DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

BELIEVING

New birth, new life, good news! These themes run throughout today’s scripture readings. The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles describes the joyful early days of the newly born church, when members devoted themselves to instruction, the communal life, the breaking of bread, and the prayers. The passage from Peter’s first letter echoes that joy, and assures those who now believe though they never saw Jesus that their faith will lead to their salvation.

But amid all the joy, the Gospel reading calls us to sober reality. Not everyone can believe so easily. Even an apostle can doubt this astonishing news of the Resurrection. Across the centuries, Jesus reaches forward to touch us today: “Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”

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Divine Mercy Sunday
April 27, 2014
“Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”
~ John 20:29b

**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** — All who believed were devoted to the teachings of the apostles, the communal life, the breaking of the bread, and prayer (Acts 2:42-47).

**Psalm** — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).

**Second Reading** — God has given us an undiminished inheritance, safeguarded for us in heaven (1 Peter 1:3-9).

**Gospel** — The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. The absent Thomas doubts (John 20:19-31).


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**CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS COLLECTION**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Catholic Home Missions appeal supports isolated, challenged Parishes and Missions in Dioceses across the United States and in several U.S. Territories. Grants from the Catholic Home Missions Appeal cover the costs of basic and essential pastoral programs such as: evangelization, catechesis, seminary formation, and lay leadership training.

The needs of Mission Dioceses are as diverse as the Dioceses themselves. The Missions and their Parishioners are located all around us, some closer than we realize. As the economy continues to shift, and the gap between the classes grows wider, the reality is such that the poor areas require more of our support.

The 2014 Catholic Home Missions Appeal is scheduled in the Diocese of Venice the weekend of April 26-27, 2014. Please be generous in this Appeal and help support the struggling dioceses here at home.

I take this opportunity to assure you and your families of my continued consideration as well as my prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Frank J. Dewane
Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida
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.
Our Newest Saints are Canonized Today

Canonization of Pope John Paul II and Pope John XXIII -

On Sunday, April 27, the Church celebrates the canonization of two popes, Blessed John XXIII and Blessed John Paul II, during a Mass at the Vatican. This event takes place on Divine Mercy Sunday, also the Second Sunday of Easter. All of the faithful are invited to pray for the intercession of these two Saints for the Diocese of Venice, for the nation and for the world. A prayer is included below:

Most Holy Father in Heaven,
We pray, through the intercession of Saints John Paul II and John XXIII, that we would follow their example by living our Catholic Faith with joy, hope, and confidence. Grant us the courage to denounce the evils of our time, including the culture of death, moral relativism, and all that keeps us from loving You and sharing the Gospel with our neighbor. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen
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APRIL 30th, 12:00 Noon
AT THE PARISH HALL
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$15.00 includes Roast Breast of Chicken, Spring Salad, Potato Salad, Rolls, Butter, Wine Spritzers, Iced Tea, Coffee, Dessert.

Wear your hats, gloves and pearls and join the “Glad Rag Dolls” as the music of the “roaring 20’s” sets the mood for a fun afternoon. Tell your friends. All are welcome.

Your check made out to Resurrection Women’s Guild is your reservation. Place in an envelope marked with your name and telephone number and leave at the Parish Office no later than noon on Monday, April 28th.

For further information call Joan at 432-0656 or Rosemary at 482-1526.

Reservations due in the Parish Office no later than noon on Monday, April 28th
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.

Register Now

Registration for the 2014-15 Religious Education year is open

Kindergarten– Fifth Grade= Sundays from 11:45-1:00 or
Wednesdays= 5:45-7:00
Pre-K is during the 10:30 Mass in the Parish Hall
You may download forms from our web site: www.resurrectionch.org or fill one out in our office.
The cost is~
$40 thru May 31
$50 thru June 30
$60 thru July 31
$70 thru Aug 31
$80 after Aug 31
$15 for each additional Child and
$25 for Sacramental Prep

Religious Education
Syllabus

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
*Wed. 5/7— First Holy
Communion Rehearsal
**Sat. 5/10– First Holy Communion
** Students and Parent Sacramental Prep Dates
♦ Student Sacramental Prep Dates

Sacramental Preparation
First Reconciliation,
First Communion and Confirmation

Sacramental Preparation is a two year prepa-
ration period. Faith
Formation is a life-long journey; in order for a
child to receive God’s graces through the sacra-
ments he or she needs to be actively involved
with Religious Education or Youth Ministry for
at least two years.

♦ 1st Grade students need to be
actively attending Religious Education to receive in
the 2nd Grade.

♦ 9th Grade students need to be an
active member of Resurrection Youth Ministry to
be Confirmed in 10th grade.

April Offering: Granola

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April 27, 2014
RESURRECTION FOR LIFE

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POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS 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.

JOIN US FOR THE FINAL WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY ON APRIL 30.

WEEKLY SANCTUARY CANDLE

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by Wife, MaryAnne

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**ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL HOSTS 75TH ANNIVERSARY GALA**

When: Sat. May 10, 6:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Where: Lexington Country Club - 16257 Willowcrest Way, Fort Myers

For more information contact: Kathy Walker, 239-478-6245 or katy.c.walkert@gmail.com
MAY CROWNING

May 1st, following Communion at the 8:00 a.m. Mass

The Women’s Guild will be having a ceremony dedicating the month of May to the Blessed Virgin Mary on May 1st following the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

We will have hymns and recitation of the Litany of the Blessed Mother.

A basket will be provided at the foot of the altar for those wishing to bring flowers.

After May 1st, the flower committee will provide and care for the flowers for the Virgin Mary.

May is a month that is loved and its arrival is welcome...For the liturgy, May always belongs to the Easter Season, the season of the “alleluia,” of the revelation of the mystery of Christ in the light of the Resurrection and the Easter faith; and it is the time of the expectation of the Holy Spirit, who descends with power on the nascent Church at Pentecost. With both these contexts, the “natural” and the liturgical, the tradition of the Church is well in tune in dedicating the month of May to the Virgin Mary. She is, in fact, the “rose” that appeared in the fullness of time, when God, sending His Son, gave the world a new spring. And she is at the same time the humble and discreet protagonist of the first steps of the Christian community: Mary is its spiritual heart, because her very presence in the midst of the disciples is a living memory of the Lord Jesus and pledge of the gift of His Spirit. Mary in fact observed first and fully the Word of her Son, thus demonstrating that she loved Him not only as His mother, but first still as humble and obedient handmaid; because of this God the Father loved her and the Most Holy Trinity made its dwelling in her. How can we not think of Mary, who in her heart, temple of the Spirit, meditated and interpreted faithfully everything that her Son said and did? In this way, already before and above all after Easter, the Mother of Jesus became also the Mother and model of the Church.
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