

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:
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RELIGIOUS ED OFFICE: Tel. 482-6883

YOUTH MINISTRY OFFICE: Tel. 481-5144

PARISH OFFICE: Tel. 481-7171 or 481-7172
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Mon-Th 8am-12pm & 1-4pm, Fri 8am-12pm & 12:30-3:30pm
Saturday 8:30am - 12:00pm

MARCH 23, 2008

EASTER SUNDAY

REJOICE AND BE GLAD

"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad" (Psalm 118:24). Let us remember that these words of today's responsorial psalm are not only sung from the hearts of those gathered in our parish. They are also sung by the poor in tiny barrios throughout Central and South America. They are sung by those denied religious freedom in our world; these Christians lift their voices in clandestine places of worship. These words are sung by people who have lost loved ones to acts of terrorism and war around the globe. Even in the midst of conflict and division, Christians still come together to declare that poverty, loneliness, violence, and division will never, ever have as much power as the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Indeed, let us rejoice this day and be glad!

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Easter Sunday March 23, 2008

When Christ your life appears, then
you too will appear with him in glory.

— Colossians 3:4

MASSSES FOR THE WEEK

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

MON. MAR. 24

8:00 ♥Sophia Gallina, Special Intention by Dee Gallina

9:30 †George Sperhac by Beth & Rick Matarazzo

TUE. MAR. 25

8:00 †Joseph & Ben Carroccio by Family

9:30 †Beatrice Shrimpton by Carroll Hunt

WED. MAR 26

8:00 †Anne & Howard Staples by Anne Tatler

9:30 †Grace Sayers by Beth & Rick Matarazzo

THU. MAR 27

8:00 †Joe Kenney by Kenney Family

9:30 †Vinney Hanlon by Elizabeth Lyons

FRI. MAR. 28

8:00 †Angleon & Badman Families by Dona Badman

9:30 †Robert Wnukowski by Family

SAT. MAR. 29

8:00 †Alex Thomasson Sr. by John & June Hayes

SAT. MAR. 29 - SUNDAY VIGIL MASSES

3:00 †Art & Dot Schober by Family

4:30 †Gene Stachnik by Jean & Fred Quinn

6:00 †Robert Wnukowski by Family

SUN. MAR. 30

6:30 ♥People of the Parish

8:00 †Austin DeBerger by M/M Edwin Brazinski

9:30 †Marilyn Swanson by Joan Leanza

11:00 †Laura Jallits by Mother

12:30 †John & Marie Rotte

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, Dr. Fritz Beller, Dr. Frank DiPlacido, Helen Smith, George Leo.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen (Acts 10:34a, 37-43).

Psalm — This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad (Psalm 118).

(1) Second Reading — All who are baptized, set your hearts in heaven (Colossians 3:1-4) or

(2) Second Reading — Christ our Passover is sacrificed; therefore let us celebrate (1 Corinthians 5:6b-8).

Gospel — Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (John 20:1-9) or

Matthew 28:1-10 (or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Luke 24:13-35).

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.



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

WEEKLY SUNDAY OFFERING
Palm Sunday, March 16, 2008

Not available at time of printing

GOOD FRIDAY HOLY LAND OFFERING
March 21, 2008

Not available at time of printing

ST. VINCENT DePAUL OFFERING

March 16, 2008

\$2,233.00

Thank you!

FROM THE DIOCESE -

- ♦ **TV Easter Mass:** Bishop Frank J. Dewane is celebrating **Easter TV Mass** for the homebound, so please tune in if you cannot attend Mass in person. The Bishop's Mass will air **from 11a.m. – 12 p.m. on WWSB, ABC 7 in Sarasota and from 8 a.m. – 9 p.m. on WFTX Fox 4 in Cape Coral.**
- ♦ **Vocation Retreat:** Sisters of St. Joseph is offering a discernment retreat for single **Catholic women ages 18-35, April 25 at 4:30p.m. and April 26 at 3:00p.m.** in St. Augustine, FL. For more information call Sr. Kathleen Power, **904-610-9228** or email, **ssjflvocations@bellsouth.net.**



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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

(Sunday, March 30)

- ♦ All parishioners are invited to participate in the special celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday, the Sunday after Easter. Fr. Toner will conduct a special service **after the 12:30p.m. Mass** to highlight the celebration.
- ♦ Our Lord promised St. Faustina complete forgiveness of sins and punishment to all those who will go to Confession (beforehand) and receive Holy Communion on this day.
- ♦ In addition, Pope John Paul II granted a plenary indulgence for the devout observance of the Divine Mercy Sunday.
- ♦ So come, celebrate, and bathe in Our Lord's ocean of graces and unfathomable mercy.



INTRODUCTION TO EASTER

Tradition tells us that the place where Jesus died and the place where he was buried are but a stone's throw apart. However, the distance from Golgotha to the tomb and the Resurrection is much, much farther. It's a giant leap of faith. Easter demands that same leap of faith. Otherwise, no amens, no alleluias, no Easter candle, no eggs to color.

Throughout the season of Easter, God's Word comes to us to reveal the meaning of the Resurrection event. It nourishes our faith by explaining the mysteries celebrated at the Vigil of Easter. By making this Word our own, we discover how the Easter mysteries, the sacraments of baptism, confirmation, and Eucharist, make a difference in our lives. We discover anew how Easter shines through and see what the momentous event has to do with us. We discover just how resurrection has "happened" in our lives. We learn that Easter does not simply celebrate what happened to Jesus. It celebrates what happens to us. And we celebrate this wondrous "happening" for fifty days.

Unfortunately, such celebration won't be easy. We're just not used to it. We take our partying in minuscule doses. We start to fade before the Easter lilies do. It'll take some doing to sustain Easter's joy, but it can be done. We can find reconciliation to celebrate in our families. We can find conversion to celebrate in our Church. We can find new life to celebrate in ourselves. We need only take the time to open our eyes and look.

With newly opened eyes, we can discover just how much we belong here and how we have taken on Easter's new life as our own. We can understand that we are one with the risen Lord in his death and resurrection, and that the Resurrection suffuses the whole human enterprise and sets it squarely in the heart of God.

So over the next seven weeks, decide to celebrate something new each week. Make a list of your blessings. You'll see that you can find seven things to celebrate. Share your celebration with at least one other person. Now you have fourteen things to celebrate! Come Pentecost, you might be tired, but don't fret. The Holy Spirit comes to ignite a new fire in you and to give you even more to celebrate.

In the meantime and throughout this Easter time, great joy to you and yours! This is the season of blessed celebration! This is a season of glorious new life! Seize it!

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EASTER FLOWERS

We thank the many parishioners and visitors who contribute toward our beautiful Easter flowers. Easter flower envelopes are gathered near the altar, as they represent the prayerful remembrances for our beloved living and deceased.

2009 MASS INTENTIONS

Arranging Masses for special intentions, for the deceased, and for special circumstances for 2009 will be available, starting Tuesday, April 1, after 9a.m. in the parish office, or, by calling Mary at 481-7172.

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 does the Resurrection mean in your life?

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.*

CHRISTAIN PASSOVER PRAYER SERVICE, for Religious Education students and parents Tuesday April 8, 4:30p.m. and Wednesday April 9, 6:15p.m.

Jesus' Passover Dinner was the basis for the Eucharist, the sacrificial Lamb - the Body of Christ. This service will help us connect with our Jewish heritage as we, the Church, gather around His altar of sacrifice, and do this in His remembrance. We will not have dinner but we will learn that the Passover meal prefigures the sacramental and sacrificial part of the Mass which the Church continues to this day.

Help is needed on Monday, April 7 at 10:00a.m. to set the tables with the ceremonial foods: horseradish (bitter herbs), parsley, haroset (apples, cinnamon, nuts, honey), matza (unleavened bread), candles. A father and mother is needed for each table. Children will sit with their class and with parents. **Please call 482-6883 by Wednesday, April 1 to let us know if you are coming and/or if you can help with set-up/clean-up.**

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RCIA SESSION (Right of Christian Initiation for Adults)

Focus Session, Easter, "In fulfillment of the Scriptures" with Joanne MacPeck

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.**

JUNIOR YOUTH NEWS

JUNIOR YOUTH MEETING FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL

will meet Sunday evening, **April 13th & 27th at 6:00p.m.** Topics to be announced. As always, dinner and a beverage is \$1.00, **RSVP to 481-5144.**

BIBLE CAMP PLANNING MEETING

Please join us for a planning session for this summer's Bible Camp. All interested adults are invited to come **Tuesday, March 25 at 6:30p.m. in the Parish Center.** Bible Camp will take place July 28 through August 1. You do not need to be present for the week of Bible Camp to participate in this planning meeting. **For information call 481-5144.**

THE FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM IS PRIVILEGED TO PRESENT THE LARGEST VATICAN EXHIBITION EVER TO VISIT NORTH AMERICA



**VATICAN
SPLENDORS**

FROM SAINT PETER'S BASILICA,
THE VATICAN MUSEUMS AND THE SWISS GUARD

This exhibit will make the first of three exclusive stops on its North American tour in St. Petersburg, Florida February 9, 2008 through May 11, 2008.

This is your chance to see items rarely, if ever, displayed for the public in dramatic, recreated settings such as the **Tomb of Saint Peter, The Sistine Chapel and the Renaissance Basilica of Saint Peter.** The exhibit, with art work dating back to the third century, includes works by Michelangelo, Bernini, Giotto, Guercino, among others. With a vast collection of nearly 200 objects dating from the earliest days of papal history, from the venerated relics of Saint Peter to items from the election of Pope Benedict XVI, Vatican Splendors offers an unprecedented opportunity for art lovers and members of the faith-based community.

From culture to history to art, come explore the Papacy's impact on the world throughout the centuries.

Resurrection has reserved group rates for Sat. April 19, 2008.
Adults: \$15.00
Rel. Ed. Students: \$6.00

Carpool will leave Parish Center parking lot at 6:00 a.m. on Sat. April 19.

Reservation Deadline: April 5, 2008

For more information and reservations phone: Patti at 482-6883

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM



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

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Calling all Moms!- 3 M'S for 3 S's:

(Mothers Meeting Mothers for Spirituality, Sharing, Support)

Moms of all ages are invited to a workshop on Saturday, April 19, at San Antonio Parish, Port Charlotte, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Mothers will gather together, connect, share, laugh, and pray as they support each other and grow into their whole selves. Fee will be \$25 (if paid by April 11th,) \$30 after April 11th. Continental breakfast and lunch will be served. Baby sitting will be available for a nominal fee. For information and reservations please call Louise or Betty K. in the Family Life Office at (941) 484-9543.

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 is in Venice, **March 28-30.** Please call Steve and Linda Smith at **(239) 395-0810** or **(800) 470-2230.** All inquiries are held in strict confidence.

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.**

Lee Women's Center 21st Annual Walk-For-Life

Saturday, March 29th, 2008
Centennial Park, Downtown Ft. Myers
info@leewomenscenter.com

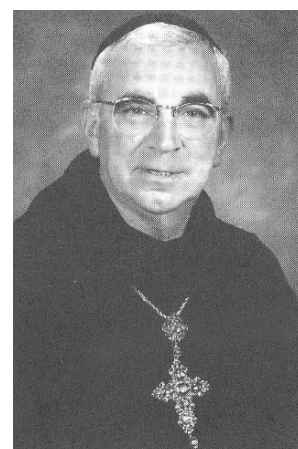
YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR MISSION

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.



MASSSES:

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!

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.