

CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

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FORT MYERS, FLORIDA 33919



PASTOR: Very Rev. Stephen E. McNamara, V.F.

Parochial Vicar: Fr. Oliver Toner; **In Residence:** Fr. Ray Hughes

Deacons: Michael Esper and Peter Fullen

Administrator: Bonnie O'Connell

Director of Religious Education: Joanne MacPeck, M.A.

Organist: Connie Kish

Youth Director: Leslie Gaitens-Kopper

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

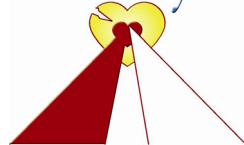
MARCH 30, 2008
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
(DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

A SEASON OF JOY

"They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers" (Acts 2:42). This first line of today's first reading sets the tone as this fifty-day celebration of Easter opens before us. Today we listen to the teachings of three apostles - Luke, Peter, and John - who remind us that even though we have not seen Christ, we nonetheless are filled with joy as we place our belief in his saving death and resurrection. Each week during the Easter season we will gather as a community of faith to find strength and support from our God and from one another. Each week we will gather to break bread and offer the great prayer of thanksgiving, actions that will manifest the very presence of the risen Christ in our midst. Let us be open to the wonders of this season of joy.

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Divine Mercy Sunday



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Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday) March 30, 2008

"Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

— John 20:29b

MASSSES FOR THE WEEK

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

MON. MARCH 31

- 8:00 †Catherine Poole by Patrick Poole
9:30 †Robert Wnukowski by Family

TUE. APRIL 01

- 8:00 †Rene Bennett by Karen French-Watson & Bennett Families
9:30 †Mary Perone by Josita Perone

WED. APRIL 02

- 8:00 †Josephine Dooley by Liz Hassett
9:30 †Don English by Family

THU. APRIL 03

- 8:00 †Richard Lombard by Patrick Poole
9:30 †George Leo by Peg & Frank Bentz

FRI. APRIL 04

- 8:00 †Eileen Jordan by John Connelly
9:30 †Charles Sanatore by Sam & Anita Fini

SAT. APRIL 05

- 8:00 †Marie Jachimowicz by Pat Witt & Family

SAT. APRIL 05 - SUNDAY VIGIL MASSES

- 3:00 †Jeanne Eddy by Eddy Family
4:30 †Dot Schober by Parish Staff
6:00 †Tina Burm by M/M James McLaughlin

SUN. APRIL 06

- 6:30 ♥People of the Parish
8:00 †Lillian Cootware by Husband & Family
9:30 ♥Special Intentions of the Pirog Family by Friends
11:00 †Patricia Madden by Rita Casey
12:30 †Gene Normandin & Jeannette Baran by M/M Edward Baran

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 **David Low, James Flannery, Lynn Kanady, Judy McCall.**

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — All who believed were devoted to the teachings of the apostles, the communal life, the breaking of the bread, and prayer (Acts 2:42-47).

Psalms — Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His love is everlasting (Psalm 118).

Second Reading — God has given us an undiminished inheritance, safeguarded for us in heaven (1 Peter 1:3-9).

Gospel — The risen Christ comes to His disciples with peace and the Spirit. The absent Thomas doubts (John 20:19-31).

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 \$297,042.76 has been pledged, and payments made, total \$220,019.60. 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.

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**.

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.



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

WEEKLY SUNDAY OFFERING
March 16, 2008

Registered families with envelopes: 2450

Envelopes received: 931 (38%) **\$21,016.05**

Remaining fam. & visitors: 1519 (62%) **\$11,114.95**

Total offering: **\$32,131.00**

Thank you!

GOOD FRIDAY HOLY LAND OFFERING

March 21, 2008 **\$7,717.00**

Thank you!

WEEKLY SUNDAY OFFERING
March 23, 2008

Registered families with envelopes: 2450

Envelopes received: 999 (41%) **\$37,241.00**

Remaining fam. & visitors: 1451 (59%) **\$19,599.00**

Total offering: **\$56,840.00**

Thank you!

EASTER EDUCATION OFFERING

March 23, 2008 **\$16,049.00**

Thank you!

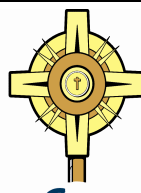
ST. VINCENT DePAUL OFFERING

March 16, 2008 **\$2,233.00**

Thank you!

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.



BENEDICTION & EXTENDED
ADORATION OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT

Benediction and Exposition will follow
The 8:00a.m. Mass on the *First Friday* of April. 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.

WOMEN'S GUILD & MEN'S CLUB NEWS

WOMEN'S GUILD MONTHLY MEETING -

The Women's Guild will hold their monthly meeting on **April 16**. Installation of officers will take place **immediately following the 8:00a.m. Mass**. Fr. McNamara will officiate. Refreshments will follow at the Parish Center. All women are welcomed.



SPRING CRAFT & BAKE SALE -

Come and visit the ladies of the Women's Guild for their *Spring Craft & Bake Sale* featuring Mother's Day items, **Sunday, April 13 immediately following the 8:00a.m. Mass** in the Parish Center. The sale will continue until noon.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST -

April 13, 2008, the Men's Club will be having a special Pancake Breakfast **after the 8:00 & 9:30a.m. Masses** in the Parish Hall.

DONATIONS FOR CHAPEL FLOWERS are requested and will be much appreciated. They beautify our church and honor our Lord.

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



AVE MARIA ORATORY
DEDICATION

The Oratory at Ave Maria will be dedicated by the bishop on March 31st and become a Quasi-Parish. The dedication of the new Church begins with a sprinkling rite followed by the Liturgy of the Word. Then the Litany of the Saints, and a special prayer of dedication is recited. After the prayer both the altar and the Church building are anointed with sacred Chrism oil. The anointing of the altar makes it a symbol of Christ, the "anointed One". The anointing of the walls in four distinct places sets the building aside as a house of worship. The Holy Eucharist will then be celebrated on the newly-anointed altar of the dedicated Church. The Mass will begin at 2:00p.m. on March 31st. The public is invited.

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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 does your belief in Jesus help you to live?

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.*

***Please Note: All Youth Entries are due April 1st!**

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 (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

Focus Session, "Faith", with Robert & Christina Martinez

ADULT BIBLE STUDY WITH LORETTA DUQUETTE -

The adult bible study will be continued 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.**

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 this exhibit.

Adults: \$15.00

Rel. Ed. Students: \$6.00

Carpooling will be available.

Reservation Deadline: April 5, 2008

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

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM

T.G.I.F.F. - (Thanks Goodness It's First Friday!!!)

Join us on Fri. **April 4 (First Friday)** for the **Song of Solomon Series** on 'Courtship and Dating' at Church of the Resurrection. Time: **7:00 - 9:00p.m.** Bring a friend!! For more info phone Annette, **826-0737**, or **www.songofsolomon.com**.



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

MUSIC: NASTASI BAND



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

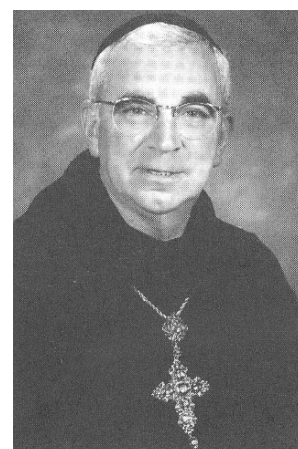
YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR MISSION

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!

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.