SUNDAY MASSES & CONFESSIONS: See inside

BAPTISMS & MARRIAGE: For these Sacraments, please notify the church office as soon as possible so that we may advise you of the requirements. Thank you.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Please fill out registration card and return to ushers or the church office.

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AUGUST 10, 2014
NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PRESENCE
It is difficult to be truly present to another. We speak of putting in an appearance or showing up. Even when we arrive, we are often distracted. We think ahead, or we review an unsettled past. Nonetheless, we are at our best when we truly show up. We are most fully ourselves when we are absorbed in something worthy of us: creative work, good conversation, prayer. In these instances we are wholly ourselves and wholly outside ourselves.

Elijah knew this kind of engagement. He was one of God’s great prophets. In today’s first reading, he follows God’s command to journey to that most holy place, Mount Horeb. And there in great silence, Elijah encounters God.

As for Peter and the apostles, they discover the presence of God after the storm at sea. They and the sea and the winds are stunned into silent reverence.
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 10, 2014

Truth shall spring out of the earth, and justice shall look down from heaven.
— Psalm 85:12

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading — The Lord said to Elijah: “Stand on the mountain; the Lord will be passing by” (1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a).
Psalm — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).
Second Reading — To the Israelites belong the covenants, the law, and the patriarchs; and from them comes the Christ (Romans 9:1-5).
Gospel — As Jesus walked on the sea, the disciples were terrified (Matthew 14:22-33).


TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Over the last several weeks, the history of confirmation has been set out as a rite following baptism and preceding First Communion. Eucharist was a sacrament of spiritual maturity, attuned to the legal age of majority, which was considered to be fourteen years or so. Medieval bishops were often generous, if not especially pious, in seeing to it that children were confirmed before adulthood.

A pattern more familiar to us surfaced in the Diocese of Toulon in France in 1748, where it was decreed that “children are to be confirmed only after receiving First Communion.” This was an amazing shift in practice that undermined centuries of theology and tradition by which confirmation was seen as a bridge between font and table. The innovation swept through France and across Europe, despite constant complaints from Rome. French-trained bishops like Cheverus of Boston and Carroll of Baltimore, founders of the American church, established the practice here. The order of the sacraments was thus disrupted in France and in the United States, and remained an eccentric exception to the rule until big developments in 1910.

— Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.
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, 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
RCIA, Wednesdays, 7:00p.m., call 482-6883 for information
Rel. Ed., September - May
Resurrection Prayerline Ministry, call 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

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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August 3, 2014
Reg. Offertory: $16,039.50
Education: $3,225.00
Latin Mass: $356.00
SVDP: $269.00

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Thank You
Reflecting on God’s Word

This Sunday’s Gospel features Jesus picking his way to a boat of disciples through a storm of windy darkness over a sea of nighttime waves. At three in the morning, he finds them being tossed about in their own storm of windy fear. Then Peter, who always seems to say the right thing by saying the wrong thing at the right time, calls out across the tumult, “Lord, if it is really you, tell me to come to you across the water.” So Jesus calls back and says, “Come.” That is when Peter must decide if he will step off the platform and into the roller coaster, or if he will play it safe. Amazingly, Peter decides not to play it safe but rather steps into the swirling storm of life. There he begins to sink and drown, but it’s also there that he discovers God reaching out and grasping him. Had he played it safe and stayed in the boat, he might never have known God’s saving hand. He also realizes that what Jesus came preaching was not an amusement park of fun and games but rather a kingdom where life is known only through great risk.

Such is the story of all of our lives when we must choose between a life of apparent security and the real life that is always revealed through risk and trust. Such choices may arise when we face the prospect of marriage counseling or first-time parenting or late-life parenting or job loss or spouse loss or health loss or even what may appear to be loss of faith. At these times, not to step out of the boat and into the swirling storm, not to risk all for the sake of all is to lose all. On the other hand, to step out, even though it be with great fear, is to meet our saving God.

—Rev. Joseph J. Juknialis
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THEOLOGY BASED ON PRAXIS LEADS TO COURAGEOUS DECISION

“The transmission of faith not only brings light to men and women in every place; it travels through time, passing from one generation to another. Because faith is an encounter which takes place in history and lights up our journey through time, it must be passed on in every age.” Lumen Fidei #38

Austin Emerson’s faith journey begins in his family - the domestic church, who continuously support him. Resurrection Parish helped his faith flourish in many ways. Doug Rae, who taught his Confirmation classes, encouraged Austin to take his faith seriously. Austin says: “I thought, if I am going to make a commitment to the Church, I should know what I am committing to.” Austin went on to study theology and philosophy in college and Divinity in graduate school. His most recent study papers were centered on pneumatology (the study of the Holy Spirit). These studies and his life experiences called him to make this courageous decision.

In college Austin read “The Long Loneliness” by Dorothy Day - a theology centered on praxis (a way of reflection and action expressing the presence of the Kingdom of God in the community.) He has also worked with Catholic Charities during his theological and philosophical studies. After college he did a volunteer corps that exposed him to a world of questions. Grad school in Berkeley and teaching theology to students at a Dallas Jesuit high school led him to realize how the Gospel compels us to join in the struggle of those in need. Austin’s conclusion is: “Theology is useless if it does not give people hope.” These experiences are touchstones on his faith journey.

At this time, Austin is living at a Catholic Worker House of Hospitality in Denver, CO. He says: “This was an easy decision arrived at prayer one day. One of the few points of certitude that I have received is to join in the joys and sufferings of the poor. They minister to me as much as I minister to them. This does not allow for tokenism with the poor but true solidarity with the poor. It is no longer ‘us and them’ but mentally becoming simply, ‘WE’.” The guests in the house are not clients but fellow pilgrims on the way.

Austin’s courageous decision is to join the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) on August 15, 2014. It is to enter into the reality of Peter, to receive the Holy Spirit and go to the ends of the Earth. (Acts 1:8) As we grow in knowledge we become familiar with not only the obvious evil but we become aware of opportunities that are good. Discernment becomes difficult when one has to choose between equally good opportunities in search for the route that God has intended for each person. This is where doubt slivers in . . . he was offered a high position at the same school where he enjoyed teaching but through prayer and reflection with Jesus (praxis) he asks for courage to stay steady on the course. Austin says: “God is a Divine Mystery and we must sit in the uncertainty, remember that God leads us out of Egypt, and God will continue to feed us manna even though it does not make sense for us in the present, we trust our future to the love and care of God.”

“All of us are called to offer an explicit witness to the saving love of the Lord, who despite our imperfections offers us his closeness, his word, and his strength and gives meaning to our lives.” The Joy of the Gospel #121

Austin with his sisters, Taylor (the Graduate), Carly and Haley.

Parents: Christi (former Youth Minister at Resurrection) and Steve Emerson continue to live their faith and love their children as Christ calls every family to do.
Please Help Feed the Hungry!

Your food donations will help St. Vincent DePaul, Catholic Charities, C MMI 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/caronet/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).

Pope Francis’ Prayer Intentions for August 2014

Refugees. That refugees, forced by violence to abandon their homes, may find a generous welcome and the protection of their rights.

Oceania. That Christians in Oceania may joyfully announce the faith to all the people of that region.

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:

Dale Milcetich, Carol Lowrey

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

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.

Pregnant? Need help? Call 239-772-4673

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Religious Education

Religious Education starts on Sunday Sep. 7
And Wednesday Sep. 10
with a parent/student session

Register prior to the first day of class!
Pre-K through 5th Grade =
Sundays from 11:45-1:00 or
Wednesdays from 5:45-7:00
Download forms from our web site:
www.resurrectionch.org
or fill one out in our office.
The cost is $70 thru Aug 31 and $80 after Aug 31
$15 for each additional Child and
$25 for Sacramental Prep

20s, & 30s 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.

Interested in becoming Catholic?

If so, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is for you!!!

If you or someone you know is questioning becoming Catholic please have them either call or e-mail me,
Lea Pascotto @ 482-6883 or resurrectionre@gmail.com.

As people journey through life, sometimes they realize that they are wanting something more from life. Many times that something more is a faith community. If you are searching and want to inquire more about Catholicism, please do not hesitate to call— I would love to talk with you!

Please call me so we can meet each other prior to the inquiry sessions.

Sacramental Preparation

First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation

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

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