NEW VISION

Jesus proclaimed that he came into the world to make the sightless see and the seeing blind. A difficult saying! But surely it must mean that Jesus intended to take our ordinary ways of looking at things and turn them inside out. Jesus came to change our perspective.

When the prophet Samuel went out to select the new king, he chose a young man who had the look of royalty about him. But God told him not to judge by appearances. God told Samuel—and today tells us—to change our perspective and to look at things and people differently.

We are like the Ephesians, whom Paul urged to live as children of the light. With the light of faith, we have a new way of looking at things, and we are called to bring that new vision to the world around us. This is a great vocation, a calling to wake people up to what’s really important.
Mass/Schedule

SAT.  MAR. 29 - VIGIL MASS
3:30 †Lois Hessler by Stephanie & Angela
5:00 ♥People of the Parish

SUN.  MAR. 30 -
7:30 †Robert & Richard Geiger by Mary Ellen Geiger
9:00 †Gary Giacomini by Patrick & Dianne Sylvester
12:45 Latin Mass
5:00 ♥Spec. Int. of Sister Carmen Christi by Pablo & Carmen

MON.  MAR. 31 -
8:00 †Don Knize by Don & Beverly Strong

TUE.  APRIL 01 -
8:00 †Erwin Bigelow by Chloe Gier

WED  APRIL 02 -
8:00 †Herbert Ashe by Lynn Shunk

THU.  APRIL 03 -
8:00 †Thomas More III by Peter & Carole Fullen

FRI.  APRIL 04 -
8:00 †Robert DeFeo by Wife, Elodia

SAT.  APRIL 05 -
8:00 †James Dooley by Mary Ellen Geiger

SAT.  APRIL 05 - VIGIL MASS
3:30 †John E. Daly by Mary Jo Daly
5:00 †Albert Marzetti by Leo & Helen Marzetti

SUN.  APRIL 06 -
7:30 †Arthur Fleck by Family
9:00 †Marie Costello by Mary Ellen Geiger
10:30 †Joseph & Anna Costallano by The Family
12:45 Latin Mass
5:00 ♥People of the Parish

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 Nancy DeBruin.

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.

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading — As the prophet Samuel anointed David with oil, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David. (1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a).
Psalm — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).
Second Reading — You who were once darkness are now light in the Lord (Ephesians 5:8-14).
Gospel — The man who had been blind from birth proclaimed: The one called Jesus made clay with his saliva, anointed my eyes with it, and told me to wash. (John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]).

From the office of the Bishop

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This season of Lent is an appropriate time to reflect on how we have responded to the Gospel call to serve the poor and vulnerable. Catholic Relief Services (CRS) reminds us that through our generosity we can help those struggling, both at home and around the globe.

Catholic Relief Services Collection funds Catholic agencies whose programs help families suffering from war, famine, extreme poverty and natural disasters. They also aid unaccompanied minors, immigrants trying to reunite with their family members and victims of human trafficking.

Each of these program areas provide assistance at the grassroots level, for example, funds from this special Collection help make it possible for women in rural areas to earn a form of income. CRS offers these women a way to develop a livelihood, thus providing hope for a brighter future for their families.

The Catholic Relief Services Collection in the Diocese of Venice is scheduled for this weekend, March 29-30. This is a perfect opportunity for us to express our compassion and generosity.

May God bless you and your families during this Lenten Season.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
+ Frank J. Dewane
Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida

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
WEEKLY SANCTUARY CANDLE

In Loving Memory of
John Ritchie
by Sisters

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 is 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 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.

Schedule for this Lenten Season

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
8:30AM - 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 -

“Renounce yourself in order to follow Christ; discipline your body; do not pamper yourself, but love fasting.”

-- Saint Benedict

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

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.
MINISTRY
OF THE SICK

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.

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RESURRECTION
CALENDAR

ALL events take place in the Parish Center unless otherwise stated.

Adoration, First Fridays, 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.
Bereavement & Beyond Ministry, Mon. 8:30am, Alouise, 481-8168
Coffee & Donuts, Sundays after 10:30 Mass
Craft Club, Tuesdays, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.
Men's Club, 2nd Monday of month, 7:30p.m., Sept. - May
Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Novena, Saturdays after the 8:00a.m Mass, church
Prayer for Priests, Thursdays after the 8:00a.m. Mass, chapel
RCIA, Wednesdays, 7:00p.m., call 482-6883 for information
Rel. Ed., September - May
Resurrection for Life, 2nd Wednesday of Oct, Jan, Apr. 9 a.m
Resurrection Prayerline Ministry, call Marylou Fitzpatrick 218-4676, Deanna Latell 481-1170.
Rosary, before daily Masses and Tues. & Thurs., 1:30p.m., chapel
St. Vincent DePaul Board Meeting, 1st Tues. every month, 7:00 pm. For SVDP assistance call 239-600-6749
Teams of Our Lady, call Joann for more information, 482-7982
Women's Guild, 3rd Wednesday every month, 8:30a.m. Sept. - May

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WEEKLY OFFERING

March 23, 2014
Reg. Offertory: $29,113.02
Latin Mass: $1,122.00
SVDP: $1,093.00

2014 CATHOLIC
FAITH APPEAL

Our assessment for this year is $370,000.00

Pledges made thus far Total: $224,904.80

Please join our parish family in making a sacrificial gift to the CFA

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Thank You
Reflecting on God’s Word

Most of us can recognize times when we are “in the dark” and occasions when we carry darkness in our hearts, just as there are moments when we feel enlightened and find that our vision is clear. It is quite another thing to become identified with darkness or with light. The first words of today’s reading from the Letter to the Ephesians stand out for their boldness: “You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord” (Ephesians 5:8).

We get a glimpse of what it means to be light in the Lord both from Samuel, who finally sees as God sees, and in the courageous behavior of the man born blind after Jesus has healed him. Samuel anoints Israel’s greatest king, David, and the man born blind comes to faith in Jesus as Lord.

The man born blind is one of those strong figures found in John’s Gospel. Like the woman at the well, we never learn his name but we come to know his heart. His speech is straightforward, whether speaking to his neighbors, the Pharisees, or Jesus. You can hear the gradual dawning of faith as he responds to those around him, from the simple “He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see” to “He is a prophet,” to his answer to Jesus’ question about having faith in the Son of man standing before him, “I do believe, Lord” (John 9:15, 17, 38).

In the beginning God spoke. Those first words have never stopped bringing about what they said: “Let there be light” (Genesis 1:3).

—James A. Wallace, C.Ss.R.

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Church of the Resurrection Lenten Fish Fry
March 7, 14, 21, 28 & April 4, 11  Serving from 4:30 until it’s gone

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- Cole Slaw
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- Beverage Choice of Coffee or Lemonade
- Bread and Butter
- Dessert
- Cup of Homemade Clam Chowder
Cost $10.00 – No Tax/No Tip
Relaxed Atmosphere/Fast Service

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.

RICE BOWL
FOR LENT, FOR LIFE
WHAT YOU GIVE UP FOR LENT CHANGES LIVES.

Five minutes a day of...
- Prayer as a family...
- Fasting in solidarity with the world's poor...
- Almsgiving to change lives...
...means an enriched Lenten journey for your family, and lifesaving aid around the world.
Be sure to pick up a CRS Rice Bowl and join our parish in a journey of solidarity this Lent.
Visit worldbread.org for family activities, recipes and more!

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

GIFT SHOP HOURS
Tues. & Thurs. 8:30 - 10:00
Sat. 2:30 - 5:00
Sun. 8:00 - 12:45

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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 thru April 14
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.

20s, 30s, 40s year olds

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.

Religious Education Syllabus

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 PM
Wed. 4/30— Last Wed. Religious Ed. Class

Sun. 5/4— Last Sun. Religious Ed. Class
**Sat. 5/10– First Holy Communion
** Students and Parent Sacramental Prep Dates
♦ Student Sacramental Prep Dates

April 6 Sunday Offertory @ 10:30 AM Mass:
Granola

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Fourth Week of Lent
CRS Rice Bowl Reflection: Malawi
This week, CRS Rice Bowl invites us to enter into solidarity with the people of Malawi. We are encouraged to reflect on the Catholic social teaching principle, Dignity of Work and Rights of Workers, and reminded that, just as He labored to create the universe, God sanctifies and calls us to work. Let us pray this week for our brothers and sisters in Malawi and all around the world, that we work with joy for God’s greater glory.
Seder
Lenten Family Faith

Sunday, April 13 after the Children’s Mass
Wednesday, April 16 at 5:45pm

All Religious Education K-5th grade students are expected to participate and parents are highly encouraged to share this teaching opportunity with their student.

Jesus gathered with his Apostles on Holy Thursday to share the Passover Meal. During this meal he gave us the words of our Eucharist Meal:

“Then He took the bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body, which will be given for you; do this in memory of Me."

—Luke 22: 19

All Children enrolled in Religious Education will be coming to the Seder in lieu of class. All parents of Religious Education children, all Catholic Education students are welcome to attend— please RSVP with the number attending.

RSVP to the Religious Education office at 482-6883
or resurrectionre@gmail.com
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

**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.

**PLEASE HELP FEED THE HUNGRY!**
Your food donations will help St. Vincent DePaul, Catholic Charities, CCFI 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!
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 buffward1940@hotmail.com

40 Days for Life - The Spring 40 Days for Life prayer vigil to end abortion continues in Naples and Port Charlotte until Palm Sunday, April 13.

God has used the period of 40 days throughout history to bring about major transformation...

* Noah experienced transformation during 40 days of rain.
* Moses was transformed by 40 days on Mount Sinai.
* David was transformed by Goliath’s 40 day challenge.
* Elijah was transformed when God gave him 40 days of strength from one meal.
* Nineveh was transformed when God gave the city 40 days to remain faithful.
* Jesus transformed the world following His 40 days in the desert.
* The disciples were transformed after spending 40 days with Jesus following His resurrection.

What will God accomplish when people of faith across our community and beyond unite for 40 days of prayer and fasting to end the violence of abortion? Lives will be saved! Make a Lenten sacrifice to pray for an end to abortion where your presence can make a difference. See www.40daysforlife.com or contact Jeanne Berdeaux at Berdeaux@dioceseofvenice.org or 941-441-1101.
POPE’S PRAYERS FOR APRIL 2014

Universal Ecology and Justice. That governments may foster the protection of creation and the just distribution of natural resources.

For Evangelization Hope for the Sick. That the Risen Lord may fill with hope the hearts of those who are being tested by pain and sickness.

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.

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)

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.

CHARITY

If you truly want to help the soul of your neighbor, you should approach God first with all your heart. Ask him simply to fill you with charity, the greatest of all virtues; with it you can accomplish what you desire.

—St. Vincent Ferrer

FILL US

Open wide the windows of our spirits and fill us full of light; open wide the door of our hearts, that we may receive and entertain Thee with all our powers of adoration.

—Christina Rossetti
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