

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
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RELIGIOUS ARTICLES STORE: Tel. 437-9876

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

**MARCH 16, 2008
PALM SUNDAY**

SEEING CHRIST CLEARLY

We start today looking through the portals of Jerusalem, seeing crowds of people, cheering and waving palm branches in the air. The whole atmosphere is one of joy, triumph, and celebration. We can get distracted or enthralled by the scene, and not see clearly the features of Jesus as He enters. But our readings from Isaiah and Paul's letter to the Philippians clarify His features for us. He is the Suffering Servant, meek and mute before His captors and persecutors; He is the very image of the unseen God, yet will not clutch at equality with God before He endures His final confrontation in humility. Isaiah and Paul help us "behold the Lamb of God" before we hear the story of His final and greatest confrontation. It is important that we see Christ clearly before we hear the account of His passion, for we - his Body through baptism, the church - now bear His face. We must, with Him, enter into this time of trial so we can, also with Him, enter into His final triumph.

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**Palm Sunday of the
Lord's Passion
March 16, 2008**

God greatly exalted [Christ]
and bestowed on him the name
which is above every name.

-Philippians 2:9

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SAT. MAR. 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. MAR. 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

MON. MAR. 17

8:00 †Robert Giannotti by Wife
9:30 †Wilfred Loyer by M/M James Mielke

TUE. MAR. 18

8:00 †Maureen Buonocore by Family
9:30 †Gerald Cochrac by Steve & Kathy Barina

WED. MAR. 19

8:00 †Living & Deceased Members of the Resurrection
Women's Guild
9:30 †Eugene Smith by Family
THU. MAR. 20 - HOLY THURSDAY
7:00PM †Frs. Adelbert, Frye, Schmidt, Cilwick, Patenaude,
Buscher

After Mass: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight

FRI. MAR. 21 - GOOD FRIDAY

10:00 Stations of the Cross
12:30 Stations of the Cross
3:00 Commemoration of our Lord's Passion & Death
5:30 Commemoration of our Lord's Passion & Death
7:30 Living Stations of the Cross

SAT. MAR. 22 - HOLY SATURDAY

8:00PM Easter Vigil Mass - ♥Catechumens

SUN. MAR. 23 - EASTER SUNDAY

6:30 †William Tatler by Anne Tatler
8:00 †Marianne Coleman by Husband Bill
9:30 †Robert Trinski by Shirley
11:00 †Rosalie & William Keating by Mary Ann Vlagakos
12:30 †John Shelby by the Curley Family

SUN. MAR. 23 - EASTER SUNDAY, PARISH CENTER

8:10 ♥People of the Parish
9:40 †Hayes Family Living & Deceased
11:10 †Sonia Halizak by Joe & Shirley Halizak

TODAY'S READINGS

Gospel at the Procession with Palms — Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Matthew 21:1-11).

First Reading — In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).

Psalm — My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22).

Second Reading — Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).

Gospel — The account of Christ's passion according to Matthew (Matthew 26:14 — 27:66 [27:11-54]).

**HOLY WEEK
&
EASTER SCHEDULE**



CONFESSIONS:

Saturday, March 15 - 9:00 to 11:00a.m.

Wednesday, March 19 - 10:30a.m. to 12:00p.m.
& 7:00 - 8:00p.m.

Good Friday, March 21 - 10:30a.m. to Noon

HOLY WEEK:

Holy Thursday, March 20

7:00p.m. - Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper &
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight

Good Friday, March 21

10:00a.m. - Stations of the Cross
12:30p.m. - Stations of the Cross
3:00p.m. - Commemoration of our Lord's Passion &
Death
5:30p.m. - Commemoration of our Lord's Passion &
Death
7:30p.m. - Living Stations of the Cross (Dramatic
Portrayal of Jesus' Passion & Death)

EASTER VIGIL & EASTER SUNDAY MASSES:

Holy Saturday, March 22

8:00p.m. - Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday (Church), March 23

6:30, 8:00, 9:30 (Children's Choir), 11:00a.m.,
12:30p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY (Parish Center), March 23

8:10, 9:40, 11:10a.m.

HOLY WEEK TRIDUUM:

Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. **ALL families are encouraged to participate in these highest of holy days in the Catholic Church.** Please attend with your children to be immersed in the mystery of Jesus' love for us as He offers His body and blood for our salvation. Attendance and participation in the Masses and services are the best ways to teach your children Religious Education. See above for the times.



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

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 Stephen Hynes.

WEEKLY SUNDAY OFFERINGMarch 09, 2008

Registered families with envelopes: 2450

Envelopes received: 820 (33%) **\$20,151.00**Remaining fam. & visitors: 1630 (67%) **\$8,184.00****Total offering:** **\$28,299.00**Thank YouCATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES OFFERING**March 9, 2008** **\$6,397.50**Thank You!ST. VINCENT DePAUL OFFERING**March 9, 2008** **\$1,008.00**Thank you!GOOD FRIDAY HOLY LAND COLLECTION -

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Christians in the Holy Land need your help now as never before. For these sons and daughters of the land sanctified by the Lord's life, death, and resurrection, life has become intolerable. An extreme scarcity of housing (especially for couples), plummeting salaries, declining purchasing power and the shadow of violence and hatred have driven many followers of Christ to emigrate in search of a better life. Yet as the Custos of the Holy Land, Fr. Pierbattista, recently said, "*As Christians, we have an historical task: not to abandon the land of the Lord, to be there, to stay there, to be Christians there.*" Since the 13th century, the Order of St. Francis has worked not only to make Christianity's holiest sites accessible to all the faithful, but to preserve the Holy Land's precious Christian community, the "*Living Stones of the Church.*" The primary means of support for this work is the annual Good Friday Collection. It is a Pontifical Collection, administered by the Vatican's congregation for the Oriental Churches. We know that the Catholic people in the United States will respond generously to their brothers and sisters in the Holy Land who are so desperately in need of support. We take this occasion to express our deepest appreciation and to assure you that the Franciscans here and in the Holy Land remember you daily at God's altar.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

Father Jeremy Harrington, O.F.M.
Commissary and Guardian

SUNDAY, MARCH 30 is DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY -

We will celebrate *Divine Mercy Sunday* with Benediction and recitation of the Chaplet immediately following the 12:30p.m. Mass. **All are invited to participate.** Be sure to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation prior to Divine Mercy Sunday. This is the day of extraordinary graces and "complete forgiveness of sins and [of its due] punishment" for those who approach Him in trust and faith. *The Novena to Divine Mercy begins on Good Friday.* For more information on Divine Mercy Sunday go to www.AmericanCatholic.org, and enter "*Divine Mercy Sunday*" in the search area.

2008 ANNUAL CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL:TOGETHER IN CHRIST

The 2008 Catholic Faith Appeal continues in our Diocese. The annual operating support helps fund pastoral outreach, mission and poor parishes, religious education, vocations and much more. **Our parish assessment this year is \$379,000.00. Thus far \$224,796.76 has been pledged, and payments made, total \$154,878.60. Thank you for your generosity.** For those who have not yet pledged or made a donation, it is not too late to do so. Envelopes for this purpose can be found in the pews and at the entrances of the church.

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 co-sponsored by the Respect Life Department of the Diocese of Venice.

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.**



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

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!

How has your obedience to God's will changed suffering into blessing?

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.*



RCIA SESSION (Right of Christian Initiation for Adults)

Focus Session, "Christ's Obedience - Our Model" with Loretta Duquette

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

Let us keep the candidates and catechumens in our thoughts and prayers...especially during this most Holy season.

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 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.

A NOTE FROM THE MEN'S CLUB -

"We wish to extend our thanks all the people who attended our Lenten Fish Fries. The entire Men's Club appreciates your support very much!"

Thank You

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JUNIOR YOUTH NEWS

PALM ART - Join us at the Parish Center on Sunday, **March 16, following the 9:30 Mass** to make Palm Crosses.

JR. YOUTH GATHERING FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL - will meet Sunday evening, March 16th at 6:00p.m. The topic will be **"Spring Training"**. We will have a **special guest from the Minnesota Twins Organization** share with us. Please come and show your support. As always, dinner and a beverage are \$1.00, **RSVP to 481-5144.**

EASTER EGG STUFFING - All middle school or high school students who would like to stuff eggs for our annual Easter Egg Hunt, may join us at **10:30a.m. on March 20th.** This is a great opportunity to earn service hours! For Information or to RSVP, please call Leslie at **481-5144.**

EASTER EGG HUNT - All parish children, age 10 and younger, are invited to join us **March 22nd at 10:00a.m. sharp**, for the annual Resurrection Easter Egg Hunt. Meet at the Parish Center entrance. Please bring a basket!

JESUS' DEATH IS OUR EXAMPLE

"Jesus, who upon entering into the world said: "I have come, O God, to do Your will" (cf. Heb 10:9), made Himself obedient to the Father in everything and, "having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end" (Jn 13:1), giving Himself completely for them. He who had come "not to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many" (Mk 10:45), attains on the Cross, the heights of love: "Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends" (Jn 15:13). And He died for us while we were yet sinners (cf. Rom 5:8). In this way Jesus proclaims that life finds its center, its meaning and its fulfillment when it is given up. At this point our meditation becomes praise and thanksgiving, and at the same time urges us to imitate Christ and follow in His footsteps (cf. 1 Pt 2:21). We too are called to give our lives for our brothers and sisters, and thus to realize in the fullness of truth the meaning and destiny of our existence."

- John Paul II (The Gospel of Life, n.51)

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.



FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH **ITALIAN DINNER & DANCE**

March 30, 2008

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:

SALAD, HOT OR SWEET SAUSAGE & PEPPERS
PENNE W/MARINARA SAUCE
ITALIAN BREAD & OIL
COFFEE & DESSERT

*You may bring your own
bread to be blessed!*



MUSIC: NASTASI BAND

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.

MASSES:

Sat. Mar. 29 - 3:00, 4:30 & 6:00p.m.

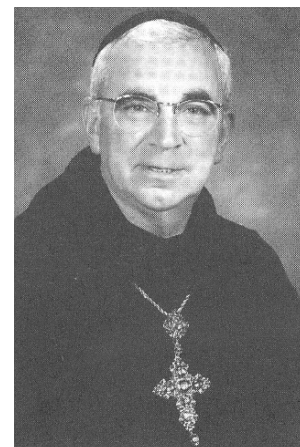
Sun. Mar. 30 - 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00a.m.

Mon. Mar. 31 - 9:30a.m.

Tues. April 1 - 9:30a.m.

Wed. April 2 - 9:30a.m.

This Mission promises to be spiritually up-lifting!



COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

ACCOUNTANT NEEDED -

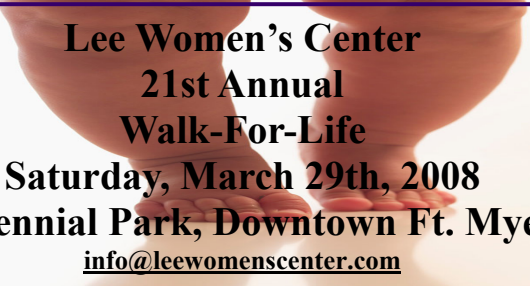
St. Francis Xavier Catholic School is seeking an experienced "hands on" accountant for the position of Business Manager. A Bachelor's Degree in Accounting is preferred with 5-8 years of experience. Qualified candidates are invited to e-mail a cover letter identifying major accomplishments, salary requirements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

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, ssiflvocations@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.



Lee Women's Center
21st Annual
Walk-For-Life
Saturday, March 29th, 2008
Centennial Park, Downtown Ft. Myers
info@leewomenscenter.com

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**.

COUNSELING FOR FAMILIES OF DIVORCE -

Catholic Charities Counseling Center is offering a 4-week educational program to address the unique needs and struggles of families of divorce. Experts in the fields of parent education, financial planning, family law and clinical counseling will provide information and address issues and questions. The group will meet **Thursday evenings, 6:30 - 8:00p.m., March 27 - April 17**. For more information call **274-0757, ext. 3, by March 24**.

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.