THIRSTING FOR UNITY

In today’s Gospel, Jesus is thirsty and goes to the well for a drink of water. He meets a Samaritan woman, who expects him to treat her like dirt. But surprise! He talks to her like a fellow human being, treats her with respect and interest. And what happens? Why, pretty soon the whole town turns out to hear him.

Centuries earlier, the Israelites, wandering in the desert, were thirsty. They had no water. All they had was an attitude problem. They growled at Moses, “Why did you ever make us leave Egypt?” But surprise! God gave them water from the rock. No questions asked.

All the peoples of Earth are travelers on this planet together, all thirsting, all harboring our own fearful expectations of each other. But God, as a loving parent, treats us all with generous care and compassion. We are one family. We could surprise each other. We could remember we are one.
The Third Sunday of Lent
March 23, 2014

While we were still sinners
Christ died for us.

~ Romans 5:8

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading — When the people grumbled to Moses for water in the desert, the Lord heard and brought forth water from the rock for all to drink (Exodus 17:3-7).
Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).
Second Reading — God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:1-2, 5-8).
Gospel — Ask, and you will be given living water so that you will never thirst again (John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]).


ARE YOU NEW TO RESURRECTION PARISH?
We would like to welcome you to our parish family. In order to better serve you, please fill out a registration card which is located at the entrances of the church and leave it with an usher or put it in the collection plate. You may also register by stopping by the church office. A reminder that one needs to be a registered member of a parish in order to be a Baptismal or Confirmation sponsor.

WE WELCOME OUR NEWEST PARISHIONERS:

May they experience the love of Christ here at Resurrection Parish, and may we all help them feel welcome in their new church home.

"Lent stimulates us to let the Word of God penetrate our life and in this way to know the fundamental truth: who we are, where we come from, where we must go, what path we must take in life..." — Pope Benedict XVI

POPE FRANCIS’ PRAYER INTENTIONS
FOR MARCH 2014
Respect for Women. That all cultures may respect the rights and dignity of women.
Vocations. That many young people may accept the Lord’s invitation to consecrate their lives to proclaiming the Gospel.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR ADORATION EVERY FIRST FRIDAY AFTER THE 8:00 MASS

THE GIFT SHOP IS LOCATED AT THE FRONT ENTRANCE OF THE CHURCH

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 James S. Taylor, Vincent Patrick Nuccipelli.

PRAYERS FOR PRIESTS
Please join us as we gather every Thursday immediately after the 8:00 Mass to pray for priests.

RESURRECTION PRAYER LINE MINISTRY
For prayer requests or to sign up as a volunteer call: Deanna at 481-1170.
SCHEDULE FOR THIS LENTEN SEASON

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
8:30 AM - Wednesdays of Lent
(begins March 12th)

BENEDICTION & ADORATION
OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Each Friday of Lent -
(Except Good Friday)
(begins March 7th)
Benediction begins after 8:00 Mass
until 10 a.m.

RECONCILIATION

Every Friday Evening
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Every Saturday Morning
9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

LENTEN QUOTE -

"As Lent is the time for greater love, listen to Jesus' thirst...'Repent and believe' Jesus tells us. What are we to repent? Our indifference, our hardness of heart. What are we to believe? Jesus thirsts even now, in your heart and in the poor -- He knows your weakness. He wants only your love, wants only the chance to love you."
-- Blessed Teresa of Calcutta

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

Please join us for coffee & donuts at the Parish Center after the 10:30 Sunday Mass

WEEKLY SANCTUARY CANDLE

In Loving Memory of
Mary Iris
by Husband, Carmel Farrugia

DIOCESE OF VENICE LENTEN REGULATIONS

All Christ's faithful are obliged by divine law, each in his or her own way, to do penance.

However, so that all may be joined together in a certain common practice of penance, days of penance are prescribed. On these days, the faithful are in a special manner to devote themselves to prayer, to engage in works of piety and charity, to fulfill their obligations more faithfully, and to deny themselves especially by observing the fast and abstinence according to the laws of the Church.

The following are the Lenten penitential regulations issued for the Diocese of Venice in Florida.

REGULATIONS ON FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

Ash Wednesday, March 5, and Good Friday, April 18, are days of fast and abstinence. All Fridays of Lent are also days of abstinence from meat.

Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics between the ages of 18 years and 59 years (inclusive). On a fast day one full meal is allowed. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one’s needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals in not permitted, but liquids are allowed. If possible, the Fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the “paschal fast” to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection (USCCB).

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics who are 14 years of age and older. Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday are all days of abstinence. Note: if a person is unable to observe the above regulations due to ill health or other serious reasons, they are urged to practice other forms of self-denial that are suitable to their condition.

Fasting, almsgiving and prayer are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful and catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for baptism or of renewal of baptism at Easter.

Lent is the preparation for the celebration of Easter, the heart of the paschal mystery. It is a time to meditate on the passion and suffering of Christ, and to look forward to His resurrection.
The following hospitals are attended to by the parish in which they are located:

* Gulf Coast Hospital - visited daily by Blessed Pope John XXIII Parish, 561-2245
* Lee Memorial Hospital - visited daily by St. Francis Xavier Parish, 334-2161
* Lee Memorial and Hospice at 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.

TO ALL PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS:

To protect your privacy hospitals do not give out information on patients without their permission. If you wish a visit from one of the Resurrection priests please notify the hospital as well as the parish office, 481-7171 as quickly as possible.

Resurrection priests visit the above hospitals daily upon request.
EASTER FLOWERS

We thank the many parishioners and visitors who contribute toward our beautiful Easter flowers. Easter flower envelopes are gathered near the altar, as they represent the prayerful remembrances of our beloved living and deceased. Included in your envelope packet or at each entrance of the church there are Easter Flower donation envelopes for your convenience. Please submit prior to April 17.
Third Sunday of Lent

Reflecting on God’s Word

As witnesses come forward to testify in a court of law they are asked, “Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?” They must respond, “I do” before the court will hear what they have to say. Everyone expects, however, that their testimony will be colored by whether they are hostile or friendly toward the defendant.

In today’s Gospel account the woman at the well must have expected Jesus to be hostile toward her. As a Samaritan woman and a sinner, she was considered unclean by the Jews. No wonder she seems afraid and defensive in her answers to Jesus. Yet Jesus tells her the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. She tells Jesus the truth, too, but it is only a partial truth, the truth that she is willing to admit to herself and to this stranger. When he responds by speaking the whole truth about her past, why doesn’t she harden her heart and protest his rudeness, or simply take her bucket and go? It must be the love beneath his testimony that allows her to hear and accept the truth about who she is and who Jesus is. Then, perhaps for the first time in her life, she is free to testify the whole truth to everyone she meets.

Only love can break through the defenses that we erect to hide the truth from ourselves and others. Only love can reveal the truth about a God who responds to our thirsts and ignores our fear and faithlessness. Only love can account for the fact that “while we were still sinners Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8).

—Virginia Stillwell

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Living God's Word

Jesus is always ready to speak the truth about each of us and pour divine love into our hearts. Is your heart hardened, are your ears closed to the whole truth? Are you sharing the living water that you have received?

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JOURNEY THROUGH LENT WITH POPE FRANCIS’ LIGHT OF FAITH
LUMEN FIDEI – ENCYCLICAL
To discover the joys in our Catholic Faith
To hear the stories and realize God’s Love
for each of us.
Come and See!
CALL TO REGISTER: 481-7171

JOIN US: MONDAYS – starting March 3
(No Class on March 17th)
Choose time that fits for you:
1:00 – 2:00PM or 6:00PM – 7:00PM

Topics: Faith Lights the Way, We Have Believed in Love, Unless You Believe, You Will Not Understand, God Prepares a City for Them.

Did you know???
We have a Ministry for you!!!

We are a faith filled community of Catholic Young Adults from area parishes who fellowship with each other and journey along side one another. We have a core group of Young Adults but want to extend an invitation for others to join us. If you are a Young Adult single or married, have kids or don’t, or know someone who may be interested contact Lea, Director of Religious Education at 482-6883 or email at lea@resurrectionch.org.

March Offertory Sunday: Rice

Sun 3/23 — Chapter 18
Wed. 3/26 — Chapter 18
Sun. 3/30 — Chapter 19
Wed. 4/2 — Chapter 19
Sun 4/6 — Reconciliation Service
Wed. 4/9 — Reconciliation Service

** Sun 4/13 — Seder
** Wed 4/16 — Seder

Sun 4/20 — EASTER: NO CLASS
Wed. 4/23 — NO CLASS

Sun. 4/27 — Chapter 21
** First Holy Communion Retreat @ 1:00
Wed. 4/30 — Last Wed. Religious Ed. Class
Sun. 5/4 — Last Sun. Religious Ed. Class
*Wed. 5/7 — First Holy Communion Rehearsal

** Sat. 5/10 — First Holy Communion

** Students and Parent Sacramental Prep Dates
♦ Student Sacramental Prep Dates

Third Week of Lent
CRS Rice Bowl Reflection: the Philippines

This week, CRS Rice Bowl invites us to enter into solidarity with the people of the Philippines. We are encouraged to reflect on the Catholic social teaching principle, Option for the Poor, and re-mined of Jesus’ words: “Whatever you did for these least of mine, you did for me.” Let us pray this week for our brothers and sisters in the Philippines and all around the world, that we see the Face of Christ in the poor among us.
This is an exciting, fun-filled, scripture-based program!
We look forward to enjoying this amazing experience of helping kids explore God’s incredible love for His children.

If you have any questions call Vikki at 481-5144
Naples 40 Days for Life campaign needs a little help. Please join us on April 11th between 9:00 am and 12:00 pm to pray at the Planned Parenthood at 1425 Creech Road (corner of Creech and Goodlette-Frank Road) in Naples. St. Williams Church at 601 Seagate Drive has Mass at 8:00 am and 12:10 pm for those who wish to attend. Car pooling will be available. For more information, please contact Judy at judyminahan@gmail.com.

Naples 40 Days for Life

March 5 - April 13, 2014

Please help feed the hungry!

Your food donations will help St. Vincent DePaul, Catholic Charities, CCMI Soup Kitchen, South Ft. Myers Food Pantry. Drop food in boxes at vestibules in the church or Parish Center. The following is most needed: Canned fruit & vegetables (corn/peas/carrot/green beans). Canned meat (tuna/chicken/ sausages/ham/Spam), Spaghetti noodles and Sauce, Ready Macaroni and Cheese, Maseca flour (small bags), Canned diced tomatoes, Tomato sauce, Cereal, Canned soups (prefer chicken), Baby Diapers, and Dry beans (pinto/red/kidney).

Thank you and God Bless!

Monthly Day of Prayer at Our Lady of Perpetual Help

All are invited to participate in a monthly Day of Prayer from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month. The schedule includes continental breakfast, lunch, two conferences and the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The retreat concludes with Mass. Cost is $25 pre-register or $30 at the door. For more info call 941-486-0233.

Monthly Eucharistic Adoration at Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Please join us on the first Thursday of every month from 3 - 4 p.m. Adoration concludes with Benediction followed by Mass. All are invited. For more info call 941-486-0233

RESURRECTION FOR LIFE MEETING - NEW TIME!

Our final Resurrection for Life meeting of the season will be after the 8:00 Mass and the Stations of the Cross (approximately 9:00 am) on Wednesday, April 9th, in the Parish Center. All are welcome.

BIBLE STUDY

Join us for the Wednesday night Bible study!! Wednesdays 7:15 - 8:45 p.m. in the parish hall. All are invited!

PREGNANT? NEED HELP? CALL 239-772-4673

RESURRECTION FOR LIFE

Please join us at the abortion clinic at 3900 Broadway, Ft. Myers every 2nd Saturday (after the 8:00 Mass) for the rosary and every 2nd Thursday at Planned Parenthood, corner of Winkler & College anytime between 9 am and noon.

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Bible study!! Wednesdays 7:15 - 8:45 p.m. in the parish hall. All are invited!
**Leaven Conference XIX**

**March 29, 2014**

"I was hungry and you gave me food...I was a stranger and you welcomed me."

Mt. 25:36

**Keynote Address:**

**Dr. Jonathan Reyes,**
Executive Director of the USCCB Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development since 2012. Dr. Reyes served for a time as Executive Director of Catholic Charities Denver and prior to that was the founding president of the Augustine Institute.

**Location:** Our Lady of Lourdes Parish 1301 Center Road, Venice, FL

**Time:** 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

The Conference will conclude with Mass celebrated by Bishop Dewane.

**Keynote Address starts at 9:20**

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**Special Panel Presentation: “The Face of the Homeless” starts at 1:20**

**Register Online at www.dioceseofvenice.org/Leaven**

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To register by mail, please send this completed form and payment to:

Leaven Conference Diocese of Venice, 1000 Pinebrook Rd. Venice, FL 34285
AFCAAM GOLF OUTING
This year African Caribbean American Catholic Center (AFCAAM) will host its 11th Annual Golf Outing at the Forest Golf & Country Club, 6100 Club Blvd. SW, Fort Myers, FL.

The proceeds of this tournament go to help AFCAAM fund their After School Program that provides over 300 hours of tutoring help Monday through Thursday throughout the school year. Students meet weekly and meet with separate male and female Mentoring Director. Through the use of these weekly meetings and hands-on activities the program guides its participants toward achieving the highest levels of academic and personal development.

The date of the outing is Friday, April 11, 2014 and the cost is $150.00 per person. This includes green fees, cart and dinner after the event. Registration begins at noon with a 1:00 p.m. start.

Information and brochures can be received by contacting David Young at 239-461-0233 or email d.young@afcaam.com

PART TIME TEACHER NEEDED
Catholic Charities is seeking an individual with teaching experience to work in our After School Program at our Iona Road site. The days are Monday through Thursday. Hours are from 2:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. The job concludes in May but offers an opportunity for employment in August when school resumes. Contact David Young for further information, 239-461-0233.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL REGISTRATION
St. Francis Xavier School has been accepting 2014-2015 registrations and we invite you to consider St. Francis for your PK3 - Grade 8 child! For more information or to schedule a tour, please call Michele Cheatham at 334-7707 x 223. You can also visit our website, www.stfrancisfortmyers.org.

SIGN UP FOR N.E.T. RETREAT
The annual NET (National Evangelization Teams) High School weekend retreat will be held at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat Center from Fri. April 4 - Sun. April 6. All graduating 8th through 12th grade teens are invited to attend. The NET team are a group of Catholic Young Adults who dedicate a year of their lives to hold retreats for High School and Middle School students, invigorating their Catholic faith and inspiring a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. Pricing and further information is forthcoming. This retreat does count toward the Confirmation requirement. For questions please contact George Smith at gsmith@dioceseofvenice.org.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION
Especially during the Lent and Easter seasons, we are very conscious of the communal nature of baptism. We stand witness to the baptism of adults at the Easter Vigil in many parishes, and countless parishes celebrate festive baptisms for infants. The rule for celebrating baptism is that it be only once a day in any parish church, a sign of the Church’s desire that baptism be the work of the gathered community. “Private baptism” is therefore a misnomer, since all baptisms, even emergency baptisms for infants in danger of death, are a public act of entrance into the Body of Christ, the Church.

In an emergency, and providing the parents desire it, anyone can baptize by pouring water and saying, “I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” But then afterward the Church is encouraged to supply what is missing: the gathered assembly to proclaim and hear God’s word, the promises, the naming, the anointings, the clothing with a white garment, the candle, the Lord’s Prayer, and the solemn blessing of the parents at the altar. Wonderfully, this ritual often provides the opportunity for great rejoicing at the recovery of an infant who had been in danger.

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AVAILABILITY
God does not ask for our ability or our inability, but our availability.
—Anonymous

CATHOLIC DAYS AT THE CAPITOL
March 25 - 27 bus trip to Tallahassee - Last chance!!
Register now - go to www.diocesofvenice.org or contact Jeanne Berdeaux at 941-441-1101 or Berdeaux@dioceseofvenice.org

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
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Faith and Wine

Please join us on April 3, as we welcome Holly Schapker, a gifted Catholic artist, who will be speaking to us on Walking In His Footsteps: A Journey with Ignatius of Loyola, the Founder of the Jesuits
6:30-8:30 p.m.
St. John the Evangelist PLC Ballroom
(625 111th Avenue North, Naples)

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He who has a thing to sell and goes and whispers in a well, is not so apt to get the dollars as he who climbs a tree and hollers.

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