

# 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)

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

Saturday 8:30am - 12:00pm

**MARCH 9, 2008**

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**JESUS' MINISTRY SUMMARIZED**

The story of the raising of Lazarus from the dead is the single longest story (apart from the Passion) in the Gospel of John. In it we find a summary of most of Jesus' ministry. We see His very human nature as He is moved by Martha and Mary's sorrows and as He Himself weeps at the tomb of Lazarus. He is the wisdom of God's Word made flesh as He explains to his followers that the death of Lazarus will serve as a sign of the glory of God. He crowns the miracles He works in John's Gospel (which began with the most "human" miracle of making new wine at Cana's wedding) by raising Lazarus from the dead—a "preview," if you will, of His own death and resurrection to come. This portrait of Jesus reminds us, as we near the end of our Lenten journey, that He is with us, knows us, understands us in every moment of our lives. He knows the joy of our human feasting, He knows the sorrow of our weeping. As we prepare to walk with Him through the days of Holy Week, we are filled with faith that—through Christ—God's glory will be with us in every moment of our lives and—with Christ—in our life everlasting.

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### Fifth Sunday of Lent March 9, 2008

Out of the depths I cry  
to you, O LORD;  
LORD, hear my voice!

— Psalm 130:1

### MASSSES FOR THE WEEK

#### 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

#### MON. MARCH 10

8:00 †Josephine Dooley by Fusco Family

9:30 †Mirta Plasencia by Walt & Darlene Danielewski

#### TUE. MARCH 11

8:00 †Melissa Marie Cook & Jill Semplinski Nelson by David Cook

9:30 †Elizabeth Madden by Josefina/Ignazio Furnari

#### WED. MARCH 12

8:00 †Marie LaPorte by M/M Luigi Visciotti

9:30 †Barbara Embrey by Thrift Store Volunteers

#### THU. MARCH 13

8:00 †William Healey by Robert Etzel

9:30 †Megan Joyce Baumgartner by Richard & Joyce Lane

#### FRI. MARCH 14

8:00 †Jim Wagner by Lynn Shunk

9:30 †Joan Judge by Mulcahy Family

#### SAT. MARCH 15

8:00 †Deceased Members of the Woodka Family by Denis Woodka

#### SAT. MARCH 15 - SUNDAY VIGIL MASSES

3:00 †Paul Forst by Friends & Family

4:30 †Robert & Rose Resignolo by M/M Albert Resig

6:00 †Thomas O'Brien by Kevin & Julie Reilly

#### SUN. MARCH 16

6:30 ♥People of the Parish

8:00 †Jack Fiamingo by Joe & Katalin Toth

9:30 †Helen Stanzione by Family

11:00 †Al & Rose Orsini by Jodie Mazeika

12:30 †Paul McCarley 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 **Joan Kershaw, Fred Tellado, Andrew Aliprandi, Edith Termotto.**

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Thus says the Lord GOD: I will open your graves, have you rise from them, and settle you on your land. (Ezekiel 37:12-14).

**Psalm** — With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption (Psalm 130).

**Second Reading** — If Christ is in you, the spirit is alive even if the body is dead because of sin (Romans 8:8-11).

**Gospel** — Lazarus, dead four days, comes out of his tomb when Jesus calls his name.

(John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]).

### CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

#### *My Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,*

In the story of the *Last Judgment*, *Jesus reminds us to care for those in need*. If we ignore those who are hungry, thirsty, ill, without choices, strangers, or in prison, we turn away from Christ. When we act with compassion, generosity, and commitment to justice for the "the least among us", we are His true disciples.

The **Catholic Relief Services collection**, scheduled for the weekend of **March 8/9**, gives an important opportunity to express Christian compassion and generosity toward our brothers and sisters in need. Proceeds from the collection will help build the Church's international social ministry by funding the work of six agencies:

**1. Catholic Relief Services, the official international relief and development agency of the U.S. Catholic community**, assists people in 98 countries on the basis of need - not race, creed or nationality. It provides financial assistance to the poor and addresses the root causes of poverty.

**2. Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc.** provides a full range of legal and support services for poor immigrants and advocates for comprehensive immigration reform. **Its focus is on reunification of families and protection of those fleeing persecution.**

**3. Migration and Refugee Services of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)** annually resettles one quarter of the refugees admitted to the U.S., **serves victims of human trafficking and advocates for migrant families.**

**4. Justice, Peace, and Human Development of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops** advocates for the poor and vulnerable and for the international peace and justice.

**5. The Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church (SCDC) of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops**, has a part of its mission the evangelization and pastoral care of immigrants, migrants, refugees and people on the move.

**6. The Holy Father's Relief Fund** assists victims of natural disasters and other emergencies around the world.

By giving to *The Catholic Relief Services Collection*, you are responding to Jesus in disguise. Thank you for your generosity. Please visit [www.usccb.org/crscollection](http://www.usccb.org/crscollection) for more information.

Sincerely in Christ,

+ Frank J. Dewane; Bishop of Venice in Florida

#### (ED. NOTE:

Envelopes, for non-registered parishioners and visitors, can be found in the pews.)



**WEEKLY SUNDAY OFFERING****March 02, 2008**

Registered families with envelopes: 2450

**Envelopes received:** 880 (36%) **\$20,976.50**Remaining fam. & visitors: 1570 (64%) **\$10,056.80****Total offering:** **\$31,033.30****Thank You****RESURRECTION EDUCATION FUND****March 2, 2008** **\$6,527.00****Thank You!****ST. VINCENT DePAUL OFFERING****March 2, 2008** **\$1,155.00****Thank you!****2008 ANNUAL CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL:**  
**TOGETHER IN CHRIST**

**We need your help!** Please join our parish family by making a sacrificial gift to CFA. **Your gift helps to pay our parish share of the cost, of our diocesan programs.** Once we reach our assessment, **\$379,000**, the Diocese returns all “over-goal” funds to our parish for use in our own ministries. Please join us in supporting our larger Catholic family. You can make a pledge that can be paid out until the end of the year, and you can make your gift by credit card, direct card, stock donations, or by check! **Checks should be made payable to the Catholic Faith Appeal.**

**NEW PRACTICE FOR LISTING FLOWER MEMORIALS OR HONORARIA**

We are very grateful to so many parishioners and visitors who respond to the opportunity to contribute to the beautiful floral arrangements we have in the church for Christmas and Easter. Since we had been receiving such a tremendous response to our need for contributions, we had been listing the names of donors and names of those designated as “In memory/In Honor of...”. We are adopting a **new** practice, effective immediately, ***to more closely unite the idea of memorializing and honoring our loved ones with the sacred liturgies that occur during Christmas and Easter.*** We will now place all the envelopes for flowers for Christmas and Easter on a pedestal near the sacred altar for the octaves of Christmas and Easter as a spiritual offering to our God. This new procedure will **replace** the listing of names in the parish bulletin. Please note that this procedure does not affect the listing of altar floral arrangements that we have on a weekly basis for much of the liturgical year.

**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**.

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

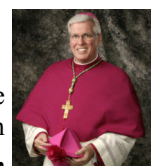
**HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS- FOR MARCH 2008 -**

**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.

**IMPORTANT NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE -**

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**.

**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.

**PRAYERS FOR PRIESTS -**

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

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**.



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

# **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 ADVANCE, \$17.00 AT DOOR***  
***BEER AND WINE AVAILABLE***

**MENU:**  
***CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE by MARIO'S***  
***PARSLEY RED POTATOES/CARROTS***  
***BREAD/ROLLS***  
***COFFEE & DESSERT***



## **WOMEN'S GUILD NEWS**

### **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!!

### **WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING -**



The Women's Guild meeting will take place on March 19th following the 8:00a.m. Mass. Refreshments will be served at 8:30 followed by the meeting at 9:00. C.C. Colesanti will present a program on St. Joseph. The nominating committee will announce the slate of officers for the upcoming term 2008-2010, with the election to take place at this meeting. All women of the parish are invited to attend.

## **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, with music by John Nastasi and group, on **March 30. Reservations are limited.** Tickets are available at the parish office and the gift shop, \$15.00 advanced sales, \$17.00 at the door.

## 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 is a time in your life that was sad or difficult, yet when you look back, it led to a new life?*



### THE THIRD SCRUTINY -

Today we hear of the raising of Lazarus as we celebrate the third Scrutiny for those candidates who will receive Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil. We ask you to pray for all those adults who will be entering into the Catholic Church this Easter and especially for the members of our parish as they rise to new life in Christ.

## Join Us for Jubilation!!!!

**April 5 & 6, 2008**

**Save The Date**

**Come and See....**

**The Many Ministries and Youth Displays!!!**

We have 60 + entries from our Youth...Come and see Faith Alive and Lived!

### DOOR PRIZE DRAWN AFTER EACH MASS

Receive a free raffle ticket as you leave church and another for visiting each ministry display...*You must be present to win.*

## JUNIOR YOUTH NEWS

**JUNIOR YOUTH/MIDDLE SCHOOL GATHERINGS** are scheduled for **Mar. 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**.

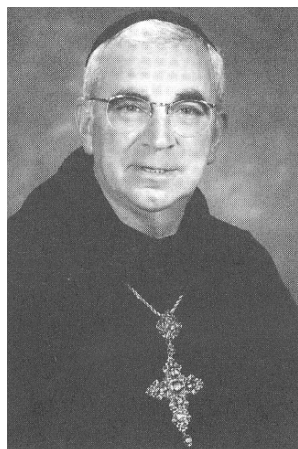
**PALM ART** - Mark your calendars for our Palm Sunday Crafts! Join us in the Parish Center on Sunday, **March 16**, following the **9:30 Mass** to make Palm Crosses.

**RCIA SESSION (Right of Christian Initiation for Adults)**  
Focus Session: "*Pascal Mystery in Sacraments*" with **Deacon Peter Fullen**.  
**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.

**BIOETHICS SEMINAR:** Resurrection Parish is hosting the Bioethics Seminar being presented by John Haas, PhD and Rev. Tad Pacholczyk, PhD of the **National Catholic Bioethics Center**. **When: Sat. Mar. 29**, 8:00a.m., Mass in the Church. Registration and coffee in the Parish Center from 8:45-9:15a.m. The seminar will be from 9:10a.m. - 4:15p.m. **Cost is \$25.00** (box lunch included). For more information contact Joanne Gorgone at **574-0397** or email, [joannegorgone@leememorial.org](mailto:joannegorgone@leememorial.org). For questions about content call Steve Hannan, MD, 489-1488



## 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 Unites 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!**

## COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

### ACCOUNTANT NEEDED -

St. Francis Xavier Catholic School is seeking an experienced "hands on" accountant for the position of Business Manager. A Bachelor's Degree in Accounting is preferred with 5-8 years of experience. Qualified candidates are invited to e-mail a cover letter identifying major accomplishments, salary requirements and name of their parish along with an attached resume to: [careerhumanresources@dioceseofvenice.org](mailto:careerhumanresources@dioceseofvenice.org).

### VOCATION DISCERNMENT -

**Do you wonder if you may be called to serve God as a Sister?** If so, we invite you to attend our discernment retreat April 25th. It will be held at our Motherhouse and will give you an opportunity to pray and share with the **Sisters of St. Joseph**. All meals and accommodations are included. To register or obtain more information contact Sr. Kathleen Power, (904)610-9228 or Email, [ssjflvocations@bellsouth.net](mailto:ssjflvocations@bellsouth.net).

### RETRouvaille HELPS IMPROVE TROUBLED MARRIAGES -

Retrouvaille is an international program to help overhaul marriages that are in danger of dissolving. Retrouvaille places strong emphasis on the communication techniques needed to repair hurting marriages, including a concentrated weekend and six post-weekend Sunday afternoon sessions. **There is still hope.** The next Retrouvaille weekend will be held in Venice on **March 28-30**. Please call Steve and Linda Smith at (239) 395-0810 or (800) 470-2230. All inquiries are held in strict confidence.

### ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC SCHOOL, OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR 2008-2009 -

St. Andrew Catholic School is accepting new and returning registration for the 2008-09 school year, Pre-K through 8th grade. The school exists to integrate the values of the Roman Catholic Church in a superior educational environment. A wide variety of extra curricular activities are available to all students. Please call 772-3922 for more details or to schedule a tour.

### MONASTERY VOCATIONS RETREAT -

The Holy Spirit Trappist Monks in Conyers, Ga. Will be hosting two exciting Live-in Vocations Retreats, March 24-27 and June 20-22. This is a rare opportunity to live the life of a monk for a few days! Work and pray with the monks and hear the vocational talks. No cost - food and room are free. If you take a bus to Conyers, Ga. the monks will even pick you up at no charge. For more details call toll free 1-800-221-1807.

### FOR COUPLES PLANNING MARRIAGE -

The Diocese of Venice will hold a Pre-Cana conference on Sat. Feb. 23 and Sat. April 12 at St. Vincent dePaul Parish in Ft. Myers, to help engaged couples prepare for the Sacrament of Matrimony. The cost is \$65.00 per couple, which includes a continental breakfast and lunch. This fee is non-refundable. For reservations please call Betty K at (941)484-9543.

## 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**, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.