

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:

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

E-mail: parishoffice@resurrectionch.org Fax 481-8007
www.resurrectionch.org

TREASURES FOR HOME & FAMILY: 489-3540
(Thrift Shop)

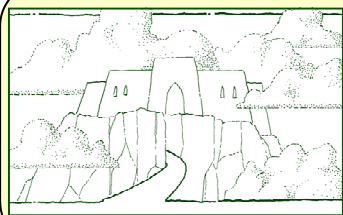
SEPTEMBER 2, 2007

HUMILITY

Have you ever been in a group of people—maybe on a tour, at a social gathering, or at church—and discovered that you have just been talking with a well-known author, corporate CEO, great scholar, or politician? Your first thought is the hope that you didn't say anything to embarrass yourself; but your second thought is how much they seemed like such "regular" folks. What is it that makes people seem so "regular"? Today's readings give us a clue when they stress the importance of humility.

It is so hard for us not to tell the first person who will listen how busy we are, how hard we work, how much money we donate, and how important our job titles are. We think these accolades make a difference to people, and if we don't tell them, how will they ever know? But if our actions demonstrate our values, people will recognize our worth on their own. The words of Jesus show us how much better it is to let someone else recognize our worth than to be embarrassed because someone did not.

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Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time September 2, 2007

You have approached Mount Zion and the city of the living God. — *Hebrews 12:22a*

MASSSES FOR THE WEEK

SAT. SEPTEMBER 1 - SUNDAY VIGIL MASSES
3:30 ♥†People of the Parish
5:00 †Harry Hurilla by Kathleen McLaughlin
SUN. SEPTEMBER 2
8:00 †George W. Morris by Marlene & John Foley
9:30 †B.J. & Mary McMenamy by Frade & McMenamy Famslies
11:00 †Margaret Strinka by Daughter, Margaret
MON. SEPTEMBER 3
8:00 †Frank Skehan by Alouise Skehan
TUE. SEPTEMBER 4
8:00 †Norbert Herber by Dick & Cathy Freiburger
WED. SEPTEMBER 5
8:00 †Gebhard Lance by Diane Drinnon
THU. SEPTEMBER 6
8:00 †Thomas Driscoll by Wilkins Family
FRI. SEPTEMBER 7 - FIRST FRIDAY
8:00 †Art Schober by Family
SAT. SEPTEMBER 8
8:00 †Marlene Pavese by Steve & Kathy Barina & Family
SAT. SEPTEMBER 8 - SUNDAY VIGIL MASSES
3:30 †Arless Kasey by Wife
5:00 †John Patterson by Wife & Family
SUN. SEPTEMBER 9
8:00 †Joe Kenny by Kenny Family
9:30 †Patty Berg
11:00 ♥†People of the Parish

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.

CONFESSIONS: Saturdays 2:15 - 3:15p.m., 30 minutes before Sunday Masses or by appointment.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS All those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith especially **Jerome Snapp, Rev. Benjamin Gorr, of Orlando, Dorothy Schober**

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

TODAY'S READINGS: **First Reading** - Conduct your affairs with humility (Sir. 3:17--29). **Psalm** - God, in your goodness, You have made a home for the poor (Ps. 68). **Second Reading** - You have approached the city of the living God (Heb. 12:18-19, 22-24a). **Gospel** - When you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind (Lk. 14:1, 7-14).

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

My Dear Brothers and sisters in Christ,

Each year, the national Collection for the Church in Latin America is held in parishes across the country. Proceeds from the collection are distributed to dioceses, parishes, religious congregations, seminaries and other Catholic institutions throughout Latin America and the Caribbean to assist in the formation of priests, religious, lay ministers, missionaries, pastoral workers, catechists and youth ministers. Thus, fellow Catholics in Latin America and the Caribbean - who are rich in faith but lacking in material resources - are not only able to participate more fully in the life of the Church, but are enabled to share it with others as well. When we contribute to this national Collection, we are actively living out our call to stewardship and participating in a work of solidarity with our brothers and sisters throughout the American hemisphere.

The USCCB Committee on the Church in Latin America uses the collection funds to support its pastoral grants program in 22 countries and to support the work of the Dept. of Social Development and World Peace on behalf of the Church in Latin America. I ask you to consider contributing to this Collection next weekend and am grateful for your generosity. Together, let us ask the Lord to continue to bless us all that we do.

Sincerely in Christ,

+ Frank J. Dewane, Bishop of Venice in Florida

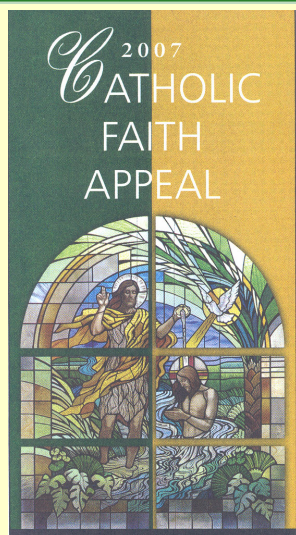


BENEDICTION & ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - On the **First Friday** of each month, Benediction follows the 8:00a.m. Mass with Adoration until 9:30a.m. By remaining in prayer before the Lord Jesus, truly in the Blessed Sacrament, not only is our union with Him matured, it also prolongs those existential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

40 DAYS FOR LIFE IN SW FLORIDA

Respect Life

Our parish is invited to join with other Catholic churches and individuals in a **national campaign of prayer and fasting** for the end of abortion called the **40 Days of Life**. (See 40daysforlife.com). The event will be held outside the Planned Parenthood abortion facility in Sarasota for 40 days, Sept. 26 thru Nov. 4, from 8:00a.m to 8:00p.m. This is what we can do when in our country 3,600 babies per day are being destroyed in the womb of their mothers. This is what we can do in the face of **Planned Parenthood**, the Goliath of the abortion industry with its immense budget, a third of which (\$305 million) was provided through tax payer funding in the last year. Like young David, armed only with faith and 5 smooth stones, we can take up our 5 stones: humility, prayer, fasting, repentance, and faithful obedience to God (2 Cor 7:14,17). And God, through us will defeat our Goliath, the abortion industry. There will be a sign-up sheet for a Resurrection Parish day and hours. More information to come.



CFA - FINAL APPEAL

\$5,097.22 Still Needed!

Since February we have been reporting to you, on a weekly basis, the contributions to the Catholic Faith Appeal. Unfortunately, we remain \$5,097.22 short of our \$359,000 assessment.

Today, we make this one last call to all of you, even if you have already graciously made a donation, to consider making an extra effort to help us complete our goal.

Be assured that we are deeply grateful for all that you do for Resurrection Parish.

CFA envelopes can be found in the pews and entrances of the church. Thank you and may God's blessings be with you.

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.

WEEKLY SUNDAY OFFERING

August 26, 2007

Registered families with envelopes: 2450

Envelopes received: 667 (27%) **\$15,280.00**

Remaining fam. & visitors: 1783 (73%) **\$ 1,747.00**

Total offering: **\$17,027.00**

Thank you!

DIOCESAN SPECIAL COLLECTIN FOR PERU EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS

August 26, 2007

Envelopes received: 63 (2.5%) **\$ 819.00**

Remaining fam. & visitors: 2387 (97.5%) **\$2,404.00**

Total offering: **\$3,223.00**

Thank you!

ST. VINCENT DePAUL OFFERING

August 20 - August 26 **\$ 890.50**

Thank you!

RESURECTION RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

PRE-K GOSPEL SHARING

Volunteers are needed to help share the Gospel with our younger children (3-4 year olds) during the 9:30a.m. Mass. Volunteers would rotate and lead the class once a month. **If you are able to help, please call the Religious Ed. office, 482-6883.**

REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS ED.

K- 8 classes begin September 4 & 5. Confirmation class begins October 3. If you have not registered, please come in during office hours or after the 9:30a.m. Mass on Sunday to register. Fee is \$100 for 1st child plus \$25.00 for two or more children in one family. We look forward to working with you.

SUMMER EVENINGS WITH LUKE'S GOSPEL will continue for the next three Tuesdays, 7:00p.m. - 9:00p.m., Parish Center. Loretta Duquette will preside. **Themes: Sept. 11 - Jesus' Journey to Jerusalem; Sept. 18 - Parables & Miracles; Sept. 15 - Jesus' Passion, Death & Resurrection.**

All are welcome!

MANY WAYS TO HELP!

1. Catechist & Assistants Needed for Grades 3, 7, 8 on Tuesdays, 4:30p.m.-5:45p.m. Do you hear the Lord calling your name?

2. Religious Ed. Office needs help getting ready to start classes. Can you help us sort and distribute supplies? Call Joanne at 482-6883.

RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation For Adults

It's not easy to be a follower of Jesus. . .

Jesus, shows the way to live a good life and how to speak and act honorably. Through Jesus' own life, we see the courage to do the right thing. Faith makes us strong in the face of our own weakness and helps us to know that we are not alone. RCIA welcomes all who are interested in the Catholic Faith. Inquiry classes begin soon, please call, Joanne at 482-6883 for further details.

RESURRECTION CALENDAR*ALL events take place in the Parish Center, unless otherwise stated.***Beyond Bereavement**, Monday, 8:30am, library, call 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.**Prayer for Priests**, Thursdays after the 8:00a.m. Mass, church.**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., 1:30p.m.**Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Novena**, Saturdays after the 8:00a.m Mass, church.**Coffee & Doughnuts**, Sundays, after 8:00a.m. & 9:00a.m. 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. Should you be missed, please call the church office, 481-7172.

BAKE SALE - The Women's Guild will have a Bake Sale, **September 16**, in the Parish Center following the **8:00a.m. Mass until noon**. Proceeds will benefit the *Poor Clare Religious Sisters* of San Damiano Monastery in Fort Myers Beach. If you would like to donate a baked item for the sale please contact Joan at 432-0656.



WOMEN'S GUILD will host a **WELCOME BASKET LUNCHEON**, **Sept. 12, 11:30a.m., Parish Center**. All Guild members, crafters and women of the Parish are invited to attend. Admission is a salad to serve six. A variety of desserts will be provided. This will be a great opportunity to gather and discuss the Guild's plans for the year ahead and how you can participate. Please call the Parish Center to RSVP 481-7172.

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. You may also use the flower offering envelopes that are located at the entrances of the church. Please print all information clearly on the envelope including a telephone number. If we are unable to accommodate your date request we will call you for an alternate date. Donation offering per basket is \$35 and must be included in the envelope. 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 SEPTEMBER.

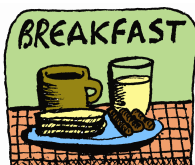
This week's flowers are:

In Memory of:

Grace Gropp by Husband, Joseph
Joseph Bajdek by Children, Grandchildren,
& Great-grand Children

In Honor of:

Stuart & Jeannette's 46th Anniversary



**PANCAKE BREAKFASTS
RESUME SEPTEMBER 16**

The Men's Club will begin its new 2007-2008 season with a Pancake Breakfast on September 16, 8:00a.m.-11:00a.m., Parish Center. Breakfast will consist of pancakes with sugar free syrup, eggs, sausage, potatoes, coffee. Book of 6 tickets for \$20 is available in advance at Gift Shop and Parish Office, tickets good through May 2008. Price at the door is \$4 each.

RESURRECTION MEN'S CLUB will commence the new season **September 10** in the Parish Center. We will recite the Rosary at 7:00p.m. and the meeting will begin at 7:30p.m. We would like to invite all men of the Parish to come and participate in a viable part of the Parish and assist us in our coming project and fun events for the season. No reservations necessary. Bring a friend along. For more information on Men's Club activities call President, Don Weber, at 768-3147.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Children are going back to school to improve their skills. Have you thought about going on a Marriage Encounter weekend to improve your communication skills and make your good marriage great? The **next weekend** is **Sept. 21-23** in Venice. More info? Call (941)962-9904 or toll free 888-560-1854, or log onto www.wwme.org



DIRECTIONS FOR OUR TIMES is a monthly Lay Apostolate Rosary Group. As disciples of Jesus Christ, one of the spiritual practices that we follow is to pray the *Luminous Mysteries* of the Holy Rosary.

Please join us in Parish Center on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 8:30a.m. The next meeting will be Sept. 25. For more information, please call Cheryl at 482-0075.

THRIFT SHOP NEWS

The Thrift Shop will be closing Sat., Sept. 15. We still have a wide assortment of items for sale at 50% off. We will have many pieces of 2'x4's, 4'x8' bead board, white melamine shelving and brackets. We have hundreds of LP records and many old books from the early 1900's. We have a large supply of warm winter sweaters, if anyone is traveling to a northern state please consider taking them for donation to the Salvation Army. Please stop by the store before its too late.

BL. EDMUND RICE SCHOOL - PASTORAL MINISTRY

Applications are now being accepted. Please check the website for info. www.riceschool.org or email riceschool@daystart.net or call Joanne MacPeak at 482-6883. We are called. We are chosen to serve the Church! Listen to Christ calling you in your heart. Consider entering the Lay School for Pastoral Ministry.

RESURRECTION CHILDREN'S LITURGY: ALL ARE WELCOME!

Each Sunday at 9:30a.m., all children who are present are invited to participate in our Children's Liturgy. The front pews are reserved for any child who wishes to sit with us. We meet in the main vestibule before Mass and process to the front pews.

Volunteers are taken to carry the Crucifix at the start and end of Mass, as well as for carrying the gifts for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

We would love to see more children join us, and we will provide adults to help them become comfortable sitting with the group and participating as volunteers. Sitting in the front of the church provides children with a better view of what is happening and, consequently, they behave better than when they cannot see the priest.

After the Gospel, all children are encouraged to come forward and sit on the steps for the Homily. The priest will dismiss them when the Homily is finished.

Children are again invited to the Sanctuary for the Lord's Prayer and reception of the Eucharist. Younger children who have not yet received their First Eucharist can fold their arms across their chest for a blessing. Children return to their seats for the conclusion of Mass.

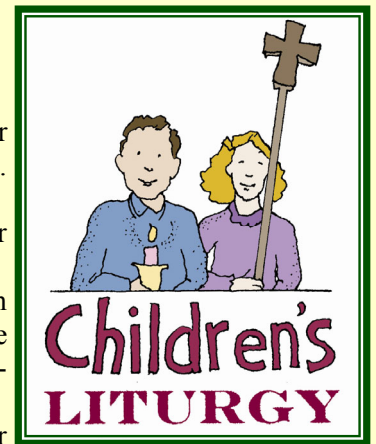
If your children are interested in participating, please see Leslie, Mark and Sharon Haines, or Robert and Robyn Graetinger at the main entrance (vestibule) of the church. If you are interested in volunteering in this ministry, please contact Leslie at 481-5144.

A Word to Parents:

We parents living our Faith is an important way to model to our children and teach them the fullness of Jesus' call to us. The Church entrusts us, as parents, to be the primary teachers of the Catholic Faith. She assists our efforts by providing strong, unchanging doctrine, parish religious education and Catholic schools. The goal of Youth Ministry is to support and complement our efforts in raising faith-filled Catholic children.

JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP meetings will begin in October for all those in grades 6, 7 and 8. Please watch the bulletin for more information in the coming weeks.

YOUTH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Servers are needed to help with the Pancake Breakfast on Sun., Sept. 16 from 8:30a.m. to 11:00a.m. Contact Leslie 481-5144, to sign up.

**BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY**

"Those who mourn shall be comforted."

We are looking for people who know the blessing of sharing another's sorrow. Do you have a big heart and a willingness to listen? Help is needed to welcome and assist the bereaved at the funeral of their loved one. We will be happy to help you prepare for this ministry. Please call Dona Badman, 275-7875 to find out more.

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

Children's Choir has resumed singing at the 9:30a.m. Mass on Sunday. All children from 1st Grade through 9th Grade are invited to be a part of this exciting ministry. We will rehearse on Wednesdays from 5:30p.m.-6:15p.m. in the conference room of the Parish Center. Questions? Call Connie, 464-3437.

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The Church is offering an interactive and dynamic parenting program.
Come meet other parents, share the joys of parenting,
learn how to reset standards, use teachable moments
and re-establish rituals and traditions.



ROOTS & WINGS

Raising Resilient Children

&

BOUNCE

Be a Resilient Kid

For children (ages 6-12) and their parents



WHEN: Six Sundays beginning Sept. 9 and Oct. 14
TIME: 10:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
WHERE: Parish Center
HOW: Complete registration form below.
QUESTIONS: Contact Mimi, 645-1004 or Joanne 482-6883



ROOTS & WINGS REGISTRATION



Return to Joanne MacPeck in Parish Office

Parents' Name/s: _____

Child's Name/s: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Ph.# _____ Work Ph.# _____

Ages of Children: _____ Are you a parishioner? _____