

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 advise you of the requirements. Thank you.

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

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

MAY 4, 2008 THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

SHARE THE HOPE

The readings for today's celebration of the Ascension of the Lord once again remind us that as Christians we are people of hope. In the second reading Saint Paul eloquently exhorts the Ephesians to enlighten their hearts so that they will know the hope and glory that come from being people who place their trust in the Lord Jesus. In the story of the Ascension, recounted in the first reading, the Lord Jesus assures the disciples that the Holy Spirit's power will come upon them. Finally, in the Gospel, the Lord lets the disciples know that their mission is to spread the hope of the Gospel to all the nations. This wonderful feast keeps our eyes focused on the hope in which we were grounded on the day of our baptism.

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The Ascension of the Lord May 4, 2008

He was lifted up, and a cloud
took Him from their sight.

- Acts 1:9

MASSSES FOR THE WEEK

SAT. MAY 03

8:00 †Eddie Barth by Husband

SAT. MAY 03 - SUNDAY VIGIL MASSES

3:30 †Catherine Kratochvil by Ann Cabral

5:00 ♥People of the Parish

SUN. MAY 04

6:30 ♥Hilda Wolf, Special Intention by her Sister

8:00 †Pauline Brandis by Shirley Dillard

9:30 †Dorothy Kiesel by Mike & Connie Esper

11:00 †Mary & James McGowan by Mary & Dan Walsh

MON. MAY 05

8:00 †Kevin Glancy by William & Lois LaLor

TUE. MAY 06

8:00 †Wm. & Evelyn Lockhart by John & Susan Lockhart

WED. MAY 07

8:00 †Christopher DeRosa by Scallon Family

THU. MAY 08

8:00 †William Rech by Rose Cahill

FRI. MAY 09

8:00 †Fr. Frank Sutschek by John Sutschek

SAT. MAY 10

8:00 †James Warnock by Al & Eileen Fichera

SAT. MAY 10 - SUNDAY VIGIL MASSES

3:30 ♥People of the Parish

5:00 †Paul Forst by Friends & Family

SUN. MAY 11

6:30 ♥†Living & Deceased Mothers of the Parish

8:00 ♥†Living & Deceased Mothers of the Parish

9:30 ♥†Living & Deceased Mothers of the Parish

11:00 ♥†Living & Deceased Mothers of the Parish



TRIDENTINE MASS TO BE CELEBRATED AT RESURRECTION PARISH

Father James Fryer will celebrate Tridentine Mass at Resurrection of Our Lord Parish beginning **Sunday, May 4th at 5:30 p.m.** The Mass will be scheduled every first and third Sunday of the month at the same time throughout the summer months.

CONFESSIONS - Saturdays 2:15 - 3:15, 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 the deceased of the Parish.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Jesus tells the disciples that they will be witnesses to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:1-11).

Psalm — God mounts His throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord (Psalm 47).

Second Reading — May the Father of glory give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation (Ephesians 1:17-23).

Gospel — Jesus instructs the eleven to baptize and teach people of all nations (Matthew 28:16-20).

MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY

Mary is our spiritual mother, the New Eve, as Christ is the New Adam. She is the image of Christ's love, goodness and mercy. Mary never failed in her fulfillment of the Divine will. Her perfect obedience flowed from her humility. Her life should serve as an example to all of us.



MAGNIFICAT (MARY'S PRAYER)

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour;

Because He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaid; for, behold, henceforth all generations shall call me blessed;

Because He who is mighty has done great things for me, and Holy is His name;

And His mercy is from generation to generation on those who fear Him.

He has shown might with His arm, He has scattered the proud in the conceit of their heart.

He has put down the mighty from their thrones, and has exalted the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent away empty.

He has given help to Israel, His servant, mindful of His mercy - Even as He spoke to our Fathers - to Abraham and to His posterity forever.

PLEASE NOTE: The Rosary is prayed daily in church at 7:40 a.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays at 2:00 p.m. Fr. Benedict Groeschel says that the Rosary is a "chain of hope". So, if you are not able to participate in the recitation of the Rosary with us, then, you are urged to pray a daily Rosary at your convenience.

**THE MOTHER'S DAY
MASS REMEMBRANCE ENVELOPES**
can be found at the entrances of the church.

If you wish to have your mother remembered in the Mothers' Day Masses, please place her name on the envelope and return it by **Friday, May 9.** Thank you.



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

WEEKLY SUNDAY OFFERING

APRIL 27, 2008

Registered families with envelopes: 2450

Envelopes received: 788 (32%) \$18,931.50

Remaining families & visitors: 1662 (68%) \$5,917.40

Thank You!

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS

April 27, 2008

\$3,833.50

Thank You!

ST. VINCENT DePAUL OFFERING

April 27, 2008

\$824.50

Thank You!



IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE ALTAR FLOWERS

in celebration of someone's anniversary/birthday as a memorial or in thanksgiving please call Jennifer, at the Parish Office, 481-7172. Please make check payable to Church of the Resurrection. Bring to parish office, or mail it to us. The loved one's name as well as the name of the donor (if wished) will be printed in the bulletin.

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 **\$349,259.63 has been pledged, and payments made, total \$276,384.65. 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.

LAY CARMELITES RECEPTION



The Third Order of Mount Carmel Lay Carmelite Community invites you to a special Reception Ceremony of new members on **Saturday, May 3rd following the 5:00 p.m. Mass.** For more information call Trudy Doramus, 565-0278.

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.



HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MAY 2008

General: That Christians may use literature, art and the media to greater advantage to favour a culture which defends and promotes the values of the human person.

Mission: That just as she accompanied the apostles in the early stages of the Church, may the Blessed Virgin Mary, Star of Evangelization and Queen of Apostles, continue to guide the missionaries throughout the world with maternal affection.

SPRINGTIME

It is always springtime in the heart that loves God.

—St. John Vianney



**FLOWER DONATIONS ARE NEEDED FOR THE
MONTHS OF MAY AND JUNE. Thank You!**

MEN'S CLUB NEWS



The Resurrection Men's Club donated \$277.00 from a stained glass raffle to the Collier Pregnancy Center. The Center is a Life-Affirming Medical Clinic. Thanks to all who contributed!

WOMEN'S GUILD NEWS



The Women's Guild May meeting will be held on **Wednesday, May 21st**. We will have the **Crowning of the Blessed Mother following the 8:00 a.m. Mass**. All women of the parish are invited to bring flowers and participate in the procession. There will be a communion breakfast following the crowning. There is no charge, however, reservations are necessary through the office, **481-7172**.

NEW MASS SCHEDULE BEGINNING SATURDAY, MAY 3RD

SATURDAY: 8:00 A.M., 3:30 P.M., 5:00 P.M.

SUNDAY: 6:30 A.M., 8:00 A.M., 9:30 A.M., 11:00 A.M.

CONFESSIONS: Saturdays, 2:15 - 3:15 P.M. or 30 minutes before Masses or by appointment.

FROM THE BISHOP

Having served as co-chair of the *Save Darfur Rally* last year, Bishop Dewane would like to raise awareness about a **concert to benefit the refugees of Darfur** which will be held **Sunday, May 4, at 4:00 P.M.** at First United Methodist Church, 104 S. Pineapple Ave. in Sarasota. Donations will be accepted to aid the refugees. **For more information call 941-922-1257.**



Create Your Legacy

Bishop Frank J. Dewane cordially invites you to become a member of the **Diocese of Venice Legacy Society** by letting us know that you have included our parish in your estate plans, or by creating a charitable gift annuity or trust with us. Your gift can be further designated to a specific ministry or intention if desired.

For a **free** personalized annuity package, or simply to check on rates for a one or two person gift annuity, please call Mary Campo at 941-441-1117.

Development Department
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A SPECIAL THANK YOU!!



A special "Thank You" to all who helped to make the Eucharist Retreat a success!!

- Catechists, Allison Hughey, Annemarie Vasquez, Patti Dean and Sierra Vasquez who organized the *Last Supper*, Bible Study on 'I Am the Living Bread', and Footwashing experience.
- Parents, Ann McIltrout, Arlene Knox, Mary DePalma who organized the *Eucharist Bread* and Grandma's Bread video.
- Parents, Julie Beaudreaux and Linda Hanwacker who organized the banners for setting up on Eucharist morning.
- Parents, Erin Parsons, Carol Barekman, Linda Hanwacker, Yola Muttart, Luis Rios, Bill McMenamy, Linda & Michael Hefele and Stephen Parsons who registered parents, picked up chicken, cut up chicken, picked up lemonade, set up for dinner.
- Babysitters, Heather Hanwacker, Allison McMenamy, Annalle Scanlan who helped the younger children have fun for 4 hours!
- Parents who cleaned up, especially the Kyle family, Gerwitz family, Scanlan family, Apicella family, McIltrout family who took the leftover food to the *Soup Kitchen*.

The Eucharist Retreat was a real time of sharing and caring for EVERYONE. ALL of the families who helped in so many ways.....WE THANK YOU!! 'Thank You' also to the *Family Circle Donut Group* who provided the funds for the chicken!!! The food was delicious. Everyone enjoyed the time with each other and being part of the *Body of Christ*.



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 ways can you work to bring about the unity in the Church and in the world?



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Saturday, May 3rd First Holy Communion was celebrated with the following 43 children and their families: Zoe Apicella, Tatiana Barone, Meridith Bucher, Namomi Bustin, Martin Carrere, Gaige Carvalho, Matthew Cedarburg, John Cilibrasi, Joseph Cilibrasi, Salvatore Cilibrasi III, Peyton Clark, Nicholas Colavito, Charlie Cross, Samantha Custer, Gabriela DePalma, Nate Dorwart, Gabriella Ebenger, Michael Gerwitz, Michael Hafele, Christopher Hanwacker, Peyton Hebon, L. Webb Howard, Maggie Knox, Brett Kyle, Julia Legiec, Isabel Leguia, Jaymie Likus, Jalen Luna, Kinzie Luthringer, Emily Martin, Emily McIltrout, Tate McMenamy, Mason Muttart, Matthew Parsons, Ebenezer Queen, Tiffany Rios, Billy Schofield, Joshua Schwartz, Martha Sizemore, Natalie Stemle, Jack Trathen, Megan Welsh, Ellie Zubrowski. **Please keep these children and their families in your prayers as they continue on their Christian journey with God's presence in them.**

REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION BEGINS THIS WEEK!

Register early to save \$\$ and help us with ordering materials. Kindergarten to Grade 5 classes will begin meeting **August 26, 27, 2008** ~ Tuesdays, 4:30 - 5:45 p.m., Wednesdays, 6:15 - 7:30 p.m. **Tuition for Religious Education/Middle School Ministry is: \$100.00 for one child/\$120.00 for families BEFORE JULY 1. AFTER JULY 1, tuition will be \$120.00 for one child/\$140.00 for family. No family will be turned away for lack of funds.**

SACRAMENT PREPARATION REGISTRATION

All families with children in private schools/St. Francis Xavier must register for Sacramental Preparation. Cost for First Communion and First Reconciliation is \$25.00. Cost for Confirmation Retreat and Robes is \$100.00, payable at time of Retreat. Confirmation takes place in 9th grade or older. Preparation requires 2 years participation in classes/youth ministry. First Communion and First Reconciliation takes place in 2nd grade or older after 2 years of participation in Religious Education.

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RCIA SESSION (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)
Focus Session, "Christian Unity".

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Seventh Sunday of Easter
Monday: Cinco de Mayo
Saturday: Vigil of Pentecost;
Blessed Damien Joseph de Veuster of Moloka'i

JR. & SR. YOUTH NEWS



BIBLE CAMP 2008 ~ MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Resurrection Bible Camp will be from **July 28th to August 1st, 9:00 a.m. - Noon** this year. The theme is **POWER LAB: DISCOVERING JESUS' MIRACULOUS POWER!!** *New Friends *Amazing Crafts *Wacky Snacks *Incredible Music *Awesome Games *Super Bible Adventures... **Registration will be on Sunday, May 4th during Coffee and Donuts, following the 9:30 a.m. Mass, as well as, Tuesday and Wednesday, May 6th and 7th during Religious Education. The registration fee is \$25.00 per camper, or \$40.00 per family.** Volunteers are always needed ~ there are many ways to help out. We would love to have you join in the fun of planning this wonderful week - all you need is enthusiasm!! Please call Vikki Melchiorre, Youth Director at **481-5144**.

YOUTH MINISTRY COLLECTING CELL PHONES

The Youth Ministry is helping a non-profit organization, *Secure the Call Foundation*, in collecting old cell phones. The old cell phones are then cleaned, charged and reprogrammed to be used as a free 911 emergency phone. The phones are distributed to domestic violence shelters, senior centers, and neighborhood watch groups in addition to other agencies with an immediate need for 911 access. Only donations of cell phones can be accepted. Chargers and other accessories are not needed. Please drop off donated cell phones at the Parish Center. Thank you for your support!

PRE-K CLASS

The **last class** for Pre-K children is Pentecost, **Sunday, May 11**. Enjoy the summer! We'll see you again in September!

SENIOR YOUTH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Senior Youth volunteers are needed to help with Bible Camp. This is a great way to *SERVE and HAVE FUN!!* Bible Camp is scheduled for **July 28th ~ August 1st**. If interested, please call the Youth Ministry Office at **481-5144**.

REPORT CARD AND AWARD PRESENTATIONS

will take place **May 13 and 14. Tuesdays, 4:30 - 5:45 p.m., Wednesdays, 6:15 - 7:30 p.m.** All are invited to come!



Catholic Heart Workcamp ~ July 13 - 19 Orlando, Florida "This summer spend time serving on the outside and experience a change on the inside." This

summer **catholic teens** from all over the country will experience the power of God as they care, share, and offer hope to those in need. CHWC's mission is to empower teens to share their gifts serving others and inspiring them to grow deeper in their walk with Christ. We are teaming up with the Youth at St. Columbkille, and hope you will join us! Workcamps are **open to those that will be in the 8th grade in the fall of 2008 and older. The cost is \$325 per person** (We will have a fundraiser to help reduce the cost per person.) If you are interested in registering or have any questions, please contact Vikki Melchiorre, Youth Director, at **481-5144**.

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

TEACHING POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Father Anglim Academy is accepting applications for **teaching positions for the 2008-2009 school year**, including classroom teacher and art teacher. FAA is a Catholic school that serves students ages 6-18 with learning disabilities. Applicants for the classroom position must have current teacher certification in ESE. Interested applicants can send a resume and copy of the teaching certificate to **Principal, Father Anglim Academy, 2045 Heitman St., Ft. Myers, FL 33901** or online to Imoreau@fatheranglimacademy.org. Learn more about the school at www.fatheranglimacademy.org.

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA CATHOLIC SINGLES

The Southwest Florida Catholic Singles group is for **ages 30, 40, 50's who are single, widowed, annulled**. Their mission is strictly to promote fellowship through the Southwest Florida area. The purpose of the group is to provide spiritual, social and service activities for members in a safe Christian environment, encouraging a deeper relationship with God and support for each other. **For more information contact Pam, 989-7077.**

CATHOLIC CHARITIES NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

The Haitian Center of Catholic Charities is in need of volunteers for the following programs: Adult Education Classes, Citizenship Classes, Literacy Classes, Computer Classes. **If interested, please contact Pierrette or Rose at 334-2234.**

PAID POSITION AVAILABLE

AFCAAM Reading program at Harlem Heights branch has an opening for a paid position, part time teacher. Please contact Gwen at **985-0299** for more information.

DAY OF DISCERNMENT

Ever thought about becoming a sister? The Allegany Franciscan Sisters are having a **Day of Discernment for women who are considering the religious life**, and are between the ages of 18-45. It will take place **May 10 at Shalom Place in Ft. Myers**. For more information or to register contact Sr. Jo Streva, OSF at **332-5260**, FSAVOC@aol.com or www.AlleganyFranciscans.org.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL NEWS

St. Francis Xavier School is exploring the feasibility of opening a second **Pre-K program** (children 4 years of age by Sept. 1, 2008). For more information or to register a child, please contact Michele at **334-7707 ext. 223**.

MONASTERY VOCATIONS RETREAT

Attention prayerful single men! The Holy Spirit Trappist Monastery in Conyers, GA. will be hosting an exciting **Live-in Vocations Retreat June 20-22, 2008**. 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.



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., In the Youth Room.

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.

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.