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JULY 27, 2014
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JACKPOT
In our lottery and sweepstakes obsessed culture, it is common to ask ourselves or others what they would do if they won. In today’s first reading, Solomon certainly hits the jackpot. What prize could be greater than having God Almighty agree to give you whatever you ask for?

Out of all the things he could have asked for, Solomon chose to ask for understanding, and was rewarded with it. We would do well to wonder what we would ask for if God made us the same offer. Actually God does make us the same offer each and every day, by granting us another day of life, a bit of the earth’s goods, some gift or ability, some call to goodness, some portion of the divine will. Each of these is a “prize.” We should stop and examine what we are going to do with our prize: keep it or use it selfishly, or put it at the service of the spread of the gospel?

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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 27, 2014
All things work for good for those who love God.
~ Romans 8:28a

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading — Solomon prays for an understanding heart (1 Kings 3:5-7, 12).
Psalm — Lord, I love your commands (Psalm 119).
Second Reading — All things work for good for those who love God (Romans 8:28-30).
Gospel — The one who knows of the kingdom of heaven brings new and old from the storeroom (Matthew 13:44-52 [44-46]).

**WEEKLY OFFERING**

July 20, 2014

Reg. Offertory: $13,275.00
Latin Mass: $754.00
SVDP: $646.00

**RESURRECTION CALENDAR**

*Adoration*, First Fridays, 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.
*Bereavement & Beyond Ministry*, 1st Mon. of June, July & Aug. 8:30am. Regular schedule resumes in Fall, Alouise 481-8168
*Coffee & Donuts*, Sundays after 10:30 Mass discontinued until Fall
*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
*RCLA*, 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
*Rosary*, before daily Masses and Tues. & Thurs., 1:30p.m., church
*St. Vincent DePaul Board Meeting*, 1st Tues. every month, 7:00 pm.
*Teams of Our Lady*, call Joann for more information, 482-7982
*Women’s Guild*, 3rd Wednesday every month, 8:30 a.m.

**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.

**2014 CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL**

Our assessment for this year is $370,000.00

Pledges made thus far Total: $339,366.21

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

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:
Willie & Rosemita Telisca and Family, Diane Dutil, Donald & Ruth Ann Marfongella, Leroy Homerding, L. Duane & Cathy Murray

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

We are still in need of ushers. If you are able to volunteer please call John at 481-3456.

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

GIFT SHOP HOURS
May 1st - Nov. 1st
Sat. 2:30 - 3:30
Sun. 8:00 - 12:45

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OPPORTUNITY
Summertime and the Giving is Easy - The Catholic Charities summer campaign to brighten the future for those who are suffering and vulnerable in our Diocese of Venice is under way. "Let your light shine!" is the theme of the annual campaign. Anyone can be a part of the giving and contribute to programs and services that interest and matter to you such as shelter, education, food, housing, and physical and mental well-being. Catholic Charities offers a variety of opportunities for clients to achieve independence and live healthy and flourishing lives. A total of 93 cents of each dollar donated to Catholic Charities goes directly to clients. Gifts of any size will make a positive impact. Visit www.catholiccharitiesdov.org for more information.

VETERAN’S DAY MASS
Save the date - On Veterans Day, Tuesday, November 11 at 3:00 p.m., Mass will be held at the Sarasota National Cemetery, 9810 State Road 72 (Clark Road) in Sarasota (five miles east of exit 205 on I-75). The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Frank J. Dewane. All priests, deacons and faithful are invited to attend and participate in honoring the men and women who have served our country and are serving us today.
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY ORDAINED PRIEST OF THE DIOCESE OF VENICE, LESZEK TROJANOWSKI

Fr. Leszek,
May God give you the strength, courage and grace to live out your ministry as you bring Christ to those around you on a daily basis.

Please keep Fr. Leszek Trojanowski in your prayers as he begins his new ministry to bring Christ to the world.

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS
O Jesus, our great High Priest, hear my humble prayers on behalf of your priests. Give them a deep faith, a bright and firm hope and a burning love which will ever increase in the course of their priestly life. In their loneliness, comfort them. In their sorrows, strengthen them. In their frustrations, point out to them that it is through suffering that the soul is purified, and show them that they are needed by the Church; they are needed by souls; they are needed for the work of redemption.

In Jesus’ holy name I pray, Amen.

Bishop Dewane and Fr. Leszek Trojanowski

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflecting on God’s Word
In his book Live and Learn and Pass It On, H. Jackson Brown, Jr. has published some lists of the lessons that people have learned in life. These contain one-liners that capture the wisdom gained by youngsters and oldsters through their everyday adventures. Clearly these sayings give expression to the voice of experience. So why does it take so long to come upon such wisdom? Why can’t it be issued to us when we’re born? It would be so much easier. But that’s not how it happens. The wisdom has to find us. The reign of God, too, seems to find us rather than the other way around. At least that’s what the Gospel this Sunday seems to suggest when it compares the reign of God to a treasure found buried in a field. Treasures tend to find us, sometimes even when we’re actually searching for them, as in the Gospel’s tale of the fine pearl. That’s why Solomon needed to lean on God for some wisdom, because he couldn’t come to it on his own. It’s also why parents can’t make their children believers, because faith finds us. In fact, some folks would suggest that most of the really valuable things we wait for are all part and parcel of God’s reign, things like love or wisdom or the joy that comes with the perfect job or the child you’ve been waiting for. In one way or another, God’s reign finds us.

—Rev. Joseph J. Juknialis
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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.

Registration for the 2014-15 Religious Education year is open.
Pre-K through Fifth Grade=
Sundays from 11:45-1:00 or
Wednesdays= 5:45-7:00
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$15 for each additional Child and
$25 for Sacramental Prep

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♦ 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

Is God calling you to volunteer your time with your church?

Do you have a call to be a Teacher or an Assistant at Resurrection?

We are looking for a few catechists to either teach or to be a teacher’s assistant. People who volunteer with this ministry find that they learn a lot about their own faith while being with our students on their journey of understanding.

Is God calling you to this ministry? I would welcome the opportunity to discern this with you— please e-mail me, Lea, at lea@resurrectionch.org
RYM’s Annual School Supply Drive has begun!

WE ARE COLLECTING SCHOOL SUPPLIES TO FILL 45 BACKPACKS WITH ALL THE SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR OUR FRIENDS AT CATHOLIC CHARITIES!

Items that we will be filling the backpacks with are:
Pens, pencils, loose-leaf paper, spiral notebooks, binders, rulers, erasers, crayons, glue, colored pencils, markers, highlighters, scissors, pencil sharpeners, etc.

We are hoping to have all the supplies by August 1! If you are unable to pick up any supplies but would like to make a monetary donation, we’ll be happy to shop for you!

R.Y.M. ~Helping, mentoring, building community!

All donations can be dropped off in the Parish Center with Youth Ministry.

If you have any questions, call Vikki at 481-5144.

Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘worship the Lord your God, and serve only Him.’”

~ Luke 4:8
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