCHABBOT LAMBERT REILLY, O.S.B.

Right Reverend Reilly served as Archabbot of St. Meinrad Archabbey, Indiana, from 1995 - 2004. He holds master of Divinity and Master of Religious Education degrees as well as a Bachelor's degree in Philosophy. His biography is very extensive. The Archabbot has distinguished himself as a Retreat Director and speaker. He has given numerous retreats to bishops, priests and sisters, including *Mother Theresa's Missionaries of Charity* in the United States and India. Resurrection is privileged to have the Archabbot presiding at our Mission again this year.

This Mission promises to be spiritually up-lifting!



COFFEE & DOUGHNUTS are available after the 8:00 and 9:30a.m. Masses on Sunday in the Parish Center.

BEREAVEMENT & BEYOND

All widows, widowers or others suffering the loss of a loved one, are invited to join our informal discussion group for coffee and for the desire and comfort of a deeper relationship with God through prayer and friendship. Meetings are **every Monday morning following the 8:00a.m. Mass for one hour in the Parish Center.** We'd love to see you there. Questions? Phone Cecilia, 437-2367.



PRAYERS FOR PRIESTS -

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

USHERS ARE NEEDED! -

Men and women parishioners are needed to volunteer as ushers. Please consider giving some of your time to the Lord and to your Parish. A special **'THANK YOU'** to the current ushers for their dedication. For information phone Dan at 768-5617.

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USING ENVELOPE NUMBERS

Our registered parishioners have an envelope number which is imprinted on the giving envelopes. For those times when an imprinted envelope is not used, we ask for your assistance in accurately recording your generous contributions by ensuring that you use the correct envelope number. If you have any question about your envelope number, please call the parish office. We will also appreciate your writing clearly so that there is no confusion about your name and address. *Thank you for helping us!*

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

ST. KATHARINE DREXEL PLAYERS PRESENTS, "DINNER WITH A PERFECT STRANGER". Imagine receiving an engraved invitation in the mail to join Jesus of Nazareth for dinner at a local restaurant. This production has a fascinating ending that leaves us all wondering: **What would I discuss over dinner with Jesus? Performances are Mar. 7 & 8 at 7:30p.m. Wine & Cheese Reception, 7:00p.m. Tickets cost \$5.00 and include Wine & Cheese Reception. Call 239-599-8085 for more info.**



T.G.I.F.F.

(Thanks Goodness It's First Friday!!!)

Join us on Fri. **March 7, (First Friday)** for the ***Song of Solomon Series*** at Church of the Resurrection. Time: **7:00 - 9:00p.m.** Come find answers to questions about dating, courtship, conflict resolution, commitment, marriage, intimacy and romance. Explore God's plan in the biblical design for relationships. Bring a friend!! For more info phone Annette, 826-0737, or www.songofsolomon.com.

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.

Prayer Group, Tuesdays, 7:00p.m., class room 1.

Baptismal Class, 2nd Tuesday of month, 7:00p.m

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

Women's Guild, 3rd Wednesday of the month, 8:30a.m.

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

Coffee Klatch, Thursdays after the 8:00a.m Mass.

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

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

Bridge Club, Thurs., 1:00p.m., call Rita, 433-0900

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, 561-224
- 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.