

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

MAY 25, 2008

**THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF
CHRIST**

TRUST IN JESUS

Today's feast celebrates another central mystery of our faith—the mystery of the Eucharist. Like the mystery of the Trinity, the real presence of the Body and Blood of Christ in the Eucharist can never be fully understood, but can only be believed. Just as the Israelites in the desert were invited to put their trust in God's word to them, we are invited to trust wholly in the word of Jesus. In today's Gospel Jesus promises to give us a share in His very own flesh and blood, and a share in eternal life besides. We are called to take Him at His word and open our hearts to receive true nourishment and life from our participation in the Eucharist.

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The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ May 25, 2008

Not by bread alone does one live,
but by every word that comes
forth from the mouth of the
LORD.

— Deuteronomy 8:3b

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SAT. MAY 24 - SUNDAY VIGIL MASSES

3:30 †Ron White by Family

5:00 ♥People of the Parish

SUN. MAY 25

6:30 †Grace O'Donnell by Rene & James McCormick

8:00 †Ervin & Lucy Sutscheck

9:30 †Beverly Musial by Family

11:00 †Dorothy & William Goedecke by Family

MON. May 26

8:00 †Daniel W. York by David & Alisa O'Brien

TUE. May 27

8:00 †Jerome Snapp by M/M Richard Hoffman

WED. May 28

8:00 †Guido Buonocore by Family

THU. MAY 29

8:00 †Anthony DiSilvio by M/M L. Scianmeo

FRI. MAY 30

8:00 †John B. Keane by Martin Kennelly

SAT. MAY 31

8:00 †Pauline Brandis by Shirley Dillard

SAT. May 31 - SUNDAY VIGIL MASSES

3:30 †David Blair by Parents

5:00 ♥Strinka Family, Special Intention by Friends

SUN. June 1

6:30 †Hilda Wolf by Friends at Resurrection

8:00 †Rachel Delago by Grandma & Grandpa

9:30 †Nina Scaramella by William & Renette Frank

11:00 †Frances Mirtich by M/M Joe Slabosz

**CONFESSIONS - Saturdays 2:15 - 3:15, or 30 min. before
Sunday Masses or by appointment.**

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REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS All those who have
gone before us marked with the sign of faith especially,
Hilda Wolf, Barbara Fagan.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Please join us in welcoming the following new members to our Parish: Richard and Carol Jurkowski, Richard Strutz, Megan Guenther and family, Major Asselin, Robert Rubarski, James Toffoli, Francine Tucker, Joseph R. Vassallo, Chester and Geraldine Dawiki, Heather Fight, Marguerite Mueller, Edward and Donna Quenby, Cliff Robinson, Michael and Theresa Sorrentino, Ken and Teresita Taylor and family, Donald and Sammie Lou Green, James & Connie Griffin.



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

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Never forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of slavery and fed you with manna in the desert (Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a).

Psalms — Praise the Lord, Jerusalem (Psalm 147).

Second Reading — Because the loaf of bread is one, we who partake of it, though we are many, are one body (1 Corinthians 10:16-17).

Gospel — Jesus said "I am the living bread; whoever eats this bread will live forever" (John 6:51-58).



RCIA, INQUIRY CLASS SUMMER SESSIONS (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

- Are you looking for a deeper connection to God?
- Would you like to know more about the Catholic Church?
- Has your heart heard God's invitation to relationship?

If you know someone who is searching for a closer relationship with God, let them know about our *Summer Inquiry Sessions* on Sunday mornings from 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. in the Family Room of the church.

Call Joanne, 560-4386 or Loretta, 443-9146 to register.

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A Recent RCIA Witness Letter:

Joanne,

"I would like to take a moment and thank all that were involved with the RCIA this past year. My time with the RCIA was a very memorable experience and one that I am very proud of. I was one of the last to enroll, but luckily I started my sessions in time to be baptized this past Easter.

For me, it is very hard to pick one event as a favorite. I think the entire experience was very exciting and spiritually rewarding. I will say that the Easter Vigil was very beautiful. I have been to Easter Vigil before, but this one had a very different meaning for me. I was actually going to be able to receive Communion for the first time! Although I always wanted to receive Communion, I was not truly ready until that Saturday night. I really understood the significance of the ceremony for the first time and it was powerful.

As for 'The New Ryan', things have definitely changed. I always considered myself to be a good person and Christian, but I have a much clearer picture of what I am supposed to be now. I try very hard to be an influence to the people around me by leading by example. This can come in even the simplest gestures. I am definitely more conscious of my actions. I also feel like I missed out on a lot of opportunities to be a better person and Christian, but I am headed in the right direction now. Thanks again to all who helped in the process and keep up the good work.

Sincerely,
Ryan Edmonds

WEEKLY SUNDAY OFFERING MAY 18, 2008

Registered families with envelopes: 2450

Envelopes received: 717 (29%) \$15,050.96

Remaining families & visitors: 1733 (71%) \$4,435.95

Thank You!

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY/CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS OFFERING

May 18, 2008

\$3,735.00

Thank You!

ST. VINCENT DePAUL OFFERING

May 18, 2008

\$1,378.00

Thank You!

2008 ANNUAL CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL: TOGETHER IN CHRIST

Please join our parish family by making a sacrificial gift to CFA. Your gift helps to pay our share of the cost of our diocesan programs. Once we reach our assessment of \$379,000, the Diocese returns all "over-assessment" funds to our parish for use in our own ministries. **Please join us in supporting our larger Catholic family.** You may make a pledge that can be paid out until the end of the year, or you may make your gift by credit card, stock donations, or by check. Checks should be made payable to The Catholic Faith Appeal. *(Envelopes for this purpose can be found in the pews and at the entrances of the church). Thank you for your continued generosity!*



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.

This week's flowers are:

In Memory of:

Ralph Pallante by Wife, Mary Ann

In Memory of:

John & Mary McKenna by Kitty Sliva

THE EUCHARIST IS A SACRAMENT OF UNITY

"When I am lifted up from the earth," the Lord said, "I will draw all people to myself" (Jn. 12:32). He fulfills this promise in the Eucharist, which builds up the Church. The Church is the sign and cause of the unity of the human family.

Imagine all the people, in every part of the world, who are receiving Communion today. Are they all receiving their own personalized, customized Christ? Are they not rather each receiving *the one and only Christ*? Through this Sacrament, Christ the Lord, gloriously enthroned in heaven, is drawing all people to Himself. If He is drawing us to Himself, then He is drawing us to one another. St. Paul comments on this, "We, many though we are, are one body, since we all partake of the one loaf" (1 Cor. 10:17). When we call each other "brothers and sisters," we are not merely using a metaphor that dimly reflects the unity between children of the same parents. The unity we have in Christ is even *stronger* than the unity of blood brothers and sisters, because we *do* have common blood: *the blood of Christ!* The result of the Eucharist is that we become one, and this obliges us to be as concerned for each other as we are for our own bodies.

Imagine a person who receives Communion, accepts the Host when the priest says, "The Body of Christ," says "Amen," and then breaks off a piece, hands it back, and says, "Except this piece, Father!" This is what the person who rejects other people may as well do. In receiving Christ, we are to receive the *whole* Christ. In all His members, our brothers and sisters, whether convenient or inconvenient, wanted or unwanted.

Christ calls us to Christian unity. Let us all answer His call today with hearts filled with love for one another!

*TRADITIONAL
CELEBRATION OF
CORPUS CHRISTI
(THE BODY & BLOOD
OF CHRIST)*

*WITH VENERATION
SUNDAY, MAY 25*



Please join us for a traditional celebration of the Feast of Corpus Christi (The Body and Blood of Christ) on Sunday, May 25, immediately following the 11:00 a.m. Mass.

In honor of the gift of the Holy Eucharist, as Fr. Hughes processes with the Blessed Sacrament we will participate with prayers and songs of adoration.

In light of the current crisis of faith in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, may our participation in this event help to foster greater devotion to Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

Please tell your friends and maybe offer to bring someone who is housebound.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Register early to save \$\$ and help us In ordering materials. K-Grade 5 classes will meet beginning Aug. 26, 27, 2008.

Tuesdays 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Wednesdays 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Tuition for Religious Education/Middle School Ministry is: \$100.00 for one child/\$120.00 for family BEFORE July 1. AFTER July 1 tuition will be \$120.00 for one child/\$140.00 for family.

SACRAMENT PREPARATION

All families with children in private schools/St. Francis Xavier must register for Sacramental Preparation. Costs for only First Communion/First Reconciliation is \$25.00. Costs for Confirmation Retreat and robes is \$100.00 payable at the time of retreat. Confirmation takes place in 9th grade and older. Preparation requires two years of participation in classes/youth ministry. First Eucharist and First Reconciliation takes place in 2nd grade or older after two years of participation in religious education.

REFLECTIONS FROM FIRST EUCHARIST CHILDREN CONTINUED:

The children who recently received their First Eucharist were asked 'How will they live Christ's commandment to love one another by helping the poor?'. Below are some of their responses!! ~ ~ ~

Michael Gerwitz: "To help the poor and homeless; to give the homeless homes and put money in the poor box".

Matthew Cedarburg: "I will help poor people by giving them money".

Martin Carrere: "I will help somebody in South America".

Jayne Likus: "I would like to help families that live on the street".

Billy Schofield: "I would like to help my parents by doing chores around the house. I would like to collect toys to give to kids that don't have any at Christmas and also visit Senior Citizens at their home to make them laugh because they are homely".

Tiffany Rios: "I would like to go out and help all the people who need food, money, clothes and a home".

Mason Muttart: "I will serve the Lord by becoming a scientist and find a cure for disease".

Michael Hafele: "If I could help people in Haiti, it would be the people in Haiti because food is getting too expensive and I would like to help".

Matthew Parsons: "Try to find all the orphans in the world a home".

Chris: "I want to help the poor by giving the church money so they can give it to the poor".

Jack Trathen: "I can go to the hospital and play with sick children. I will bring them toys and read them stories".

Peyton Hebon: "Go to Asia and help the poor. Go to the Soup Kitchen and help feed the hungry".

Emily McIltrout: "I will help the poor by putting money in the poor box. I will bring food to put in the church food pantry. I will give some of my toys to the poor".

God Bless our children.... they are so precious!!!

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 is still open; sign up early to reserve your spot! **The fee is \$25.00 per camper, or \$40.00 per family.** Please call 481-5144 to register.

ADULT AND SENIOR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking to have adult volunteers join us for Bible Camp! We invite anyone who would enjoy working with the children! It's a great way to meet the young members of our parish, and a great way for them to know we are all one community! If you are interested, please call the Youth Ministry Office, 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!



Catholic Heart Workcamp ~ July 13 - 18 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. **Would you please consider sponsoring one of our missionaries?**



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.

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.**

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.**

PLEASE HELP THE HOMELESS NOW!

Small Hand-operated can openers, and used backpacks are needed! Bicycle locks and bicycle lights are needed too! Please drop items in vestibule of the church or at the Parish Center. **For Questions, call Joanne 482-6883 or Vikki 481-5144.**

DEATH PENALTY FACTS AND CATHOLIC CHURCH TEACHING

Did You Know? In their bulletin insert *Death Penalty Facts and Catholic Church Teaching*, the Florida Catholic Conference states: "Attempts to support the death penalty with the bible rest on verses taken in isolation and ignores the broader context of both the Old Testament and the teaching of Christ in the New Testament that call us to protect life, practice mercy, and reject vengeance."

Watch future bulletins for more information.

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.

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.

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.