

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.

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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OCTOBER 28, 2007

NO COMPARISONS

How many times have we read or heard about someone who's gotten into trouble—maybe even fired from a job—because of a brush with the law? While our “Christian” minds tell us to be sorry and even pray for the person, a little voice inside our heads may also be saying, “I’m glad I would never do anything like that.” And perhaps we wouldn’t. But are there some things we do that are still not pleasing in God’s eyes?

Today’s readings caution us not to look so intently at someone else’s wrongdoing that we overlook our own weaknesses and shortcomings. When we measure ourselves against the worst people we can think of, we come out looking pretty good. There is a danger, however, in using someone else’s behavior as a way of reflecting our own goodness.

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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 28, 2007

The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds; it does not rest until it reaches its goal, nor will it withdraw 'til the Most High responds— *Sirach 35:17-18a*

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SAT. OCTOBER 27 - SUNDAY VIGIL MASSES

3:30 †Margaret Shanahan by Helen Walsh

5:00 †Margaret & Walter West by Mary West

SUN. OCTOBER 28

6:30 ♥Special Intentions of the Q. DeLuca Family

8:00 ♥People of the Parish

9:30 †Paul Forst by Anna & Bob Crossley

11:00 †Marta Vales by Family

MON. OCTOBER 29

8:00 †John & Marie Rotte

TUE. OCTOBER 30

8:00 †Pauline Norton by Dee Gallina

WED. OCTOBER 31

8:00 †William Salko, MD by Dr. & Mrs. Louis Garzetta

THU NOVEMBER 1

6:30 ♥Resurrection Staff

8:00 †Hilda & Thomas Marcellus by Family

9:30 †Leo & Marie Marchand by Family

5:30 †Rick Georgeson by Family

FRI. NOVEMBER 2

8:00 †All Souls

9:30 †All Souls

5:30 †All Souls

SAT. NOVEMBER 3

8:00 †James Hourigan by Mr. /Mrs. William Hourigan

SAT. NOVEMBER 3 - SUNDAY VIGIL MASSES

3:30 †Living & Deceased Wasko Family

5:00 †All Souls

SUN. NOVEMBER 4

6:30 ♥People of the Parish

8:00 †Mike Mussomeli by Rosalia Brunco

9:30 †Grace & Marilyn DiPietro by Carmela & Tom DeQuinzio

11:00 ♥†Living & Deceased Members of the Men's Club

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 **Deceased of the Parish.**

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

RESURRECTION PRAYER LINE MINISTRY - For prayer requests call Mary Lou Fitzpatrick, 454-6752. Give your first name & prayer petition. Should you reach an answering machine, please leave your phone number so that we can call you back. Petitions are prayed for 31 days. **Prayer Line volunteers are needed** to pray & answer prayer requests. Take this opportunity to help someone else and still be able to choose your own time.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Lord is not deaf to the wail of the orphan, nor to the widow when she pours out her complaint (Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18).

Psalm — The Lord hears the cry of the poor (Psalm 34).

Second Reading — The Lord will rescue me from every threat (2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18).

Gospel — All who exalt themselves will be humbled; all who humble themselves will be exalted (Luke 18:9-14).

ALL SAINTS' DAY, NOV. 1 HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Masses are: 6:30, 8:00AM, 9:30AM & 5:30PM

ALL SOULS DAY, NOV. 2

Mass times are: 8:00AM, 9:30AM & 5:30PM

You are invited to attend the **Commemoration Celebration of your loved one** at the 9:30 a.m. Mass, Nov. 2. Light refreshments will be served in the Parish Center following the Mass.

Through the challenges of grief **WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THE FOLLOWING PARISH-IONERS who have passed away this year:**

Jacqueline Abrams, Martha Anderson, Larry Bates, Virginia Bates, Mary M. Bender, Roderick Bennett, Robert Bless, Courtney Cahill, Robert Caine, Charles Cereceda, Margaret Connolly, Guillermina Cuesta, Austin DeBerger, Rose DeLuca-Pizzuto, Arthur DeMattia, Helene Desmarais, Shaun Doherty, Anita Ertola, Stella Joanne Frueh, Janet Geddes, Harvey Gibbings, Frank Giglio, Anthony Gleason, John Grane, Thomas Groves, Paula Hansen, William Healey, Warner Heinsteint, James C. Henderson, Dorothy Jenkins, Bryson Cole Jones, Thomas J. Kelly, Henry Kessing, Lou Keyes, Thomas Kilduff, Helen Kiser, Janet Kite, Ray Krause, Pedro M. Leon, Helen Lombardo, Patricia Madden, Cora May McPherson, Lilly McSherry, Rose Memoli, Dorothy Miller, Francis M. Mirtich, Georgette Montero, John Muller, Richard Mycoskie, Margaret Nappi, Elizabeth Peckham, Barbara Pronnicki, Gerard Quinn, Albert Resignolo, Dorothy Schober, Mary Claire Scholz, Joseph Sekel, Aida Severino, Raymond Shabro, Henry Siemer, Clifford Smiley, Jerome Snapp, Beatrice Strokes, Dolores Suroski, Marilyn Swanson, William Sylvester, Alex Thomasson Sr, Susan Trantina, Duane Valcq, Hugo Paul Verde, Kay Wisniewski, Theresia Wittman.



COLLEGE SEMINARY DISCERNMENT WEEKEND

St. John Vianney College Seminary in Miami is hosting a discernment weekend for young men considering the priesthood. The weekend will include prayer, talks, recreation and casual time with the seminarians. Come and spend a weekend experiencing life at a college seminary. The discernment weekend is scheduled for **Nov. 2 - 4**. Please contact the Diocese of Venice Vocations Office, 941-484-9543, for registration/ info.

THIRD ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL, St. Francis Xavier grounds and hall, Sat., Nov. 3, 11:00a.m.-6:00p.m. Proceeds will benefit the students of Fr. Anglim Academy by upgrading technology in classrooms.

WEEKLY SUNDAY OFFERING**Oct. 21, 2007**

Registered families with envelopes: 2450

Envelopes received: 703 (29%) **\$15,203.50**Remaining fam. & visitors: 1747 (71%) **\$ 3,395.00****Total offering:** **\$18,598.50****Thank You****PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH****Oct. 21, 2007****Envelopes received:** 280 (11%) **\$ 3,588.00**Remaining fam. & visitors: 2170 (89%) **\$ 1,127.00****Total offering:** **\$ 4,715.00****Thank You****ST. VINCENT DePAUL OFFERING****October 15-21****\$ 696.00****Thank you**

FOR COUPLES PLANNING MARRIAGE - The Diocese of Venice will hold a Pre-Cana Conference on **Sat., Nov. 10**, St. Vincent dePaul Parish in Fort Myers, to help engaged couples prepare for the Sacrament of Matrimony. The cost is \$65 per couple which includes a continental breakfast and lunch. To RSVP, call Betty K., (941) 484-9543.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND - Do you remember how easy and fun it was to talk as well as romance each other when you first met? You can bring that excitement back by going on a *Marriage Encounter Weekend*. Make your good marriage great. Reservations call (888) 560-1854. The next *Weekend* is **Nov. 16-18** in Venice. Call (941) 962-9904 or toll free, 1-888-560-1854.

IS YOUR MARRIAGE HURTING? We invite couples to attend a program which offers help to hurting marriages. A **Retrouvaille Weekend (for troubled marriages)** will be held at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat Center in Venice, **Nov. 16-18**. Retrouvaille places strong emphasis on communication techniques. For information (888)-560-1854

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY - Let No One Grieve Alone
The Mission of the Bereavement Ministry at Resurrection of Our Lord is to be present to others on their journey through the challenge of grief.

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP - COUPLES RETREAT, Nov. 2-4, 2007, 5p.m. Fri.—Noon, Sun. "*How Do I Love Thee?, Let Me Count The Ways.*" Focus on the "*5 Languages of Love*". **Cost \$280.00** per couple. To register call (941) 486-0233 or e-mail olphsav@aol.com

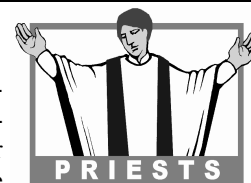


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CORPORATE COMMUNION - The Resurrection Men's Club invites all men and their spouses to join them for Corporate Communion at the 8:00a.m. Mass, Sun., **Nov. 11**. A Continental Breakfast will follow in the Parish Center. RSVP by phoning Joe Halizak, 482-1743.

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY**OCTOBER 28**

A celebration of the American priesthood, will be marked in Catholic parishes throughout the USA with prayer and dialogue. The priests who serve the Diocese of Venice are dedicated spiritual men who **deserve our appreciation and recognition**. Especially during the past few years they have been bruised and battered emotionally by criticism of the priesthood because of the behavior of some priests.

**PRAYER FOR PRIESTS - by Richard Cardinal Cushing**

O Almighty Eternal God, look upon the face of Your Son, and for love of Him who is the Eternal High Priest, have pity on your priests. Remember, O most compassionate God, that they are but weak and frail human beings. Stir up in them the grace of their vocation which is in them by the imposition of the Bishop's hands. Keep them close to you, lest the enemy prevail against them, so that they may never do anything in the slightest degree unworthy of their sublime vocation.

O Jesus, I pray for Your faithful and fervent priests, for Your unfaithful and tepid priests; for Your priests laboring at home or abroad in distant mission fields; for Your tempted priests; for Your lonely and desolate priests; for Your young priests; for Your dying priests; for the souls of Your priests in Purgatory.

But above all, I commend to You the priests dearest to me; the priest who baptized me; the priests who absolved me from my sins; the priests at whose Masses I assisted and who gave me Your Body and Blood in Holy Communion; the priests who taught and instructed me or helped and encouraged me; all the priests to whom I am indebted in any other way. O, Jesus, keep them close to Your heart, and bless them abundantly in time and eternity. Amen.

**BENEDICTION & ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

On the **First Friday** of each month, Benediction follows the 8:00a.m. Mass with Adoration until 9:30a.m. By remaining in prayer before the Lord Jesus, truly in the Blessed Sacrament, not only is our union with Him matured, it also prolongs those existential and reverential attitudes.

DISCERNMENT RETREAT for women who are considering religious life. Ever thought about becoming a Sister? The Allegany Franciscan Sisters are having a Discernment Retreat for women who are between the ages of 19 and 45. It will take place **Nov. 2 - 4** at **St. Clare Convent in Tampa**. For more info or to register, contact Sr. Jo Strevia, OSFF (239) 332-5260, Sr. Mary McNally, OSF at fsavoc@aol.com.

CELEBRATE FARMWORKER SUNDAY, Nov. 4

The bishops of Florida invite you to recognize the men and women who provide the labor to bring fruits and vegetable to our tables by celebrating Farmworker Sunday. Acknowledging that many farmworkers are immigrants, the bishops have issued a teaching about the Catholic Church's position on immigration. For more information go to www.flacathconf.org.



RESURRECTION THANKSGIVING DINNER FOR COUPLES & SINGLES WHO WILL BE ALONE

WHEN: November 22, 2:00p.m.— 4:00p.m.

WHERE: Resurrection Parish Center

PRICE: Free Will Offering

SEATING: Limited to 100 people



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The Dinner is being sponsored by the Resurrection Men's Club and Women's Guild.

Reservations are required. Please call 481-7171 to reserve.



VINTAGE CHRISTMAS SALE

CRAFT SALE

BAKE SALE

WHEN: NOVEMBER 3

TIME: 8:30a.m. — 12:00 noon

WHERE: PARISH CENTER

**Donations of baked goods and Christmas items
are appreciated.**

**Please bring items to the Parish Center
Friday, Nov. 2**



IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE ALTAR FLOWERS

in celebration of someone's anniversary/birthday as a memorial or in thanksgiving please call Barbara, Parish Office, 481-7172. Donation offering per basket is \$35. Please make check payable to Church of the Resurrection. Please place envelope in the collection basket, 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.



Flowers are needed for the month of November.

This week's flowers are

In Memory of:

Grace Gropp by Husband, Joseph
Michael & Margaret Molitor, by daughter, Helen Piltz,
Gene Normandin, by Jeannine C. & Edward A. Baran

RCIA SESSION

Anyone searching for a home in the Catholic Church is welcome to attend, **Tues, Oct. 30, 7:00p.m.**, Parish Center. Focus session: *Humility in Prayer* with Loretta Duquette.

ART SHOW FOR THE HOMELESS - Nov. 10 & 11. All entries due by Nov 6 & 7. Come see drawings, poems, and posters from our children and vote for the winner during Coffee & Donuts in the Parish Center.

RITE OF ENROLLMENT, Nov. 4, 9:30 Mass

For all those preparing for the **Sacraments of Reconciliation, and Eucharist**. Children will write their name in the Enrollment Book and receive a special blessing at this Mass.

PARENT-CHILD MEETING FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION, Nov. 4, 10:30a.m. at the Parish Center

This meeting is required for all those making the Sacrament of First Reconciliation on Dec. 15, 2007.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST, Oct. 28, 8:00a.m.

'til after the 11:00a.m. Mass, Parish Center. Breakfast will consist of pancakes, eggs, sausages, potatoes, coffee. **Book of 6 tickets for \$20 is available in advance at the Gift Shop and Parish Office: tickets are good through May 2008.** Price at door: \$4 each.



MEN'S CLUB NEWS:

1. **50/50 tickets** are available at the Parish Office. Drawing is on Nov. 5th.
2. **Thanksgiving Day Dinner:** for details see today's bulletin
3. **Corporate Communion, Nov. 11, 8:00a.m. Mass.**

BAKE & CRAFT SALE

Oct. 28, 8:00 - noon, Parish Center

This sale will benefit *Gabriel House* (for pregnant women). If you would like to donate a baked item please call Joan at 432-0656.

Sixth Grade PARISHIONERS CELEBRATE FAITH 9:30AM Mass, Oct. 21

Our sixth grade parishioners study the *Old Testament* prophets who build up the people with their message of truth. They pray for their families and health, and they thank God for their life. Thanks to our catechists: Jerry Haas and Steven and Elizabeth Schad.



We celebrate the faith of the following sixth grade parishioners: Gabe Dorwat, Scott Gislason, Nick Petryk, Frankie Bravo, Taylor Brenenstuhl, Stephanie Buonocore, Lauren Custer, Tyler Delucca, Kelli Guenther, Jessica Hermance, Alison McMenamy, Patrick Ziolkowski, Erica Pica, Shawn Kopper, Andrew Haines, Ellie Bowdon, Evan Dougherty, Madison Brod, Alena Hernandez, Jessica Kramer, Tyler Joseph, Nick Reid, Gina Liccini, Olivia Gadaleta, Sarah Bowman, Sarah Norton.

IT TAKES A WHOLE PARISH

Will you take a moment to consider what gifts you have to offer to continue the mission of Jesus?

Gifts/Talents: One on one mentoring, chaperoning, photography, leadership skills, etc.

Calling all high school and adult parishioners to help with:

1. Entertainment Book sales - **Nov. 3 & 4**
2. Leader for Soup Kitchen Ministry - **Nov. 17**
3. Habitat for Humanity - **Jan. 19**

Planning Meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 30 at 7:00PM.

For more information call 482-6883.

MIDDLE SCHOOL CALANDER

Nov. 11: Youth Meeting 6p.m. Giving Thanks.

Dec. 16: Youth Meeting 6p.m. Christmas Party.

Any Jr. Youth member who is interested in helping with **ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS sale on Sat. Nov. 3** before or after Masses, please contact Leslie at 481-5144.

ADVENT FAMILY NIGHT - Start a family tradition! Join us Sun. Dec. 2 in the Parish Center. Adults will craft wreaths while children participate in Advent related activities. Dinner entrée included in cost and families are asked to bring a potluck salad or dessert to share. **Registration: Nov. 11 & 18, Parish Center following 9:30a.m. Mass. Call Leslie, 481-5144. Paid registration required by Nov. 19.**

ADULT STUDY GROUP - T.G.I.F.F. (Thank God It's First Friday)

Explore God's plan in the Biblical design for relationships through Tommy Nelson's *The Song of Solomon Series*.

Join us on Friday, November 2nd for the very first in a series of First Fridays-- T.G.I.F.F!

Come find the answers to questions about dating, courtship, conflict resolution, commitment, marriage, intimacy and romance. Whether you are single, married, widowed, there is something for everyone to learn.

Where: Resurrection Parish Center

When: Friday, November 2nd at 7:00p.m.

Please R.S.V.P for study guide and materials by contacting Annette Watkins at (239)826-0737.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES *VENETIAN BALL*

You are invited to join us and enjoy a memorable evening with our special guest Bishop Frank J. Dewane. Please save the date for Lee County's *Annual Venetian Charity Ball* on **Saturday, February 9, 2008, Sanibel Harbor Resort and Spa.**

All proceeds from the event will help support Catholic Charities programs and services in Lee County. Catholic Charities serves people of all ages, faiths and backgrounds when and where they need it most.

For more information or to volunteer to help, please contact Catholic Charities of Lee County at (239)334-4007.

RESUMING ENVELOPES - As we welcome back our parishioners who have been away for several months, we want to convey some information about resuming envelopes. The company which prepares and mails the envelopes to our registered parishioners has a deadline schedule requiring notice two months in advance for changing addresses, stopping envelopes temporarily and resuming envelopes. Monthly envelope packets are mailed by the company to parishioners homes about two weeks before the intended month. Returning parishioners should be aware that their return date must be no later than the 12th of the preceding month in order to receive the next month's envelopes.

IN UNION WITH RESPECT LIFE MONTH - Mary Kopko, from the Diocese of Venice Respect Life Dept. will speak on: *The Catholic Campaign to End the Use of the Death Penalty*. Come and join us and find out what our Faith has to say about the death penalty as we view the DVD "A Culture of Life and the Penalty of Death", Fri. **Nov. 9**, 7:30 - 8:30p.m. at St Katherine Drexel Church. For more information phone (239) 772-1157.

SUNLIGHT HOME, DRAWING - Sunlight Home, a Naples residential program for pregnant women and adolescents in need is sponsoring a drawing for a **TOYOTA PRIUS HYBRID FAMILY CAR**. Tickets are \$75.00 each or 3 for \$200.00. Make your check payable to Sunlight Home, P.O. Box 9194, Naples, FL 34101. We will fill out the tickets for you. Drawing will be **Dec. 18th** at the Home. Need not be present to win. For more info. phone Delores at 566-8779.

Veni Si Amas RETREAT for single Catholic women, 17-30 years of age who are discerning a call to the religious life; **Nov. 9-11**, St. Francis Convent (2120 Central Ave., Alton, IL). For more information e-mail vocations@altonfranciscans.org or call (618) 463-2757.

WELCOME

Welcome to the Church of the Resurrection the following new parishioners: Robert & Elizabeth Adams, Donald & Marjorie Bartho, Ms. Justina Cruz, Mrs. Dana Veit, Thomas & Rosann Craig, Mrs. Geraldine Hembling, Gene & Mary Rosi O'Rourke, Carl & Barbara Richey, Matthew & Antonia Tirpak.

HOLY MARY, Mother of Joy: deliver all parents from fear, and implant in their hearts a joyful hope.

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, Wed., 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.

Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Novena, Saturdays after the 8:00a.m Mass, church.

Coffee & Doughnuts, Sundays, after 8:00 & 9:30am Masses

Your child has told you he/she is gay. There is a support Group. Call Sharon at 454-6284

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.